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# HBA NEWS

The magazine of the Home Builders Association of the Sioux Empire

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## 2007 Holiday Gala

Friday, December 7, 2007

Ramada Inn & Suites



6:30pm - 7:30pm - Social Hour

7:30pm - 8:30pm - Dinner

8:30pm - 9:30pm - Award Presentation / President Installation

9:30pm - 10:30pm - Entertainment

Featuring Comedic Magician Craig Carlson

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### HBASE General Membership Meeting

Thursday, November 15

Westward Ho Country Club

5:00 p.m. Membership Orientation

5:30 p.m. Social Hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Program - Zac VanBeek, "Overcoming Obstacles"

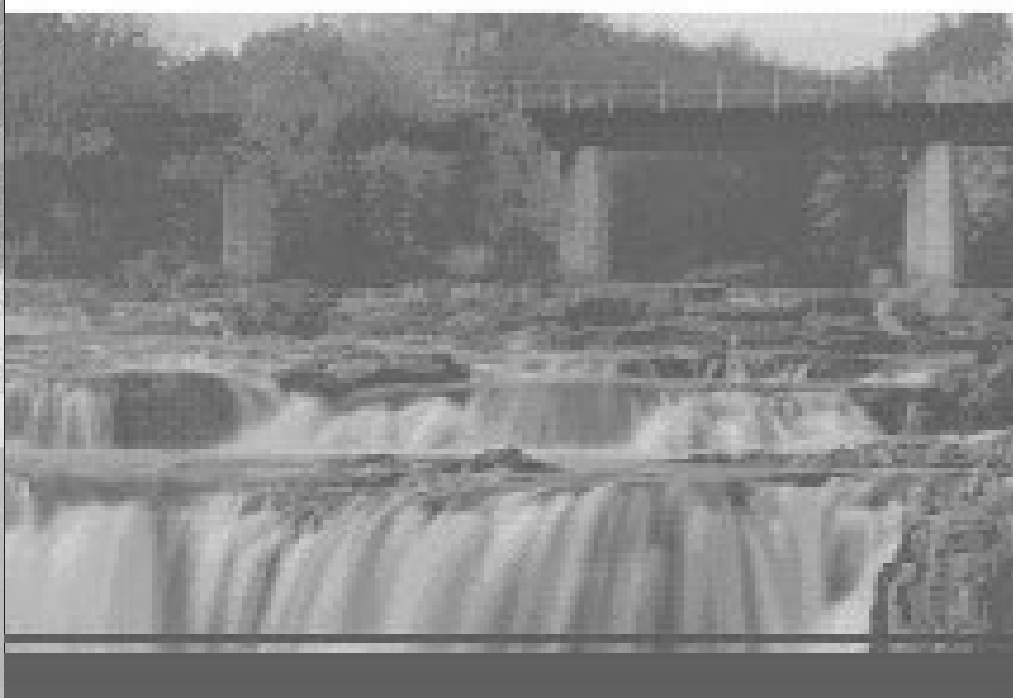


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### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Home Builders Association of the Sioux Empire is to provide for the advancement of the community and building industry. HBASE serves and represents our members who are affiliated with the building and remodeling industry in the Sioux Empire. HBASE promotes home ownership and quality housing through positive relationships between our members and the community.

The Association provides members opportunities to enhance professionalism through communication, educational opportunities and social activities. HBASE, chartered in 1956, is affiliated with both its State and National Associations.



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By Steve  
Van Buskirk,  
Van Buskirk  
Companies

At the September membership meeting we had the chance to listen to the national perspective of NAHB as presented by one of our senior officers, David Pressley, Immediate Past President of NAHB.

As he talked his way through the various initiatives of NAHB it reminded me of the productivity of the association at the Spring Board meeting in Washington, DC. From Green building standards and fighting fire sprinklers in the home to our association trying to give builders and associates the tools to survive the national housing downturn, we are actively involved in numerous areas in the housing industry. But those are the formal things that the association is doing. The interesting thing about meeting was when David told me that everything he has, he owes to the association.

As we got to know each other better he had time to tell me about his time working on at the Local, State and National level and how it helped him re-

solve problems that he is having in his day to day business.

We talked about his experience of working on a Task Force that was examining the rules for Fair Housing and how that helped him understand what he needed to do when it came time to remodel a kitchen for a disabled tenant. He talked about how meeting others within the association and how they mentored him through the difficult issues he was facing in his sole proprietorship. As I listened to his experiences, I realize why he told our membership meeting that he has gotten more out of the association than he has ever given.

These are great stories to retell to people when you are talking about the advantages of the HBA. We do great things like Repair Affair and Tools for Schools but we also go to great lengths to keep housing affordable by working every month with our government. So when you get a chance to sign up a new member (and earn a SPIKE credit) tell them how their involvement in the association is going to pay them back.

Since this is my last time in this forum, I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard in the last year and previous years. It is a privilege to lead this organization.

## 2008 Board of Directors Election

The 2008 HBASE Board of Directors election will be held at the November 15 Membership Meeting. The following names have been submitted to the Board, approved and will be presented for final approval at the Membership Meeting:

**Builders:** Dudley Deffenbaugh, Deffenbaugh Homes; Cynthia Monnin, Friessen Construction Co., Inc.

**Associates:** Ray Brooks, Brooks Construction Services; Todd Irvine, Builder's Choice Cabinetry, Inc.

*Board Terms expiring are:*

**Builders:** Dudley Deffenbaugh, Deffenbaugh Homes; Kyle Eberts, Eberts Construction (will serve as ex-officio)

**Associates:** Todd Irvine, Builder's Choice Cabinetry, Inc.; Russ Pies, United Building Center

Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor with his/her consent in writing. One vote per company, please. Please call the HBA office @ 361-8322 for an absentee ballot if you cannot attend the November 15 Membership Meeting.

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# Overcoming Obstacles



Often times many of us take various things in our life for granted. What would our lives be like without one of the major human senses (sight, hearing, smell, etc.)? How would we per-

form our every day tasks if something were to happen and we lose a limb?

Zac VanBeek, an 18-year-old Senior at Tea High School, is going to speak at the HBASE General Membership Meeting about how he overcame many obstacles in his life while living without arms.

In his every day life, Zac uses his feet to do such things as eat, shampoo his hair, brush his teeth, write and even practice his guitar. He earned his driver's license by working the gas and brake with one foot and the steering wheel with the other.

Not having arms has not stopped Zac from learning how to play the drums or even ride a bicycle. He's even earning a black belt in tae kwon do!

By attending this month's Membership Meeting you'll be able to hear some of the courageous stories from this brave, independent young man.

## Thursday, November 15 At Westward Ho Country Club

### **Time: Event:**

- 5:00 p.m. Membership Orientation
- 5:30 p.m. Social Hour
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Program (Speaker: Zac VanBeek)  
*"Overcoming Obstacles"*

**Cost:** \$17 with a reservation/\$20 without reservation

**HBASE Scholarship Recipients will also be honored at this Membership Meeting.**



### **Spike Appreciation Month**

The month of November has been proclaimed "Spike Appreciation Month". HBASE Spikes will be honored during the Membership Meeting. If you are a Spike, please wear your spike shirts and pins. Thank you to all of our Spikes!

### **Member Orientation**

A Membership Orientation will be held at 5:00 pm for new or current HBASE members who wish to learn more about the HBASE & what it can do for you. Please RSVP to 361-8322 for the orientation.

### **Associate Member Table**

1. Amesbury Group
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (still available)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (still available)

All Associate Members are welcome to use one of the three Associate Member Tables at the Membership Meetings to promote their products and/or services. Contact the HBASE office at 361-8322 for more information.

**Make Your Plans to attend the Nov. 15 Membership Meeting at the Westward Ho Country Club.**

Please call HBASE (361-8322) or fax this page (361-8329) to make your reservation.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

- 5:00pm - Member Orientation
- 5:30pm - Social Hour
- 6:30pm - Dinner
- 7:30pm - Program

### **PLEASE R.S.V.P.!**

HBASE Policy states that if you do not cancel within 24 hours of the meeting you will be billed. *Don't be a "No Show."* Thank you.





By **Arthur Kriens**,  
*Kriens Construction,*  
**Remodding**  
**Council Chairman**

Well, 2008 is almost here. And with that brings a whole new year at the Home Builders Association and also to the Remodeling Council.

First off, I'd like to thank the Remodeling Council members for all their great work this year. It was a lot of fun serving as your chairman in 2007.

Throughout the year our largest event was of course the recent Showcase of Remodeled Homes. That's what I'd like to talk about in my last Remodeling Council Message of the year.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Showcase of Remodeled Homes was a huge success. Not only was attendance up at this year's event, there were many remodelers who felt they received great leads to potential jobs down the road.

That's what this event is about... letting the public know about the remodeling industry in the Sioux Empire. By being a part of the Showcase of Remodeled Homes your name is out there and it gives consumers a chance to see your remodeling work first hand.

It's never too early to start planning for the 2008 Showcase of Remodeled Homes. If there's a project that you're currently working on that you think would fit great in this event, keep that thought in mind. The registration forms will be going out once again next summer (it'll be here again before we know it).

I'd like to thank the Showcase of Remodeled Homes committee for all their hard work and dedication. It was all worth it in the end!

And with that, I would like to invite you to consider looking at the Remodeling Council. Take some time to seriously think about possibly joining this group.

You could be one of more than 90 remodeling or rehab contractors, specialty contractors, suppliers, manufacturers or related professional members makes up the Remodeling Council.

The Remodeling Council identifies its members as professionals, improves each member's business know-how, promotes the members service and builds member's consumer confidence. The Remodeling Council gives its members the information needed to improve their business operations.

With that being said, again, thank you for allowing me to submit these monthly messages. Happy holiday season to you all!



## Remodeling Council Highlight

*Mike Hartman,*  
*Hartman Specialty Contracting*

Mike Hartman, Vice-President of Hartman Specialty Contracting, has been a member of the HBASE since 2004. He's active in the Remodding Council as well as being a part of the Repair Affair Coordinating Committee.

He has been in the remodeling industry for 12 years. The phrase that fits best for Hartman Specialty Contracting is "Serving the First Time Home Buyer".

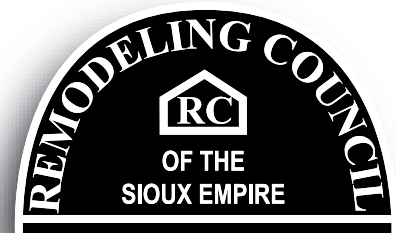
Mike believes the Remodeling Council has benefited him by networking with other professionals who've been in the industry longer than he has. Being a member of this group allows Mike to have that status as a professional remodeler.

In his spare time Mike enjoys motorcycling, pheasant hunting and working around his acreage. Mike has four children all between the ages of 16 and 27.

His greatest accomplishment has been retiring from the US Air Force in 1999 as a Master Aircraft Mechanics.

## Next Remodeling Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 7  
Noon @ HBASE



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## Remodeled Homes Event a Success

The Remodeling Council's sixth Annual Showcase of Remodeled Homes was held on October 13 & 14. The event was a huge success with 13 remodeled homes entered by 9 remodelers. More than 660 people visited the homes (up from 587 in 2006).

We are indebted to the generosity of the homeowners who made their homes available to the viewing public. We also thank the event sponsors:

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And a big thanks to the Showcase of Remodeled Homes Committee who helped make this event another success:

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**Committee Members:** Randy Bruner, Bruner Construction; Arthur Kriens, CGR, Kriens Construction Company, Inc.; Amy Hennen, Showplace Kitchens; Paul Rowenhorst, Handyman Matters; Angie Allen, Ferguson Enterprises; Alan Amdahl, Amdahl Construction Co.

We will soon be seeking homes for our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Showcase of Remodeled Homes, scheduled for October 11-12, 2008. If you have remodeled a home within the last three years let us know. Also, if you wish to volunteer during the event, please contact the HBASE office at 605-361-8322.

## SPECIAL DATES FOR 2008...

**January 30**

*SDHBA Winter Board & Annual Legislative Banquet  
Pierre, SD*

**February 13-16**

*NAHB Annual Convention  
Orlando, FL*

**Feb. 28-Mar. 2**

*Sioux Empire Home Show  
SF Convention Center*

**May 10-13**

*Spring Parade of Homes*

**June 3-8**

*NAHB Spring Board Mtg.  
Washington, DC*

**June (TBA)**

*Repair Affair Day*

**TBA**

*Associate's Appreciation Night*

**Sept. 23-28**

*NAHB Fall Board Mtg.  
San Diego, CA*

**Sept. 13-16**

*Fall Parade of Homes*

**October 11-12**

*Showcase of Remodeled Homes*

**October 30**

*Associates Product Show  
Oaks Hotel*

**December (TBA)**

*Holiday Gala  
Ramada Inn*

*For more information on these and other events through the Home Builders Association of the Sioux Empire, please call 361-8322 or visit our website at [www.hbasioxempire.com](http://www.hbasioxempire.com).*



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# 2007 Holiday Gala



## Friday, December 7

### Ramada Inn & Suites



**6:30pm - 7:30pm** Social Hour

**7:30pm - 8:30pm** Dinner (choose one of the following)

- Beef Medallions & Prawns
- Stuffed Pork Tenderloin Florentine

**8:30pm - 9:30pm** Award Presentation / President Installation  
2007 HBASE Builder & Associate Member of the Year  
**Kyle Eberts** to be installed as 2008 HBASE President

**9:30pm - 10:30pm** Entertainment - **Comedic Magician**  
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#### **R.S.V.P. Form**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

*Dinner is \$25.00 for pre-registered members.*

#### Indicate Menu Choice(s) & Quantity:

\_\_\_\_ Beef Medallions & Prawns

\_\_\_\_ Stuffed Pork Tenderloin Florentine

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