



Tool Box

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President's Message...

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What a great example of preparation, commitment, and perseverance these past few months. The Ames Home Builder's Association has been receiving gratitude from many in the business community of Ames for the job we did during the campaign season. As an organization we put our resources, both monetarily and physically, to work for what we believe to be the best future for the vision and health of Ames.

Thanks to Stacy and all the time she put in with fundraising and working with the campaigns directly, and to the governmental affairs committee

for formulating plans and getting out to fundraise.

AHBA Annual Meeting
November 19
Hilton Garden Inn
 6 pm social, 7 pm dinner
 and program
 \$25/person
 RSVP to
ameshomebuilders@msn.com

And a huge thank you to you, the members of the AHBA, who sacrificed now for the betterment of our business's and community's future. You helped get a group, that normally is complacent and

too busy to be involved in the political process, excited and to take ownership for what our elected officials do to affect policies and regulations that are so vital to our local industry and economic climate.

This is another way our organization is making a difference in our community. And people are taking notice. Let's continue to be leaders for our community.

Jake Hanson

President

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2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS...

President	Jake Hanson	Alternate State Members	Rich Johansen, Jake Hanson, Mary Fitch Brad Heemstra, Shawn Hedrick,
1st Vice-President	Kirk Geist		Jon Mullenbach, Clint Evans
Secretary/Treasurer	Steve Shuey	Wm Council Ex-Officio	Lori Bancks-Miner David Brown
Past President	Randy Rathert		
State Director	Keith Arneson, Scott Brower Brian Thompson		

ISU Residential Team Takes 1st Place at Regional's!

The ISU Residential Competition Team recently took 1st place at the 17th Annual Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) Region IV Student Competition on October 28-31, 2009. The team submitted a proposal to a lending institution to develop 78 acres and 315 single family homes. The proposal included developing a site plan, lot layout, market analysis, market study, floor plan estimates, land development estimates, schedule, and financial pro forma. The proposal was completed in an 18 hour period, followed by an oral presentation to the judges.

In the past 3 years the residential team has received two 1st place finishes and one 2nd place finish.

The residential team will now head to Las Vegas, NV to compete in the NAHB Student Construction Competition at the International Builders Show in Janu-

ary.

All four teams from Iowa State placed first in their respective divisions (commercial, design-build, heavy-civil and residential). In the sev-



enteen year history of the Associate Schools of Construction Region IV Student Competition, this is the first ever sweep of all four divisions championships by one university. Over the past eight years ISU

construction engineering teams have placed first seventeen times.

Twenty-nine teams (six students per team) representing thirteen universities competed in the four divisions (commercial, design-build, heavy-civil and residential) during a three day competition that was held at the Lied Lodge and Conference Center in Nebraska City, Nebraska. Universities from Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas and Iowa were represented at this student competition.

Thank you all for your support, ISU Student Chapter

Board and Slate of Officers for 2010

- President - Kirk Geist
- IVP- Brad Heemstra
- 2nd VP _ Mary Fitch
- Sec/Treasurer - Steve Shuey
- Past President - Jake Hanson
- Jon Zeigler
- Mark Stenberg
- Jon Hunziker
- Jon Mullenbach
- Clint Evans
- Keith Arneson
- Randy Rathert
- Rich Johansen

Wm Council - Lori Miner & Jane Houk

Ex-Officio - David Brown

This slate will be voted upon at the November Annual Meeting on November 19 at the Hilton Garden Inn.



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Pumpkin party: Home Builder volunteers bring Halloween fun to Beloit

By Bob Zientara
Staff Writer, Ames Tribune

Pumpkin decorating in advance of Halloween was on the agenda Monday evening at the Beloit Residential Treatment Center, operated by Lutheran Services in Iowa.

It was there that the Ames Home Builders Association sent its community service volunteers to help decorate 45 donated pumpkins and share pizza with children who live at LSI's residential treatment facility.

Stacy Woodward, executive officer for the association, said she and other association members volunteered as part of the group's continuing effort to reach out to the community.

Heart of Iowa Co-op donated pumpkins for the project, she said.

Mark Stenberg, of Sten-



berg Concrete Construction Inc., said the group "is trying to find creative ways to get involved and give back to the community."

Stenberg said he found out about the opportunity at Beloit through the Ames Chamber of Commerce Leadership Ames program, when he talked with

fellow participant Amy Juhnke, marketing and communications specialist with LSI.

"Amy and Stacy (Woodward) put together a lot of the details," he said.

Woodward said two other members of the Home Builders Association have been active with the outreach committee, including Scott Thompson, of Star Equipment, Ltd., and Andy Seiler, Kinzler Construction Services.

"The group took some Boys and Girls Club children to an Iowa Cubs game this year," she said. "Andy is doing a project to distribute toy tools and hard hats to children at Mary Greeley Medical Center."

Welcome New Members

TK Builders

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2009 GM \$500 Private Offer

As the exclusive automotive manufacturer of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), we're pleased to extend this private offer of \$500 toward the purchase or lease of most new GM vehicles to association members. This offer is available through January 4, 2010, on the purchase or lease a new 2008, 2009 or 2010 model year Chevrolet, Buick, Pontiac, GMC, or Cadillac passenger car and light-duty truck, van or SUV. Go to: www.nahb.org for more information on this and other discounts available to members.

Insurance Programs - another member benefit

Individual members of the Home Builder Association of Iowa (this includes all AHBA members) can take advantage of two insurance programs offered by the HBAIowa. Group coverage for your **property and casualty insurance** needs is available through Reynolds & Reynolds Inc.. by calling Larry Heisler at 515/557-1215 or l.heisler@reynolds-reynolds.com. **Group employee benefit** insurance coverage is available to HBAIowa members and includes coverage of health, life, dental short term, disability, long term disability, long term care, 401k and voluntary insurance products. To learn more about this member benefit, contact Stan Reynolds, Reynolds & Reynolds Inc., at 515/557-1234 or s.w.reynolds@reynolds-reynolds.com. Severson Insurance in Ames has a benefit for all AHBA members. The benefit is **Auto-Owners commercial and personal lines insurance** that can be purchased at a discount by AHBA members. Discounts of up to 12% on commercial insurance and 10% on personal lines insurance are now available for new Auto-Owners customers. Contact Tim Severson or Marty Kemp at Severson Insurance if you would like a quote on your commercial or personal lines insurance at 515/232-7203.



International Builder's Show—IBS!!

When it comes to bringing together the leading builders and the top suppliers of the home building industry, The International Builders' Show® (IBS) is the largest tradeshow in the country. For four fully packed days—**January 19-22, 2010**—building industry professionals and suppliers will take over The Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, NV. IBS also offers over 175 education sessions led by some of the top experts in the industry and numerous networking opportunities throughout the week. There's simply NO other place to see and discuss the newest home building products, services and trends all in one place, at one time. For more information please go to **WWW.BUILDERSSHOW.COM**

The official IBS hotel serving HBAIowa

GOLDEN NUGGET
800/634-3454

Please identify yourself as part of the Home Builders Association of Iowa group, Code IBU2D8.

The block of rooms closes December 16, 2009.

Go to:
www.ameshomebuilders.com
for more information on hotel rates and events.

Women's Council Report

The Women's Council would like to thank Matt Barr of NAI for the generous donation to be put towards our 2010 ACCESS project! It is greatly appreciated!!

The annual AHBA Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 11, 2009 at the Holiday Inn on University Drive.

Social hour will be from 6:30 - 7:30. Dinner will be served at 7:30 and the band will play from 8:30 - 12 midnight. This year's cost per person is \$40.

It's been my pleasure to serve as president this year and look forward to

servicing as co-president with Jane Houk in 2010! It was a fun year and it was so great to have so many active members participate in the monthly meetings. Thank you to everyone. Enjoy the photos of some of our projects and meetings from the past year.

Lori Miner
Women's Council President



AHBA Christmas Party

December 11, 2009

Holiday Inn, University Drive

6:30 pm Social Hour 7:30 pm Dinner

8:30 pm – Midnight – Band and dancing

\$40/person – a great way to treat your employees!



**2009 Calendar of
Events**

November 19

AHBA Annual Meeting,
Hilton Garden Inn, 6 pm

December 11

AHBA Christmas Party,
Holiday Inn, 6:30 pm

Building A Solid Future for the Residents of
Story County

The Ames Home Builders Association is committed to helping make Ames and surrounding communities better places to live, work, and raise families. We are a nonprofit trade association affiliated with the Iowa Home Builders Association and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). At all levels, the goal of the Association is to provide safe, decent, affordable housing for America's citizens.

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