

THE POWER OF PUPPIES

People find peace, relaxation, and harmony in many different ways, way too many to list, but nowadays finding that “moment” may be getting more and more difficult. More often than not, it seems that we are selecting to remove any semblance of daily news from our lives to delete the flow of sadness and madness that comes with local and network newscasts. If you are old school like me and refuse to wear “ear buds” you are destined to unavoidably hear news somewhere throughout the day that you will not like and will probably make you mad. Take a moment to think about all the “stuff” that you heard yesterday and categorize those bullets in to good versus bad and unfortunately, nowadays, it seems that bad is a taller stack. I really hope that we have Association members that have tall “good stacks”, but it doesn’t seem like they are calling their Executive Director very often and expressing that sentiment! So how do we bring happiness, hope and positivity into our daily grind amongst all the other junk that we must deal with throughout the day?



Meet Geno and Bella Brookshire, a couple chocolate lab puppies that are a gigantic pain in the backside, but they make me smile every time I see them. Geno is ours and Bella is Brett’s and they are progeny from my oldest sons Luke’s dog so this is a family affair, but during a time of extraordinary craziness, they make the Brookshire clan really, really happy. Puppies are sort of “sadness avoidance tools” they have the power to make you happy. I know, they grow into big dogs, they are expensive, they cause eventual heartbreak and on and on, but when they are puppies, they exude goodness! Even when they are causing havoc, they seem to make you smile.

Obviously, I’m trying to have a little fun and provide an example of a sadness avoidance tool for the Brookshire’s. But seriously, your Association fully recognizes the huge set of challenges that our members are facing and the reality of the unknown. Business owners facing record inflation, record fuel prices and record delays in parts and supplies procurement are grappling with incredibly difficult decisions every day. I’ve often heard that “uncertainty” is the greatest challenge to every business, and it may be at the highest point in our history. The forest products industry is home to the toughest and most resilient people on the planet, you will navigate this turbulence and win in the end, but you might want to consider a puppy to help you get there!

-Brian Brookshire, Executive Director

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- MFPA SUMMER MEETING ASSOCIATE MEMBERS EXHIBIT REGISTRATION

WELCOME NEW MFPA MEMBERS

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SATURDAY

Missouri Logging Council Board and General Membership Meeting	
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May 2022 PAC Raffle

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CERTIFICATION & EDUCATION



Mark McCarthy



Where did the time go? It seems like last week, we were all wishing one another Happy New Year's. Now, we are all making plans to see each other at the MFPA Summer Meeting in Branson. IN the meantime, over the past several years, I have been lucky to have some deep conversations with Joe Glenn about safety. I learn a lot from Joe.

“Tomorrow – your reward for working safely today.” – Author unknown

From its inception by Soren Eriksson many years ago, the PTH Logger Training Program has helped to make loggers more mindful of the hazards they face while working in the woods. The classes help loggers be more aware of ordinary hazards, as well as the less common hazards that they can face daily. The sad part is, that while Safety Classes do a lot to help loggers think safer and hopefully be safer during their activities in the business of logging, the classes cannot eliminate the hazards that are ever present in the loggers work environment.

“There is no such thing as an accident, only a failure to recognize the hand of fate” – Napoleon

In the log woods, accidents are often a culmination of two or more simple misjudgments, or mistakes, made during the completion of a task the logger is doing. Loggers must realize when to walk away from a hazard, when to use equipment to eliminate the hazard, and to always take the necessary time to completely think the situation thru.

No matter what type of work you do but especially in an occupation as dangerous as logging you must **keep your focus** by keeping your mind on the task that you are working on! You can think about other things after work. Do not bring excess thought baggage to work with you, leave your other problems off the job!

Try to identify any **“What Might Happen Hazards”** that might unfold during or after the completion of the task! Continually practice “Situational Awareness” by continually scanning your surroundings for potential hazards!

No matter the task, **take the necessary amount of time** that is needed to properly complete the task! Don't try to go faster than your equipment or your skill level will allow! On every task **complete a pre-plan** that covers all aspects and parts of your task! With practice this will only take a few seconds and those few seconds will be time well spent. Remember, when making a pre-plan, say what you are going to do and do what you say!

Most of us for whatever reason, at one time or another, have worked several hours or days by ourselves and just because we got away with it that does not make it right. **Do not work alone** especially in the log woods! Work hard at being safe!

“Working safely may get old, but so do those who practice it.” – Author unknown

Golf news

This year, In an effort to keep things moving at a good pace, there will not be any mulligans sold. There will also be a 2-putt rule in effect for the tournament. Now would be a great time to make sure you have a four-man team, get a little practice in, and look forward to a great round while helping the kids. Remember, drinks, food, and snacks are complimentary this year. Another way to help is to sponsor a hole for \$250. A third way to help is by making a donation to the Auction that will be held Saturday night after the golf. The auction will benefit both Log A Load and the PAC. Let's make this the best year donation for Log A Load.



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