



NEWS & UPDATE

November 2022

2023: WHAT TO EXPECT?

On Friday afternoon November 11, 2022, I was dutifully at my desk pouring over MFPA's 2023 budget proposal, in preparation of our upcoming board meetings, and the office door suddenly opens. Nora, my four-year-old granddaughter enters my office with her mom and dad, gives me a hug, sits on my lap, and tells me a story about how she is skipping school that day. All the sudden, I was instantly happy. All the MFPA grandmas and grandpas know what I am talking about, it's a great thing. Nora is our first grandkid and I have quickly figured out that they are way better than our "firstborn" kids. Emily, Luke, Brett, Ben and Jessica, our children, all have caused their mother and I various stages of pain and discomfort and continue to do so. Nora, on the other hand is nothing but joy and when we detect pain is on the horizon, we simply take her back to mom and dad, it works perfectly. Nora will get a baby sister, Charlie, in 2023, and that is a great expectation!

Politically, the United States remains divided, almost exactly 50-50, as was most recently on display during the midterm elections, except for Florida. The House of Representatives majority is still being decided one week after the elections and the U.S Senate will remain in democrat control. Long story short, if you like where the U.S. was headed the past two years, good for you, because I expect more of the same over the next two years. If you were looking for a change after the midterms, sorry for you, it's likely not happening. The war on fossil fuels will rage on, and wind, solar and biofuels will be the focal point for federal funding. It's all about carbon (C), a nonmetallic chemical element in group 14 of the periodic table, and how it is distributed in the air and what effectively takes it back out. I expect in 2023 a great debate about what role forests and forest products have in carbon sequestration and long-term carbon storage. Millions, if not billions, of government dollars will be spent funding research projects that will focus on how to calculate a plants ability, under certain management systems, to capture and store carbon at maximum capacity. Forest management will be no exception. Carbon storage will continue to be monetized and its value will likely increase in 2023.

Missouri's timber industries produce a wide spectrum of products, our diversity is the envy of many other states. The suite of products that individual members produce from their operation varies dramatically, as you would expect, but we all have a common denominator, the resource, the tree, and how they are managed and how they make their way to market. So, when a particular sector of the industry suffers a severe downturn, it will undoubtedly impact the remaining sectors at varying degrees. The dramatic downturn in the hardwood grade lumber market in the latter part of 2022, spanning the entire U.S. and impacting about all species, has certainly impacted most industries in Missouri. Googling this topic will reveal many "cause and effect" discussions but I think most grade lumber "crystal ballers" believe 2023 will continue to be a significant challenge. We pray for a rapid turnaround!

Finally, I am hoping, expect may be too strong of a word, that the Brookshire lab puppies, Geno and Bella, will turn a corner in 2023. They, like children who get speeding tickets, are also a major pain in the butt. Brett recently asked me "Dad, how can I repay you for taking care of Bella while I finish my senior of college?" I quickly responded, \$20,000 should do it to cover my pain and suffering and I will accept monthly payments. Don't see it happening.

WINTER MEETING, January 10-11, 2023, make plans to attend, WE NEED YOUR VOICE!!

~Brian Brookshire

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Happy Thanksgiving!

WELCOME NEW MFPA MEMBER

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- Breakfast with legislators
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CERTIFICATION & EDUCATION



Mark McCarthy



The Missouri Logging Council (MLC) is pleased to announce the Master Logger Certification of local logger Daniel Turner of Turner Logging, Stockton, MO.

Daniel is a 4th generation logger. His great grandfather started the company in 1932. He is also a different kind of logger than his predecessors. Daniel is making it part of his everyday effort to make the public more aware of logging. He is active on YouTube, Facebook, Tik Tok, and Instagram. He has an app, and manages his website. He has a clothing line. Oh yeah, he also logs.

Now, he is a Master Logger. "I take great pride in this," says Daniel. "I am in some very good company". Master Logger Certification relies on a field assessment process to clearly document a logger's knowledge, skills, and harvesting practices using a set of 68 performance standards. If their work passes these tests, applicants sign a code of ethics, and their application goes to an 8-member certifying board. These members represent various forest stakeholders and areas of expertise.



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This assessment process and the resulting Master Logger Certification gives loggers economic leverage in developing stewardship contracts with corporations, landowners, and retailers.

The Certifying Board approved Daniel's Master Logger status, making him the 28th active Master Logger in Missouri. At the same meeting, Master Logger Jeff Clark was also certified to keep his active status as a Master Logger.

If you are interested in Daniel's social media efforts, google him

PTH 2022 Class

CAMDENTON

Cutting 1 & 2	Cutting 3 & 4	Forest Management
Dec 8-9	Dec 28-29	Dec 13



2023 MFPA Winter Meeting & Legislative Breakfast

January 10 & 11



Please join us January 10-11 for our 2023 Annual Winter Meeting at the Jefferson City Courtyard Marriott! Several committees plan to meet on Tuesday including Forest Health, Governmental & Public Affairs, PAC, Education and Technical Services, and MLC.

Tuesday evening MFPA will host a reception and dinner at Courtyard Marriott Jefferson City. Wednesday morning Missouri Forest Products Political Action Committee will host the Annual Legislative Breakfast at the Capital Building. Missouri State Legislators are invited to meet the leadership and members of the Missouri Forest Products Association over breakfast. This is an opportunity for MFPA members to talk with our elected officials and reinforce the importance of the forest products industry to the state of Missouri. Please plan to attend the MFPA Winter Meeting and Legislative Breakfast and help us promote the importance of our legislative agenda for 2023.

MFPA Hosts FFA Forestry Contest at 2023 Winter Meeting

Missouri Forest Products Association is collaborating with MO FFA to sponsor the Fall Public Speaking Competition. This is the first time for our association to be a part of the competition. It is a great opportunity for MFPA to reach out to young leaders across the state and allow them to present a speech on a topic that pertains to our industry. The students will be competing at the Area and District Level with one student from each of the six FFA Districts advancing to the State Competition. The State Competition will be part of the MFPA Winter Meeting. The students will present their speeches on January 10th to a group of judges. The students and their advisors will be joining us for lunch where they will be introduced and the winners announced. The 1st place winner will present their speech at the evening dinner. We are looking for sponsors to cover meals for the students, advisors, and parents. We will also be reaching out to people for judges at the District and State level. Thanks in advance for supporting this event and encouraging young learners that are advocating for agriculture.

REGISTER:

Call the MFPA office and let us know the total attending the Winter Meeting and Legislative Breakfast, 573-632-3252. Payment can be made over the phone or request an invoice.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$100.00 PER PERSON

LODGING:

Hotel reservations are made directly with the Courtyard Jefferson City by calling Marriott reservations at (800) 321-2211 or (573) 761-1400 and ask for the MFPA rate of \$131+tax. Or online at <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1647027843625&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

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This event prepared for our members is important to our industry and serves as an opportunity to exchange information, build partnerships, gain awareness on matters facing the industry, and promote our industry legislatively. We are most effective in these efforts through your support and sponsorships. Please consider supporting the Winter Meeting by sponsoring an event outlined below.

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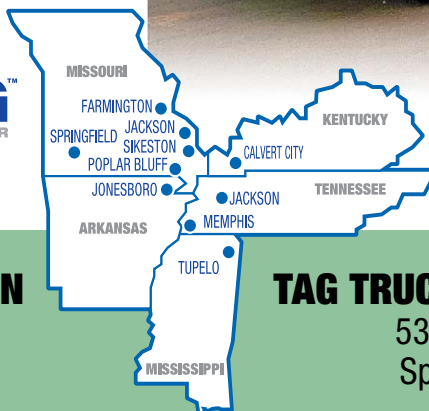
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