



# Final Cookout Benefits Food Finders

There was nail driving, pie throwing and lots of food eaten at the final Henry Poor Lumber customer cook-

out. With the goal to provide food and monetary donations to provide 1000 meals, everyone who stopped by was given a chance to contribute by leaving a food donation or taking part in the nail driving contest or pie toss.

Poor event would provide 2,053 meals. Courtney commented, "Thank you so much for your participation and support of Food Finders. Your donations will go far in helping to feed our hungry neighbors this winter."



Charles Chad receiving his prize from Eric Miller.

### Driving Home a Point

In the nail driving contest each participant was timed as they drove 25 nails into a 2"x 6" board. There were some very impressive efforts with Charles Chad of Decks Unlimited completing the task in 1:08. For his efforts Charles was presented with a Paslode Nail Gun valued at \$320.

Event organizer Breyanna Turner also noted, "Thanks to all of you for your support and donations. Providing food and donations for over 2000 meals was awesome. We couldn't have done it without all of you. The costumes, the pies, the nail driving contest, were a great success! I am so proud to be a part of such an AMAZING TEAM."

### Making a Mess for a Good Cause

Lisa Kantz, Jason Scheumann and Breyanna Turner earned the dubious honor of having plates of whip cream tossed in their direction. They had a great time getting messy for more donations.



(L-R) Lisa Kantz, Jason Scheumann and Breyanna Turner take one for the cause.

out held on October 31 – Halloween. To capture the spirit of the day all the Henry Poor team dressed in different costumes including Ragged Ann, Captain Hook, a little Dutch girl, and a questionable looking doctor.

### Drum Roll Please

Courtney Sloan from Food Finders reported that after weighing the food drive donations totaling 142 pounds and taking into account the monetary donations that had been collected, that the Henry



Thanks to all who made 2014 a great year in so many ways!

## When Santa Calls, Henry Poor Responds

When Santa calls and needs help with his sleigh, Henry Poor Lumber was quick to respond. Making sure the hundreds of children were not disappointed at this year's annual Lafayette-West Lafayette Christmas Parade held on December 7th,



Enclosure built for the driver of Santa's float.

Henry Poor was happy to do what it could to be of service to Santa.

When the Mayor's Youth Council needed help modifying their float which carries Santa's sleigh, Henry Poor's Jerret Schiery put his wood working skills into action. In order to protect Santa's driver from the elements, Jerret constructed an enclosure that fit over the driver's compartment. This was a welcome addition on those cold blustery days.

Once the driver enclosure was at-



The Mayor's Youth Council float in the annual Lafayette-West Lafayette Christmas parade.

tached to the float, Scott Summers, a city of Lafayette employee, was able to guide Santa's sleigh in the parade and get Santa to all his appointed rounds on time.

## More Balanced Growth In 2015

In a report recently released by Dodge Data & Analytics it predicts that total U.S. construction starts for 2015 will rise 9% to \$612 billion, a larger gain than the 5% increase to \$564 billion estimated for 2014.

Helping to lift total construction starts for the upcoming year are several factors. These include financing for construction projects is becoming more available, reflecting some easing of bank lending standards, investments in real estate development are increasing, and construction bonds are becoming more accessible.

**Commercial building** will increase 15%, slightly faster than the 14% gain estimated for 2014. Office construction has assumed a leading role in the commercial building upturn.

**Institutional building** will advance 9% with the educational building category now seeing an increasing amount of K-12 school construction, and healthcare facilities are expected to show some improvement relative to diminished activity in 2014.

**Single family housing** will rise 15% in dollars, corresponding to an 11% increase in units. It's expected that access to home mortgage loans will be expanded, lifting housing demand.

**Multifamily housing** will increase 9% in dollars and 7% in units. Occupancies and rent growth continue to be supportive, although the rate of increase for construction is now decelerating as the multifamily market matures.

## 2015 Home Building & Remodeling Show Coming Soon



Make plans now to attend the 2015 Home Building and Remodeling Show on February 28 and March 1.

Join Henry Poor Lumber and Greater Lafayette's top home builders and remodelers at this year's show sponsored by the Builder Association of Greater Lafayette.

For up to the minute details on the show go to the [BAGL Face-book](#) page.



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