Chairman’s Corner
By Heather Slayton

Greetings fellow SAFers!

Where has the time gone? Summer is coming to an end, the nights and early mornings are getting cooler and it’s getting dark earlier. You know what that means? FOOTBALL SEASON! I’m laughing at myself for saying that because I’m not really a football fan. But I AM a college student so I have come to associate August with football and that dreaded feeling of returning to school. But as a professional, this time of year reminds me that there are dozens of new and returning natural resource students who would jump at the opportunity to interact with their local practicing forester.

At our summer meeting in Gatlinburg (well done East TN!), I pitched a couple of plans to help our K-T SAF leadership focus more energy and resources to our student population. I received some excellent feedback which I have been incorporating over the past couple of months. I’m looking forward to working with our society leaders to develop one or more of these plans so that we can attract, support and maintain young professionals in our organization.

In the meantime…

All of you professional foresters out there! Step up, reach out to a student and take them along with you for the day. Show them what you do!

All of you students out there! Don’t be shy and invite yourself!

And to kick off the new school year and a new year of connecting with your professionals, join us for the nationally recognized 3rd Annual Music & Mentoring event on September 21 in Nashville TN.

Looking forward to a great fall season!
Heather
MARK your calendar
Forest Research Overview Gathering

September 22
UT Cumberland Forest
Oliver Springs, TN
More Info on Page 3-4

Oak Symposium

October 24-26
Knoxville, Tennessee
Website

Tennessee Forestry Association
2017 Annual Meeting

October 25-27
Memphis, TN
Website

3rd Annual
Music and Mentoring
Hosted by the Middle TN Chapter

September 21st
Nashville, TN
RSVP of Professionals is needed
More information on Page 6

2018 K-T SAF Winter Meeting

Jackson, TN
January 25 – 26, 2018
Details in the Fall Newsletter

What’s Going On?

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Strike Team

The Tennessee Division of Forestry (TDF) is hiring seasonal forestry personnel for team positions to treat hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) from East TN to the Cumberland Plateau.

Season begins October 1, 2017 and ends May 31, 2018

For more information, Contact Heather Slayton

News and updates about
YOUR K-T SAF Chapter
could go here!

Please send news, articles, pictures and updates to:

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bailey@forestlandgroup.com
919.316.0283
FOREST RESEARCH OVERVIEW GATHERING

Who: Professional Foresters in the Tennessee - Kentucky/Southern Appalachian Region

What: A continuing education program experiencing ongoing research of the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture

Where: University of Tennessee Cumberland Forest, 515 Cassell Road, Oliver Springs, TN 37840

When: Friday, September 22, 2017, 8:00 a.m - 3:30 p.m.

Why: To keep practicing foresters abreast of current forest and natural resource research

See the second file attached for event details.
The registration fee is $25, which includes lunch. 5 CFEs have been awarded. Spots are limited, so you are asked to register very soon.

forestry.tennessee.edu/CUForest.html

2017 FROG Registration

Name
Address
Phone
Email
Representing

# attending ______ x $25.00 = ________ (enclosed)

Make checks payable to West Tennessee SAF and mail to David Mercker by September 19.

Dr. David Mercker
605 Airways Blvd.
Jackson, TN 38301

(731) 425-4703
dcmmercker@utk.edu
**OUR MISSION**

The UT Forest Resources AgResearch and Education Center’s mission is to (1) provide the land and supporting resources necessary for conducting modern and effective forestry, wildlife, and associated social, biological, and ecological research programs; (2) demonstrate the application of optimal forest and wildlife management technologies; and (3) assist with transfer of new technology to forest landowners and industries.

**FROG PROGRAM**

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<td>Short Oral History about the Cumberland Forest and Associated Research and Management Activities with Martin Schubert</td>
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<td>Stand Development with Mixed Species Hardwood Plantings with Wayne Clatterback Study Location</td>
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<td>Prescribed Fire for Hardwood Regeneration on the Cumberland Forest Event Tent Adjacent to Office Area with Jennifer Franklin and Martin Schubert</td>
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<td>Oak Stump Sprout Production and Growth with Dave Buckley Study Location</td>
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<td>Working Lunch with EAB/Walnut Twig Beetle Research Updates Greg Wiggins and/or graduate student TBD</td>
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<td>Travel to Stephens Orchard/Church Area (UT vans provided; carpooling also will be encouraged, and/or participants may leave from location after wrap-up)</td>
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<td>Overview of Two New Research Projects on the Cumberland Forest: Fire Effects on Tree and Stand Characteristics on the Cumberland Forest and Demonstration of Dynamic Silvicultural Systems Shortleaf Pine Demo Project Area Comprehensive Biometric Development for the Restoration of SLP on the Cumberland Plateau Shortleaf Pine Demo Project Area John Zobel/Postdoctoral Student Joshua Granger Martin Schubert/Graduate Student Bryan Fitzgerald</td>
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*This field day program has been approved for 5.0 CFEs (cat. 1) by the Society of American Foresters*

**PROGRAM PARTNERS**

- UT Extension
- UT AgResearch
- UT Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries
- UT Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology
- Tennessee Division of Forestry
**Newsworthy**

**App builds partnerships between citizens, scientists**

TreeSnap, new phone app developed by the University of Kentucky Forest Health Research Center and the University of Tennessee Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology for Android and iOS cell phones is designed to connect scientists with foresters, landowners and interested citizens in an effort to protect and restore the nation’s trees.

One of the team’s objectives in developing the app was to explore how they could engage the public with online resources scientists use for research, explained programmer and UT postdoctoral scholar Bradford Condon.

Every day, American forests fight for their health against invasive species and pests. The app will provide scientists with more eyes in the field, giving them a greater reach to locate resilient trees that will advance their studies, whether they are working on breeding efforts or genomics to help in forest restoration.

**City Trees in Houston**

The largest city in the largest continental state in America has an urban forest to match. And now, for the first time, information about Houston’s trees is available online. The My City’s Trees web application is a free tool that makes community tree data easily accessible to the public. The Texas A&M Forest Service has developed a web-based application, My City’s Trees, designed to give the public easy access to information from the urban forest inventories conducted in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program.

**The West is on Fire Again. Blame the Housing Crisis.**

California is on fire again. CalFire, one of the agencies charged with putting those fires out, is tracking upward of two dozen conflagrations up and down the state at the moment—Detwiller, Grade, Bridge, Wall, Alamo, Garza, on and on—ranging in size from a couple hundred acres to nearly 50,000.

The key to how we think about fire’s severity, then, is not the number of fires, or even their magnitude, but where they are—and what’s near them. Wildfires tend to occur at what’s called the Wildland-Urban Interface. That’s where houses or other human-built stuff butt up against nature, what a less sophisticated academic might once have called the frontier. Humans set most wildfires—95 percent of them, according to CalFire. That’s a real problem when, as of 2004 in the continental US, the WUI was almost 278,000 square miles and contained 44.8 million housing units. In other words, 39 percent of all the houses in the country are in the WUI. People built 10 million new housing units in WUIs in the decade leading to 2010.

**US national monument review tests key land protection law, with Interior secretary expected to recommend that at least some monuments created since 1996 be rescinded or shrunk in size; environmentalists ready to challenge any changes in court**

U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke will recommend on Aug. 24 whether to eliminate or shrink nearly two dozen national monuments, creating the first major test for a 111-year-old law that gives presidents the power to protect swaths of public land.

Zinke is expected to recommend that at least some of the national monuments under review - which were all created since 1996 - be rescinded or shrunk in size, responding to an order by President Donald Trump, who believes there should be greater opportunity to increase local resource development and economic opportunities.

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**POP QUIZ !!**

Which 3 State Forests are located in each of Tennessee’s grand divisions and also start with the letter “C”?

Number Correct...

- All 3 “Geography Guru”
- Only 2 “Lucky Larry”
- Just 1 “Never-gets-out Ned”
- None “Kentuckian”

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**Full article**

(Morning Ag Clips)

8/10/2017

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**Full article**

(srs-fs-usda)

8/2/2017

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**Full article**

(Thompson Reuters Corp.)

8/20/2017

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**Full Article**

(Wired.com)

7/18/2017
Third Annual Music and Mentoring
Presented by Middle Tennessee Chapter KT SAF
Hosted by Louisiana Pacific,
Supported by The University of Kentucky
and The University of the South,
and The University of TN; Knoxville

September 21st, 2017
Students and Professionals will gather at 1:30 pm in the Louisiana Pacific offices in downtown Nashville on Sept. 21st 2017. Lynn Wilson, Director of Natural Resources for LP, will welcome everyone and make introductions. She will speak and introduce a special guest speaker. Next the group will walk to the LP Skybox at Nissan Field for an Open Panel discussion. The distinguished Panelists have followed divergent paths to successful careers and will share their wisdom with students. Professionals and students will then pair off for a period before walking to our conclusion at the George Jones Museum on 2nd Avenue with music and food. Louisiana Pacific, Panther Creek Forestry, and The Forestland Group have generously agreed to cover the costs of this event-THANK YOU.

We are expecting 25+ students and would like to have one professional for each student to meet and Mentor.

Current Schedule – Central Time
1:30pm – Welcome and Intro to LP by the Director of Natural Resources; Lynn Wilson
2:45pm - Short tours of LP offices and walk to bridge for photo
3:30pm – Begin Panel discussion in Nissan stadium – plenty of time to mingle…
6:00pm - Walk to George Jones Museum for engagement & dinner
8:30pm – Wrap up time

Important Addresses:

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***We are waiting for CFE Credits***

Please RSVP to:
Rance Frye; Middle TN SAF Chapter Chair
rancelfrye@gmail.com
931-644-5663 cell (for phone and texts)

We need a few more Professionals – Help guide the Future of Forestry
From Dr. Allan Houston  
*Awards Committee Chair*

Folks it is time to begin thoughts about nominations for the various awards. Don’t think of a good candidate, put it off until the last moments and then get caught short. The winter meeting will be here before you know it. The year is racing by and I spend about half my time snatching pages off the calendar. January is just around the corner. Also, this will be my last go’round as awards chairman. Be thinking also if you would like to take this job on as a service to the Chapter.

2019 National Convention General Chair  
*Rance Frye* (Middle TN Chapter) will take on this responsibility for the approaching National Convention that will take place in Louisville, KY. If you are willing to help K-T with its hosting duties, contact Rance with how you would like to help.

**K-T Secretary / Treasurer Mentors**

Taking on the position of the K-T Secretary and Treasurer can be a little un-nerving for some members. To ease the transition into these executive committee positions, **Greg Bailey** and **Heather Slayton** will serve as mentors. Greg, as the Newsletter/Website Chair, keeps an ongoing contact list for the membership and can help the Secretary with their duties. Heather, as Auditing Chair, has an extensive background with the K-T accounting and can help greatly with the Treasurer position. Thanks to these members for stepping up to an ongoing role in the leadership of our K-T Membership.

**Volunteers needed**

A few Committee Chairs will be stepping down after 2017 and we need interested members to fill their valuable positions! More information about the Committees and the Chair’s responsibilities can be found on the K-T Website ([http://www.ktsaf.org/committees](http://www.ktsaf.org/committees)).

**Committees:**

- Awards
- Nominations
- Continuing Education - Tennessee

If you are interested in a position, please contact someone from the Executive Committee. Contact the current Chair with any questions. Don’t wait for someone else to step up. BE that person that does!
"Save the Habitat. Save the Hunt." Airing Two-Part Series Highlighting Sustainable Forest Management on (Tennessee) Private Lands

Beginning the week of August 28, The National Wild Turkey Federation will air the first episode of a two-part series, titled “Tennessee’s Private Forests,” on “Save the Habitat. Save the Hunt.” to demonstrate how natural resources professionals and local agencies and associations, such as the Tennessee Tree Farm Committee, can help private landowners sustainably manage their forestland in way that meet landowners’ diverse objectives.

The first episode highlights the importance of active forest management and the associated economic, social and environmental benefits; the critical role of private forestlands from a forest health and wildlife habitat perspective; resources available to assist private landowners including natural resource professionals and state/local agencies and associations; and the role of partners like NWTF.

The second episode, scheduled to air the first week of September, highlights the 2015 Tennessee Tree Farmer of the Year, John Burch. Burch, as well as the dedicated team of trained foresters and wildlife biologists who work with him, describe the impact of active forest management towards improving wildlife habitat and restoring forest health. Burch shares his family’s proud legacy of ownership, his inspiring personal story and new-found appreciation for the benefits of active forest management – as it relates to improving wildlife habitat for future generations.

This series is a presentation of the National Wild Turkey Federation, in association with the Tennessee Forestry Association, the Tennessee Tree Farm Committee, the Tennessee SFI Implementation Committee, Domtar and Outdoor Underwriters, Inc.

“Save the Habitat. Save the Hunt.” is sponsored by Browning, Cajun Injector, Cabela’s, John Deere, Harrington and Richardson, Marlin, Mossberg, Mossy Oak, Remington and Taurus.

“Save the Habitat. Save the Hunt.” air times:
Wednesdays: 9:30 p.m.
Thursdays: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8 p.m.
All show times are Eastern Time.
(Check local listings for exact times in your area.)
The 3 Tennessee State Forests that start with the letter “C” are:

**Chickasaw S.F.**
Located in West TN and comprises 12,754 acres located in Chester and Hardeman Counties. Approximately 63% of the Forest is in hardwood types, about 29% is in southern yellow pines, and the remainder is in mixed pine and hardwood cover. Large salvage cuts have occurred as a result of 446 acres of forest being blown down by a tornado in 1988 and 300 acres damaged by southern pine beetles in 1986-87. Hunting has been a traditional use of the forest. Other recreational activities include horseriding, hiking, and camping.

**Cedars of Lebanon S.F.**
Located in Middle TN and comprises 8,004 acres in Wilson County. This forest originated from the Resettlement Administration Program in 1935 and is part of the largest contiguous cedar glade-barren complex in public ownership in middle Tennessee. The majority (85%) of the area is classified as forestland. Eastern red cedar is the predominant species and is found in pure stands on the very poor soils. Hunting has been and continues to be a traditional use of the forest.

**Chuck Swan S.F.**
Located in East TN and comprises 24,702 acres in Union and Campbell Counties. In 1934 the Tennessee Valley Authority began acquiring the land in connection with the Norris Dam project and sold the property to the State of Tennessee in 1952 with the understanding that the forest would be developed for multiple uses including recreation and demonstration. It is the only representative of the Southern Appalachian Ridge and Valley province.
A Living Grasp
By Allan Houston

An early rise and a coat-rack rattle
And a trail through the dew-wet grass
To listen to the dawning and songbird gabble
As the sun gets up and begins to pass

For a moment and for just a bit
There comes the Bobwhite’s call
As every covey tells the other where they sit
And where their boundaries fall.

They call to see if they are alone
Although their calls are peril-laden
Because now their place is known
To those who spent a hungry night a’waitin’

But as the sun burns along its path
Their calls mend a broken clasp
And like stars returning behind the fading wrath
We reach across every danger to touch a living grasp.