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Congratulations are in order for all candidates who succeeded in the runoff election last month. We would especially like to congratulate HOMEPAC-endorsed Jack Jones on being elected as our next District Court Judge. Thank you also to Marty Janczak who ran a great race for County Commissioner and came up just short. Both of these fine men have given so much to our association and were very humbled by the outpouring of support.

In the County Commissioners race for Precinct 3, it looks like Bill Schumann is well positioned against his Democratic challenger in the November general election. For those of you who do not know Bill, he worked with Wilsonart as an engineer/manager for approximately 30 years. I did have the opportunity to meet with Mr. Schumann at the very start of the campaign, and I am certain his business experience and acumen will be a great addition to the Commissioners Court.

Congratulations are also in order for Commissioner Eddy Lange, who is also well positioned to earn the title of Bell County Sheriff in this November's election. Mr. Lange has always been a great supporter of our association and PAC, and we look forward to supporting him thru November. We would also like to thank Bob Patterson for running for this office, and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

At the Federal level, it appears Roger Williams is well positioned to represent Congressional District 25 in Washington DC. Roger was supported by our state/Federal PAC, and we are happy to see him win. In the US Senate race, It also appears that Ted Cruz will cruise to victory this November after winning the runoff with Lt Governor Dewhurst.

Stay tuned for updates from HOMEPAC on the November elections. We appreciate everyone taking an interest in voting and supporting those candidates who support our industry. Once again, thank you and congratulations to all candidates who ran.

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**Director of
Government Affairs**

Blair Anderson

As we move into August and September, we will be pretty intensively focused on two of our major HOMEPAC events for the year, the Skeet Shoot 2012 and Elected Officials Night 2012. If you would like to be part of the Skeet Committee, please contact me at blair@tahb.org We have already procured several of our previous sponsors again, and we are looking forward to making this one of the biggest and most fun events we have ever put on.

As a reminder, please make sure you save the date of these two events. Skeet Shoot 2012 will take place on Tuesday, October 2nd, and Elected Officials Night will take place on Tuesday October 16th. Elected Officials night will cost \$15 for members and will include beverages and BBQ. All elected officials, candidates, and their spouses will be complimentary guests of HOMEPAC. We hope all members can join us for a night of fun and mingling with both candidates and local officials.

We do have many other things going on, as we continue to work with jurisdictions on items deemed important to our membership. We are monitoring the City of Temple as they work thru their budgeting process, and have been supportive of many things including their hiring of a Development coordinator, as well as their purchase and implementation of an extensive software package to make life easier for City Staff and applicants on things such as development review, notification, inspections, etc. We also continue to intensively support an increase of the monthly stormwater fee in order to make sure the city and public works staff have adequate funding to plan, start, and complete the multitude of projects within the Stormwater Capital improvement plan.

Thank you to everyone for your continued involvement. We have had a few hiccups with our email system for the last month or so, so if things have been quiet, that's why. We look forward to finishing out the year strong with these events.

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August rolls around and it is time to begin booking for the upcoming Home & Garden Show even when it seems like we just finished producing one. But here we are in August and it is time to plan and book for the 2013 Show. The committee, chaired this year by Rusty Betts of Insurance Network of Texas, has met and began to organize for the upcoming show. No changes have been made

to the floorplan or pricing this year and general admission has been reduced to \$5 per adult, down from \$6. We are planning for another full show and are revamping our advertising in hopes to drive even more people out next year.

2012 exhibitors and past exhibitors will be receiving their packets of information via US mail this month. Please be on the lookout for your packets as this is your first opportunity to book exhibit space. Again, 2012 exhibitors will have first right of refusal to the booth space they occupied this year and must respond by September 30th in order to maintain that space. If you wish to relocate or expand please make a notation in the Exhibitor Response Form and you will be contacted the first week of October to get that relocation or expansion booked. A \$100 deposit is due at time of booking and booths will not be considered booked until money and paperwork have been received.

If you have any questions or wish to be in the show but did not participate this year, please call Cheryl Hunka at 254-773-0445. We are planning for another phenomenal show and we hope you will be a part of that success.

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ASSOCIATE APPRECIATION HAMBURGER COOKOUT Tuesday, September 11th 6:30pm at the Overlook Pavilion

Sponsored, prepared and served by TABA Builder Members

During the month of September, our focus will be THE MEMBER! September 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 Hamburger Cookout builder made, builder sponsored and builder served. Brian Heffner of Heffner Bros. Building Corporation has agreed to again head up this very important event that shows TABA and TABA Builder's appreciation for all our Associates have done and do for our Builders and the Association. The Cookout is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11th 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, Mike Pilkington. Mike will recognize all of our 2012 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!!

Be watching the mail for your invitation and don't forget to RSVP!!

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[2012 & 2013 Event Announcements](#)

As mentioned in the June newsletter, we are looking at having one more TABA fundraiser before the year ends. We are looking into having a Horse Racing event in conjunction with our Holiday/Awards Dinner. Details are still being worked out and as those come together we will keep you informed as to the date and format of the event so please be watching your newsletters.

The 2013 Parade of Homes dates have been set. Builders please be aware that the parade will be held on the weekends of April 19-21, 26-28, 2013. Please plan accordingly as completion rules have not changed. Judging will again be decided upon how many entires we receive and we will get that information out to you as soon as possible. Entry packets will be mailed in December so please be on the lookout for your packets in the US mail.

As mentioned in a previous article we do hope to see all of our members come out to the Associate Appreciation Hamburger Cookout, Tuesday, September 11th at the Overlook Pavilion on Lake Belton.

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[NEW HOME STARTS](#)

	June '12	June '11	'12 YTD	'11 YTD
Temple	31	50	171	221
Belton	8	2	54	44
Morgan's Point	0	0	1	5
Totals	39	42	226	270

	July '12	July '11	'12 YTD	'11 YTD
Temple	36	21	207	242
Belton	11	5	65	49
Morgan's Point	1	1	2	6
Totals	48	27	274	297

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

[ALL HOME CLOSINGS](#)

June '12	70	'12 YTD	817
June '11	75	'11 YTD	583

July '12	50	'12 YTD	867
July '11	55	'11 YTD	638

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EO's Comments

Cheryl Hunka
Executive Officer

The end of summer is upon us but for TABA that means planning begins for 2013. Already committees have met to begin planning for the Home & Garden Show and Parade of Homes for next year. Dates have been set and details are being worked out. Keep watching your newsletter for up to date information regarding these two very important TABA fundraisers.

Budgeting and board planning will begin shortly. If you are interested in sitting on the TABA Board of Directors please give me a call. We are always looking for new people to bring in. It is a great way to get involved and support your trade association.

Lastly I just want to remind everyone about the Associate Appreciation Hamburger Cookout. Brian Heffner and his band of builders work very hard to put this event together to show their appreciation for everything our Associates do for them and the association. The event is FREE and everyone is invited however RSVP's are REQUIRED so that we know how many people to prepare for so please watch for your invitation coming in the mail shortly.

One other note, I will be on vacation from August 21-24 so if you need anything please contact Blair. Well, that's it from my desk. I hope everyone stays cool for the end of summer and hope to see you in September.

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