



Ware-Butler Building Supply adds 200 more years of experience to its team!

Ware-Butler Building Supply and parent company Pleasant River Lumber have taken the next step in growth. Three long-time building supply and hardware retailers are joining forces with the Ware-Butler team to help better serve Maine's builders, contractors, and homeowners. Phinney Lumber in Gorham, Puiia Lumber Company in Mexico, and Jordan Lumber Company in Kingfield will all become part of the Ware-Butler and Pleasant River Lumber Maine family this spring. Additionally, with the acquisition of custom cabinet manufacturer Woodsmith's Manufacturing in Oakland, Ware-Butler and Pleasant River Lumber will continue its quest to provide its customers with Made in Maine products. Imagine a home package starting with the foundation pressure treated lumber, to the structural lumber framing, to the windows in the family room, to the finish of custom cabinets in the kitchen, all sourced locally in Maine!

Phinney Lumber in Gorham, a 3rd generation company established in 1928, servicing southern Maine, became a Ware-Butler Building Supply location on April 15th. Mike Phinney will remain as the Gorham location General Manager and efforts are well under way to help take the operation to the next level by being part of a growing statewide team.

Puiia Lumber Company in Mexico, a 2nd generation company established in Rumford in 1953, became a Ware-Butler Building Supply location on April 16th. Owner and GM Tom Puiia will turn the reigns over to his capable team with the support of Ware-Butler. The Mexico location will continue to service its core customers while growing to a full-service building supply operation with a larger delivery circle.

Jordan Lumber Company in Kingfield, a 2nd generation company established in the 1960's, will join the Ware-Butler team and continue to do business as Jordan Lumber at the end of May. Jonathan Jordan will remain as the General Manager as he has for over 30 years. The team in Kingfield will keep up its unparalleled service in the Kingfield/Sugarloaf region. They will now benefit from the support and resources of Ware-Butler.

Woodsmith's Manufacturing in Oakland established in 1998 will join the Ware-Butler team in mid-May. Owner John Templin will remain as the General Manager and will help guide the Woodsmith's team to the next level. John and his team plan to oversee investments in technology with Ware-Butler's support that will further help to streamline the manufacturing of high-quality, Maine-Made custom cabinetry. Ware-Butler is proud to provide Woodsmith's top-class products throughout the state.

"Ware-Butler Building Supply and Pleasant River Lumber are excited to bring over 200 years of experience to our retail team with this round of acquisitions. With nine stores in retail building supplies and hardware, along with Woodsmith's Manufacturing, we will be able to service and supply the residential and commercial building supply needs of Maine from Gorham to Greenville to Enfield.", says Pleasant River Lumber's Retail Operations Manager Alan Orcutt. With the new acquisitions, Ware-Butler will employ 185 people.

Parent company, Pleasant River currently owns and operates lumber manufacturing facilities in Dover-Foxcroft, Jackman, Enfield, Hancock, and Sanford that specialize in spruce/fir framing lumber and eastern white pine boards. In addition to the mills, Pleasant River Lumber owns Moosehead Cedar Log Homes in Greenville, Chaffee Transport in Clinton, Quality Saw Sales and Service, a full service saw filing and supply company in Enfield, ME, and A&A Brochu Logging, a logging division specializing in commercial thinning, headquartered in Enfield, ME. With the new acquisitions, the Pleasant River Lumber family of companies will employ a total of 568 people working and living in Maine.