Chairman's Corner
By Kevin Tudor

Why am I a member of the Society of American Foresters?

Several years ago, if you would have asked me that question I honestly wouldn't know the answer. Other than being a forester and my employer paying my dues, I didn’t know why. I was content to go to one meeting a year and not get involved in a leadership role. I had plenty of excuses; didn’t have time, not a leader, somebody else’s job. Over time I realized how fortunate I was to be a forester. It kept me out of a factory and allowed me to be outdoors. It allowed me to travel in numerous states, especially in KY & TN. I knew it was time to give back.

Volunteers are the backbone of any nonprofit organization. The Kentucky-Tennessee Society of American Foresters is no exception. The chapter and state meetings don’t happen on their own. This newsletter doesn’t spontaneously appear in your inbox. Our website doesn’t update itself. Behind every one of these duties is a volunteer. If you have never volunteered before, your local chapter is the best place to start. We have 2 local chapters in Kentucky and 4 in Tennessee. At the KT level there are numerous committees and officer roles that could always use your help.

Why are you a member of the Society of American Foresters?

The world is run by those who show up. Get active, Get involved. It’s time to give back.

Collaboration resulting in landscape management
~ Kimberly Bonaccorso, Public Affairs Specialist Daniel Boone N. F.

The Daniel Boone National Forest is taking a new collaborative approach to managing natural resources. As part of an integrated resource management strategy, all four ranger districts have identified watershed areas for potential project activities. Partners and stakeholders are encouraged to become involved during the initial planning phase.

Workshops are being conducted for all interested parties to review the project areas and consider resource management needs. The project areas provide opportunities to enhance recreation and improve wildlife habitat, soil and water quality, forest health, and road and trail surfaces.

On the Stearns Ranger District, the analysis and development of alternatives are complete for the Greenwood project area. A draft environmental analysis is near completion.

The proposed Greenwood actions include 1,123 acres of commercial thinning; 817 acres of regeneration treatments; 674 acres of woodland establishment, 3,575 acres of non-commercial stand improvement; wildlife opening improvements with edge thinning and herbicide treatments on 75 sites; construction of 38 vernal ponds; and prescribed fire on 10,627 acres.

If you have any recommendations or want to become involved in integrated resource management, contact the Supervisor’s Office of the Daniel Boone National Forest for more information.
2017 K-T SAF Winter Meeting

January 25-27, Chattanooga, Tennessee
Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel

Wednesday, January 25
5:30 – 8 pm Registration, Hotel Lobby
7 – 9 pm EST Executive Committee meeting, American Train Car Room

Thursday, January 26
Continental breakfast
7:30am - 8:30am Registration, Finley Lecture Hall
8:30 - 8:35 Welcome, Finley Lecture Hall

Featured speakers (tentative)

Matt Menashas SAF President
Dr. Callie Schweitzer US Forest Service, Southern Research Station
George Mac McGee Principal Rural Lands Broker, Fay Ranches, Inc
Tripp Pryor American Hardwood Export Council
Suzanne White GIS Services, Strategic Technology Solutions / State of Tennessee
Dr. Adam Taylor Associate Professor and Forest Products Extension Specialist, University of Tennessee
Leslie Hammond Soil Conservationist, USDA NRCS
Dr. Daniel Carter Chattanooga’s Thrive 2055 regional economic initiative and working farms and forests

Business meeting, Finley Lecture Hall
Quiz Bowl
Banquet and Awards Ceremony

Friday, January 27
Forestry and Natural Resources Career Panel (a 5 person panel with a moderator to discuss career options and to give early career advice for students and young professionals)

Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel
1400 Market Street
Chattanooga, TN 37402
(423) 266-5000
1-800-877-2529

Registration is by PHONE ONLY
K-T Meeting Rate is $109 per night.

Registration code at the Chattanooga Choo Choo Hotel is

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Winter Meeting ONLINE Registration

KT SAF winter meeting attendees can use this link to pay by email. You must first fill out the form and then you will receive another link to pay.

https://goo.gl/forms/GUowedlZ7b9T7uYn1

Registration Costs:
Members - $135 ($140 after Jan.5)
Students - $60
Guests - $75.

Any problems, please email Nicole Nunley at annunley@sewanee.edu
SAF Fellows

March 1st is the deadline for SAF Fellow Nominations.

If you know of a member that is deserving of the title, now is the time to start the process of putting the nomination packet together.

If you have any questions, contact a KT Officer.

Nominations for Awards are Needed!

Nominations* are needed for:

Outstanding Forester
Over 35 years of age

Outstanding Forester
35 years of age and under

Forestry Technician

Herman Baggenstoss
Forestry Recognition Award

Please contact Dr. Allan Houston for Nominations

*Tennessee membership only for 2017

Greetings to the Leadership of SAF District 9

SAF just wrapped up an exciting national convention in Madison, WI. There were over 700 students and recent graduates in attendance. The total attendance was over 1700. The US Forest Service was in full force and was attempting to hire up to 140 during the convention.

The SAF Board meets the first weekend of December and I would like to report any SAF activities or initiatives that you have recently completed and on any upcoming meeting dates and activities. Please send me this information at your earliest convenience.

Graduations to District 9 Presidential Field Forester award winner Steve Rasmussen.

Please be working on your field forester and fellow nominations for next year.

If you have any concerns or questions please let me know.

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Daniel Boone NF welcomes new leadership team members
~ Kimberly Bonaccorso, Public Affairs Specialist Daniel Boone N. F.

If you’re visiting the Daniel Boone National Forest anytime soon, be sure to stop in and say hello to the new Deputy Forest Supervisor Scott Ray. Ray recently transferred from the Francis Marion-Sumter National Forest in South Carolina where he served as the natural resources staff officer.

“With his wealth of knowledge in natural resource management, as well as his work experience with conservation partners, Scott will be a great asset to the Daniel Boone,” said Forest Supervisor Bill Lorenz.

Ray is a Kentucky native who grew up in the Keavy community of Laurel County, Ky. He began working with the U.S. Forest Service on the London Ranger District as a student volunteer at age 16.

Following his interests, Ray attended Murray State University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in wildlife biology. He is certified as a wildlife biologist by The Wildlife Society, an international organization for wildlife professionals.

After graduating college, Ray worked for Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources at Ballard Wildlife Management Area and for Tennessee Valley Authority at Land Between the Lakes.

Ray’s work eventually led him to the Forest Service Savannah River Station and the Osceola Ranger District in Florida before transferring to South Carolina. Ray has also served in several acting ranger assignments and as a regional stewardship coordinator for the Eastern and Southern Regions.

“I look forward to coming home to Kentucky and being closer to my family and longtime friends,” said Ray. “The Daniel Boone National Forest feels like home to me, so I look forward to expanding my Forest Service career in the place where it all began.”

Cody Lunsford comes to the Daniel Boone as the new natural resources staff officer stationed in Winchester, Ky.

Lunsford graduated from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor of Science in rangeland ecology with an emphasis in prescribed fire. After graduation he moved to Texas and worked in agriculture and wildlife management. His Forest Service work experience began in Arizona in 2004.

Lunsford later transferred to the Natural Resource Conservation Service where he cultivated partnerships and implemented conservation practices across federal, private and tribal lands within his assigned county. From there he moved to Kansas and continued his NRCS career in conservation management.
MUSIC AND MENTORING
Contributed by Rance Frye

Our 2016 Music and Mentoring was a successful sequel to an inaugural event in 2015. The Middle TN Chapter of the K-T Society of American Foresters partnered again with Louisiana Pacific to host Forestry and Natural Resource students from The University of the South at Sewanee and The University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Ten students from each University were invited to an afternoon of interacting with practicing foresters from industry, government, and private practice. We began with general introductions in the LP headquarters building situated squarely in downtown Nashville. After a brief explanation of LP goals and positions in the forest industry, Lynn Wilson, Director of Natural Resources for LP, was kind enough to share her story of progress as a forester. From her time as a field forester checking logging crews she detailed how she coupled her mentors’ suggestions with her hard work to rise to her position in LP. Lynn was clear that the path to success wanders through swamps and tough decisions but there are good people along the way willing to help if the students will be humble and ask. Next, Don Walker, Chief Information Officer of LP, continued the event theme as he told his own story of people who mentored him and how important personal relationships are to our success in life.

After a brief tour of the LP HQ the group fractioned into small pods and walked to a large meeting room inside Titans stadium. Our group was fortunate to have three subject matter experts link Politics to the daily details of forestry. Emily Ham, Manager of Government Affairs for Westrock, opened our afternoon session. She gave the students a national glimpse into the political soup that exists for corporations. From California and Alaska to the Southeast U.S. we learned of the struggles to build cooperative arrangements with government bodies and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) that allow Westrock to operate.

J. Brian Bivens, Government Affairs for Steve Bivens and Associates, spoke next and explained how a lobbying firm navigates the corridors of power, at the state level, when working for the TN Forestry Association. He made it clear that there should be a clear strategy when attempting to pass legislation that affected one county of TN different than other counties. The language, and the intention, of the legislation must be clear to avoid unnecessary ‘squabbles’.

Candace Dinwiddy, Executive Director of the Tennessee Forestry Association (TFA), was our closing speaker. She regaled the group as she told several “war stories” about legislative efforts in Tennessee. Candace’s quick wit was evident as she made it clear how the actions of TFA members were key to defeating legislation that would have been harmful to practicing forestry in TN. She closed with an exhortation to be active in politics as their careers progressed.

David Hudnall, Corporate Forest Resources Environmental Manager for LP, wrapped up our political discussions and led the entire group into the LP box suite overlooking the Titan’s field. Once in the spacious box students and professionals were given time to mingle and exchange information. The expectation is that students are able to connect with professionals who are working in areas of expertise that they wish to pursue as they complete their education.

Conversations continued as the assembly left the stadium and walked back across the Cumberland River to a fine diner at the George Jones Museum on 2nd avenue with county music playing in the background.

Students and professionals all agreed the 2016 Music and Mentoring was worth the effort and plans for 2017 are already underway.
UK and LSU researchers win $4 million to study lignin

Lignin is a byproduct of the biofuels, pulp and paper, and sugarcane industries. It has a pretty low value on its own, but researchers at the University of Kentucky and Louisiana State University are collaborating on ways to add value to it. The two schools recently announced they are joint recipients of a $4 million grant from the National Science Foundation to create a new class of materials from lignin.

(Lane Report) 11/18/2016

Harlan County receives $2.52M grant for alternative energy manufacturing center

The Harlan County Industrial Development Authority Inc. has received preliminary approval from the U.S. Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation Enforcement (OSMRE) for a $2.52 million grant for an alternative energy manufacturing center in Harlan County.

The funds will be used to leverage an additional $10.5 million in private investment from Harlan Wood Products LLC to create 30-35 new jobs, and approximately 60 new indirect jobs at a new Harlan Wood Products production center to be located at a previously reclaimed abandoned mine lands site at Yancey.

(Lane Report) 11/1/2016

Student Quiz Bowl 2017

By Doug McLaren

The winter KTSAF meeting is just around the corner and as always there will be an opportunity for the students of the three forestry programs from Kentucky and Tennessee to test their skills at the annual Student Quiz Bowl. Right now it is looking like the event will follow the afternoon meetings and before supper on January 26th (Thursday). It will not be hard to find the event. Just listen and follow the famed Jeopardy music.

Who is eligible? Anyone undergraduate that attends The Universities of Kentucky, Tennessee, and the University of the South. There are no minimum or maximum number of individuals on the teams. The more the merrier. The only stipulation will be that there is only one buzzer per University team.

It is still early and the officials have not made a clear indication as to the format of the game but most likely it will follow the Jeopardy format. Most likely it will consist of two parts with an intermission between the two sessions.

The officials have released what question topics will be on the Quiz, making the Quiz easier to study for. The questions will pertain to forestry and natural resources and any and all related topics. As always there will be the annual presentation of the traveling trophy to the school with the most points gained within the two sessions.

To the team that won last year, please bring the trophy back. It is possible that you could retain it, or, one of the other two schools might see the desire to brighten their school hallways with the 2017 Student Quiz Bowl Trophy. See you all in January. Study hard, do well.

POP QUIZ !!

State Trees

This is the only state tree with a pinnately compound leaf. Fittingly, it belongs to the state boasting only a “lone star”.

Which Tree is it??

Winter Meeting

SILENT AUCTION

Please start collecting items to donate to the Silent Auction. The auction is a great time for all and helps generate money for the National Forester’s Fund and our own K-T Students.

You’d be surprised what people will bid on! So if in doubt, bring it.

The Silent Auction point of contact for the winter meeting will be Greg Bailey.

Lane Report 11/18/2016

Lane Report 11/1/2016
BYLAWS OF KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS (Partial)

ARTICLE 6: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chair shall be responsible for developing and continuing state society activities during the term of office and for organizing the membership toward meeting the objectives. The Chair shall preside at meetings of the state society; serve as chair of the Executive Committee and as ex-officio member of all other committees; oversee the business affairs; appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, the standing committees and other special committees; act as the official delegate to the House of Society Delegates, or, with the approval of the Executive Committee, appoint an alternate; and perform all other duties commonly incident to such office.

The Vice-Chair, in the absence of the Chair, shall preside at state society meetings, act for, and assist the Chair in conducting state society affairs, as may be requested by the Chair.

The Secretary or another officer as described by the Executive Committee shall conduct all state society elections and referendums that are not conducted by the national office of the Society; keep the minutes of the state society's meetings and send a copy to the Executive Vice-President; conduct correspondence; announce meetings; send agenda for meetings to the Executive Vice-President 30 days in advance when possible, and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee or Chair. The Secretary shall prepare and present at the annual meeting a report on the state society's activities, and shall provide a copy of the report to the Executive Vice-President. The Secretary shall report to the Executive Vice-President the adoption of an amendment to these bylaws.

The Treasurer or another officer directed by the Executive Committee shall act as custodian of the state society's accounting records and accounts; receive and deposit all moneys and disburse all moneys authorized by the Chair (or Executive Committee) on behalf of the state society; and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee or the Chair. The Treasurer shall prepare and present at the annual meeting a report of the state society's financial status, including an income and expense statement for the year's operations and a balance sheet as of the end of the Society's fiscal year, i.e., December 31. Upon certification by the Auditing Committee, copies of the written report shall be submitted to the Chair and to the Executive Vice-President. The Treasurer, in response to an annual request from the Executive Vice-President, shall provide all information required by the Internal Revenue Service Form 990 and, if the state society has unrelated business income, Internal Revenue Service Form 990T. And, in the event that Internal Revenue Service reporting requirements are changed, the Treasurer shall provide the Executive Vice-President the information required on any additional form of the Internal Revenue Service.
MUJI Company Forestry Tour of Tennessee  
Submitted by Kerry Livengood

A delegation of representatives of Ryohin Keikaku Company, based in Tokyo, Japan, visited Tennessee from September 26th through October 5th looking for suppliers of white oak for furniture lines.

MUJI, the shortened name of the company, was originally founded in Japan in 1980. They offer a wide variety of products including household goods, apparel and food. Mujirushi Ryohin, MUJI in Japanese, translates as “all value no frills” or “no-brand quality goods.” If you check their website (www.muji.com/us/), MUJI has three core principles:

1. Selection of materials  
2. Streamlining of processes  
3. Simplification of packages

There are about 700 MUJI stores in 32 countries worldwide. In North America there are stores in New York, New Jersey, and California. The company’s principles manifest is their interest in product detail starting on the ground, through production and into the store. In my conversations with Takaaki Ozora, the general manager of global sourcing based in Singapore, I learned that he has traveled to Tanzania to visit the farms where MUJI's cotton is grown and also to New Zealand to meet the shepherds and see the sheep where wool is obtained. Now, he has come to Tennessee visiting landowners, and sawmills that grow and process white oak logs that can be sold to Muji to make furniture.

The delegation spent the first day with John Burch, 2015 Tree Farmer of the Year. John’s property on the Humphrey - Dickson county line west of Dickson was a great place for them to begin learning about hardwood silviculture. John has been working with Tennessee Division of Forestry Area Foresters for many years and also employs Jonathan Boggs of Arbor Springs Forestry for management advice. They spent a day with Stacie Bates of Curvev Road Sawmill (Charlotte, TN) and another day with Bill Joyce of Middle Tennessee Lumber in Dickson. Ate barbeque at Puckett’s in Leiper’s Fork on the way to see the Hassell & Hughes plant in Collinwood guided by Tony Hunt. They then walked across the mill yard and talked with Parkes Hughes of Hughes Hardwood International. Hughes exports lumber all over the world. One of the high points of the trip was the morning spent at the West Highland Rim Forestry Association Forestry Field Day on Saturday, October 1st at Ann and Loic Cerville-Reache’s farm near Dickson. Brian Hughett, Area Forester with the Division of Forestry, presented the use of “hack and squirt” for removing low quality hardwoods. The Natural Resources Conservation Service Dickson Field Office District Conservationist, Wynne Luter, walked everyone through an example of a cost share practice to control erosion. They also saw two recent harvest sites, one a recommended silvicultural practice and the other known as a “high grading” on a neighboring property that is not recommended. High grading removes valuable timber but leaves low quality trees in the forest. The group also traveled to South Pittsburg near Chattanooga to see the sawmill and kilns of Cardin Forest Products, LLC. Bob Hughes of Cardin led the tour of the mill.

We have reports that MUJI bought lumber during their trip to Tennessee and are looking for local suppliers of furniture parts for coffee and dining tables.
**National Convention Update – Volunteer Coordinator**

*From Chris Reeves, 2019 National Convention General Chair*

We’ll need lots of help from our local KTSAF members to pull off a successful 2019 Society of American Foresters National Convention in Louisville, KY. Most of the help will be needed the week of the convention. Volunteers are needed for a wide range of activities and events. Organizing and soliciting all the volunteers is the main responsibility of the **Volunteer Coordinator** position.

The Volunteer Coordinator position on the 2019 National Convention Planning Committee isn’t one that takes up as much upfront time such as the General Chair, the Program Chair, or planning the field tours. But there will be a lot of activity in the few months leading up to the convention and the week of the convention. Volunteers are needed to staff the registration booth, greet and direct attendees as they move around the convention site, assist exhibitors, work the SAF store, and provide presenter support. All shifts are around four to six hours and will be supervised by SAF staff. The Volunteer Coordinator will solicit members and ensure adequate staffing at all required events.

Luckily, there are several online and web based applications that can assist in soliciting and monitoring volunteers. Signup.com was used for this year’s past convention in Madison, WI. The Volunteer Coordinator entered all the shifts needed for the convention and volunteers selected which shifts they wanted to fill. This allowed volunteers to schedule around convention events and presentations they wanted to attend while still volunteering at the convention. In the past, this was handled through emails and spreadsheets. The online system is much easier and a huge time saver for the Volunteer Coordinator and potential volunteers.

I'm confident that we'll have tremendous support from our local student chapters to provide some of the volunteer support but we cannot rely on them to staff all positions. I estimate we will need around 30 professional member volunteers from KTSAF and our surrounding state societies. Please make plans now to attend the National Convention in Louisville in late October 2019 and consider volunteering! If you’re highly organized and wish to serve as the Volunteer Coordinator please contact me!

As an example, you can review the 2016 National Convention Volunteer event list here on Signup.com: [http://signup.com/go/fSRzae](http://signup.com/go/fSRzae) Be sure to click off ‘Hide Past Spots’ since the convention already took place. Barring any major changes in the convention format our volunteer required events will be very similar.

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**!! OPEN POSITION !!**

There is an essential need for a K-T member to fill the position of **Secretary (2017) and Treasurer (2018)**. As the duties are set up on a rotational basis between the two States, this position should be filled by a Kentucky member. No experience is needed and there are several people that have held the position in the past that are more than willing to aid a new person. Any past holders of this position and welcome to fill the position. All interested members can contact anyone from the Executive Committee.
The Pecan Tree (Carya illinoensis) was designated the official state tree of Texas in 1919. (The pecan was also adopted as the state health and pecan pie is the official state pie of Texas). Fossil remains found in Texas show that our native pecan tree was here long before humans came on the scene. Remarkably long-lived, the pecan can survive more than a thousand years and grow over 100 feet tall.

Many American Indians relied on pecans as an important food staple; they gathered wild pecans and combined them with fruits and vegetables (including beans, corn, and squashes), created an energy drink with pecan milk, used ground pecan meal to thicken meat stews, and included roasted pecans as part of their travel supplies to sustain them along the journey when food was scarce.

Besides producing the delicious pecan nut, pecan wood is used in agricultural implements, baseball bats, hammer handles, furniture, wall paneling, flooring, carvings, and firewood. The Pecan tree was designated the state tree of Texas in 1919.
A Last Look...

35 Months...
Till the 2019 SAF National Convention
Louisville, Kentucky

Next NEWSLETTER Deadline is
Friday
February 10, 2017

Please supply NEWSLETTER information in Microsoft WORD format to:
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- Articles on forestry related topics
- News and events from your Chapters
- Accompanying photographs are greatly appreciated!