

While Supplies Last

Commodities update:

- Building materials prices have been unusually steady this month. No changes to <u>drywall</u>, <u>steel studs</u>, <u>ceiling panels</u>, <u>ceiling grid</u>, <u>masonry</u> or <u>insulation</u> products. How unusual!
- Panel Products: <u>OSB</u>, again, has been very stable in price while <u>SYP plywood</u> has seen small moves up and down, which brings us back to where we have been at the beginning of the month.
- Dimension Lumber, likewise has seen the same kind of movement, a little up, then a little down. The only exception is <u>Southern</u> <u>pine</u> (from which we get treated lumber), which seems to have a stronger upward pressure and may continue for the next few weeks.

<u>Quote to Think About:</u>

"The best people are not the ones whose souls burn so brightly it shines a spotlight on them, but whose light bathes those nearby in its glow."

> -Brendan O'Shaughnessy '93 Notre Dame From Notre Dame Magazine

Brain Builder: Try it! See what you come up with.

You and a fellow contractor each have the same number of drywall screws. How many pounds does he need to give you in order to have ten more pounds than him?

> *For the answer* to this month's BRAIN BUILDER! Go to **www.cavobuilderssupplies.com** or **www.ilionlumber.com**

Words Worth Reading:

A reflection on the work she is doing with the poor children of Uganda through Amazima Ministries: Amazima.org

"I can't really explain in words the love I felt for these children or why I felt it. I think many people would have looked at them and seen only their filthy clothes, the ringworm on their heads, or the mucus that ended up in a crust around their nostrils. They would have looked around at the dormitories of the orphanage with its smooth, hard cement floor where rats and cockroaches made themselves at home and been a bit disgusted. By the grace of God, though, I didn't see these things.

The truth is, I saw myself in those little faces. I looked at them and felt this love that was unimaginable and knew that this is the way God sees me. The children would run to me with gifts of stones or dirt and I saw myself, filthy and broken, offering my life to the God of the universe and begging Him to make it into something beautiful. I sit here in a broken world, small and dirty at His feet, and He who sits so high chooses to commune with me, to love me anyway. He blinds Himself to my sin and my filth so that He can forge a relationship with me. And this is what He did for me with these precious children. He blinded me to the filth and disease, and I saw only children hungry for love that I was eager to share with them. I adored them, not because of who I was, but because of who He is. I just sat right down on that cold, hard floor and snuggled my nose into their dirty necks and kissed their fungus-covered heads and didn't even see it. I was in love."

-Kisses from Katie, by Katie Davis

Hardware Humor:



The "Pets Against People Using Animal Adjectives" group staged another protest demonstration outside Walters Hardware again last week.