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NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FORESTRY DAY - MAY 3, 2016

Our membership's opportunity to support forestry in North Carolina is coming up in May. The NCFA's Forestry Day in the Legislature will take place on Tuesday, May 3, 2016. Staff encourages all NCFA members to make this day a priority.

The members of the General Assembly will return to Raleigh for the start of the "short session" on April 25, 2016.

Over the years, Forestry Day has gained an excellent reputation among elected officials and staff because of our members hospitality, the luncheon menu, and the event's relaxed atmosphere.

The meeting starts with a briefing at 9:30 a.m. under the tent set up on the Halifax Mall. NCFA staff will highlight and provide guidance on any bills that may impact forestry, the forest products industry and/or private property rights. Members then meet with their elected officials and invite them back for a luncheon that starts at 11:30 a.m. The dress for this event is business attire. ■



(l-r) Former NCFA President Ray Allen and Senator Andrew Brock pose for a photo at Forestry Day.



PHOTO REDO! We experienced a technical error in the final stages of production last issue so this picture did not make the final edition. We apologize and wanted to run the photo on its own. (l-r) John Nicholson received Northampton County Forestry Association's Outstanding Member Award from NCFA County Ranger Rodney Black and Northampton President Billy Ivey in February.

FOREST SERVICE PUTS MORATORIUM ON FDP APPLICATIONS TO ADDRESS BACKLOG

Effective April 1, 2016, the North Carolina Forest Service (NCFS) will no longer be accepting new Forest Development Program (FDP) applications until the existing projects for landowners who are already on the existing Waiting List are completed. The final FDP applications to be considered in 2016 had to be submitted by March 31, 2016.

The NCFS was forced to make this move in response to the limited funds for the FDP program. The FDP program, which features a simple one-page application, is extremely popular with landowners and foresters alike because it provides critical cost-share funds for a variety of silviculture activities such as site-preparation, planting, wildlife enhancements, timber stand improvement, etc.

The program celebrated planting its one millionth acre in 2005 at the Forestry Day in the Legislature.

Today, the demand far exceeds the funding. When the program was first created in 1978, the state pledged to match the forest products industry's contributions that are based on a utilization formula.

While the state never really matched the 1.2 - 1.5 million dollars collected from the forest products sector, it did designate at least \$500,000 annually for the fund. The state discontinued that funding in 2008. Over the past few years, the demand drove the once manageable Waiting List into sizeable obstacle to fulfilling new applications in a realistic and timely fashion.

Currently, there are more than enough projects on the Waiting List to meet the next disbursement of funds. The current backlog has created a historical waiting period for new applicants. The NCFS did consult with several forestry associated groups, including the NCFA's Forest Management Committee, before taking this necessary step.

The goal of the suspension of the Waiting List is to allow the NCFS staff to address and complete all projects on the list now. ■



(far right) Charles Royal was the forest landowner that planted the one millionth acre of land as part of the Forest Development Cost Share program. (l-r) Former Speaker of the House Jim Black and State Forester Stan Adams presented the award to Royal.

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

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 NCFA'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 (continued on page 5)

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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 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

BILL THAT INCLUDES FORESTER REGISTRATION BOARD FATE TABLED FOR FUTURE DELIBERATIONS

We are pleased to announce that the most recent discussions on reducing the amount of registration boards in the state has been tabled for the time being. If the bill as it is currently written is passed, it would have eliminated several committees and boards, including the North Carolina Board of Registration for Foresters (NCBRF).

The initial motivation for the North Carolina General Assembly to remove and/or reduce committees and registration boards was a philosophical one based on eliminating committees/boards that may be outdated or no longer necessary.

This is clearly not the case for the NCBRF. NCFCA staff has spent considerable time over the past legislative session supporting the efforts of Dan Edwards, who is the current chair of the NCBRF and tasked with explaining the significance of the board to the members of the General Assembly.

Earlier this week, Edwards attended another subcommittee meeting that chose to table the draft bill which, if it passed as final legislation, would have eliminated certain professional boards, including the NCBRF. Edwards believes the bill will be taken up again after the upcoming legislative short session.

It is worth noting that the opposition to the bill was significant. Subcommittee Chair Senator Andy Wells recommended that more information be collected from boards and from the public before any further actions proceed.

The NCBRF continues to oppose dissolving the board along with any laws governing Registered Foresters since the public is well-served and protected by having foresters tested, registered, and trained annually.

Edwards believes both chambers, the House and Senate, will likely vote on this bill.

The NCFCA encourages its members to make it a point to support the existence and importance of the NCBRF to their elected officials. The NCFCA will continue to track this legislation. ■

Friends of Forestry PAC...(from page 1)

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 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. ■



The first quarter of the year is typically the busiest for workshop across the state. (left) We caught up with some of the Enviva folks, including Jim Reavis, Lauren Killian, Todd Watson and Dwight Gerding at a Forest Summit in Sampson County. (right) The NCFCA and NC SFI SIC displayed at several events and landowner meetings, including the Saving the Farm Workshop.

STELLEX CAPITAL MANAGEMENT ACQUIRE MORBARK, LLC

Stellex Capital Management announced that it has purchased Morbark, LLC. The motivation for the acquisition is to provide growth capital and resources to significantly expand Morbark into the future.

"Our acquisition of Morbark is a great fit for us," stated David Waxman, the Principle of Stellex. "We believe the company is well positioned to grow in the coming years, and we are confident that the capital and resources we bring will fuel that growth. Morbark is exactly the type of company we look to invest in - strong history, market presence, products, and an outstanding workforce. In addition, we believe with the right investment and resources they represent a significant growth opportunity in the coming years." ■

EPA, N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY REACH AGREEMENT ON HOFMANN FOREST

North Carolina State University announced on March 15, 2016, that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has concluded its administrative review of Hofmann Forest operations. As a result, the EPA, the North Carolina State Natural Resources Foundation, and the Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund of North Carolina State University have entered into a settlement agreement.

As a part of the settlement, the Foundation, as manager of forest operations on the property, agreed to plug ditches in order to restore natural water flow on 120 acres of the 79,000-acre working forest.

It will also update and enhance the water management plan for the property to ensure consistency with the silvicultural exemption of the Clean Water Act. ■

"AMERICA'S FIRST FOREST" TO BE BROADCAST IN APRIL

The Forest History Society's new film, America's First Forest, will air statewide on UNC-TV's Explorer channel starting April 19.

This must-see production provides detailed portrayal of Carl Schenck and the important role he played in revitalizing the forest landscape around the Biltmore Estate while setting the foundation for forestry instruction in the United States.

The film is airing on public television stations across the nation this month in conjunction with Earth Day. All showings will be on the UNC-EXPLORER Channel.

4/19/2016	8:00 PM
4/21/2016	9:00 AM
4/21/2016	4:00 PM
4/22/2016	2:00 AM
4/24/2016	9:00 AM
4/27/2016	8:00 AM
4/27/2016	3:00 PM
4/28/2016	1:00 AM
4/30/2016	4:00 PM

The DVD and Carl Schenck's memoir Cradle of Forestry may be purchased through the film's website at www.americasfirstforest.org. The NCFCA plans on using this production as part of the Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience. ■

POINT OF VIEW

PRIMARY REVIEW FROM THE FFPAC'S PERSPECTIVE

The March 15 primary date proved to be popular with North Carolina voters as the North Carolina State Board of Elections reported a record number of participants in this year's primary.

The Friends of Forestry PAC supported 26 candidates in February for the 2016 primary and general election. Of those candidates, 17 had primary elections. The FFPAC supported candidates won 16 races. The complete listing is below:

HOUSE/SENATE			PRIMARY
HOUSE 52	R	JAMIE BOLES	W
HOUSE 22	D	WILLIAM BRISSON	W
HOUSE 120	R	KEVIN CORBIN	W
HOUSE 4	R	JIMMY DIXON	NO RACE
HOUSE 36	R	NELSON DOLLAR	W
HOUSE 95	R	JOHN FRALEY	W
HOUSE 112	R	MIKE HAGER	NO RACE
HOUSE 17	R	FRANK ILER	W
*HOUSE 92	R	CHARLES JETER	W
HOUSE 83	R	LINDA JOHNSON	W
HOUSE 53	R	DAVID LEWIS	W
HOUSE 111	R	TIM MOORE	NO RACE
HOUSE 87	R	GEORGE ROBINSON	L
HOUSE 27	D	MICHAEL WRAY	W
HOUSE 2	R	LARRY YARBOROUGH	NO RACE
HOUSE 73	R	LEE ZACHARY	W
SENATE 26	R	PHIL BERGER	NO RACE
SENATE 34	R	ANDREW BROCK	NO RACE
SENATE 6	R	HARRY BROWN	NO RACE
SENATE 21	D	BEN CLARK	W
SENATE 44	R	DAVID CURTIS	W
SENATE 38	D	JOEL FORD	W
SENATE 10	R	BRENT JACKSON	NO RACE
SENATE 25	R	TOM MCINNIS	NO RACE
NC LABOR	R	CHERIE BERRY	W
AG COMMISH	R	STEVE TROXLER	W

The race between Charles Jeter and Tom Davis in District 92 was extremely close with Jeter defeating Davis by a margin of 38 votes (3,719 to 3,691). Both candidates have expressed an interest in a recount when the final results are posted.

The lone candidate that the FFPAC supported and lost was George Robinson in House District 87. Robinson, an NCFCA member, is a veteran lawmaker who was seeking to permanently fill a seat he had been appointed to.

The FFPAC supported two council of state candidates, Cherie Berry and Steve Troxler. Both candidates won their respective primaries but will face a significant challenge in the general election. Berry faces former Raleigh City Mayor Charles Meeker. Troxler will face Walter Smith. ■



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.



PROLOGGER BASE COURSE SCHEDULE

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

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. ■

LOGGING COST ANALYSIS COURSE SCHEDULED FOR JULY 19-20, 2016 IN ATHENS, GA



The Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources will be holding the course titled "Logging Cost Analysis" on July 19-20 in Athens, GA at the Warnell School. The course will be taught by Warnell Dean Dale Green and Dr. Chad Bolding. A highlight of this course is part of the ProLogger Module 16 class. Several NCFA ProLoggers have taken this comprehensive two-day course in Athens and found it extremely beneficial to their business. ■

WESTERN NC SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 2, 2016

The N.C. Tree Farm Program and Evergreen Packaging will host the Western North Carolina Sustainable Forestry Conference (formerly the WNC Timber Conference) on June 2, 2016 at Lake Logan Episcopal Center in Canton, NC. For more information on this workshop, call (919) 917-8646 or nctreefarm@gmail.

COGONGRASS WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 2, 2016

With the discovery of a new site of cogongrass (*Imperata cylindrica* - a State and Federal noxious weed) in North Carolina, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and the North Carolina Forest Service will be hosting a training session that will visit the latest find and discuss control options. The event will take place on June 2, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Marston, NC. ■

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.

Date	Time	Location
4/12	5:30 p.m.	Domtar, Plymouth
4/14	5:30 p.m.	Weyerhaeuser, New Bern
4/21	6:00 p.m.	Valwood, Brasstown
4/29	12:00 p.m.	Edwards Wood Products, Liberty
5/5	6:00 p.m.	Powell Industries, Waynesville
5/13	11:30 a.m.	Vance Granville CC, Louisburg
5/13	12:00 p.m.	Domtar Paper Co., LLC - Marlboro Mill, Bennettsville, SC <i>Class will be located in the training center. Use the north gate entrance, first brown building on your right. RSVP is required because seating is limited. Call Matt Krawiec 843-479-6531 to RSVP</i>
5/17	6:00 p.m.	College on the Albemarle, John Wood Foreman Small Business Center, Elizabeth City <i>All attendees will need to pre-register by May 13, 2016 by calling Renee' Winslow at J.W. Jones Lumber Company (252) 771-2497.</i>
5/19	6:00 p.m.	Forsyth Ag Center, Winston-Salem
5/27	2:00 p.m.	Piedmont CC, Roxboro
6/1	9:00 a.m.	Resolute Forest Products - East Region office, Lancaster, SC <i>Call Marshall Thompson (803) 372-2831 as limited seating is available.</i>
6/28	6:00 p.m.	Roaring River Fire Department, Roaring River ■



Mark Britton (center) with KapStone leads a ProLogger Module 16 class at Halifax Community College.

NC TREE FARM PROGRAM TO HOLD INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION CLASSES

The North Carolina Tree Farm Program is offering two Inspector Training Workshops in May for forestry professionals who are interested in volunteering with the program. CFE credits will be provided.

May 10 - 10:00 a.m.

Franklin County Extension Center
103 S. Bickett Blvd., Louisburg, NC

May 17 - 10:00 a.m.

Stanly County Agri-Civic Center
26032 Newt Road, Albemarle, NC

Please register by May 2 at (919) 917-8646 or nctreefarm@gmail.com. ■

SEEDLING GIVEAWAY HIGHLIGHTS ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION AT THE FARMER'S MARKET

The Arbor Day Celebration at the State Farmers Market was a success as over 20 exhibitors were on hand to provide information, live demonstrations, and provide a wide range of free seedlings.

Smokey Bear also showed up to pose for photos with children and even some adults!

"Thanks to all of our volunteers and exhibitors for another great Arbor Day Event,"

stated Renee Strnad with North Carolina State University's Extension Forestry. "We want to especially thank the North Carolina Forest Service for providing the seedlings for the event, the State Farmers Market for the venue space, the Osher Center for Lifelong Learning for prepping the seedlings for distribution, the Triangle Chapter of SAF for providing the tables, and the student forestry workers that transported and distributed the seedlings. All of your work before the event makes it all possible!"



Paper Making Crew - Thanks to the North Carolina State Paper Science Program Students for working the paper making station.

family. She inquired about what the SFI program was since she had seen the logo on packaging before.

After explaining the certification program and how it is integrated into the NCFA's ProLogger program, she said, "Wow, that's encouraging to hear that there is actually some substance behind the symbol. That's great."

The event was hosted by the Department of Forestry and Environmental Resources at North Carolina State University. Other sponsors included the Triangle Chapter of the Society of American Foresters, North Carolina Forest Service, and Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at North Carolina State University. ■



The seedling giveaway booth was a busy place.

Arbor Day is a day set aside each year in North Carolina, as in many other states, to show just how much trees are appreciated.

The seedling giveaway booth remained active all day as visitors learned more about trees and took some seedlings home to plant in their yard.

There was also plenty of activity at the paper making station and the Kids Zone section that featured a memory game and a coloring station.

The NCFA and the NC SFI SIC will be exhibiting at the event. One of the more interesting feedback from a visitor to the booth came from a mom of a young



North Carolina State University Forestry students volunteered to distribute to visitors and answer questions during Arbor Day.

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 this year.



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 NCFA Executive Vice President Pryor 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. ■



Lori Worley, (right) the NCFA Education Committee Chair, presented Ms. Jones, a teacher at Bridgeton Elementary, with a Goods from the Woods and the book, "The Tree Farmer" by Chuck Leavell. Worley spent time with the class explaining the Goods from the Woods Box and the important role forestry plays in the state's environment and economy. If you would like to share a Goods From the Woods Box or posters with a classroom in your area, please contact the NCFA (800) 231-7723 to obtain a box and/or posters. ■



LANDOWNERS

WORKSHOP DETAILS HOW FAMILY COMMUNICATIONS CAN CONSERVE THE FAMILY FARM

The North Carolina Tree Farm Program and Mount Olive College held workshops for landowners across the state with stops in Wilkes, Stanly and Craven Counties. The featured speakers at each workshop were Ginny and Allen Nipper, forest landowners from Louisiana.

The Nippers own and operate a Landowner Legacy Communication program that seeks to share their own family experiences with the transition of working lands from one generation to the other.

The idea for the program started 15 years ago after the Nippers own personal struggles with their family as their parents left working farms/forests to several children.

Both Allen and Ginny recounted a similar story on how they were quite familiar with the properties their parents owned, but were not engaged enough to have all the answers when their parents died. Allen recalled how he wished he had taken the time to take notes on conversations he had with his dad about the property.

Skinner noted that surveys show that about 55 percent of the existing farm/forest owners have not spoken with the next generation about the family farm. And, only 34 percent have been involved in the actual management of the family farm. To close this involvement gap, the Skinners promote communication.

The basic tenant of the Landowner Legacy program is family meetings. These meetings should be formal in nature and established as stand-alone meetings - not just an hour or two around a holiday or special event. The Nippers believe it is important to make notes at each meeting so anything discussed and/or resolved



Allen Skinner explained that thoughtful, structured family conversations about the family farm can be extremely beneficial when the property transfers from one generation to the next.



Steve Cox was one of the landowners in attendance at the workshop in Wilkes County.

during the meeting is documented properly.

Another key element of the family communication program is to establish who are the voting members in the family decisions. Some families have different standards, but for the Nippers, they limit their voting to their own children and grandchildren. Spouses are included in the family meetings, of course, but they

cannot vote.

The Skinners also recommend establishing specific roles for each member of the family based on their skills, interests and time restraints. The engagement process keeps the next generation tied into the family farm. The meetings are designed to increase involvement, awareness and in the end, make the transition process smoother in the years ahead.

Allen Skinner noted that "the death of communication is the birth of resentment" in any family decision.

The Skinners hope that by sharing their experiences and setting forth this framework, landowners will find it easier to successfully transfer their farms/forestland to the next generation.

Prior to the Skinners speaking, Mark Megalos of the North Carolina State University Extension Forestry presented some tax and forest management tips on forestland ownership and Andrew Brannon, a lawyer specializing in conserving family farms, provided a technical overview of how forestland owners can manage their forests from generation to generation.

Brannon likened the ownership of land, the title, like water. It will run downhill and must be kept from escaping any side exits if it is to be conserved. Brannon works with his clients to minimize risk and reduce the amount of possible gates for the lands to escape.

The meetings were well attended at all three stops. The North Carolina SFI State Implementation Committee was one of the workshops sponsor. ■

DR. JAMEEL NAMED NEW JORDAN FAMILY DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR RECIPIENT

North Carolina State University recently announced that Dr. Hasan Jameel, Professor of Forest Biomaterials, has been appointed the next Jordan Family Distinguished Professor for Natural Resource Innovation.

The Jordan Family Distinguished Professorship for Natural Resource Innovation was created through the generosity of Robert B. Jordan, III; Jack P. Jordan; Genie Jordan Ussery; and Robert B. Jordan, IV.

The goal of their gift is to recognize outstanding faculty members in the College of Natural Resources and empower them to build innovative research programs addressing emerging opportunities in natural resources that have the potential of impacting the economy, our quality of life, and environmental sustainability.

As a Jordan Distinguished Professor, Dr. Jameel will continue his work to link fundamental knowledge about lignin to various new applications to directly benefit commercialization and help improve the forest products industry's profitability and overall environmental sustainability.

He will also be exploring different cost-effective methods for upgrading the lignin to allow for the development of a profitable bio-refinery. The outcome of his research aims to improve viability of the forest products industry, which is critical for maintaining a healthy forest ecosystem, to preserving rural U.S. jobs and decreasing our dependency on nonrenewable resources.

In addition, the funds from the Jordan Professorship, will enable Dr. Jameel to train and develop both graduate and undergraduate students who will be the future leaders and contribute to both the development of the bio-refinery technology and its commercialization. ■



(l-r) Dr. Hasan Jameel and Dr. Vincent Chiang are the two most recent Jordan Family Distinguished Professors.

SAVING THE FARM WORKSHOP DRAWS BIG CROWD

The Wake County Soil & Water Conservation District, under the direction of the energetic Dale Threatt-Taylor, held its annual Saving the Farm Workshop in Raleigh in March. The event attracted over 175 landowners from the Wake and surrounding counties. It was the 11th year of the program.

It was another large crowd at the Wake Commons Building in Raleigh for the Saving the Farm Workshop.

The morning portion was a general session format. The featured speakers included Ken McArtor with the Wake County Revenue Department, Wake County Sheriff Donnie Harrison, and resource professionals Teresa Furr with Wake County Soil & Water Conservation District, Leigh Ann Hammerbacher with the Triangle Land Conservation, Joe Cox with Tree Farm and Jessica Pope with the Wake County Soil & Water Conservation.

The general session was full healthy question and answer sessions that afforded landowners to ask questions on the issues important to their family farm.



(center) Dewitt Hardee provided an overview of conservation opportunities with the North Carolina Farmland Preservation & Agricultural Development Trust Fund.

The afternoon session provided the chance for landowners to break out into different topics, including Solar Farms Lease Agreements, Legal Planning for Family Farms, Conservation Options, Controlling Invasive Pests for Forest Health.

The North Carolina SFI State Implementation Committee (NC SFI SIC) was a major sponsor of the Saving the Farm Workshop again this year. Both the NC SFI SIC and the NCFA participated in the workshop. ■

THE GROWING INTEREST IN LONGBEAF PINE WORKSHOP

A comprehensive workshop on Longleaf Pine will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at Paul D. Camp Community College in Franklin, VA. The one-day program will highlight the values of Longleaf Pine and the different management techniques employed to grow a productive, healthy forest. The workshop will include visits historical stands as well as recently restored sites. Advanced registration is required and is \$10 for landowners and \$35 for professionals seeking CFEs. The registration deadline is May 3, 2016 and space is limited. For more information or to register, please call (919) 515-9563. ■



MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION

Loss control professionals often use the domino theory to examine an incident, notice I didn't use the term accident. The domino theory focuses on five areas of an incident. The background and personal characteristics of the victim are studied. Unsafe acts or conditions are looked at while investigating the incident itself. The final domino is the actual injury to the victim.

Our forest industry is very unforgiving as far as injuries go. An incident can be avoided by removing dominos. If we remove one or more dominos, there is no incident or injury. Unsafe acts or unsafe work habits are the main contribution to the final domino, the injury or death. A timber cutter's decision can determine if a domino or dominos are removed, thus preventing the final and lethal domino from falling. Remember that risk is main factor in an incident. Remove the risk, no incident! All the training and education in the world can't stop an incident if bad decisions are made.

BACKGROUND

On a warm and sunny day, the crew was harvesting hardwood saw timber on the mountainside. The terrain was sloped, but not excessive. One skidder was being used to move the timber to the loader at the bottom of the mountain.

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

The 29-year-old timber-cutter had been employed for 8 years. The owner had done extensive training with the cutter. All personal protective equipment was being worn and used.

UNSAFE ACTS - BAD DECISIONS

The timber-cutter was in the process of cutting another "drag" of trees. Drag is a term for a number of trees to be pulled, or skidded by the log skidder. The timber contract called for a 16 inch DBH minimum cut. A "legal" 18-inch, forked, yellow poplar was down the hill from where the cutter was attempting to put his drag together. The man tried to fell his first tree to the left of the standing forked poplar tree. During the process, some hinge-wood was cut on the left side of the tree. With the left-side hinge-wood cut, the tree fell to the right, lodging in the fork of the standing tree. Felling another tree into the hung tree made the next bad decision. The timber-cutter hit his mark. As the second tree hit the lodged tree, the butt kicked up and to the side. The rebounding tree struck the timber-cutter, the distance was three feet and he was at a ninety-degree angle from the stump. The impact and force of the rebounding tree proved to be fatal for the timber-cutter.

RECOMMENDATIONS - REMOVING THE DOMINOS

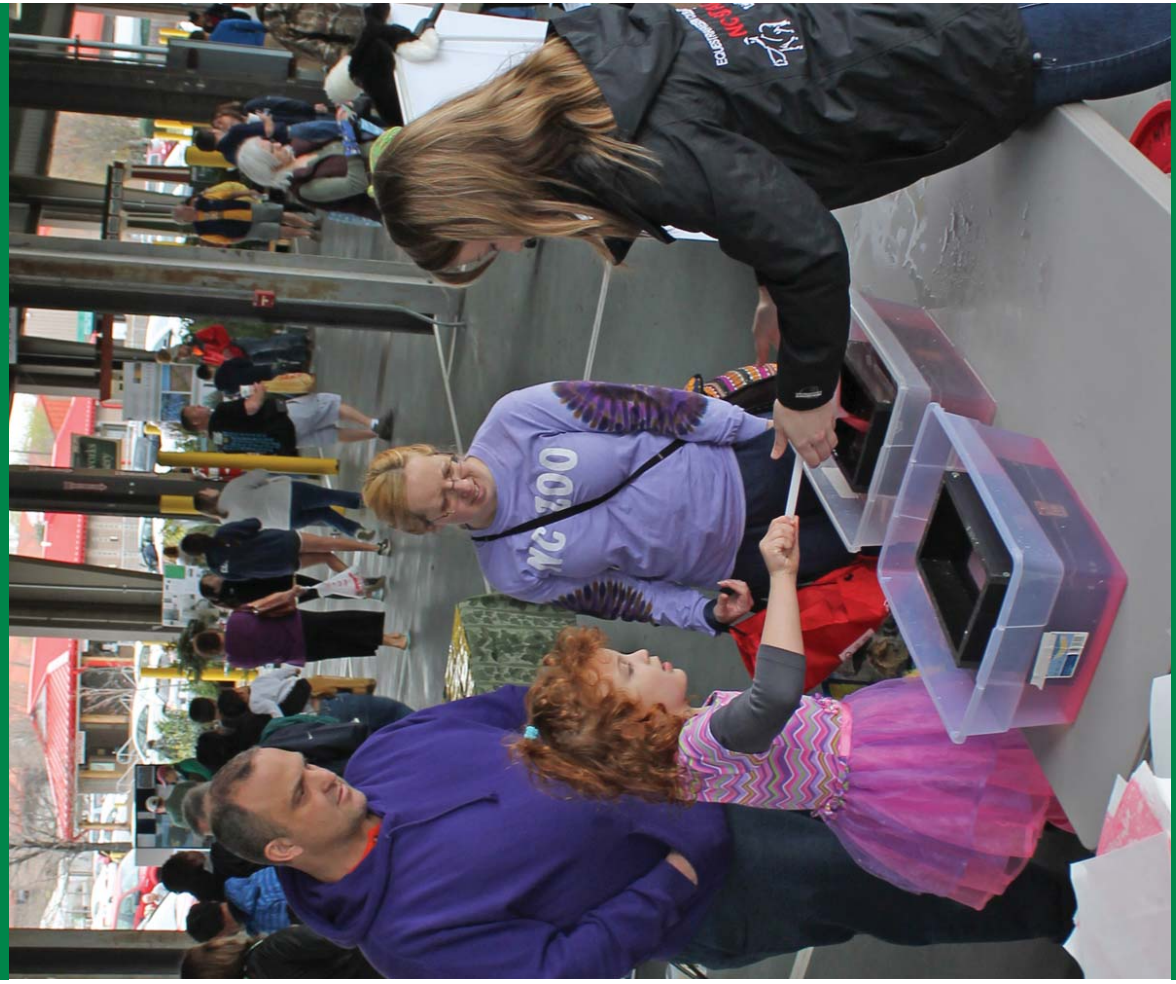
In this incident, four major dominos were there to hit the final domino, the injury one. If any one or more of these dominos had been removed, there wouldn't have been any incident or death.

1. When possible, never fell trees into other standing timber. Removing the forked poplar would have removed a major domino.
2. The left-side hinge was cut, allowing the tree to drift to the right, lodging in the forked tree that should have been removed. Proper hinge-wood insures felling accuracy.
3. A second tree was used to dislodge the hung tree. The skidder should be used to remove hung or lodged trees.
4. Failure to escape. 94 percent of manual felling fatalities happen within 8 feet from the stump. Escape routes are at 45-degree angles from the stump, at a safe distance away from the falling tree.

Training and education are tools to reduce risk. Proper and good decisions let the training and education work. The unforgiving nature of our work forces us to make the right call. Until next time, be safe, think straight. ■

TREE LINE

APRIL 2016



PAPER MAKING FUN! Students from N.C. State University hosted a paper making station at the Arbor Day Celebration.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sign up for the NCFEA's weekly e-mail newsletter by typing in your e-mail on the home page - www.ncforestry.org.

Forest Management Committee -
April 19, 2016, NCFEA 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, NCFEA Office, Raleigh, NC - 10:00 a.m.

NCFEA 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.

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

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

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

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

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