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COMMENTARY

Hello friends,

I have been totally impressed with the last two monthly meetings we have had, the attendance has been fantastic we had 36 total in attendance at our last meeting and the participation of the members with the speakers this past month is a true representation of the interest that our member had. I think that Brenda Williams the new Chief Building Official for Ashtabula County will be a new asset for the county after hearing her speak, she is definitely well educated and experienced in the building trades. As far as our other speaker, Brady Rubin of Moen, he further explained the new legislation that will take effect at the end of the year pertaining to the Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act. Brady definitely raised the bar for our next speakers by awarding a few lucky members with awards for answering a question correctly.

In the month of May we are going to take a break from the norm of having speakers and education and having a bit of fun instead. The reverse raffle will be happening on May 4th at the 4 H Fairgrounds building in Jefferson, Ohio. In years past this has been a great event, I have never spoken to anyone that has not had a good time and if you go home hungry or thirsty it is your own fault. We still have tickets available and are also looking for door prizes if you would like to make a donation to the event. Tickets are available from any board member or from Michelle.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 4th	Reverse Raffle 4H Building Jefferson
June 13th	Steak Fry Elks
July 18th	Golf outing Maple Ridge Golf Course
August 8th	Summer Social Grand River Manor

Happy hour is 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Dinner 7:00pm

RSVP by Monday prior to meeting date and if you need to cancel please call by Tuesday evening.

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New Home Sales Rise

Reverse Raffle

Steak Fry

Stepping ahead a few months to July, I would like to announce to the golfers out there that we are changing the format of the golf outing. We have been approached by the Ashtabula Chamber of Commerce about joining our two outings. After the calls that we have been making as a board to our members in the last couple of months we have heard many concerns about the Old Fashioned Golf Outing and as a board we have decided to do away with this type of outing. I realize that some people will be disappointed but we need to heed the concerns of the masses. So we are going to move ahead and join forces with the Chamber and have our outing on July 18th at Maple Ridge Golf Course. We will still be selling hole sponsorships and looking for door prizes for the event if you have something that you would like to donate. I believe that the combined outing will be beneficial to our organization in that your exposure as a hole sponsor and golfer will be noticed by a wider group of people and you will maximize your advertising dollar. More details will be available in the next newsletter about the outing.

Lastly remember to support your fellow builder members, the largest benefit in being a member is the networking that results from membership.

Sincerely,

Bill Romanko

Your President

NATION'S BUILDING NEWS

The Official Online Weekly Newspaper of NAHB

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New-Home Sales Rise 1.5 Percent in March

April 23, 2013 - Sales of newly built, single-family homes rose 1.5 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 417,000 units in March, according to newly released figures from HUD and the U.S. Census Bureau.

"This is the second-best sales number we've seen since early 2010, and a good sign of the continued, gradual headway that our industry is making toward recovery as more buyers jump off the fence in time to take advantage of today's low interest rates and prices," said Rick Judson, chairman of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and a home builder from Charlotte, N.C.

"The latest sales report is right in line with our forecast for continued, modest increases in home prices and sales through 2013," said NAHB Chief Economist David Crowe. "At this point, we are about half-way back to what would be considered a 'normal' level of sales activity as challenges related to supplies of credit, building materials, lots and labor are slowing the pace at which builders can build and sell new homes."

Regionally, new-home sales activity was mixed in March, with the Northeast and South posting double-digit increases and the Midwest and West posting corresponding declines. Sales gained 20.6 percent in the Northeast and 19.4 percent in the South, while falling 12.1 percent in the Midwest and 20.9 percent in the West.

The inventory of new homes for sale held virtually unchanged at just 151,000 units in March, which amounts to a 4.4-month supply at the current sales pace.

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Annual Reverse Raffle

May 4, 2013

Grand Prize: \$1,500.00

50/50 raffle ~ Instant Bingo ~ Black Jack~

Chuck-A-Luck ~ Silent Auction

*\$100.00 Early Bird
Drawing at 6:15 p.m.*

\$50.00 a couple

Includes dinner and open bar

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Raffle starts at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Ashtabula County Fairgrounds

4-H Building

All Proceeds will benefit:

Community Care Committee &

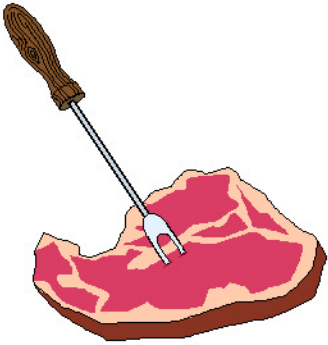
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For more information or tickets contact:

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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR...

ANNUAL STEAK FRY



Thursday, June 13th

at

Ashtabula Elks Lodge

(Board Members doing the cooking!!)

\$35.00 Per Person

Entertainment by:
Jim Fuller

Choice of:

12 oz. Strip Steak

or

Half Chicken

Dinner Includes: Salad, Baked Potato and Corn on the Cob

Open Bar 6:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.

Dinner 7:00p.m.

(cash bar after dinner)

Please RSVP by Sunday, June 9th

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