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An OABR Governmental Affairs sponsored event An OABR Governmental Affairs sponsored event

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# OHE NEWS (0)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES to OABR Print Shop Coordinator Jim Holmes who will celebrate his birthday in March.

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS to Kristi Jerkovich, CEO of the Southwest Iowa Association of REALTORS® who recently lost her mother.

### SEND US YOUR NEWS!

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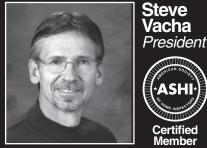
Thanks to the March 2009 Sponsors Alan Stoltenberg – SAC Federal Credit Union Dennis Meyer – TierOne Bank Cherie Casey – The Home Buyers Protection Co Sara Kelley – TierOne Bank John Eggenberg – SureHome Inspection Co The upcoming New Member Orientation is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday,

April 9, 2009 from

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The OABR Bylaws require that every new member attend an Orientation Program upon application for membership in the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS<sup>®</sup>. 3





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# **AFFILIATE ADVOCATE**

Submitted By: Sara Kelley Senior Mortgage Loan Officer, TierOne Bank



# **Improving Your FICO® Credit Score**

It's important to note that raising your FICO<sup>®</sup> credit score is a bit like losing weight. It takes time, and there is no quick fix. In fact, quick-fix efforts may backfire. The best advice is to manage credit responsibly over time.

An excellent resource for understanding, managing and checking credit is www.myfico. com, a division of Fair Isaac Corporation. For assistance in correcting credit challenges, Consumer Credit Counseling Services is a non-profit community service organization that helps consumers manage their credit. Visit the CCCS website at www.cccsn.org or call (402) 333-8609.

### Payment History Pay your bills on time.

Delinquent payments and collections can have a major negative impact on your FICO<sup>®</sup> score.

# If you have missed payments, get current and stay current.

The longer you pay your bills on time, the better your credit score will be.

# Understand that paying off a collection account will not remove it from your credit report.

It will stay on your report for seven years.

If you are having trouble financially, contact your creditors or

### see a legitimate credit counselor.

This won't improve your credit score immediately, but if you begin to manage your credit and pay on time, your score will improve over time.

### **Amounts Owed**

# Keep balances low on credit cards and other "revolving credit."

High outstanding debt may affect your credit score.

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The role of the Affiliate Council of the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS<sup>®</sup> is to promote business relationships and services to REALTOR<sup>®</sup> members, actively solicit Affiliate membership in the OABR and promote ethical business practices of Affiliate Members.

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Monthly meeting agendas, minutes, and financials can be found on the Affiliate website. The web address is www.oabraffiliates.com.



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### Pay off debt rather than move it around.

The most effective way to improve your credit score is paying down your revolving credit. In fact, owing the same amount but having fewer open accounts may lower your score.

# Do not close unused credit cards as a short-term strategy to raise your score.

Closing an account doesn't make it disappear. A closed account will continue to appear on your credit report and may be considered by the score.

### **New Credit**

# Conduct rate shopping for a given loan within a focused period of time.

FICO scores distinguish between a search for a single loan and a search for many new credit lines, in part by the length of time over which inquiries occur.

# Re-establish your credit history if you have had problems.

Opening new accounts responsibly and pay-Continued on Page 6



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ing them off on time will raise your credit score in the long term.

### If you have been managing credit for a short time, do not open a lot of new accounts too rapidly.

New accounts will lower your average account age and will have a larger effect on your score if you don't have a lot of other credit information. Rapid account buildup may also look risky if you are a new credit user.

### Request and check your own credit report.

This won't affect your score as long as you order your credit report directly from the credit reporting agency or through an organization authorized to provide credit reports to consumers.

### **Types of Credit Use**

# Apply for and open new accounts only as needed.

Don't open a number of new credit cards that you don't need just to increase your available

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# Maintain credit cards but manage them responsibly.

In general having credit cards and installment loans (and making timely payments) will raise your credit score. Someone with no credit cards, for example, tends to be higher risk than someone who has managed credit cards responsibly.

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# February Unscramble Words!!! Lisa Humlicek from NP Dodge Real Estate Won A \$50 Gift Certificate to the OABR Print Shop

From the following letters, many OABR Members unscrambled the letters provided. Here are the answers!

1. CMRMCAIOLES COMMERCIALS
2. TRAXE OITPN <b>EXTRA POINT</b>
3. DLURESOH DASP SHOULDER PADS
4. ROTPHY <b>TROPHY</b>
5. NEFFSEO OFFENSE
6. EDNSFEE DEFENSE
7. AAPTM ABY <b>TAMPA BAY</b>
8. KKCI FOF KICK OFF
9. IRTUTBHSPG ESRTLESE <b>PITTSBURGH STEELERS</b>
10 YTLENPA PENALTY

11. OHODCWUTN TOUCHDOWN
12. ZARAION ADIRLNSAC <b>ARIZONA CARDINALS</b>
13. ITKTSCE TICKETS
14. RPYAT <b>PARTY</b>
15. EDFIL LAGO FIELD GOAL
16. GPI ISKN PIG SKIN
17. AYRD MKRAER <b>YARD MARKER</b>
18. EEJRYS JERSEY
19. ANPYLET PENALTY
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# Unscramble Words!!! Win A \$50 Gift Certificate

From the following letters, unscramble the word. The OABR Member whose name will be drawn for all correct guesses will win a \$50 Gift Certificate to the OABR Print Shop. Fax your answers to Donna at the OABR, 493-7189 or mail to 11830 Nicholas St, Omaha, NE 68154. All correct guesses must be submitted to the OABR Office no later than March 15, 2009. Winner and answers will be in April 2009 Focus. Good luck!!!!

1. OMGMOYNETR
2. AAHALLTSEES
3. UEJUNA
4. AAALTTN
5. ORENASCTAM
6. IDPILAINAOSN
7. NTRRFKFOA
8. PSRGNLIDIEF
9. OUNLLHOU
10. ONCILLN
11. LEHEAN
12. NALABY
13. NNTEORT
14. MSEAL
15. ISRBKAM
16. UIRAHGRSBR
17. VLHSNLAIE
18. OIRDEPENVC
19. NHCDRIMO
20. LMAYOIP
THEME
Name:
Company:
Address:
Phone:

# Design A Pantry For Your New Home or Part of Your Remodeling Project

One aspect of your new home plan requires a very personal touch from you. The pantry is a most-

important adjunct to your kitchen.

Here are some tips from designers.

Shallow shelves. Keep your inventory in sight with shelves that are a maximum of 18 inches deep. Allow enough space at the top so you can see everything on the shelves or so you can stack cans or cartons one on top of another.

Allow plenty of space on the floor. You'll need it for large packages of paper towels, bottled water and 24-packs of soda. About two feet is enough, unless you buy cartons of toilet paper at a big-box store.

Build a pass-through window to the kitchen. When you need several items, you won't have to carry them out to the kitchen. The window is also handy for passing groceries from the kitchen to the

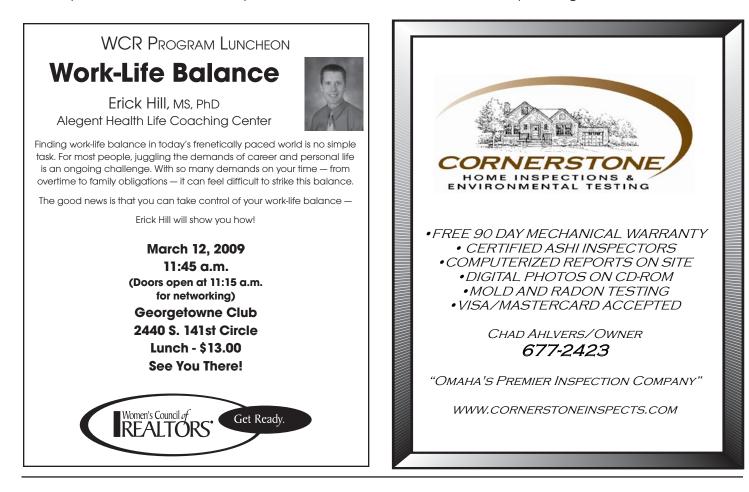
pantry.

Create a place for bulky appliances. Cubby holes for the food processor, blender, toaster and portable oven allow for more counter space.

If your pantry is small, pullouts, bins, back-of-the door racks and adjustable shelves can help you use the space more effectively.

Drawers and pullout bins work in small pantries and large pantries alike. They are good for storing potatoes and onions or bags of dried beans, rice and peas. Pullout bins are great for anything that doesn't come in a box.

Allow a space for wire baskets where you can store fruit and keep it in sight.





### OMAHA AREA BOARD OF REALTORS® COMMITTEE, COUNCIL, FORUM, OR TASK FORCE ENROLLMENT FORM

#### GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Governmental Affairs Committee monitors state and national legislation relating to the real estate industry, interviews political candidates and makes recommendations to the Nebraska REALTORS<sup>®</sup> Association for RPAC contributions. The Committee also participates in grassroots lobbying efforts and organizes RPAC fundraising campaigns. Subcommittees which report to the Governmental Affairs Committee are RPAC, Legislative Review and Candidate Interview.

#### SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Safety Committee monitors the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS<sup>®</sup> office and surrounding premises for the maintenance and protection of the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS<sup>®</sup> facility, members and staff.

#### MLS COMPUTER COMMITTEE

The purpose of the MLS Computer Committee is to monitor and make recommendations for changes, if any, in the Great Plains REALTORS® Multiple Listing Service, Inc.'s MLS system. The Committee reports to the Great Plains REALTORS® Multiple Listing Service, Inc. Board of Directors.

#### AFFILIATE COUNCIL

The Affiliate Council promotes the business relationship and services of OABR Affiliates to OABR REALTOR® members, actively solicits OABR Affiliate membership, and promotes ethical business practices of OABR Affiliate members. The Council does many things including items such as the "Affiliate Advocate" column in *FOCUS* and sponsoring some of the OABR orientation coffee breaks.

The Affiliate Council handles OABR special events such as the Fall Bowling, Toys for Tots and the OABR golf outing. They also assist the Member Services Forum in other membership events, as requested by the Forum.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FORUM

The Economic Development Forum keeps the OABR Board of Directors abreast of Omaha and Nebraska Economic issues, monitors various issues as directed by the OABR Board of Directors, and is the advocate on those issues for any OABR Board of Directors position taken.

#### EDUCATION FORUM

The Education Forum provides education programs to serve the needs of the members of the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS<sup>®</sup>. It offers educational programs to the members and is responsible for the OABR New Member Orientation Course.

#### MEMBER SERVICES FORUM

The Member Services Forum reviews the eligibility of OABR membership applicants and makes recommendations regarding applicant's eligibility to the OABR Board of Directors. It reviews member needs and potential services to members and forms suggestions to achieve those goals. The Forum creates activities such as the Annual Chili Cook-Off and the Annual Cook Out and Carnival for OABR members. The Forum also plans and implements community projects approved by the OABR Board of Directors that enhance the image of REALTORS® in this community.

#### BYLAWS TASK FORCE

The Bylaws Task Force reviews the OABR Bylaws for any changes necessary to stay in compliance with the National Association of REALTORS<sup>®</sup>. (Members are appointed by the OABR President).

#### FORMS TASK FORCE

The Forms Task Force creates new and reviews all existing OABR and MLS forms that are either sold by OABR or MLS or given as part of member services, to make sure the forms have value to the membership and are in compliance with Nebraska law.

#### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY-CULTURAL DIVERSITY TASK FORCE

To promote equal opportunity in housing and diversity within the real estate industry; to examine the growing cultural diversity within the United States; to promote the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS®'s activities to heighten awareness of increased diversity within the real estate profession and the membership; to identify the concerns and needs of culturally diverse and minority members of the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS® and to assist in the development of plans to address those concerns and needs.

#### ISSUES MOBILIZATION FUND TASK FORCE (IMF)

The Issues Mobilization Fund Task Force is organized and operated primarily for the purpose of supporting or opposing state and local issues which impact real property in the Omaha Area and accepting contributions to aid in the support or opposition. It also supports grassroots lobbying and educational efforts related thereto. IMF funds shall not be used for support of candidates or for any purpose prohibited by federal or state laws that govern issue advocacy committees. IMF decisions shall be consistent with the current strategic plan and policies of the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS.

#### NOMINATING TASK FORCE

At least four (4) months before the annual Omaha Area Board of REALTORS® (OABR) election, a OABR Nominating Task Force of seven (7) REALTOR® Members shall be appointed by the OABR President Elect which appointees shall be approved by of the OABR Board of Directors. The appointees shall consist of the OABR President Elect as Chairman, the OABR President, one OABR Director, 2 OABR Past Presidents and 2 Active OABR Members at Large. The OABR Nominating Task Force shall select one or more candidates for each OABR office, except that of OABR President, and one or more candidates for each place to be filled on the OABR Board of Directors.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS TASK FORCE

The Public Relations Task Force promotes activities and events of the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS® (OABR) which bring positive attention and recognition to OABR. They also promote activities that enhance the REALTOR® image within the community and the OABR organization. The Task Force is responsible for the establishment of a Speakers Bureau if requested by the OABR Board of Directors.

#### RPAC FUND RAISING TASK FORCE

The RPAC Fund Raising Task Force coordinates the RPAC fund raising efforts for the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS  $\ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}$  .

#### **OMAHA AREA BOARD OF REALTORS® FOUNDATION**

The Foundation is organized for educational purposes, including distribution of funds to organizations qualifying as exempt organizations under \$ 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax code.

The Foundation is managed by a Board of Directors. The number of Directors shall be not less than three (3) or not more than six (6) elected annually by the Board of Directors of the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS<sup>®</sup>. Historically the names are chosen in September of each year by the OABR President and submitted to the September OABR Board of Directors for election.

#### REGIONAL GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE (Delegated to Nebraska REALTORS® Association)

The Grievance Committee is responsible for preliminary investigation of written complaints alleging violations of the Code of Ethics and/or requests for arbitration. They forward them to the Professional Standards Committee as they deem necessary.

Grievance Committee members are appointed by the President of the OABR.

**REGIONAL PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**(Delegated to Nebraska REALTORS® Association) The Professional Standards Committee conducts hearing's on investigation of complaints referred to it by the Regional Grievance Committee on matters of alleged ethical misconduct or to provide arbitration.

Professional Standards Committee members are appointed by the President of the OABR.

### COMMITTEE, COUNCIL, FORUM, OR TASK FORCE APPLICATION FORM

NAME \_

COMPANY \_\_\_\_

ADDRESS

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to serve on the following committee, council, forum, or task force (s) \_\_\_\_\_

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# Tips & Tricks

## Paragon 3x Customize Spreadsheet Results View

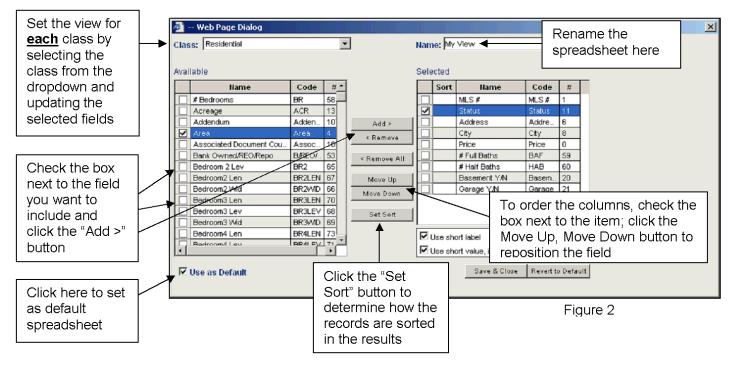
Paragon v3.x offers the ability to create custom spreadsheet views for your search results. This installment of Tips & Tricks reviews customizing the spreadsheet view for each class.

First let's start by naming the spreadsheet something you will recognize in the Select View drop-down menu or under the View/Reports button under Spreadsheets, and then setting the view as your default. For this exercise we will call the spreadsheet "My View". Use the following steps to customize the view:

- 1. Click on Preferences
- 2. Select Views/Reports
- 3. Click on the Spreadsheets tab (Paragon should default to this tab)
- 4. You can select any of the first five spreadsheets, but for this exercise click on the first spreadsheet. It might be called Default Spreadsheet or just Spreadsheet (Fig. 1).



5. The following web page dialog window will launch (Fig. 2).



- 6. Rename the view to "My View" or whatever name you want to use for your spreadsheet.
- 7. From this view (Fig. 2) you can move fields to and from the Available and Selected windows by checking the boxes and clicking the "Add >" or "< Remove"

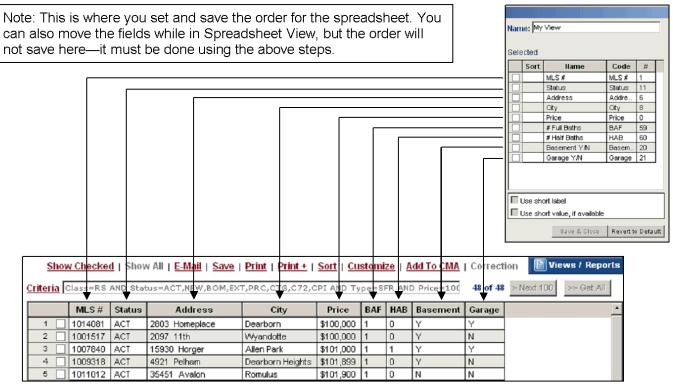
buttons. You can also change the order of the fields in the Selected window by checking the box and clicking the "Move Up" or "Move Down" button.

- 8. You can set how you want the records to sort by clicking on the "Set Sort" button.
- Select the initial sort option. You can either select second and third sort options or leave them blank by leaving "Select a column" in the drop down menu (Fig. 3).
- 10. Click OK to save the sort
- 11. Once you have finished adding/removing/repositioning fields and you have renamed the spreadsheet, you can also set the spreadsheet to be your default spreadsheet by clicking the "Use As Default" box at the bottom right corner of the Web Page Dialog window.

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Figure 3

- 12. Finally, <u>you will need to set up the desired fields for each class!</u> The spreadsheet that you just set up for Residential WILL NOT appear for the other classes. To set up the preferred fields for each class, just select the class from the "Class:" drop-down menu and repeat the steps above.
- 13. Your new view (My View) now appears under Views/Reports > Spreadsheets



Fiaure 4

Good luck with this tool!

# Supra Education Corner Supra Education Corner

Brought to you by the Omaha Area Board of REALTORS® and Lisa Welch your Supra Systems Coordinator

### SUPRA KEY TIPS ... Tip of the Month: What is an 'Authorization Code?'

### What is an 'Authorization Code?'

An 'Authorization Code' is a 30-digit code which is used to activate eKey on your Smartphone, Palm or Blackberry.

### When do I need an 'Authorization Code?'

- · Setting up eKey service on your Smartphone/Palm/Blackberry the 1st time
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- · Getting a new or replacement Smartphone/Palm/Blackberry

### Can I reuse an 'Authorization Code?'

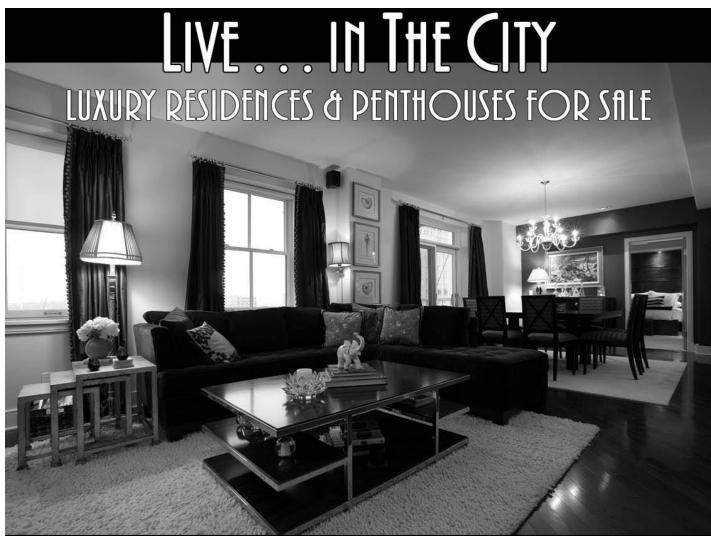
No, if you ever need another 'Authorization Code' you can generate it from www.supraekey. com.

### Where can I get an 'Authorization Code?'

- Access www.supraekey.com
- · Click on 'Agents Log Onto KIMweb'
- Select your Association / MLS from the dropdown menu; 'NE – Omaha Area Board of realtors'
- Enter your eKey # (Located on the sticker on your phone, on your ekey manual you received when you signed up with the program, or contact your association)
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- Click Login
- On the menu on the left hand side of the page click on 'Authorization code;' if you do not remember the answer to your 'Secret Question' click 'I forgot' and follow the onscreen instructions.
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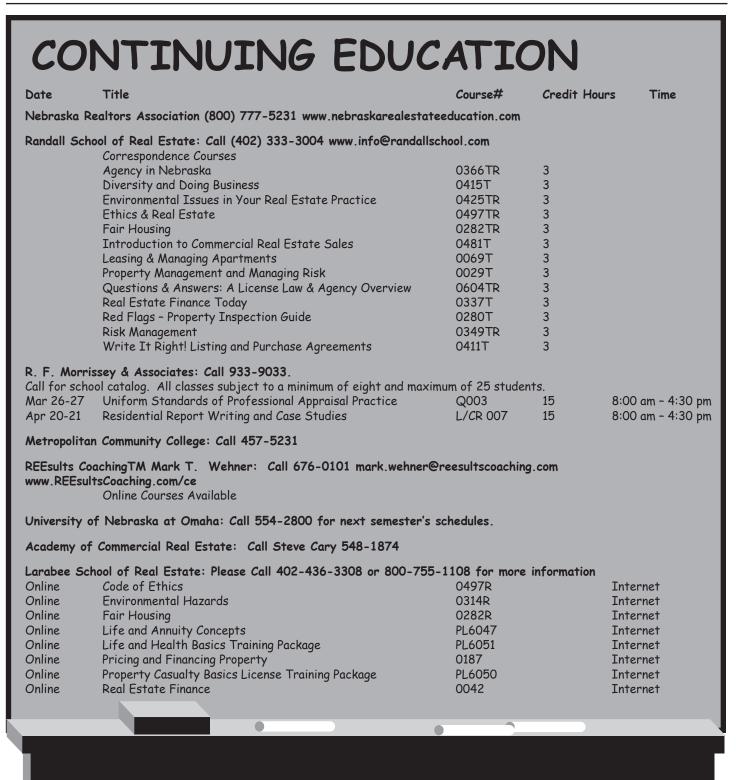
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> Here's to a positive and productive 2009, Tori Lynn Ross of Ross Designs, LLC - Affiliate Marketing Chair

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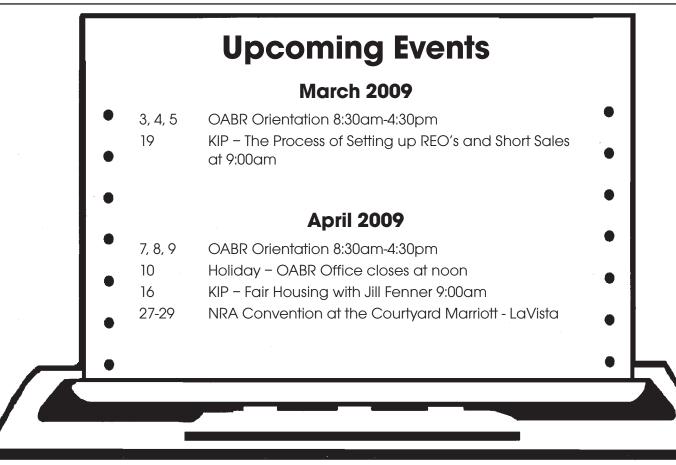


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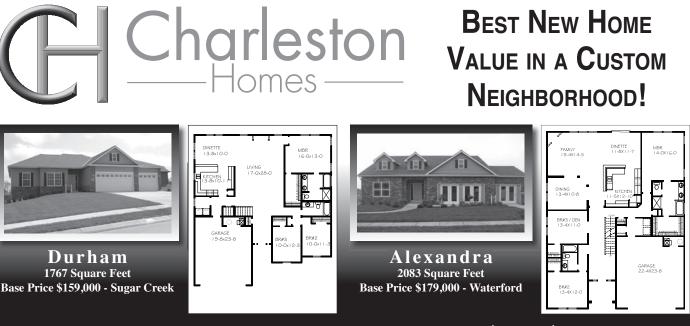


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- Gilbert, William 7900/DEEB Realty
- Johnson, David 7900/DEEB Realty

Mathis, Stephanie – 21/CBSHOME Real Estate

- May, Sandra 803/NP Dodge VI LLC
- Nelson, Jenny 7900/DEEB Realty
- Pitman, Sherry 7900/DEEB Realty
- Ramazani, Zari 777/NP Dodge I LLC
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- Miller, Mike 100804/Farmers Insurance
- Rasmussen, Brent 100806/Mortgage Specialists LLC
- Stagon, Mary 100807/Home Selling Designs

#### MEMBER TRANSFERS

- AAsum, Tammy From 779/NP Dodge IV LLC To 100385/Alliance Real Estate LLC
- Andersen, Matthew From 4301/Prudential Ambassador Real Estate To 4300/Prudential Ambassador Real Estate
- Beebee, Susan From 100087/Century 21 Hansen Realty To 100263/Century 21 Hansen Realty
- Benson, Kristine From 330/Hearthstone Homes Inc To 24/CBSHOME Real Estate
- Blinn, Ellen From 100087/Century 21 Hansen Realty To 100263/Century 21 Hansen Realty
- Bowne, Connie From 803/NP Dodge VI LLC To 770/NP Dodge V LLC
- Broadwater, Cassidee From 777/NP Dodge I LLC To 770/NP Dodge V LLC
- Bustamante Salgado, Placido From 7900/DEEB Realty To 100425/Guardian Real Estate LLC

- Colburn, Stephen From 4300/Prudential Ambassador Real Estate To 20/CBSHOME Real Estate
- Dunn, Thomas From 100752/Keller Williams Greater Omaha To 779/NP Dodge IV LLC
- Flynn, Mary From 100087/Century 21 Hansen
- Realty To 100263/Century 21 Hansen Realty Freeman, Herbert From 100524/NP Dodge IV LLC To 777/NP Dodge I LLC
- Gillogly, Cheryl From 771/NP Dodge III LLC To 4300/Prudential Ambassador Real Estate
- Gowens, Ellen From 100087/Century 21 Hansen Realty To 100263/Century 21 Hansen Realty
- Granger, Troy From 803/NP Dodge VI LLC To 779/ NP Dodge IV LLC
- Green, Shannon From 771/NP Dodge III LLC To 770/NP Dodge V LLC
- Gregor, Thomas From 21/CBSHOME Real Estate To 7900/DEEB Realty
- Gruhn, Clayton From 100087/Century 21 Hansen Realty To 100263/Century 21 Hansen Realty
- Holstein, Érica From 4300/Prudential Ambassador Real Estate To 100752/Keller Williams Greater Omaha
- Howe, Arlen From 100087/Century 21 Hansen Realty To 100263/Century 21 Hansen Realty
- Jackson, Cleo From 100087/Century 21 Hansen Realty To 100263/Century 21 Hansen Realty
- Johnson, Dianne From 100087/Century 21 Hansen Realty To 100263/Century 21 Hansen Realty
- Konyek, Debbie From 100087/Century 21 Hansen Realty To 100263/Century 21 Hansen Realty
- Kosiski, Trisha From 100087/Century 21 Hansen Realty To 100263/Century 21 Hansen Realty
- Labs, Marsha From 23/CBSHOME Real Estate To 5000/Celebrity Homes Inc
- McDonald, Janice From 771/NP Dodge III LLC To 4300/Prudential Ambassador Real Estate
- Martin, Tina From 803/NP Dodge VI LLC To 779/ NP Dodge IV LLC
- Meisinger, Joni From 779/NP Dodge IV LLC Pap To 800/NP Dodge IV LLC – Platts
- Miller, Aaron From 779/NP Dodge IV LLC To 803/ NP Dodge VI LLC
- Morris, Jeanean From 100087/Century 21 Hansen Realty To 100263/Century 21 Hansen Realty
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- Berlin, Jeff 4300/Prudential Ambassador Real Estate
- Bockman, Michael 6212/RE/MAX Real Estate Group
- Keller, Douglas 100432/Gold Realty LLC
- Krecji, Melissa 100752/Keller Williams Greater Omaha
- McCaskill, Marcus 530/CENTURY 21 Century Real Estate

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1	2	3	4	WCR Executive Comm. 8:30-10:00 am at OABR	6	7	
		Affiliates 9:00 am-1:30 pm at OABR		<b>Ed Comm.</b> 10:00-11:00 am at OABR	<b>Toastmasters</b> 7:15-8:30 am at OABR		
		New Member Orientation 8:30 am-4:00 pm at OABR	<b>New Member Orientation</b> 8:30 am-4:00 pm at OABR	New Member Orientation 8:30 am-12:00 pm at OABR			
8	9	<b>Equal Opportunity</b> 11:00 am -12:00 pm at OABR	Member Services 10:00-11:00 am at OABR	12	<b>1</b> <b>Toastmasters</b> 7:15-8:30 am at OABR	14	
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