

WOOD N YOU LIKE TO KNOW

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Notes from the Editor

Some of our readers noticed we took a break from the newsletter last month. We are back and hope you enjoy this month's offering.

“Generation Z is the first generation never to know the world without the internet, value diversity and finding their own unique identities.” Roberta Katz, Stanford Scholar.

Older people have been griping about young people for generations. For me, it feels like Gen Z (those born between 1997 and 2012) have been especially put upon.

Their parents, Gen Y (born between 1981 and 1996) and Gen X (born between 1965 – 1979) are quick to be critical about the work ethic of Gen Z.

I am a Baby Boomer, (born between 1946 – 1964). I have been known to be critical about Gen X, Y and Z. But, in my heart, I know change is great! I also know the generations before me were also critical of Baby Boomers. I also believe information is power. I often imagine the world I could have opened for myself if “Google” was available to me as a youth. When challenged with a research project as a student, the barriers to information were great. Some of the limited places to get information were from your textbook, an old set of encyclopedias or a visit to a library. Transportation to the library was a huge barrier for those living in rural areas.

I know many spectacular Gen Z'ers (my grandchildren included). We are sending a special shout out to Don Isenor's son, Cole for receiving his Red Seal in welding.

This month I am profiling one of our special Gen Z'ers from our ELCO family. Please take a moment to celebrate with me the achievements of Shelby Molnar. (See the end of this newsletter).

Congratulations to all our graduating Gen X'ers. Gennie

Notes from the Safety Committee

The minutes from our last safety meeting are posted on the bulletin boards around the property. Please take a moment to review them and be sure to ask your supervisor or any member of our safety committee about any questions you may have.

We have earned 80 points toward our annual safety award that we will cash out at the end of July. As a reminder, you need to have been employed for a minimum of 6 months to be eligible to receive the group award. More details on the award will follow when our 2021/2022 safety points year closes on July 31.

We are looking to do some first aid recertifications in the coming months. If you would like to volunteer to have your training updated, please give Angie a call. If we don't have enough volunteers to cover the property, we will have to assign recertifications based on operational requirements.

Until next month, Brian Myers, Trevor Hare, Nick Miller, Craig Isenor, Mark Wilber, Angie Kainola

Notes from the President

Many of you may be familiar with the name Ritchie Gilby. His family has been residents of the corridor area for generations. In January 2022, 48-year-old Ritchie suddenly passed away. He started his working career as a paramedic. I think he was one of Nova Scotia's first paramedics. He retired from that career after 30 years of service. He was also an entrepreneur and owned and operated Gilby Construction. He had several snowplows and looked after the plowing, sanding, and salting for many businesses and families in our community. He also acquired a septic service. He was always ready to offer his support wherever it was needed in our community. His family wants to continue this legacy and this month they organized a car show hosted at the East Hants Sportsplex in Lantz. All the money raised will be given to the many charities Ritchie loved to support. They had hopes of raising \$5,000 but in the end, it appears they raised 3 times that amount. All the volunteers sported red t-shirts that said, "Do A Ritchie". The message was clear, help your community.

Our grandson, Tristan, sported a different costume to help at this event. That is him snuggled in between me and Chris. On the back of his coveralls, he identifies as a "BEARAMEDIC". Too cute!



Notes from the President, con't

My "hats off" to those who donated some funds and especially to all the volunteers who donated their time and effort. Ritchie's wife, Suzanne, and his daughters, Breanna and Megan, are doing him proud!

In Europe, university students earn credits for doing internships in industries they are studying. A few months ago, a friend of mine in France asked me if I would consider hosting his friend's son for a 3-month internship. 21-year-old, Titouan Burgunder is currently in his third year of study working toward obtaining a Forestry Degree. Part of my DNA is to embrace education, so I agreed. That said, we greeted Titouan at the Halifax International on June 26th. He does speak English and I hope each of you will join me in extending him a friendly ELCO welcome. If you are looking for a conversation opener, he enjoys sports (specifically soccer) and rock music.

My goal is to have him return home in September with an increased knowledge of the Nova Scotia Forest Industry. As a bonus, by the end of the summer we may have added a few more French words to our vocabulary.

Construction at the sawmill continues. Thanks to the dedication of our team, we have overcome some obstacles and the work continues. They are working at getting all the framing and electrical infrastructure in place that is required for the September commissioning of the new lineal board edger. The exterior building is nearing completion. The log infeed continues to be a work in progress. When the flare butt reducer is installed, some logic programming will be required. These two processes go hand in hand.

Until next month, enjoy your July. Robin

Notes from Eacan Timber

School's out for the summer! I'm sure most students and teachers are relieved to see the summer break arrive. It's been a long few years for everyone and there seems to be a lot of excitement for the upcoming few months.

In speaking with friends and families, most are planning small trips rather than large ones. The price of gas (and flights) appears to be keeping most people closer to home. In doing so, they will be spending more time on their back decks, around the pool or inside.

We saw the effects of people staying home through Covid as many checked off "honey-do lists" by purchasing lumber (whitewood and PT), paint/stain, windows, doors, etc. A few hardware stores have said the walk-in DIY business is quite steady and expect it to be strong for the next bit.

Prices fell from the high we saw earlier this year and affordability has come back into focus. A better balance of supply/demand in the past few weeks has stabilized prices. I expect this to be the case for at least the next month.

I trust everyone will enjoy the upcoming long weekend as fun and safely as possible.

Joel McLeggan
Eacan Timber

Notes from Woodlands

Last month, we reported on the challenges we were facing building up our log inventory. Those challenges continued throughout May and June, and we expect it will require a few months of building before we are entirely comfortable. Conditions in the woods regarding harvesting and trucking have improved somewhat over the last couple of months, and as a result we are seeing a few more loads trickle in. However, with the bit of rain we have experienced lately, trucking has still been a bit of a challenge on some operations as we are very much relying on the continued level of harvesting from our own operations as well as the commitments of our suppliers to keep pace. However, we are heading in the right direction and are confident this will only improve as we roll along throughout the summer.

In 2019, I met Troy Robichaud. Troy was the project coordinator for the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq (CMM) and was instrumental in the development of their forestry program the Mi'kmaq Forestry Initiative (MFI). Troy and I worked very closely together for the past three years developing operational plans and organizing harvest activities that align with the MFI objectives. Troy is a very capable, natural leader, who possesses exceptional people skills. Although Troy came with a background in environmental science, he had somewhat limited experience regarding forestry operations. He was very upfront about that from the beginning.

Troy's open-minded nature and eagerness to be out in the field allowed for him to quickly learn and we had many productive days running around the woods. Coming from different backgrounds, we often had discussions around the interwoven, complex nature of forestry in Nova Scotia and we both agreed working together to find a balance regarding managing our forests was essential

Notes from Woodlands, con't

Recently, Troy has decided to move on from his CMM position to the next chapter in his life. This next phase will see Troy and his partner Viola relocate to Germany to explore the many options I am sure will be available to him. I am quite confident we will see Troy again down the road, but in the meantime, we would like to wish him the very best on his future endeavors.

Until next time.....Jason and the Woodlands Team

Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner**Taken for Granted**

Maggie has often told me I have no sense of direction. Recently, we went to Costco in Halifax. It was like it always is, BUSY! Fearing she wouldn't have enough time to shop or spend my money, she suggested she would get out at the door and allow me to find a parking spot. She told me where to meet her inside, but I forgot. That doesn't matter because I know she wouldn't be there anyway. (LOL)

I found a parking spot fairly quickly and it was close to the front of the store. I went in and found Maggie within 10 minutes (which is a new record for me). We did our shopping and after an hour or so, we were on our way out with me pushing the cart. As we stepped out into the sunshine, I turned to the right to go to the car when Maggie asked where I was going. I stopped and looked at her. "What do you mean, where am I going?" Then, I saw the look on her face, I had her. I asked how she could possibly know I am going the wrong direction when she wasn't even with me when I parked the car?

Even if this was the case, there was no way she could have known. I suggested it was impossible. She laughed and pointed out she was just acting out in a force of habit.

By the way, I was going in the right direction!

Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner, con't**Lost and Found**

At the Elmsdale Legion, from time to time, I get phone calls or people stop by because they have lost something. Keys, cellphones, and wallets are the most common items. We hosted a dart tournament about a month ago, and it is usually the same Legion Branches that attend. It was a Saturday morning when a guy I recognized as a dart player but didn't really know came up to the bar. He ordered a beer and asked me if I might have found a pair of pants he lost a month earlier. To confirm I repeated, "A pair of pants?" "Yes", he replied. So, holding back laughter, I told him I would check out back and I stepped out of the bar and into the kitchen. Becky Grant (our Kitchen Coordinator) asked why I was smiling. I told her a guy just asked me if we found a pair of pants he lost a month ago. Becky said, "Yes, Peter we did." Becky asked me to inquire about the color of the pants. "Seriously, you want me to find out the color. Did we find more than one pair of pants?"

Just to clarify, the bartenders take care of the bar, and the Kitchen Coordinator takes care of the kitchen. It is her domain. She be the boss, no questions asked, so I told her I would ask. I returned to the bar but he was gone. He was throwing darts as his turn had arrived. I went back out through the kitchen into the hall and waited until he finished his turn. After he was finished, I asked him what color his lost pants were. He revealed they were greyish blue. I told him I would let him know and I made my way back to the kitchen where I found Becky holding up a pair of pants. I told her he was missing a pair of greyish blue pants just like the ones she was holding. It was then that Becky asked me to find out the size. Now, I can talk to just about anyone about anything and it takes a hell of a lot to embarrass me, but I wasn't feeling comfortable about doing this, but as I said, Becky is the KITCHEN COORDINATOR.

Back out I go. The teams were in between games, and he was enjoying a beer when I walk up to buddy and asked, "I hate to ask you this, but do you know the size?"

Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner, cont

Lost and Found, con't

He gave me that (WTF) look, and his answer surprised me. He didn't say 36 or 40. Nope, his answer was LARGE. I thanked him and promised I would be right back. As I made my way back to the kitchen, I saw Becky standing there holding his pants. I started to tell her his pants were a size Large but before I could finish my sentence, I heard a loud voice over my shoulder say, "That's them, those are my pants." The guy had followed me back to the kitchen without me noticing him. So, if you should lose anything at our branch, upon answering just a couple of skill testing questions you will get your belongings back.

Eligible and Legal

Slink informed me that he got ID'd at the liquor store recently in Elmsdale. I told him I thought the lady was just checking him out and wanted to know some details about him as Slink will turn 47 years young in a month or two. There's no way Slink looks like a minor.

Notes from the Sawmill

Wood N You Like to Know that Jon Molnar is going to be an uncle (on his side of the Molnar family) for the very first time. His brother Tyler is excited about becoming a first-time uncle as well. Congratulations Jon and Tyler. Everyone here wishes your sister Katie and her husband Ben the all the best for a healthy and happy baby.

Oh, I almost forgot to mention this is the first grandchild for Stephen and Anne. Hoot, hoot!



Here's a snapshot of Shelby Molnar working on an incredible mural in the French wing of HERH. She has put in at least 60 hours with a few more to go. Along with being an incredibly involved student, she is a very talented artist!

Notes from Shelby Molnar's Corner

Tiger Awards celebrate all the contributions HERH students make to student life! The Pegasus Award is awarded to HERH's top contributing students. Congratulations to all our students for making HERH AWESOME!

The Top Tiger Pegasus award is presented to the *most involved and active student at Hants East Rural High School*. This year's the Top Tiger is Shelby Molnar. Pictured below is the array of awards Shelby received last week. The academic awards have yet to be presented and a little bird tells me Shelby will have to make some more room in her resume and on her wall of achievements.



HERH TIGERS

2021 - 2022 TIGER AWARDS

Pegasus Award



Shelby Molnar

Notes from Gordie Beaman's Corner

I guess our world is on the rise of a so called new normal. It is desperately what the doctor ordered. I was so very grateful for our masks. When I was wearing my mask (the one I wear over my normal mask LOL), I was very grateful because it worked awesome for me. I never once got sick or caught COVID. I truly can't remember the last time I went 2 years without getting sick. I expect that was a result of wearing my mask.

Unless a miracle happens, I expect we will be wearing our masks in the fall. It may pay to always wear your mask because if you don't get sick, you will not pass anything onto someone else.

It is so mind boggling that we are again halfway through another year. Where does all the time go? Live life to the fullest and be grateful for all God's blessings.

May/June Anniversaries

John Ashley	42 years
Weslie Benoit	3 years
Matthew Blackwell	1 year
Leslie Isenor	32 years
Dwight Isenor	23 Isenor
Caleb Isenor	1 year
Jon Molnar	13 years
Chris Myers	20 years
Shawn Preeper	34 years
Stephen Thompson	49 years
Mark Wilber	21 years



June & July Birthdays

Jason Barr	July 15
Gordie Beaman	July 29
Jason Casey	June 12
Rob Himelman	July 17
Darren Isenor	June 1
Tara Isenor	July 13
Angie Kainola	July 22
Nick Miller	July 2
Stephen Molnar	July 6
Stephen Mombourquette	June 9
Mark Wilber	June 30



May/June 50/50

May 6	Jason Barr
May 13	Roland Murray
May 20	Jim Sawler
May 27	Gennie Himelman
June 3	Darren Isenor
June 10	Shawn Preeper
June 17	Nick Miller
June 24	Gavin MacDonald
June 30	Ron Miller

