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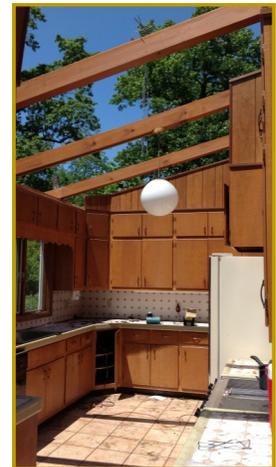
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Our best future clients can be reached through our past clients. If you have a friend or neighbor who is considering a remodeling project, pass along our newsletter and share the word. We love meeting new people and sharing the journey of a new project!

A House for a Lifetime: Hwy. B Project, Part 1

Earlier this year, the Taff's learned of a property for sale adjacent to their family land. The property itself is a beauty. Meadows, fields ripe for planting, a gurgling creek that winds its way along the border, a foot bridge and walking path through the woods. Idyllic. Located on the property is an incredibly spacious 1970's era house with four bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and an open floor plan. The Universal Design guru in Larry perked up. What better way to showcase all of the Universal Design possibilities than to completely rehab a house that practically speaks accessibility. Welcome aboard, Project Hwy. B.

Fast forward to summer. The house is in a state of disrepair, but this is a trifle to someone who remodels homes for a living. It is a major undertaking, but one that can easily be phased over a period of time. The first phase of this project involves the roof and making it structurally sound with new trusses. Replacing the roof allows for some spectacular photo opportunities as you can see from the photos at right. How often does one get a birds eye view of a roofless house? Or see a full kitchen open to the sky? Phase one is now complete and the new roof is in place. Many decisions need to be made about the interior and exterior. Stay tuned as we follow this project through its completion. This structure holds untold promise!



FOR SALE: 1x10 Clear Redwood milled circa 1970. You will not find wood grain like this in today's milled redwood. Give the office a call if the woodworker in you has a need for some beautiful redwood.

9 things to do to get ready for winter



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Captain's Corner

Did you happen to catch Larry's interview on WPR's Larry Meiller show? Larry and Chad Speight spent an hour discussing Universal Design with Larry Meiller and his callers. If you missed the show, check out the podcast at wpr.org/audioarchives and search for: Larry Meiller Show 6/13/13 11:00am Home Improvement and Accessibility Show#130613F

Also, our Office Manager Kristin and her daughter just completed a 300 mile bike ride to benefit AIDS Network of Wisconsin. I like to think I helped a bit with their training...I love bikes! Woof!

Here's a checklist of things from Madison Gas and Electric to do to get your home ready for the change of season.

Inside

Check the batteries in your programmable thermostat. Don't come home to a cold house! Check the batteries before the winter weather gets here.

Check smoke detectors. Test smoke detectors to make sure they are working and change the battery if needed.

Install a carbon monoxide (CO) detector. CO is a silent killer! If you have a furnace, fireplace, water heater or other appliance that is fueled by fossil fuel, the chances of CO poisoning from malfunctioning appliances in-

creases substantially as houses are closed up for the winter. Exhaust fumes from an attached garage can also leak into living areas. CO detectors are inexpensive—just plug in and they could save your life.

Change your furnace filter. Before the heating season starts, change your furnace filter. If you haven't had your furnace serviced for more than two years, now's a good time to do that also.

Clean and inspect the fireplace. Wood-burning fireplaces can get a buildup of creosote in the chimney. Have the chimney checked and cleaned if necessary. Close the damper when not in use.

Outside

Check weather-stripping. Check the weather-stripping around doors and windows and replace as needed. Leaks around windows and doors not only create drafts but also waste heat.

Check and clean gutters. Blocked gutters and downspouts can cause water backup. Clean your gutters of leaves and other tree debris. Check all connections.

Check and clean dryer venting system. Replace white plastic vent hose with metallic vent pipe.

Turn off outdoor faucets. Disconnect and drain hoses. Install freeze-proof faucet covers as needed.

Snow Removal Service

The Farmer's Almanac predicts a cold, snowy winter this year. Before the white stuff starts

flying, we wanted to remind you that TZ offers snowplow service. If you are

interested, please give the office a call and we will give you a personalized quote.

This tasty sauce goes great with any meat. Larry's favorite is fish. Enjoy!

Grandma Taff's BBQ

Juice of 3 lemons
1/2—1 stick of butter
1/4c. Ketchup
Salt & pepper to taste

Chef's note: This is one of those family recipes passed down through oral history, so it can be modified. Butter can be reduced, Ketchup and lemon juice can be increased until desired thickness and tang is reached.

Grill meat of choice until browned. Brush on BBQ sauce the last 15-20 minutes of grilling. Sauce will caramelize and blacken slightly for best flavor.

