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Notes from the Editor

We felt lucky to have found Amanda White (now Hoogendoorn). Actually, we did not find Amanda, Michelle Grant highly recommended we hire her, and we have learned if you mess with Michelle, there will be consequences.

During the past 3 years we have discovered lots about Amanda. Not only is she quite capable of handling the challenges we pile on her, she is also funny and personable and calls Kennetcook home. When she announced her intention to leave us to join her husband's business, we were selfishly disappointed but happy for Amanda and her family. We also learned something about her loyalty. Amanda graciously agreed to stay with us while we trained someone new.

When Greg Grant suggested we interview another "White" from Kennetcook to fill Amanda's shoes, we agreed but we really weren't holding our breath that we would be lucky twice.

That said, we are pleased to welcome Pam White from Kennetcook. Turns out Amanda and Pam know each other as someone they see at the ballfield. Pam's two boys are avid baseball players, and they are friends with Greg's boy Lawson.

It is early in the game, but Angie and I have already determined Pam is a great fit and hope she intends to stay with us for the long term. She is catching on very quickly and we think her biggest challenge will be getting to know all the characters she will encounter daily. Welcome aboard Pam.

And to Amanda, we expect you to drop in regularly to check up on us.

Until next month, Gennie.

Notes from the Safety Committee

2021 in Review

Jan	0 lost time	0 medical aid
Feb	1 lost time	0 medical aid
Mar	0 lost time	0 medical aid
Apr	1 lost time	0 medical aid
May	0 lost time	0 medical aid

Please take a moment to review the minutes from our last safety meeting & be sure to ask your supervisor or any member of our safety committee about any questions you may have.

Good news, COVID-19 vaccinations are now available to everyone age 12 and up here in NS. We encourage everyone to get their shot. If you don't do it for yourself, do it for your friends and family members and those who have compromised immune systems. Let's do our part to get COVID-19 behind us. We encourage you to make your appointment and if you need any assistance getting through the booking system, please call Angie or Gennie at the office and they'll be happy to help you get your appointment.

This month Gennie was cleaning out some old files in her desk & she stumbled upon an old safety note from Josh Preeper (son of Joey Preeper) from 2000-2001. At the time, Gennie sent a note out to our employees to see if anyone's children might be interested in making a submission to our newsletter to discuss a safety lesson of some sort. Josh's submission is attached to the end of this newsletter. 20 years later and Josh's tips still apply. Thanks for your words of wisdom Josh.

May is skin cancer awareness month. UV exposure from the sun is one of the main causes of skin cancer, and is also one of the most preventable cancers. As you get into your spring yardwork projects and start spending more time outside enjoying the nicer weather, don't forget your sunscreen and hat.

Until next month, Nick Miller, Don Isenor, Darren Isenor, Craig Isenor, Angie Kainola, Mark Wilber

Notes from the President's Corner

The Covid vaccines are the big news item both nationally and provincially. Vaccine quantities are ramping up. This week, I heard on the news 99% of us older Nova Scotians have received our first shots. That is fabulous news! Some people, for whatever reason, are against getting vaccinated. The Moderna and Pfizer vaccines have proven to be 95% – 96% effective, without any serious side effects. Approximately 50% of all Americans have received their first dose. On top of that, 132 million have received their second dose. There are approximately 326 million people in the US, so that makes 163 million first doses plus 132 million second doses for a total of 295 million doses. Also, hundreds of millions of people around the world have happily rolled up their sleeves. That's a lot of doses and a lot of good news data.

We are all very tired of the lockdowns and the only way out of this mess is to get a large percentage of the world's population vaccinated. My message is clear, and it is the same as the World Health Organization, get your vaccine as soon as it becomes available to you! You can book your appointment online and if you need help, Angie and/or Gennie are happy to book appointments for you and your family. Don't hesitate to ask for help. Also, if transportation is an issue, Gennie can hook you up with the East Hants Community Rider. Chris and I have received our first shot of Moderna. I am not a fan of needles, but on the day of my vaccination no sooner had I turned my head away, the young lady giving me my shot said, "You are all done". To which I replied, "Already, I didn't feel a thing". So, we have done our part to protect ourselves, our family, our co-workers, our friends, and our community. I hope you do the same.

We are getting really close to putting shovels in the ground with our major construction projects. As you know, the boiler room requires a small addition to the existing building to accommodate the bigger boiler which is due to arrive this summer. The steam tunnel that runs underground from the boiler room to the planer mill needs to be moved as it is in the way of the addition.

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That's the bad news, however, the good news is the steam pipes are 25 years old and will be replaced with new pipes. Also, our communications lines are in this tunnel, and we will be upgrading the piping that contains these lines and hopefully we won't have any communication issues for security, fire protection and high-speed internet connections for on-line technical assistance from our equipment suppliers.

Lindsay Construction will have a survey crew here next week to survey out the sawmill building, the boiler room, and the steam tunnel. The first part of the sawmill project needs to be a new log deck and infeed system, as the building will be going through the existing log deck. Before starting this project, we dig some major test holes to determine what is hidden underground. The survey crew will be sporting safety vests but, as always, when we have guests travelling throughout the property, please be aware of their presence and keep everyone safe.

Life Safety have completed the sprinkler system in the planer mill and are closing in on the completion of the system in the bin sorter building at the sawmill. Both projects have presented their own unique challenges due to the equipment in the buildings and the heights of the ceilings. Once the bin sorter system is complete, both systems will be initialized and become fully operational. I am hopeful both systems will be fully engaged by the time our next newsletter goes to print.

The Stanley Cup playoffs are on! I think the longest standing rivalry is between Toronto and Montreal. Montreal fans seem to be more tenacious. They are quick to brag up their team. At this moment they are holding the short end of the stick (pardon the pun) in their match up with Toronto. As of last evening, the match up stands at 3 to 2 for Toronto. Go Leafs go, right Peter!

Until next month, Robin.

Notes from Sales

Hello from the Admin at Eacan!

It is my pleasure to be able to share some thoughts with you.

We all get caught up in our day to day and often simple little things don't always get acknowledged enough. Sometimes little things add up to BIG things!

I want to say how proud we are here at Eacan to be able to share your pride in the marketplace. Our sales team is so excited about the product you produce. We hear the excitement in their phone conversations and how they compare your product to others in the industry and there is NO comparison. There is such an overwhelming sense of honour for the Eacan team to have this relationship with the ELCO team.

The pride from the mill extends itself to the office. Whether it's the paper flow, the phone calls or emails, the ELCO team does an incredible job. You guys excel at what you do.

On behalf of the Admin at Eacan, thank you for showing your pride from within your organization and within your community.

Good on you, ELCO!!!! A huge shoutout to you all!

Barb Curran

Notes from Woodlands

As we roll into June, conditions for forest operations continue to improve as trucks can consistently access harvest blocks and the results seem to be reflected here at the mill in steady log deliveries as of late. With the start of seasonal suitability, Beaver Dam Enterprises recently moved to the Spence Managed Forest to resume some thinning work which should carry them into July. The areas we are operating in this summer are best suited for dryer times and so far, our work is proceeding with minimal impact and should only improve from here.

Of course, with the warmer weather comes the usual critters that emerge this time of year for a feeding frenzy, such as ticks and black flies. Our PCT crews are in full swing and can attest this year is no exception, with ticks especially plentiful. This recent emergence has triggered action for myself at home and I have been required to implement our strict tick policy. This includes, shamefully disrobing on my deck, daily full body checks for myself and our dog Sam, and 24-hour self-isolation for my clothes before they are put into the washing machine. Although it is an inconvenience, I feel it is a small sacrifice to make for some nice weather.

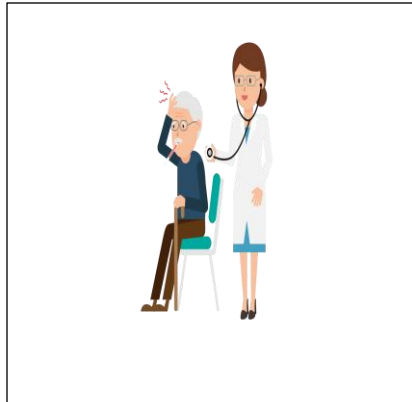
A couple months back, I mentioned the General Manager of Westfor Management Inc., Marcus Zwicker, was moving on from Westfor to a new job. With Marcus' departure, a replacement was eventually selected, and he started his role officially as General Manager on May 17. This gentleman's name is Breck Stuart, and we would like to formally congratulate Breck on his new position and look forward to working with him going forward. Breck has extensive experience in the forest industry and is familiar to us here at ELCO, as he held woodlands positions for Bowater Mersey back in the day as well as a manager position at Great Northern Timber more recently. We feel Breck has the experience and skill sets to do well at Westfor and should fit in nicely with the team.

Until next month, Jason Casey and the Woodlands Team

Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner

Just Don't Get Sick

For the first time since 1961, I am without one of these. Ever since the day I was born, I have had one of these. About two years ago, it looked like I was going to have to go without one but low and behold someone came to my rescue. Unfortunately, my savior has told me in a letter he is packing it in as of July 9th. My replacement doctor is retiring! So, if anyone knows of one, I would be grateful for a lead.



Word for the Wise

We broke down at the planer last week and it was gonna be a while before we got running so Craig was in to get a couple of guys for a job. Believe it or not, I volunteered. I know, I surprised myself. Craig took me and Roland to the back yard to lay some bottoms (that will be the last time I put my hand up). As we laid bottoms, we were shooting the breeze (I won't say "bullshit" because I am sure the Editor will edit it out). Craig informed me that Roland was part of our future here at ELCO and I agreed. As Roland and I laid bottoms, Craig made the comment, "work smarter, not harder" as he painted orange marks on the ground where he wanted the bottoms laid. After completing this back breaking task, he got in his truck and drove away leaving Roland and I putting the bottoms down. Thanks Buddy, we couldn't have managed without those orange marks!

Don't Get in My Way

As we left work the other night and headed for the parking lot, I noticed Odie coming out the door in a hurried fashion. I've never seen this before. She never beats me to the parking lot as she usually comes out with a young gentleman, and they are catching up on the day's events. I am not one to drag my feet when it comes to leaving at 4:30, so imagine my surprise when I got close to the gate and this Toyota comes out of nowhere on my right and beats me to the road. She definitely had somewhere she wanted to be, and it was obviously not here!

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Do Your Part

Recently, Maggie and I had a relative go into Camp Hill hospital in Halifax which was built in 1917. This is a military hospital for men and women veterans returning home from the war suffering from physical and mental issues. Due to the Covid pandemic, they opened 22 beds for long term care patients. This has been increased to 50 beds. Their license to do this is good until August 2022. The reason I know this is Maggie and I attended a "Designated Caregiver Course" on Tuesday of this week at Camp Hill. It is basically to show you what's expected of you as a caregiver and the proper way to do it. Each patient is allowed up to two caregivers. Some only have one and sadly some have none. When we visit our relative only 1 caregiver is allowed to go to the patient's room at a time. They have tightened the restrictions due to the pandemic. Long term care patients wait at Camp Hill for placement in a home when a bed becomes available. We were told that in all likelihood there would probably be very little, if any, movement until we get out of the pandemic. The course was about an hour long. It detailed how you move in the hospital. For example, you sign the logbook in the lobby upon arrival. They ask you Covid questions and take your temperature. After this, they give you your ID badge and you go directly to the floor of the person you are visiting. After you get off the elevator, you walk to the desk and sign the logbook on that floor and then go directly to the room and nowhere else. If you need anything, you buzz for the nurse who comes to the room. When you are ready to leave, you buzz the nurse, she comes and walks you to the desk where you sign out, get on the elevator, and go back to the lobby. There you sign out in the logbook and return your ID. You do a lot of signing in and out, but everything must be tracked for the safety of the patients.

May 50/50

May 7	Jason Barr
May 14	Jason Barr
May 21	Chris Myers
May 28	Craig Isenor



June Birthdays

Jason Casey	June 12
Darren Isenor	June 01
Frenchie	June 9
Liam Noble	June 9
Mark Wilber	June 30



May Anniversaries

Matthew Dillman	6 years
James Hennigar	7 years
Odessa Jack	2 years
Jason Molnar	31 years
Corey White	1 year



Notes from Josh Preeper's Corner, 2001

The explanation for the article below can be found in Notes from the Safety Committee.

My name is Josh Preeper, and I would like to tell you what protective gear you have to wear to play hockey.

- ① helmet with full face shield.
- ② neck guard.
- ③ Chest and shoulder pads.
- ④ protective cup.
- ⑤ chinpads.
- ⑥ hockey pants.
- ⑦ hockey socks.
- ⑧ proper fitting skates
- ⑨ hockey gloves.
- ⑩ hockey stick cut to proper length.

This is the proper protective gear to play hockey safely and to have fun without getting injured.

