

While Supplies Last

Commodities Update:

- <u>Steel stud</u> manufacturers keep trying to raise prices-with only limited success. They've announced a 10% increase effective March 5. Increased prices will initially hold, but as of late they seem to fall back.
- One manufacturer has announced a 7% increase for extruded polystyrene insulation (styrofoam) effective April 13. We'd imagine the other manufacturers will try for this increase also.
- Quikrete has announced a <u>bagged masonry</u> product increase for April 1. No details as yet, but it is expected to be a modest increase, as it is every year.
- Panel products: <u>OSB</u> is experiencing moderate, but noticeable, increases these past few weeks while <u>SYP plywood</u> has been very strong with high prices at an unusual time of year.
- Dimension lumber: The <u>Spruce</u> market is also very strong with crazy prices, especially for February and March! <u>SYP</u> dimension (from which we get PT lumber) has also been unusually high.

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

The reason a lot of people do not recogníze opportunity is because it usually goes around wearing overalls looking like hard work. Thomas A Edison

Brain Builder: See if you can figure it out!

From the great Leonardo Da Vinci himself!

"Huge figures will appear in human shape, and the nearer you get to them, the more their immense size will diminish." What is it?

> Go to Ilionlumber.com or for the answer!

<u>New Inventory Items:</u>

• We are now stocking FHA approved metal columns (4 adjustable) in sizes from 6'0" to 9'10"

Words <u>Worth</u> <u>Reading</u>:

We all need forgiveness. By Patty Shenberger

Forgiveness for others: Are there people in your life that have caused you pain? Have you been on the receiving end of someone being flawed? The greatest gift you can give yourself is to find forgiveness for them. Forgiveness isn't even about them; it's more about you. When you hold on to the anger and pain, you are the one to continue to experience the harmful affects of it, not the person who hurt you. They are usually just going on their merry way leaving you to collect debris. Not being able to forgive is actually a way that they can continue to hurt you and continue to have the power over you. Forgiveness can allow you to find the humanity in that other person who wronged you; to accept that we are all flawed including the person who wronged you. Forgiveness isn't excusing their behavior though. Forgiving doesn't require that other person acknowledge the wrong they did to you. Waiting for someone to repent their wrongs is surrendering your future to them. You may never get that from them. So it has to come first from within. So forgiveness has to start within you. Forgive others and you will experience tremendous freedom. It frees the space that you are holding this all in for more love in your life.

Hardware Humor: Spackle by Dave Coverly

