

# TREELINE

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION



*(l-r) Fred Hardin of Gilkey Lumber Company accepted a plaque of recognition for serving two terms on the NCFA's Board of Directors from outgoing Board Chair Ray Allen during the last board meeting. In addition to his time on the board, Hardin is a volunteer for the NCFA's Forestry & Environmental Camps and a Friends of Forestry PAC supporter. Thanks Fred for your service to the NCFA!*

## NOMINATE A TEACHER TODAY FOR THE SFTE

The NCFA and the North Carolina SFI State Implementation Committee are hosting three Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experiences (SFTE) in 2016 with stops on the coast, piedmont and mountains.

The SFTE is a multi-day residential program that demonstrates all elements of forestry in North Carolina through in depth tours of forests, types of forestry, and wood products facilities.

The Coastal Experience is scheduled in New Bern, NC on June 20-23. The Mountain Experience in Asheville, NC occurs on June 27-30, however, this SFTE is already full. The Piedmont Experience takes place on July 19-22.

The cost for the entire week of lodging and food is only \$50. Teachers may request registration vouchers from NCFA members in their community. The goal is to have 40 participants at each location. Registration for the program is first-come-first serve basis based on qualifications.

"We encourage our membership to reach out to educators in their area to advertise this great program," stated Gibson. "In many cases, our members are covering the cost of the registration fee."

There is information on the NCFA's website on the program. For further questions or assistance, please contact Eddie Reese at the NCFA (919) 834-3943 ext. 2 or at ereese@ncforestry.org. ■



## NICHOLSON AND IVEY RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE TO NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

The Northampton County Forestry Association, formed in 1970, held its extremely popular Annual Meeting in Jackson, NC in February. It was a terrific turnout by members and sponsors alike as close to 200 people were in attendance.

The featured speaker for the evening was Sean McLaren, who is the Vice President of U.S. Operations for West Fraser. Formed in 1955 in western Canada, West Fraser is one of the largest lumber producers in North America with 13 lumber mills. Two of those mills are located in North Carolina, including the Seaboard Mill in Seaboard, NC and the Armour Mill in Riegelwood, NC. *(continued on page 5)*



*(l-r) John Nicholson received Northampton County Forestry Association's Outstanding Member Award from NCFS County Ranger Rodney Black and Northampton President Billy Ivey.*

## PROLOGGER PROGRAM HEADS WEST

The NCFA's ProLogger program graduated 22 new ProLoggers in February in Brasstown, NC. While there were no possum drop sightings, there was plenty of action to keep up with as the North Carolina Forest Service, North Carolina Department of Labor, the North Carolina Highway Patrol, Forestry Mutual and the NCFA presented the base class materials on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The class in Brasstown was the first base class held that far west and also was the first to feature the new two-day format for the base class. The class now combines input from training partners with the newest issues facing ProLoggers and the forest products

industry in two full days instead of 2.5 days.

Greg Helton, aka the Snow Miser, was not slowed by the few inches of snow that fell earlier in the week. After handling classroom duties in the morning, Helton led a demonstration of proper felling techniques.

While the base course was going on, several member companies were hosting Module 16 courses across the state. Thanks to all of our companies that host these training modules.

The ProLogger program continues to enjoy excellent retention numbers in the continuing education effort. This is the direct result of the cooperation of our ProLoggers and companies. ■



*The NCFA's ProLogger program added 22 new ProLoggers to the ranks in February. Thanks to our training partners, especially Forestry Mutual's Greg Helton who braved temperatures in the low twenties during his tree felling demonstration! Thanks also to Chris Logan of Valwood and Ron Heatherly of Evergreen for their sponsorship of the class. It marked the furthest west the ProLogger base class program has traveled since it was created in 1994.*



# NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

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| Tommy Adkins     | Robert Jordan     |
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## SUBMIT NEWS TO THE NCFCA

TreeLine is the monthly newsletter of the NCFCA. News items should be sent to Chris Brown at [cbrown@ncforestry.org](mailto:cbrown@ncforestry.org) or by calling (800) 231-7723 ext. 3.

The NCFCA is the state's oldest forest conservation organization, consisting of 4,000 members with ties to forestry and the forest products industry. A private, non-profit organization, the NCFCA promotes healthy, productive forests by supporting the efforts of landowners, the forest products industry, and related groups that responsibly manage and/or use forests. ■

# POLITICAL NEWS & REGULATORY ISSUES

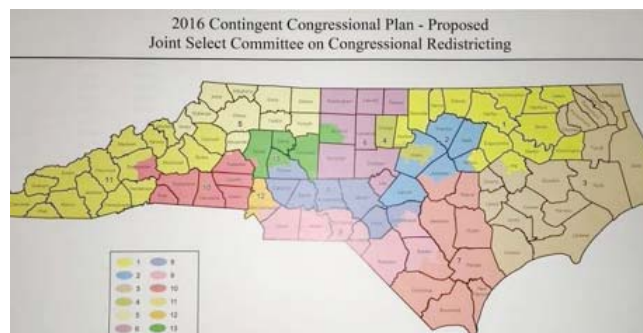
## COURTS FORCE NEW CONGRESSIONAL MAPS - NEW PRIMARY DATE FOR CONGRESSIONAL RACES

In February, the North Carolina General Assembly approved legislation that set forth a new Congressional map and a change in the primary election date just in time to meet a federal court deadline that ruled the existing map was unconstitutional.

The primaries for all 13 of North Carolina's members of Congress will no longer be held on March 15. They will be held on June 7, 2016. It's worth noting, this only impacts the House at the federal level.

The primary election on March 15 for the Presidential, Senate, North Carolina Senate and House, and state office races remains the same.

While Republicans still hope the U.S. Supreme Court will delay the previous federal court ruling, the General Assembly put forward the new map and date as a contingency plan. Here is a look at the new congressional map for North Carolina's 13 House Districts. ■



## FORESTRY DAY - MAY 3, 2016

The NCFCA's Forestry Day in the Legislature takes place on May 3, 2016 on the Halifax Mall in Raleigh. This day is the best chance for members to meet with their elected officials and advocate for forestry and the forest products industry.

That evening, the Friends of Forestry Political Action Committee will be holding its reverse raffle event. ■



## FRIENDS OF FORESTRY POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (FFPAC) WILL HOST REVERSE RAFFLE

The Friends of Forestry PAC will host its annual Reverse Raffle on May 3, 2016, which is the evening of Forestry Day in the Legislature. The venue for the raffle is changing this year. It will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Raleigh Crabtree Valley, 3912 Arrow Drive, Raleigh NC 27612. The raffle will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the drawing will be concluded by 9:30 p.m. The NCFCA's Board of Directors meeting will also take place at the Hilton Garden Inn on May 4, 2016, starting at 9:30 a.m.

During the reverse raffle, there will be finger foods, fellowship, and beverages as ticket holders track their luck on the big screen. The object of a reverse raffle is to be the last ticket left in the drum. Last year, four tickets were in the drum before the decision was made to split the pot of \$5,000.

If you would like to book a room for the evening of the Reverse Raffle and/or the NCFCA's Board of Directors meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn, the NCFCA has secured 30 rooms at a rate of \$129. The cutoff is April 12, 2016. The hotel number is (919) 703-2525.

Tickets have been distributed to NCFCA Board of Directors and FFPAC members. Tickets are one for \$50 or three for \$100. There are only 1,000 tickets being sold. The raffle is the FFPAC's biggest fundraising event of the year, generating over \$20,000. Please consider buying three or more raffle tickets from an NCFCA Board/FFPAC member.

If you would like to learn more about this event or the FFPAC in general, please contact Chris Brown at (919) 834-3943 ext. 3 or at [cbrown@ncforestry.org](mailto:cbrown@ncforestry.org). ■

## NC SFI SIC AND SLTC SET COURSE FOR 2016

The North Carolina SFI State Implementation Committee and the NCFA's Safety, Logging and Transportation Committee held their annual joint meeting earlier in February at the North Carolina Farm Bureau. The two committees met separately in the morning and convened the joint meeting in the afternoon to discuss ProLogger training topics in addition to hearing updates from the North Carolina Forest Service and the NCFA.

The ProLogger topics for the next module, Module 17, will be Forest Health with an emphasis on the statewide quarantine on Emerald Ash Borer, Thousands Cankers Disease and Laurel Wilt, Stream Crossings, Proper Operations around Power Lines, and Properly Preventing and Addressing Oil Spills.

The NC SFI SIC also recognized its outgoing chair, Jaime Teel. The 2016 leadership includes Bernard Rose, Chair; Amy Phillips, Vice-Chair; and Glen Sheehan, Treasurer. The committee also expressed its appreciation for the leadership of Scott Brewer, who has guided the NC SFI SIC's Education Subcommittee for the past four years. Doug Bursleson stepped forward to replace Brewer.

The SLTC continues to be under the direction of the dynamic duo of Billy Cipriani, Chair, and Chuck Daniels, Chair Elect. ■



(l-r) Jaime Teel was recognized by Bernard Rose and the entire NC SFI SIC for Teel's leadership of the committee.

## FOREST PLANS FOR NANTAHALA AND PISGAH ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND FEEDBACK

Starting this month, the Forest Service will provide an opportunity for the public and partners to see draft building blocks of the Nantahala and Pisgah Forest Plan as they are being developed. Some initial building blocks of the plan are available now on the National Forests in North Carolina website.

Since 2012, the Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests have been in the process of revising their forest plan. The forest plan is a required document that guides what activities can take place on a particular piece of Forest Service land. Forest plans are typically revised every 15-20 years.

"Public input is essential to our planning process," explains James Melonas, Deputy Forest Supervisor for (continued on page 7)

## OAKS UNLIMITED NCDA&CS NAMED 2016 EXPORTER OF THE YEAR



(l-r) John Hammond, NCDA&CS international marketing specialist; Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler; Joe Pryor, Oaks Unlimited President; Karen Pryor; Peter Thornton, NCDA&CS assistant director of international marketing.

Oaks Unlimited, Inc., a Waynesville-based lumber company, has been named 2016 Exporter of the Year by the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

The Exporter of the Year award honors agribusinesses that have excelled in exporting their products around the world. Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler recognized Oaks Unlimited for its exporting success at the Ag Development Forum held February 4<sup>th</sup> at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. Company President Joe Pryor and Export Sales Manager Mark Taylor received the award on behalf of the company.

"Oaks Unlimited has shown the world the quality of North Carolina forestry products for more than 40 years," Troxler said. "The company now exports 75 percent of its production to a dozen countries outside the United States."

Oaks Unlimited specializes in the production of high-quality kiln-dried Ash, Cherry, Hickory, Poplar, Red Oak and White Oak. The company recently expanded by purchasing 10 acres adjoining its existing facility, adding a boiler, dry kiln and new lumber shed for air drying under cover. In 2014, the company also purchased a sawmill to supply its dry kilns with Appalachian hardwoods.

The company offers certified lumber through the Forest Stewardship Council. They also supply Appalachian hardwoods that are verified sustainable by Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers. Oaks Unlimited is an active member of the North Carolina Forestry Association, National Hardwood Lumber Association, American Hardwood Export Council and Hardwoods Manufacturers Association. ■

## FFPAC IDENTIFIES SUPPORT FOR CANDIDATES IN MARCH

The Friends of Forestry Political Action Committee (FFPAC) met in Raleigh in February to identify its first round of support for candidates for state elections. The primary is on March 15. The FFPAC is not a party specific PAC. It supports candidates who have demonstrated a commitment to forestry, the forest products industry and private property rights. The committee will meet again in June to identify another round of candidates to support going into the general election. ■

| Chamber   | Party | Name            | HOUSE 27     | D | MICHAEL WRAY     |
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| HOUSE 52  | R     | JAMIE BOLES     | HOUSE 2      | R | LARRY YARBOROUGH |
| HOUSE 22  | D     | WILLIAM BRISSON | HOUSE 73     | R | LEE ZACHARY      |
| HOUSE 120 | R     | KEVIN CORBIN    | SENATE 26    | R | PHIL BERGER      |
| HOUSE 4   | R     | JIMMY DIXON     | SENATE 34    | R | ANDREW BROCK     |
| HOUSE 36  | R     | NELSON DOLLAR   | SENATE 6     | R | HARRY BROWN      |
| HOUSE 95  | R     | JOHN FRALEY     | SENATE 21    | D | BEN CLARK        |
| HOUSE 112 | R     | MIKE HAGER      | SENATE 44    | R | DAVID CURTIS     |
| HOUSE 17  | R     | FRANK ILER      | SENATE 38    | D | JOEL FORD        |
| HOUSE 92  | R     | CHARLES JETER   | SENATE 10    | R | BRENT JACKSON    |
| HOUSE 83  | R     | LINDA JOHNSON   | SENATE 25    | R | TOM MCINNIS      |
| HOUSE 53  | R     | DAVID LEWIS     |              |   |                  |
| HOUSE 111 | R     | TIM MOORE       | NC LABOR COM | R | CHERIE BERRY     |
| HOUSE 87  | R     | GEORGE ROBINSON | AG COM       | R | STEVE TROXLER    |





## ACTIVE PROLOGGER LIST IS MEMBER COMPANY PASSWORD PROTECTED

As a reminder, the NCFA migrated to a new member database in January. Consequently, the ProLogger Active List is now a password protected list for NCFA member companies.

Member companies can sign in initially with their NCFA membership number for both their user name and password. Both can be changed by the member company. It is worth noting that member companies should share this access code with their own staff and no one outside the company to ensure their account stays in their control.

Individual ProLoggers can access their profiles by using their ProLogger number for their user name and password. They should personalize their login. ProLoggers will be able to see their own information, make updates to their information, and pay their dues online if they choose.

If you are having any difficulty logging on, please contact Eddie Reese (800) 231-7723 ext. 2 or Chris Brown at (800) 231-7723 ext. 3. ■



## CAROLINA LOGGERS ASSOCIATION MET IN WILMINGTON

The Carolina Loggers Association (CLA) held its annual meeting in Wilmington in late February. Over 150 loggers were in attendance to hear a speaking program that focused on truck safety.



C.K. Greene

After a festive opening evening reception and dinner on Friday night, the meeting got underway Saturday morning.

C.K. Greene, who is a board member with the Virginia's Loggers Association (VLA) and the CLA, provided an update on a trucking issue with the city of Emporia. Members of the VLA and Emporia City officials reached an agreement on an ordinance that gives forest products truckers the ability to travel through the city, provided they are loaded and observing all provisions of the ordinance. The ordinance is necessary due to the lack of a weight variance on Federal Interstates.

The following is an excerpt from the existing rule.

Below are the rules set forth when the first exemption in City Statute 74-13 was obtained in 2014. These rules and the route shown on the map below are very important. We ask those using the privilege of hauling forest products through the City of Emporia follow these rules and the route guidance below.

1. No empty trucks through town on Route 301.
  - a. This is very important to keep the amount of trucks in town to as small a number as we can.
2. Loaded trucks should stay on Route 301 (North and South) through Emporia. You can use Route 301 to access the Low Ground, Brink, and Dry Bread Roads.
  - a. Remember, we are supposed to be using 58 Bypass to get to Georgia Pacific's Plywood Plant, not 58 Business. No trucks should be turning East on 58 Business (East Atlantic Street) at the intersection at Boyd Chevrolet. Trucks should turn onto East Atlantic Street from 58 Bypass. Please refer to the attached map for additional information.
3. Do not convoy through town and do anything you can to avoid causing traffic delays.
4. Obey all speed limits and signs.
5. No Jake brakes.
6. Be courteous to all motorists.

This ordinance does not mean you have to use Route 301, it is just another option. If

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## MODULE 16 SCHEDULE

The annual training module for 2015-2016 is Module 16. The topics include Logging Costs Analysis, Biodiversity, Truck Safety and PPE. The class will be scheduled throughout the state at local facilities and community colleges. If you are hosting a class, please send the details and flyer to Chris Brown at [cbrown@ncforestry.org](mailto:cbrown@ncforestry.org).

| Date | Time      | Location   |
|------|-----------|--|
| 3/21 | 4:30 p.m. | Lampe & Malphrus, Smithfield, NC   |
| 3/22 | 5:00 p.m. | McDowell Tech, Marion, NC  |
| 3/31 | 6:00 p.m. | Lucky Clay Farms in Norwood, NC  |
| 4/8  | 1:00 p.m. | Chatham Ag Center, Pittsboro, NC   |
| 4/8  | 1:00 p.m. | Room 401, Halifax CC, Weldon, NC   |
| 4/10 | 4:30 p.m. | CNS Training, GP Dudley, NC  |
| 4/12 | 5:30 p.m. | DTOC, Domtar, Plymouth, NC   |
| 4/14 | 5:30 p.m. | Weyerhaeuser, New Bern, NC   |
| 5/19 | 6:00 p.m. | Forsyth Ag Center, W-Salem, NC   |
| 6/1  | 9:00 a.m. | Resolute Forest Products, Lancaster, SC<br><i>Call Marshall Thompson (803) 372-2831 as limited seating is available.</i> |
| 6/28 | 6:00 p.m. | RR Fire Dept., Roaring River, NC   |

## PROLOGGER BASE COURSE SCHEDULE

| Date    | Location                        |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| 4/13-14 | Southeastern CC, Whiteville, NC |
| 9/14-15 | Montgomery CC, Troy, NC         |



(right) Forestry Mutual's Greg Helton was a trooper during the Brasstown class, weathering some cold temperatures and a dusting of snow. Thanks Greg!

## SAVINGS PROGRAM REMINDER

NCFA members are reminded that Forestry Suppliers still offer NCFA members a 10% discount on their orders with the company. The discount code for members is 253.

Forestry Suppliers, Inc. is a direct-mail supplier for natural resource professionals worldwide. The company's annual catalog features thousands of quality products for the forestry, environmental science, surveying/engineering, horticulture, grounds maintenance, educational professionals and more. ■



## Northampton County Meeting...(from page 1)

The Seaboard Mill has a direct impact on Northampton landowners since it is within the county's boundary.

After presenting a historical overview of the company, McLaren provided an upbeat report on where he sees the forest products industry heading in the near future in North Carolina and the Southeast in general.

Clearly, the housing slump that arose after several years of "overbuilding the typical demand" drove the demand for lumber down dramatically in 2008 - 2010 for all lumber producers.

During the overbuilding period of the early 2000's, western Canada's forest were starting to come under attack from the Mountain Pine Beetle. For all intensive purposes, the forest products industry in the area was engaged in a massive salvage operation. Consequently, the percentage of lumber coming out of this area climbed to nearly 50 percent of all the lumber used in the housing market. Due to the dramatic impacts of the Mountain Pine Beetle, McLaren doubts that western Canada will be able to re-claim its previous production levels when the housing market returns to full strength.

With the housing market back on an upward trend, McLaren sees the forest resource in the Southeast as a key to meeting the increasing demand. The recent economic downturn may have been rough for business, but it certainly added saw timber inventory to the region as landowners chose growth over harvest in light of lower stumpage prices.

The demand for lumber for housing should also be based in the Southeast as North Carolina and neighboring states continue to experience a tremendous population boost. Balancing a growing demand for products with a healthy, sustainable forest inventory is what North Carolina's forestry tradition is all about, dating back to colonial days.

McLaren stressed that West Fraser is proud to have two top-notch facilities in North Carolina. The two North Carolina mills are two of the most competitive mills in the company. Going forward, the company plans to re-invest in technologies that will allow their mills to be extremely efficient while providing quality jobs for employees and attractive markets for forest landowners and their timber.

Prior to the featured speaker, Northampton County Ranger Rodney Black presented John Nicholson with the Northampton County Forest Association's Outstanding Member Award. A founding member of the association, Nicholson was a Service Forester with the North Carolina Forest Service for 36-plus years. He started out in the NCFS in Wake County after completing two years in the United States Army. He eventually found his way to Rocky Mount, serving both Northampton and Halifax Counties.

"It's just impossible to count how many people John has trained over the years," stated Rodney Black. "He set a unbelievable example for me to follow when I first started my career. His influence on forestry in our area - the amount of forests - this great association - are all a tribute to John's efforts. What we enjoy today is the direct result of John's lifelong dedication to forestry."

The association also recognized the achievements of its outgoing president, Billy Ivey. The colorful leader has directed the group for the past 10 years, overseeing phenomenal growth. The real moment of drama each meeting has always been which section of the room Ivey would select to go first for the top-notch chicken and barbecue dinner!

It's also worth noting under the direction of Black, the Northampton County forest landowners led the state in participating in cost-share programs with 61 Forest Development Program projects, totaling 2,894 acres and \$103,000. The county has 224,000 acres of timberland, which is roughly 62 percent of the county. Black and his staff continue to prove, year in and year out, that they paid close attention to the standards set by John Nicholson and others through their tireless efforts for their landowners across their county. ■



*Sean McLaren with West Fraser was the keynote speaker in Jackson.*

## CLA Meeting...(from page 4)

*you decide I-95 is in your best interest or you do not want to fight Emporia traffic, by all means, use the interstate.*

*In conclusion, a tremendous amount of effort has gone into this ordinance and the extension. Those who haul forest products through the City of Emporia do so because City Council members provided an exemption for us from the prohibition on trucks through their City. Please make sure all of your drivers understand the routes and rules. If we fail to uphold our end of this agreement we will be back on the interstate without our weight exemptions.*

If you would like a complete copy of the memo and the accompanying map, please contact the CLA or Chris Brown with the NCFA.

Trooper Robert Mellott provided an excellent overview of what North Carolina's Highway Patrol is focusing on when it comes to truck safety. Mellott cited proper tire treads, functional lights, and the proper load securement. He also stressed the importance of pre-trip inspections and the necessity of organizing paperwork prior to getting on the road.

Jimmie Locklear and Keith Biggs led a review of the new Team Safe Truck (TST) organization that has begun work on addressing the top truck safety issues facing the industry.



*(l-r) Jim Durham, Scott Brewer, Sharon McCollum, John Parsons and Jack Swanner pose for a photo during the Friday night reception of the CLA meeting.*

Lawyer Marc Tucker, who frequently defends trucking companies, stressed the importance of the selection, training and monitoring of truck drivers. He encouraged all loggers involved with trucking elements to keep comprehensive records, especially if one of their trucks is involved in an accident. Tucker stated more than once that if it is not documented, it didn't happen. These records are helpful, particularly if a case originates several years after it occurred.

The afternoon portion of the program covered the financing of equipment by Tony Fitzgerald with James River Equipment. Fitzgerald's background also included service with John Deere's finance department as well.

The meeting concluded with the ProLogger Module 16 course. ■



# LANDOWNERS

## TIMBER SALE WORKSHOP FOCUSES ON PROPER STEPS FOR LANDOWNERS

The Sustainable Forestry and African American Land Retention Project and the North Carolina State University Extension Forestry held a workshop for landowners on steps landowners should take when marketing their timber in February in Northampton County.

James Jeuck and Bob Bardon with N.C. State University Extension Forestry detailed the importance of a forest management plan and the value of using resource professionals to achieve forestry goals and timber sales.



*James Jeuck (left) presented information on the importance of a forest management plan and seeking professional assistance for establishing and maintaining that plan going forward.*

One of the interesting discussion points during the morning presentation was the proper marking of property lines prior to any harvest activities. One of the first steps for a forest landowner is to seek assistance from professionals to properly determine and mark property lines. It is not sufficient to rely on landmarks that two adjacent landowners may have agreed upon in the past. Generations change. Neighbors change. Landowners must have an up-to-date map of their property that they can share with a forester and/or logger. An updated map with clear, established boundary lines is essential makes for better neighbors during a harvest operation.

In the afternoon, landowners Gloria and Kenneth Skinner shared their story on their experience with their forestland and their relationship with their consulting forester, Liz Barnhardt.



*(l-r) Gloria and Kenneth Skinner were featured speakers at the Sustainable Forestry and African American Land Retention Project's latest workshop. The Skinners were joined by their consulting forester, Liz Barnhardt.*

Gloria returned to their North Carolina roots to once again live on the family farm, which had been vacant for several years. A chance meeting with a consulting forester, Liz Barnhardt, who was working with an adjacent landowner to the Skinner's property, gave the Skinners proper direction.

Barnhardt approached the Skinners about signing an agreement to provide a right of way through their property for

the landowner she was working with since the property was landlocked.

After agreeing to the access, Kenneth remembers asking Barnhardt to come over and help them to conduct a timber sale of their own when she had the time. Barnhardt agreed to speak with the Skinners, but she said that she would need to walk the property, take a proper inventory, and then create a forest management plan before they could talk about a timber sale.

The development of the forest management plan resulted in an immediate benefit for the Skinners.

"We are not sure if we even remember what exactly the forest management plan cost us," stated Kenneth with a smile and glance at Gloria, "but it saved us a lot of money on our taxes. We made up the money we paid on that plan in just two years."

After many meaningful discussions, the Skinners, with Barnhardt's guidance, held a timber sale.

"Elizabeth not only helped us with the timber sale, but she also told us about cost-share programs that are out there to help with reforestation," stated Skinner.

Since the clear-cut timber sale, the Skinners have site prepped and replanted their property.

"Some might think that meeting Elizabeth was a coincidence or lucky, but we know better," stated Kenneth. "She has been a Godsend for us."

While Kenneth served as the family spokesman for much of the presentation, Gloria did add a valuable bit of advice for the group.

"Ladies, get more involved," stated Gloria. "I am not sure when he might go or I might go. So ladies, be involved with your property so you know what is going on with your farm."

Congratulations to Alton Perry, who directs the Sustainable Forestry and African American Land Retention Project, for organizing another informative workshop that was supported by numerous forest products companies and state agencies. ■



*Alton Perry*

## UPCOMING EVENTS/WORKSHOPS

**Columbus County** will host a Forest Landowner Workshop on March 17, 2016 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in Hallsboro, NC. The evening will begin with a chicken bog plate and time to socialize. Dinner will be followed by speakers from the N.C. Forest Service, N.C. Wildlife Commission, and the Natural Resource Conservation Services. For more information contact: Jeremy Strickland, Columbus County Ranger at (910) 840-1526. ■

**2016 Arbor Day Celebration - March 19, 2016** - In North Carolina, Arbor Day is celebrated on the first Friday after March 15<sup>th</sup>. The Arbor Day Festival will take place at the Farmers Market in Raleigh, NC. There will be a seedling giveaway along with activities for kids. The festivities start at 10:00 a.m. ■

**The Longleaf Alliance** will be offering a three-day course, entitled Longleaf 101, on April 5-7, 2016 in New Bern, NC. The workshop will feature in-depth classroom sessions and special field instruction to prepare landowners and natural resource professionals to address management problems specific to Longleaf forests. There are only 30 spots available. Registration costs cover materials and lunches Tuesday and Wednesday. Please e-mail Casey White at office@longleafalliance.org for more information. ■



## FORESTRY COMMUNITY MOURNS THE LOSS OF JOHN MONROE

We recently shared that John Monroe had earned the Forester of the Year by the North Carolina Association of Consulting Foresters. We are saddened to now share that Monroe, who was 59, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, surrounded by his family.



A remembrance of John's life was held on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at the J.C. Raulston Arboretum at North Carolina State University.

John was an active member of every forestry entity around, including the NCFA where he served on several committees and our Board of Directors. In addition, he served as past president of the North Carolina Association of Consulting Foresters, during which time it was awarded Chapter of the Year at the national level.

He held memberships with the International Society for Arboriculture, Society of American Foresters, Forest Landowners Association, and served as a past member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Tree Farm Association.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke, DUMC Box 3624, Durham, NC 27710, online at [www.cancer.duke.edu/btc](http://www.cancer.duke.edu/btc); or the JC Raulston Arboretum online at [go.ncsu.edu/monroe](http://go.ncsu.edu/monroe) or by mail to JC Raulston Arboretum at North Carolina State University, Campus Box 7522, Raleigh, NC 27695-7522 with checks payable to the NC Agricultural Foundation, Monroe Memorials in the memo line. ■

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National Forests in North Carolina. "We are continuing to engage the public in various ways as we develop the Forest Plan. To help facilitate input and discussion, we are sharing our thinking on each small piece of the plan as it is being developed. Sharing now allows us to make sure we are on the right track before we release an official draft."

The Forest Service is releasing pieces of the plan that apply to the whole forest. These pieces identify broad goals and concepts for managing the forests resources. More building blocks of the developing plan, including the management area plan direction, the plan monitoring program and required analyses, such as the evaluation of lands that might be suitable for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System, will be available in the months ahead. These additional materials will be posted on the website throughout spring and summer 2016.

"It is important for the public to understand that the materials we are releasing now are 'under construction.' As we receive feedback, the versions on the web will be updated to reflect our evolving thinking," says Melonas. "We want to show how public input is being used in the development of the plan."

These building blocks are designed to build a broadly supported forest plan that provides clean and abundant water, connect people to the land, and improve and restore forest health. A formal draft plan is expected for release in Fall 2016. ■



## TEAM SAFE TRUCKING: STRIVING TO ELEVATE THE STANDARD

Enthusiasm is building for the ambitious plan of TEAM Safe Trucking (TST), a newly formed non-profit group seeking to elevate the standard and performance of the transportation sector.

TST is developing an education module that will create address truck driver training. The module will be flexible enough to applicable in different regions in the country and will eventually be made available to those who have log/chip transportation operations.

Drawing on a \$5,000 commitment from Forest/Loggers/Mauck Insurance Agencies, the group expects to launch a website and have the program in gear by August.

Consisting of logging companies, paper/wood products manufacturers, truck and trailer manufacturers, insurance companies and logging and forestry association representatives,

TST aims to emulate the success of TEAM Fire several years ago. The TEAM Fire cooperative effort eventually drove down logging equipment fire incidents and claims, lowered insurance premiums and helped make automatic fire suppression systems more affordable. TST is led by Rick Quagliaroli, owner of Swamp Fox Agency.

"TEAM Safe Trucking's goal is to set a high standard for driver training and continuing education, and we'll focus the training program specifically on hauling logs and chips," stated Quagliaroli. "The program will be designed to help make the industry's log and chip trucking segment safer and more efficient, and every party that has an interest in trucking will need to 'buy in' for it to be truly successful. It will take some time. For the good of the industry as a whole, we're asking for support up and down the line."

For more information, email or call Quagliaroli: [rick@swampfoxagencyinc.net](mailto:rick@swampfoxagencyinc.net), 843-761-3999; or Jimmie Locklear: [jllocklear@forestrymutual.com](mailto:jllocklear@forestrymutual.com), 910-733-3300. ■



Mike Adams led a Module 16 course in Roaring River in March.



# TREE LINE

MARCH 2016



(center) Tony Doster joined the winning class from Roland-Grise Middle School in February. Ms. Arroyo's class was the top finisher in the Forestry & Environmental Camp held in Wilmington last fall. Roland-Grise and Murray Middle School will compete again this fall.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sign up for the NCFAs weekly e-mail newsletter by typing in your e-mail on the home page - [www.ncforestry.org](http://www.ncforestry.org).

Forest Management Committee - April 19, 2016, NCFAs Office, Raleigh, NC - 9:30 a.m.

Safety, Logging and Transportation Committee - April 21, 2016 - McLaurin's Panther Creek Farms - 9:30 a.m.

NC Tree Farm Program - April 28, 2016, NCFAs Office, Raleigh, NC - 10:00 a.m.

NCFAs Forestry Day in the Legislature - May 3, 2016, Halifax Mall, North Carolina General Assembly, Raleigh, NC - 9:30 a.m.

The Friends of Forestry PAC's Reverse Raffle - May 3, 2016, Hilton Garden Inn Raleigh Crabtree Valley, 3912 Arrow Drive, Raleigh NC 27612, Raleigh, NC - 6:00 p.m.

NCFAs Board of Directors - May 4, 2016 - Hilton Garden Inn Raleigh Crabtree Valley, 3912 Arrow Drive, Raleigh, Raleigh NC 27612, Raleigh, NC - 9:30 a.m.

North Carolina SFI State Implementation Committee - May 18, 2016, NCFAs office, Raleigh, NC - 9:30 a.m.

Friends of Forestry PAC Meeting - June 21, 2016 - NCFAs Office, Raleigh, NC - 10:00 a.m.

NCFAs Annual Meeting - October 5-7, 2016, Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC.

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