

Commodities Update:

- Dimension lumber: The <u>SPF</u> market has come off these past weeks of May but we may have found the bottom of the market as the buying activity has picked up and price decreases are slowing or stopping entirely. Be aware, though, that an additional countervailing duty will be imposed on Canadian lumber coming into the US starting in August which will push prices up. <u>PT lumber</u> has seen price softness also (with the exception of timbers-4X4,4X6 and 6X6 which are still way higher than late winter prices) but, again, the bottom may be here soon.
- Panels: <u>SYP plywood</u> and <u>Fir plywood</u> are both increasing after a few weeks of decreasing prices. <u>OSB</u> is now at its low for the last six months or more.
- Insulation products: <u>Rockwool</u> increase of 8-16% effective 7/7/25.
- Gypsum products: By the time this newsletter is released you will have seen a **drywall** price decrease (!) which somewhat neutralizes the increase from earlier this year.
- Steel products: The <u>steel stud</u> increase scheduled for 5/1/25 did not occur. <u>Rebar</u> and <u>mesh</u> are holding fairly steady.

Words Worth Reading:

"No labor, however humble, is dishonoring." The Talmud

We should never be embarrassed about our work or look down our noses at the work of others. If anything is embarrassing, it is to do a job poorly that we are fully capable of doing well.

Not all work is compensated with money or occurs in a traditional workplace. Whether we are mining for coal, performing surgery, taking care of children or cooking dinner for those we love- our work brings us its own rewards, beyond the immediate needs it fulfills.

Linda Picong

Construction word origins:

Why do we say plumb? Plumb is from the Latin word "plumbum" (and if you're not calling every plumber you know a plumbum you're missing the opportunity for a good crack). Plumbum means lead. Its first construction usage was in the use of lead weights connected to a string to find a perfectly vertical line. We still use this tool which is a plumb bob although the weight is no longer lead.

A plumber, then, is someone who works with lead which historically is the material used for pipes. The name stuck and now anyone who works with pipes is called a plumber.

From: The Language of Carpentry

Fun with numbers:

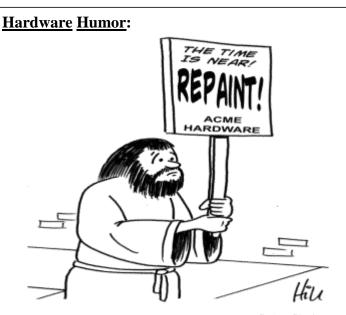
If you subtract your age from 84 and add 40 you will have the year you were born!



Quote to think about:

"Try to be the best version of yourself each day.

People will notice and try to give you the best version of themselves."



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