

The Wayne Builder

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THE PRESIDENT'S POST

Ethel Schmitt, WCBA President

Hello everyone,

I wanted to forward heartfelt thanks to all vendors and committee members that contributed their time and efforts in making this year's Home and Garden Festival the achievement that it was. This was one of our most successful festivals and we had more than doubled our attendance from the last five years. Contact the office to reserve your booth for the 2012 Home & Garden Festival, which is scheduled for April 28th and 29th 2012, at the Ladore Camp and Conference Center.

On Monday April 25th, Governor Tom Corbett signed HB 377, making it Act 1 of 2011 and of his term as Governor of Pennsylvania. As members and team players, we were able to accomplish this victory. Thank you for the role you played in contacting your representatives and having your voice heard. I also want to thank Representative Tom Piefer for his support and effort in making this happen. Congratulations to all!!

Last but not least, I want to inform everyone that the WCBA office has moved to the other end of the Palmyra Professional Building. You are welcome to come visit and check out our Reference Library of valuable resources and information or just stop by to meet with Laurie to review the many services and benefits available through the association.

Respectfully yours,

Ethel Schmitt

President of the Wayne County Builders Association



2012 Festival Dates

Home & Garden Festival
SAT: April 28th • 9-5pm SUN: April 29th • 9-4pm
Camp Ladore & Conference Center

SIMPLE STEPS TO REDUCE EYE INJURIES



The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) estimates that up to 1000 occupational eye injuries occur every day in the U.S. workplace. This costs American employers roughly \$300 million dollars a year in workers' compensation claims, production loss and medical expenses.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported in a 1980 survey that 3 out of 5 workers who sustained an injury were not wearing personal eye protection when the injury occurred. Another 40% of workers injured were wearing some eye protection, such as protective eyeglasses, that did not include a side shield. The BLS survey also revealed that roughly 70% of eye injuries resulted from flying particles or sparks. Exposure to chemicals accounted for another 20% of eye injuries.

It is estimated that over 90% of all eye injuries could have been avoided with the use of the appropriate eye protection.

Simple Steps to Reduce Eye Injuries

Reducing eye injuries in the workplace is a relatively simple matter. Here are some suggestions and ideas that you as an employer and worker can employ to reduce damage to this very precious sensory organ:

- **Know the Dangers** – Every employer should conduct a hazard assessment of their workplace. Hazards vary from minor dust, high impact particles to chemical splashes. It is not enough to provide eye protection; it is equally important to supply the right eye protection to suit the employment circumstances.
- **Train Your Workers** – Many workers simply don't bother with wearing any eye protection at all. Almost half of injured workers said their employer neglected to tell them when to wear eye protection let alone the correct type of eye protection. By taking the time to educate your workers on the dangers posed in their jobs and enforcing protective measures, you can dramatically reduce unnecessary and avoidable eye injuries.

Using the Correct Eye Protection

Different jobs and trades require different eye protection. Here is a brief description of available eye protection:

- **Safety Glasses** which have side guards offer the least amount of protection. They are best used in minimal exposure areas with low amounts of dust, or limited exposure to flying chips or particles. There are different types available ranging from glass to plastic, but the latter is not very scratch resistant.
- **Goggles/Glasses Hybrid** offers superior protection from the affects of dust or impact particles because they possess a seal of either rubber or foam which prevents particulates from otherwise breaching exposed eyes. Workers who wear prescription eyeglasses which have non-safety lens are best advised to wear goggles.
- **Face Shield Protection** provides additional protection to the face and is especially valuable in guarding the entire face against chemical splashes, particles and chips. Face shields do **NOT** provide primary protection against eye injuries. They should almost always be used in conjunction with either goggles or safety glasses.
- **Filtered Helmets or Goggles** are best used when working with either laser or welding equipment. As many of these workers will need to lift these protective helmets frequently, it is also recommended that they be wearing either goggles or safety glasses to avoid eye damage from nearby workers such as grinders for example.

Preventing costly and needless eye injuries can easily be achieved simply by taking a little extra care and time to spot the dangers, educating your employees, and providing the right eye protection to suit the job.



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INDUSTRY NEWS

HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTOR FIX-IT LEGISLATION – HB 1336: This legislation has been introduced and is identical to Sen. Tomlinson's legislation from last session, which would improve the act for retailers, contractor and consumers. The act became law in 2008 and requires all contractors who perform at least \$5,000 in home improvements each year, register with the Attorney General's office. This bill (HB 1336) would make 3 major changes – it would require that the fees that are collected by the Attorney General for registration, be placed into a dedicated fund to administer and enforce the act (currently it goes to the general fund). It would also set the one-third maximum deposit for contracts valued at \$5,000 (an increase from \$1,000) which has been proven to be unreasonably low. Finally the legislation defines "home improvement retailer" in order to allow retail installers of all sizes, the option to opt out of the 1/3 partial pay – and allow them to collect 100% of the cost if they post a letter of credit in the amount of \$100,000 per store location.

SPRINKLER REPEAL: We would like to remind members that part of the language of the sprinkler repeal legislation (Act 1 of 2011) requires builders to provide new home buyers with information from the Fire Commissioner's website on the benefits of fire sprinklers, **in addition** to having them sign the mandatory offer form. We recommend that you print the pages from the following website and provide them to your customers as an additional safeguard.

Copy and paste the following link into your browser:

http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/public_education_information/11286/residential_sprinkler_systems/957455. Please check this site regularly for updates.

The mandatory offer form is available **to members only** by copying the following link:

<http://www.pabuilders.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=1072>. If you are unsure of your username or password, e-mail Laura Pyne at lpayne@PaBuilders.org.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the mandatory offer, please contact Jerry Leach at jleach@PaBuilders.org or 800-692-7339, ext. 3012.



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✧ UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS SCHEDULE ✧

NOTE: There are no membership meetings held in January, February, June, July, August and November

June			
15	Board Meeting	5:00pm	WCBA Office, Hawley
July			
13	Board Meeting	5:00pm	WCBA Office, Hawley
August			
5	Golf Tournament	11:00 am	Cricket Hill Golf Club, Hawley
10	Board Meeting	5:00pm	WCBA Office, Hawley
September			
14	Board Meeting	4:30pm	Lukan's Farm Resort, Hawley
14	General Membership Meeting	6:00pm	Lukan's Farm Resort, Hawley
October			
12	Board Meeting	4:30pm	The Settlers Inn, Hawley
12	General Membership Meeting	6:00pm	The Settlers Inn, Hawley
November			
9	Board Meeting	5:00pm	WCBA Office, Hawley
December			
14	Board Meeting	4:30pm	Woodloch Springs, Hawley
14	General Membership Meeting	6:00pm	Woodloch Springs, Hawley

Reservations: (570) 226-4941 or info@waynecountybuilders.com

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Annual Golf Tournament

Beverage Sponsor **\$400**

Limited to 1 Sponsor

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Registration & Turn Sponsor **\$400**

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The sponsor will be entitled to display signage at the registration area and sponsorship will be announced in the Fall issue of The Wayne Builder. **SOLD!** Players will receive complimentary hot dogs and beer during the registration courtesy of your company. Your company sponsorship will be announced during the awards banquet.

Putting Contest **\$100**

Limited to 1 Sponsor

Once of the most popular gaming events on the course is where your company sign will be displayed. Sponsorship will be announced in the Fall issue of The Wayne Builder.

Longest Drive Sponsor **\$100**

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Casino Hole Sponsor **\$100**

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Closest to the Pin Sponsor **\$100**

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Honorary Hole Sponsors **\$ 50**

Unlimited Sponsors

The Honorary Sponsors will be listed on a large banner displayed at a prominent location on the course. All Honorary Hole sponsors will also be announced in the Fall issue of The Wayne Builder.

Friday, August 5, 2011

Cricket Hill Country Club
Hawley, PA

Player's Fee - \$90.00
10:30 am Registration
11:00 am Start Time

Hot dogs served during registration & awards with buffet dinner immediately following the tournament.

More Info: (570) 226-4941
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To Our Members and Friends,

Over the years, our golf tournament has enabled our organization to raise substantial funds for the local high school scholarship program. The golf tournament is a win-win situation for all participants. Golfers spend an enjoyable day on the course and become welcome contributors to the builders association. It was through the support of local businesses that this past year our organization was proud to present several qualified students with scholarships.

Please come out and join your organization and peers in a relaxing and fun-filled day of golf. Your support will help us to continue the many services and benefits our Association has to offer to our members and our community.

Company Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Players: 1) _____ - Team Captain/Contact Person
2) _____
3) _____
4) _____

Sponsorships: Yes, our company would like to be a sponsor as indicated for a cost of \$ _____

Complete the form and return with your check made payable to:
Wayne County Builders Association, P.O. Box 378, Hawley, PA 18428

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Wayne County Builders Association announced their annual scholarship awards to eleven deserving high school students at our General Membership Meeting in May.

MEMBER'S CHILD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- **Anna Coutts** daughter of Kevin and Maria Coutts of Forest Homes of Lake Wallenpaupack and Granite Homes. Anna is a graduating senior of Wallenpaupack High School and will be attending University of Scranton to study Political Science.
- **Christopher Cassel** son of Eric and Kathy Cassel of Cassel Building Contractors. Christopher is a graduating senior of Wallenpaupack High School and will be attending Bloomsburg University.
- **Melanie Harcum** daughter of Jay and Wendy Harcum of Duck Harbor Company and the granddaughter of Joseph and Nancy Harcum. Melanie is a graduating senior at Honesdale High School and will be attending Lycoming College and majoring in Art and will like to become an Art Teacher.
- **Nicole Kinzinger** daughter of David and Lisa Kinzinger of Kinzinger HVAC. Nicole is a graduating senior of Honesdale High School and will be attending University of Tampa and will be majoring in Marketing.
- **Blake Suhr** Son of Michael Suhr of Suhr Construction. Blake is a graduating senior of Wallenpaupack High School and will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology and will be majoring in Engineering

TOOL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

- **Steven Carlew** senior at Wallenpaupack High School and will be continuing his education in electrical studies at IBEW. Steven is currently doing an apprenticeship with Homestead Design and Build, one of our members.

BUILDING TRADES SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- **Robert Gill** a senior at Wallenpaupack High School will be attending IBEW for Electrical.
- **Maxwell Trainor** a senior at Wallenpaupack High School will be attending IBEW for Electrical.
- **Alexandria Crouthamel** a senior at Wallenpaupack High School will be attending Drexel University for Architectural Engineering.
- **Michael Kolvek** a senior at Wallenpaupack High School will be attending Drexel University for Engineering.
- **Shepard Wood** a senior at Wallenpaupack High School will be attending Penn College of Technology for Residential Construction Management.

The Wayne County Builders Association congratulates all of the 2011 scholarship recipients and wishes them much success in their future endeavors.



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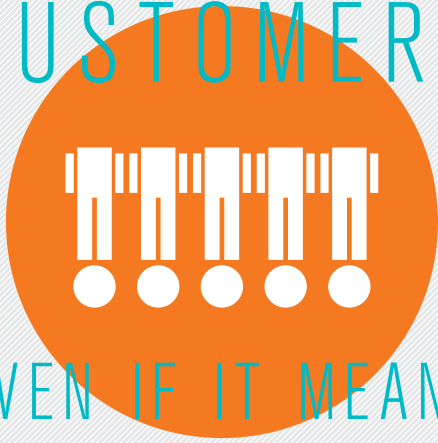
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