

We have made an arrangement with Greens Plumbing and Heating for storage unit #11 to store items for the Garage Sale. Just go to the Greens Plumbing office and ask for the key. We have only heard from a couple of people about items to be donated. Don't keep it a secret, let me know. Sharon

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please let us know how many items you plan to donate for the sale, we are trying to decide if an auction would work better than a garage sale. Please contact Sharon right away! Thanks!

### BUILDERS ASSOCIATION GARAGE SALE

Our Garage Sale is still planned for April 26, Saturday, 9 - 2. Patrick at the Boys and Girls Club has it on his schedule. The Boys and Girls Club will receive 20% of our profits. Our profits go for Non-Dues Revenue to help keep our organization running. Any items new and used that are in usable condition (No Junk or Clothes), will be appreciated. You can receive a slip from the Club for your donation. Ladies, household items will be great too. My pile is growing - shelves, lamps books, DVDs etc. I am still looking for volunteers. Please Call me.

### COLD 'NUFF FER YA? YEAHHHHH!! WE CAN DRIVE WITH THE WINDOWS DOWN SOON

- 60 ABOVE ZERO:** Floridians turn on the heat. People in Minnesota plant gardens.
- 50 ABOVE ZERO:** Californians shiver uncontrollably. People in Minnesota sunbathe.
- 40 ABOVE ZERO:** Italian & English cars won't start. People in Minnesota drive with the windows down.
- 32 ABOVE ZERO:** Distilled water freezes. The water in Minnesota gets thicker.
- 20 ABOVE ZERO:** Floridians don coats, thermal underwear, gloves, wool hats. People in Minnesota throw on a flannel shirt.
- 15 ABOVE ZERO:** New York landlords finally turn up the heat. People in Minnesota have the last cookout before it gets cold.
- ZERO:** People in Miami all die. People in Minnesota close the windows.
- 10 BELOW ZERO:** Californians fly away to Mexico. People in Minnesota get out their winter coats.
- 25 BELOW ZERO:** Hollywood disintegrates. The Girl Scouts in Minnesota are selling cookies door to door.
- 40 BELOW ZERO:** Washington DC runs out of hot air. People in Minnesota let the dogs sleep indoors.
- 50 BELOW ZERO:** Hell freezes over. Minnesota public schools will open 2 hours late.



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### SOME "UBI'S" (USELESS BITS OF INFORMATION) VERY INTERESTING STUFF!

- Pound for pound, hamburgers cost more than new cars. It takes 3,000 cows to supply the NFL with enough leather for a year's supply of footballs.
- The first toilet ever seen on television was on Leave it to Beaver. In Cleveland, Ohio it's illegal to catch mice without a hunting license.

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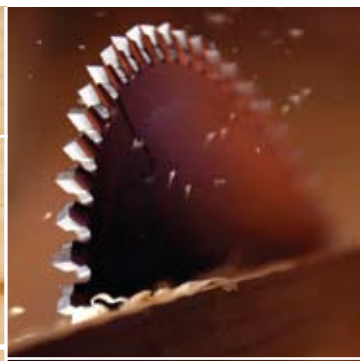
### MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Tour of Homes  
April 5th & 6th



# A CUT ABOVE

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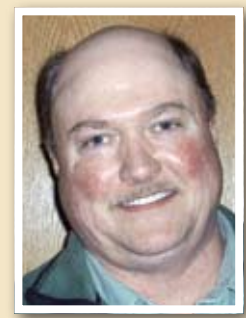


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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SERVING BECKER, OTTERTAIL, NORMAN, WILKIN AND MAHNOMEN COUNTIES

## BUILDERS BUZZ

Hello Builders and Associates. The 23rd Annual Home and Garden Show is now over and it was a great show, thanks to show Chairman Mike Eidenschink and all who volunteered their time to make this show possible! I had the pleasure of meeting Sharon Westerholm and Jack Berenz Monday morning to present Jack with a Donation from our gate admissions for \$1157.00 for the Becker County Food Pantry! The Saturday evening on site cocktail party was well attended and a good time to relax and visit with the other vendors at the show. Thanks to those of you who attended.



April 19th, a Fun Shoot and Wild Game Feed at the Becker County Sportsmens Club is being planned. Put together a Team or just come out (take note - FUN SHOOT) look for more information on this.

Last month I concluded with Think Spring and I think it is getting closer, so once again THINK SPRING!

Perry Nodsle



Perry Nodsle, LRBA President (far right) and Sharon Westerholm, LRBA Executive Officer (far left) present a check in the amount of \$1,157 to Becker County Food Pantry representative, Jack Berenz (Center). LRBA donated one dollar from each admission to the 23rd Annual Home & Garden Show that was sold. This year 1,157 people were in attendance!

## LRBA LEADERSHIP

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# MY VIEW

Sharon Westerholm, EO

Every month seems to bring new and exciting things. No doubt the Home & Garden Show that was this last weekend was probably the biggest and busiest event we have. It was a lot of work, but it was also a lot of fun. Paul Davis Restoration & Remodeling was our first Home Show sponsors. Let our sponsors know how much they are appreciated. Hopefully next year we can increase the number of sponsors. I met some great vendors, many of which said they would be back next year. I am already thinking of things for next year that will make it better. Knowing how it's done will definitely make it easier.

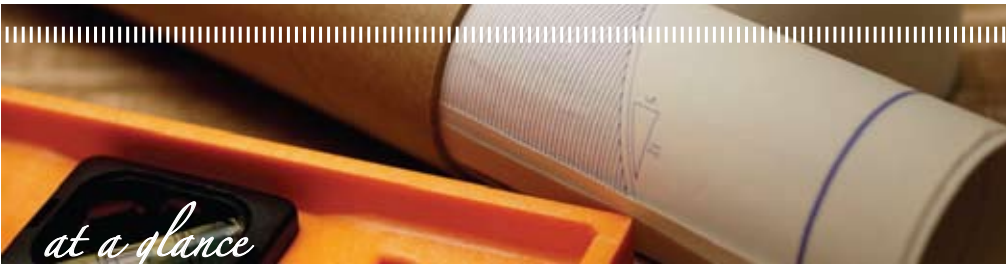
If you didn't make it to the Home Show, this Saturday and Sunday the 5th and 6th will be a great Tour of Homes. Go on our website for more information. Tickets are available at Modern Heating, UBC, Floor to Ceiling, Midwest Banks - Walmart and Hiway 10 E.

We have a very busy meeting evening coming up on the 8th of April. There was no sponsor for the meeting, so no appetizers.

April will be fairly busy with the "Trap Shoot" and builders Garage Sale. I'm getting a little nervous about that, as I think the rented shed is still empty.

Mays meeting will be at Olson Pool and Spas in Hawley. Let's support our fellow members and be there for a learning, fun evening.

See you on the 8th and don't be late!!!!



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- at a glance*
- April 5th-6th** **Tour of Homes**
  - April 8th** **Board & General Meeting**  
Board meeting 5:30 General Meeting social 6:30, meeting 7:00 at Speak Easy
  - April 19th** **Sporting Clay Fun Shoot**  
See enclosed flyer for details
  - April 26th** **Builders Garage Sale with Boys & Girls Club**
  - May 13th** **May General Meeting**  
Olson Pool and Spas Hawley

**"When arguing with a stupid person, be sure he isn't doing the same thing" — Rudyard Kipling**

Thanks!  
from  
**L|R|B|A**  
Lake Region Builders Association

Thanks to all the businesses that donated items for the silent auction this year. The silent auction was a huge success raising over \$7500 for scholarships. We should be able to hand out several scholarships this year. I would also like to say thank you to Linda, Ellie, Joann, Carmen, Kathy, Ed, & Dave for all their help with the silent auction. We couldn't have done this without their help. If you see any of these people please say thank you to them.

## MEMBER NEWS

- **THANKS FOR RENEWING:**
  - Gravelle Construction - Don Gravelle
  - Schiller Insurance - Ross Gailfus
- **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**
  - Express Edging – Dennis Bartunek
  - Patio Solutions – Tom Bender
  - Menards – Scott Novak

## CODE OF ETHICS

Members of the Home Builders Association subscribe to the following Code of Ethics

- Members shall constantly seek to provide better values for the customers they serve.
- Members shall at times share their knowledge with fellow members in the public in the best interest of those they serve.
- Members shall not obtain any business by means of fraudulent statements or by use of implications unwarranted by fact or reasonable probability.
- Members shall comply, both in spirit and letter, with rules and regulations prescribed by law and government agencies for health, safety and progress of the community.
- Members shall not perform a cause to be performed at any act which would tend to reflect on or bring into disrepute any party of the industry served by this association.

**"To Promote Professionalism and to educate members and consumers on legislative issues, while fostering cooperative relationships for all stakeholders"**

## BAM NEWS

### Worker's Compensation - Special Compensation Fund

The Legislature is currently RAIDING the Worker's Compensation Special Compensation fund to offset their cost for MORE SPENDING than the state can afford. The legislation has been inserted into the Omnibus Jobs bill carried by Rep. Tom Rukavina and Senator Dave Tomassoni.

CONTACT your Senator, Representative and the Governor TODAY to tell them to stop the raid on the Special Compensation fund for Worker's Compensation programs!! These Workers Comp dollars are assessed to YOU to supplement Worker's Compensation programs designated by the legislature. They fund supplementary and second-injury benefit programs as well as paying the operating expenses of the workers' compensation divisions of the Department of Labor and Industry, the Office of Administrative Hearings and the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals. Right now, you pay \$24 for every \$100 YOU PAY for an injured worker claim. This \$24 goes directly to the Special Compensation fund!

If this provision passes the assessment will have to go up at least 21% to cover the loss of the funds, as the liability continues.

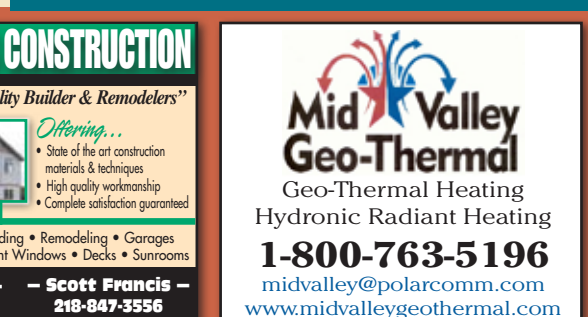
This is a "TAX" on Worker's Compensation!! Employers in the hardest hit industries are usually the ones who pay the most WC so it hits us harder than say a banker or stockbroker. Our industry CANNOT sustain this ADDED TAX to supplement spending at the Legislature. Tell the Legislature and the Governor to stop the raid on the this fund!!!

## Dont' MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

The Lake Region Builders Association, along with sponsoring businesses, is starting an attendance drawing for great trips and prizes. Here's how it works, each month when you attend the monthly meetings you will put your name in the drawing. At the end of the year, we will have a drawing for great prizes.

### PRIZES TO DATE INCLUDE:

- **RESERVED SEATS FOR A 2008 TWIN'S GAME**  
Sponsored by Goodin Company
  - **MINNEAPOLIS GET-AWAY**  
Sponsored by KDLM
  - **TWO \$50 GAS CARDS**  
Sponsored by State Bank and Trust
- More prizes will be added monthly. Attend your Association meetings... good food, valuable information, great networking and an opportunity to win wonderful prizes!  
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More pictures are inserted and many others can be seen at the next meeting.

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