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Notes from the Editor

We are happy to laminate your COVID-19 immunization record. Simply bring your copy to the office and we will do the rest. If you are unsure how to access your record, call the office and we will walk you through it.

Vaccine hesitancy is a real emotion. The reasons for hesitancy are varied and complex. I have learned the “5C model” summarizes the key factors that can influence vaccine hesitancy. The 5 C’s are: confidence, complacency, convenience, calculation and collective responsibility.

Confidence is the level of trust in the effectiveness and safety of vaccines.

Complacency is the perception that risks of vaccine preventable diseases are low and vaccines are not necessary.

Convenience is the extent to which vaccines are available, affordable, and assessable.

Calculation is an individual’s engagement in extensive information searching and evaluation of risks of infections vs vaccination.

Collective responsibility is the extent to which one is willing to protect others by one’s own vaccination.

For clarity, I am double vaccinated and when I am told by the medical experts I will require a booster shot, I will not be hesitant and immediately get in line when it is my turn. I started getting my annual flu shot when my first grandchild was born. I decided I didn’t want to be responsible for passing on the flu bug to her or anyone else. My reason for being first in line to receive the suggested Covid vaccines is the same, I don’t want to pass on Covid-19 bug to anyone else.

Until next month, 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 held our first safety committee meeting with our new committee members this week. We explained to our new members how our meetings usually flow, and how their roles contribute to the committee, and support ELCO’s overall safety program. Our new team members are keen to learn and help where required and offered some valuable input on their first day. We are looking forward to working with you on the safety committee Trevor, Brian, and Devin.

We all know there is construction throughout the yard. Please be vigilant when driving through the yard, and always be mindful of forklifts and other machinery moving about, as well as outside visitors here for construction or inspection who may not have the same familiarity with our yard as we do.

If you have a safety concern at any time, please reach out to your supervisor or a member of our safety committee.

Until next month,

Brian Myers, Trevor Hare, Devin Castle, Craig Isenor, Mark Wilber, and Angie Kainola

Notes from the President

Boiler Project Update

This has been an exciting month for our construction projects at the boiler room and the sawmill. After weeks of digging up the yard and replacing the steam tunnel from the boiler to the planer mill, concrete work for the new section of the shavings infeed system and the addition to the boiler building and jack hammering and removing huge amounts of concrete to widen the area for the new feed system, we are now putting things back together.

This past week, part of the feed system was installed. On Wednesday, Sept 29, the fire box, and the boiler were craned into place. On Monday, October 4, Marid Industries will be here to start erecting the building. We need to get the roof on the building before we take all the plastic covers off the electrical sensors to start wiring it up and programming the system for operation. Getting the new boiler operational can't happen too soon as the portable, oil-fired boiler which is temporarily making steam for continued operation of our kilns burns about 2,400 litres of expensive oil every day.

Hurst Boiler representative, Blair Saulnier, Todd of Lindsay Construction, Warren Hirtle and Mark have been keeping a watchful eye on the many facets of the boiler room expansion. We can't say enough good things about the Portable Welders' crew. They are hard workers and extremely knowledgeable. Thanks guys!



Notes from the President's Corner, con't

Sawmill Project Update

The new log brow and log infeed system to the sawmill debarker needs to be completed and operational before the foundation for the new sawmill building can be completed as the foundation will go through the middle of the old, existing log brow (which must be removed). This required massive excavation work by Kel-Greg and the footings were poured on Wednesday, Sept 29 and the walls and massive concrete slabs will be poured over the next couple of weeks. Kel-Greg, as we have come to expect, gets the work done and done right! After the first section of the sawmill building was completed, Lindsay Construction confided to me that Kel-Greg was the only sub-contractor they do not have to keep an eye on.

The infeed system, built by Molnar Welding, is sitting in their yard ready for installation. The building around this equipment needs to be completed as there is a mezzanine level for an electrical room which needs to be installed to get everything working.

The steam tunnel from the boiler to the sawmill is also in the way. It will be re-routed during the construction of the foundation for the sawmill building.



Notes from Eacan Timber

My name is Evan Meisner. My wife, Sarah and I have a son named Max who is just about six months old. We also have a big Newfoundland dog named Penny who loves to swim, bark at squirrels, and drool while we are eating dinner. I grew up in Fall River and Oakfield, Nova Scotia and now live in Dartmouth with my family. I used to teach kids how to play music as well as front a touring rock and roll band, but then I thought it was time to have some fun, so I got into the lumber business.

My grandfather, Arnold Meisner, founded Eacan Timber 40+ years ago, eventually passing the reigns to my father Brad, who took the company to a whole new level. I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this company and to work with such good people daily. I have been with Eacan for almost six years now, working as Controller of the Logistics Sector, which is a fancy way to say moving lumber.

My hobbies include playing and writing music, biking, boating, and spending time with my family and friends. Oh, and writing personal blurbs for lumber newsletters.

As for the market, this year has been a whirlwind of unforeseen circumstances, including some pretty extreme ups and downs. I think I speak for everyone when I say it does feel nice to feel a little bit of stability coming back to lumber markets. Buyers seem to be slowly, but surely, settling into a new groove with prices that seem to be finally returning to a healthier level.

Evan Meisner
Controller of Logistics



Notes from Woodlands

My good friend Robbie is getting married this weekend and I have the honours of being his best man. Although I am looking forward to it, I encountered an unexpected challenge with the wardrobe designated to all of Rob's groomsmen. Rob's soon-to-be wife Jess ordered pants for the guys based on the sizes we provided, however, when I received mine and tried them on, the usual 34" waist I take, in this instance looked like I was wearing clown pants. With less than a week to go, and the unreliable nature of online delivery times, I was a little panicky. Luckily, Jess found replacement pants and secured a doable timeline on delivery. This will be our last kick at the can, so I hope they fit. I would rather clown pants than tights.

Earlier this month, while harvesting in the Pockwock watershed, we were asked to participate in a field tour hosted by a research team from Dalhousie University and the Halifax Water Commission. The tour was organized for members of the Western Region Stakeholder Interactive Committee to showcase research that is ongoing to help determine what effects forest management can have on carbon levels in water, in this instance, Pockwock Lake. Increases in carbon can present challenges for Halifax Water during the treatment process and can equate to high costs to meet water quality standards for their customers. The Pockwock Watershed provides a unique opportunity for research, as forest management activities, including harvesting, have gone on for decades within this active watershed. The field tour was a great opportunity to have discussions while visiting a live harvest operation, putting into context how forest management can have positive impacts for the watershed. Lots of good conversations were had that day and I trust many in attendance left with a better understanding of what forest management can look like.

On a final note, last weekend I discovered a new way of enjoying the forest when my family decided to try ONTREE Fun and Adventure Park.

Notes from Woodlands, con't

If you are not aware, ONTREE is located near Ski Martock just outside Windsor. It is what I can best describe as an amusement park in the trees where each "ride" is a course made up of zip lines and obstacles to navigate through. The staff provides a training session to get you ready and comfortable with the harness and equipment, and then you are free to wander around the 120-acre park to try any of the courses.

They range from easy to difficult, including a zip line that is 600 feet long. As our group consisted of two nine-years-old, a thirteen-year-old, and moms and dads in their forties, we decided to stick to the easy ones. Come to find out, the easy courses were not that easy, so I can imagine what the hard ones are like. The courses we did were very fun, and I was impressed that everyone made it through, including the small kids. We loved it and plan to go back soon. If you are adventurous and don't mind heights, I highly recommend it.

Until next time, Jason Casey and the Woodlands team

Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner

Crank it Up

Well, summer is gone, and we are into fall. I love the fall, but unfortunately "Old Man Winter" comes right behind it. It seems the older I get, the quicker summer goes, and the longer winter drags on. It has been really busy for some of the boys with the installation of the new boiler. I am not one of those boys and we had a few quiet days here at the planer because of it, which is understandable. The biggest impact I am eagerly awaiting to discover is if we will be getting anymore heat this winter. I have heard we should (in theory), but only time will tell. If we get more than in previous years, that's a bonus and if not, then we just keep rolling along as usual.

Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner, con't

You Guys are the Best

I want to take a minute to thank a few people who did me a turn in the last little while, and in no particular order:

TLRI for the best homemade cookies to come out of NMR.

ANGIE, who goes above and beyond to help out and all the while with a smile on her face. Maggie and I will think of you when we travel.

ROBIN for the Covid cash. It was totally unexpected and very much appreciated, (I won't forget what you asked me, and I will let you know when I decide).

And last but not least, I want to thank Rob in advance for the money I will get from him again this year with the NHL resuming play in a couple of weeks!!

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I was asked to go over to the sawmill last month to check a guy's work. They asked him to cut some thick 2x10 and they wanted a certain grade. To make sure he was on the right track he cut a lift of 75 pieces, and I went through them. Try as I might, I could only find 2 pieces below grade. I say, "TRY AS I MIGHT", because if I didn't find any, then I might not be needed. LOL

Sass, you did a great job. You could work your way down to a grading job in the future if you were so inclined.

Sweet Tooth

In the lunchroom we cover a broad spectrum of topics as you can well imagine. When I got into work one morning last week and took my stuff into the lunchroom, I saw something for me at the end of the table where I sit. I couldn't believe it as I haven't seen or had one of these in 25 years, if not longer. When Roland came into the lunchroom he was laughing. I asked, "Where in the hell did you get this?" He said, "I was at the dentist last night and Alisha went next door to the drug store to kill some time. There was a box of them on the shelf with 5 or 6 left in it so she bought them all. When I got out of the dentist, she told me what she bought, and I started laughing. I told her you and I were talking about stuff like this last week."

What he left on the table for me was a RUM and BUTTER chocolate bar which they stopped making in the 90s. And, no it wasn't from the 90's. I checked it out and they did a run of them. On the front of the bar it reads "CHOCOLATE NOSTALGIA."

Sept 50/50

- Sept 3 Corey White
- Sept 10 Austin Hull
- Sept 17 John Ashley
- Sept 24 Brian Myers

September Anniversaries

- Rob Himelman 20 years
- Darren Isenor 20 years
- Jason Isenor 17 years
- Angie Kainola 9 years
- Nick Miller 15 years
- James Sawler 43 years
- Chris Wilber 27 years



October Birthdays

- John Ashley Oct 27
- Trevor Hare Oct 18
- Caleb Isenor Oct 10

