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## STICKER SHOCK

### BUILDING OR RENOVATING A HOME? EXPECT HIGHER PRICES

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**J**ennifer Rodgers has always dreamed of building a new home. • She lived in Copley for some 20 years and sold her home in September to temporarily move in with her fiancé, Mike, in Maple Heights while they build a new home in Stow. • Rodgers, who turned 60 not that long ago, said they have been dreaming and planning to build for about two years. • A few things they didn't plan for were a pandemic and the price of building materials to soar through the roof. • The cost of building supplies — if you can find them — is at or near record highs.

The financial blow has been softened some, Rodgers said, thanks to low interest rates, but even those are starting to creep up.

Working for a bank, Rodgers said, she's always been a bit thrifty and is one to save up and prepare for unexpected expenses.

But even she was surprised when a letter from the couple's builder arrived in the mail not too long ago announcing a "change order" to the tune of \$19,000 because of the rising cost of building materials for their dream ranch retirement home.



**Graves Lumber Co. President Ed Belair** talks Tuesday in Copley about the rising costs of building materials.

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**TOP: Darren Shultz**, vice president for Shultz Design & Construction, says soaring prices on everything from lumber to simple building supplies like a doorknob have driven up the final tab on projects. PHOTOS BY PHIL MASTURZO/AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

## What happened in Silver Lake?

### A high school party, an alleged assault and social media

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There wasn't supposed to be a party at the million-dollar Silver Lake house March 27.

A Walsh Jesuit High School senior invited just a couple of friends over that Saturday night to watch March Madness. But as word spread on social media, students from about seven other area high schools showed up, someone familiar with what happened said.

One, an 18-year-old with ties to Walsh Jesuit, passed out, apparently drunk.

What happened next remains somewhat murky. But at some point, his pants came off and another party-goer put the nozzle of a bottle of hand sanitizer between the 18-year-old's naked buttocks. Others filmed what was happening on their phones and posted it to social media. After seeing video of the incident, the 18-year-old reported it to police the next day as a

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### Q&A

## Talking to kids about social media ramifications

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How should you talk to children about social media and the potential ramifications of the words, images and videos they post? Toni Bisconti, a professor who teaches psychology at University of Akron, helps answer some questions:

**Q: At what age should parents begin talking to their children about what they post or view on social media and why?**

**A:** Quite honestly, they should start as soon as their children know how to do it, which is getting younger and younger. It should be part of a child's life if they have access to a screen. Also, they should have parental con-

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