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On The Level - Associate Appreciation Night & New Members!!

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ASSOCIATE APPRECIATION HAMBURGER COOKOUT Tuesday, September 20th 6:30pm at the Overlook Pavilion

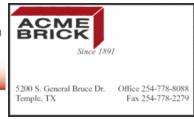
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During the month of September, our focus is THE MEMBER! This month not only brings our focus on recruiting new members but also giving appreciation and recognition to our Associate members and new members who have joined throughout the year. September brings our Associate Appreciation Dinner and this year we are going back old school with our Builder made, builder served Hamburger Flip!!! Yep, Brian Heffner of Heffner Bros. Building Corporation has agreed to revive the Hamburger Flip. Builders will sponsor, prepare and serve our Associates dinner on Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30pm at the Overlook Pavilion on Lake Belton and this event is FREE for all however RSVP's are required so we know how many to prepare for.

During the evening, a short recognition program will be given by our President, Robbie Johnson. Robbie will recognize all of our 2011 New Members and give those new members in attendance a few minutes to speak about themselves and their company. So, if you just joined this year you won't want to miss this opportunity to plug you and your company....oh and did we mention it's FREE!!

Call TODAY to make your reservation!







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Director of
Government Affairs
Blair Anderson

What a fun last few months it's been as we worked hard to insure the success of the HomePAC Skeet Shoot last month. Building upon past successes, we had our highest netting Skeet Shoot in the history of TABA. Special thanks to the entire Skeet Committee, sponsors, shooters, and attendees. I would be remiss if I didn't highlight Bruce Walker of Lengefeld Lumber, who once again stepped up to the plate bigtime for TABA and HomePAC with the role of Title Sponsor. The monies raised from the HomePAC Skeet shoot go right back into the community, supporting issues that are vital to betterment of Temple, Belton, and surrounding areas. I know we were all very proud of the event.

Volunteers Needed--COT Post Construction Stormwater

If you would like to serve on the technical committee for the City of Temple Post-Construction Stormwater ordinance, please contact me at blair@tahb.org This is a big issue for our entire membership, as we will work to develop the ordinance over the next year. We are having our first meeting September 19th at the TABA offices.

COT Vested Rights, Illicit Discharge Ordinance, Erosion/Sedimentation Control

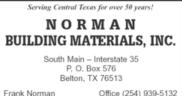
These ordinances were all adopted by the City Council last month, and I want to thank the City staff for their hard work, and for taking our members' concerns into consideration. Jonathan Graham, Sarah Gardner-Cox, and their entire staff should be commended for their hard work on the Vested Rights ordinance. Michael Newman, Sarah Gardner-Cox, and their entire staff should also be commended on the stormwater ordinances recently adopted. A huge thank you from TABA members for letting us be part of the process in developing these important ordinances.

COT International Residential Code/Building Code updates

The IRC/IBC technical committee has been hard at work the last few months interpreting the changes planned for Temple's IRC and IBC. The updates are planned to go before the City Council in the next few months. Our technical committee provided feedback to the city, and it appears the major concerns will be adequately addressed in the proposed ordinance. A few of the major concerns were the adoption of stricter window and lightbulb requirements, two issues which have the ability to cost our members a significant amount. These requirements will likely be delayed in the ordinance until such time as it is mandated by the State of Texas or Federal Government, something that was very important for our membership. There is no doubt, things are getting challenging out there, and adding on an additional cost layer at this time would not help. Special thanks to Richard Therriault and his staff for their work on these ordinances. If you had the chance to review the hundreds of pages of code changes and interpretations, you know this is not an easy task. Thank you again, Richard.

As I wrap up my first 6 months on the job, I want you all to know how much I appreciate the time you have taken out of your busy schedules to volunteer, familiarize me with the area/people/job, as well as attend the meetings/trainings etc. I know you all have businesses to run and profits to make, but your help and participation is immeasurable. TABA is doing great things for this community and I am excited to be part of it. Thank you again everyone for a great month.

Blair Anderson

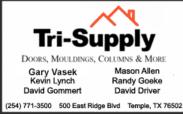


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Thank you to everyone for your participation in the 2011 Skeet Shoot. Building on past successes, we had a record number of participants this year (112 shooters), highest number of Flurry participation, and also had the highest netting Skeet Shoot in history, adding \$17,000 (net) to the HomePAC coffers. We gave away 5 firearms as door prizes, auctioned off some additional guns and exciting hunting opportunities, and had an overall great time despite the heat.

As you may be aware, HomePAC funds are spent on issues directly impacting our community: electing city officials/leaders who are pro-business, supporting school bonds in Temple/Belton and surrounding areas, supporting community planning/building issues, among a host of other items. Thank you to everyone involved in making this event a huge success. I want to highlight some of the folks who worked so hard to insure our success: If you aren't using them already, please make sure you give them a shot.

Special Thank you to Bruce Walker of Lengefeld Lumber for being the Title Sponsor of our event. As I mentioned at our dinner, Bruce puts his "money where his mouth is", with respect to supporting our community. He and his team at Lengefeld are a prime example of community spirit and involvement. Thank you Bruce!!

I also want to personally thank the Skeet Committee for their hard work. Danny Owens of Lengefeld Lumber, Patrick Johnson of Wright Builders, Todd Weber of Weber's Guns, Robbie Johnson of Stillwater Homes, Brad Dragoo of Fairway Mortgage, Tony Gallagher of Heart of Texas Landscaping, Todd Scott of Riley/Scott Homes, Mike Pilkington of Bell Contractors, and of course TABA's Cheryl Hunka. Thank you to the staff at Weber's who ran a great event for our participants. Thank you to Deb Swift of Kiella Homebuilders and Kelly Hosch of First Community Title for helping with check-in.

TITLE: Sponsored again by **Lengefeld Lumber** this year. Thank you Bruce!

TSHIRTS: Sponsored again by Keene Roofing this year. Thank you Keene!

DINNER: Sponsored by Fairway Independent Mortgage--Brad Dragoo (he even won the Glock 9mm door prize--Congrats)

BIG HOUSES: Sponsored by Lengefeld Lumber, Boise Cascade, James Hardie, and Dakota Hardwoods.

SHUTTLE CARTS: Sponsored by Lone Star Drywall

FLURRY FIELD: Sponsored by Tri Supply

DOOR PRIZES: Sponsored by Redwoods Incorporated

LUNCH: Sponsored by **RUSCO Packaging**

WATER AND ICE: Sponsored by Kasberg, Patrick, and Associates

BEVERAGES: Sponsored by Jack Hilliard Distributing

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FIELD BANNER: Sponsors include The Secrest Law Firm, Weber's Guns, DW Distribution, Cedar Creek Cabinets, Blue Linx Co, PATCO Construction, Temple Winnelson, Don Ringler Chevrolet Toyota.

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INDIVIDUAL DOOR PRIZES: Weber's Guns, Lowes Home Improvement, Norman Lumber, 195 Lumber

FINAL THANKS: COUFAL PRATER for providing gators for us to shuttle materials, people etc throughout the event. **PARAMOUNT WASTEWATER** for bringing out the portable toilets, **Commissioner Eddy Lange** for providing Auctioneer services. **TAB Executive Officer Scott Norman** and his entire team for making the drive from Austin to share the afternoon with us (he even went home with an AR15!)

And everyone else who played a part in our success that I may have unintentionally left off of this list.









It is that time of the year again! Time to begin planning and booking booth space for the Annual TABA Home & Garden Show. Exhibitor information has gone out in the mail and reservations have already begun to come in. 2011 exhibitors, this is your chance to book your old locations and you have until September 30th to do so.

You have first right of refusal on the booth you had in 2011 and the option to be moved to better locations if they open up. If you plan to exhibit in 2012, please fill out the exhibit space response form and contract and mail it in with your \$100 deposit.

The show is scheduled for February 25-26, 2012 at the Bell County Expo Center. The floor plan has remained the same and those who booked the center booth locations in 2011 have first right of refusal for those locations for 2012.

For those members who wish to exhibit in the Show for the first time, please call the TABA office in October. Open booking will begin at this time. New exhibitors will not be assigned a booth until after September 30th in order to give our past exhibitors time to book what they had last year. We thank you for your patience and we encourage you to exhibit in this show.

Please keep reading future *On The Level* Newsletters for more information regarding the *2012 Home & Garden Show* and watch the website for booth layout and price guide to be posted.

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TABA Members -

The 2011-2013 TAB Texas Residential Construction Contracts Package are available for purchase by TABA members ONLY. The Texas Association of Builders (TAB) has promulgated Residential Construction Contracts encompassing a variety of residential construction transactions. The contracts package, which includes eight different contracts and dozens of addenda, is available to TABA members only in a two-year subscription package for \$299.99 plus tax for a total of \$324.74. This price includes any updates that are made to the contracts package by the Texas Association of Builders between September 1, 2011 and August 31, 2013.

In addition to addressing newly state mandated contractor payment requirements in disaster areas and federal OSHA fall protection mandates, numerous other improvements have been made to the contracts this year. Some of the major changes include: shortening the length of the contracts; a new remodeler's "short form" contract for small jobs; new language addressing regulatory fines caused by your subcontractors in both the sales agreements and subcontractor agreements; and, updated warranty performance standards. The end result is that the contracts are leaner, more comprehensive and easier to read.

To order, you must contact Cheryl Hunka at the TABA office for an order form. The order form must be filled out in its entirety and most importantly must include a sound email address as this is how contract updates are sent. Please mail or fax the order form along with \$324.74 and we will order the CD for you. TABA will be

ordering the contracts CD from the Texas Association of Builders and when received will mail the CD onto you.

This has become a fantastic benefit to TABA members. We urge you to take advantage of the savings.

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TABA DIRECTORY

Please be watching your mail for the Annual TABA Directory information update. Every year, TABA publishes a membership directory that is used by many inside and outside of the membership and it is important that your information be as correct and up to date as possible. Please take a few minutes to scan over the information that we currently have on file for you and make changes where necessary. Please also remember to fill in what categories your business or service best fits into. You can put your business in three categories if you choose.

There is also a fantastic marketing opportunity that comes with the directory and being a TABA member. Advertising in the directory is a cost effective and long lasting investment. Your ad lasts for an entire year. If you wish to advertise in the directory, please mark appropriately and send you camera ready art in or you can email the ad to cheryl@tahb.org. If you have any questions regarding your directory information or advertising please feel free to contact Cheryl at the TABA office.

MEMBERSHIP BLITZ DAY - SEPTEMBER 29TH

TABA leaders get together at least once a year to focus solely on recruiting new members to TABA but they can use your help. If you know of someone who should be a member of their trade organization please give us a call so we can contact that person or you can direct them to our website which gives tons of valuable information on TABA as well as an application for membership that they can print off and send back to us.

Membership should be an Association task for without our members, we do not exist. We hope you will help us help TABA to grow stronger and better for our future and the future of Temple/Belton and the construction industry in this area.

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NEW HOME STARTS

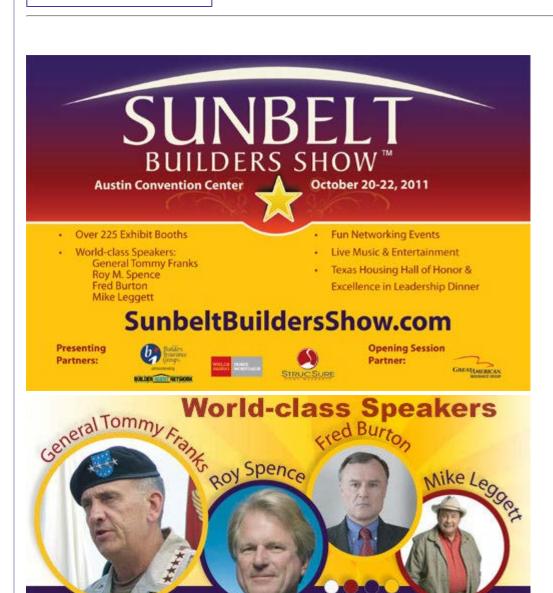
	Aug '11	Aug '10	'11 YTD	'10 YTD
Temple	25	32	267	288
Belton	5	9	54	53
Morgan's Point	0	1	6	3
Totals	30	42	327	344

Note: this data represents a compilation of the statistics that are reported by the Temple Daily Telegram every Sunday.

ALL HOME CLOSINGS

Aug '11	50	'11 YTD	688
Aug '10	130	'10 YTD	1,236

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