



The Voice of Forestry

# Mississippi Forestry Association

## CFA Connection

## July, 2009

### Lincoln CFA raises over \$5,000 for Mississippi Children's Museum



Lincoln CFA conducted a benefit fish fry in late June, with proceeds going to the Mississippi Children's Museum interactive forestry exhibit. Profits from the fish fry, in addition to previous member donations, exceed \$5,000, easily surpassing the CFA's goal.

Prior to the fish fry, tickets sales already exceeded 900 fish dinners and plenty more dinners were sold on the day of the event. David Calcote, Lincoln CFA board member, attributed the success of the event to delicious fish by Buie's Family Catering, salesmanship, and a prime location of Paul Barnett Nissan on Brookway Blvd. in Brookhaven. Lincoln CFA President Lynn Davis said, "It was blazing hot, but we got the job done!" From left to right, Davis and Calcote are pictured working at the fish fry.

The MFA/CFA Committee has asked each county forestry association to donate \$20 per CFA member and has 2½ more years to raise support. The CFA that raises the most money overall and the most money per capita will win a TV news story by Walt Grayson of WLBT.

Other LCFA activities include a successful field day at the Kees' farm near Brookhaven. In addition, the LCFA granted \$500 scholarships to Warren Ashmore and Brett Rushing. Both recipients will attend Co-Lin Community College this fall with plans to major in forestry at Mississippi State University after their sophomore year.

### MFA Works in Washington D. C.



Ruth Cook, pictured at left, MFA first vice president and Bruce C. Alt, MFA executive vice president, joined members of the National Alliance of Forest Owners in Washington, DC to represent forest landowners before Congress. MFA and partners discussed renewable energy, climate change, water quality, and truck transportation issues with members of Congress and their staffs.



MFA Program Coordinator Dr. Tom Monaghan, left, testified before a House Subcommittee on behalf of the National Alliance of Forest Owners (NAFO). Monaghan spoke on the benefits of working forests to our nation's environment, natural resources infrastructure, climate change mitigation and renewable energy. He urged Congress to adopt

broad definitions for renewable forest biomass and recognize the carbon-sequestering contributions of working forests in climate change policy.

### 2009 Member Rewards

- Forestry Suppliers
- Frederick's Sales & Svc.
- Meeks' Farms & Nurseries
- Timber Investment Managers
- Molpus Timberlands
- Haglof Inc.
- Gateway Tires



### CFA LEADERS

Remember to put the Mississippi Children's Museum on your agenda for your next meeting! Many hands make light work and the interactive forestry exhibit needs your help so well over 117,000 visitors can learn about forestry each year!



Ellen Dabbs  
MFA president

Hi friends,  
The forestry community has been working hard for economic development! The Marion CFA forestry economic development meeting drew the attention of many government and MDA officials. During the legislative session MFA and partners worked to reduce sales tax and repair tax on logging equipment and farm implements. (details on p.3) Most recently, MFA was asked to participate with the Mississippi Energy Policy Institute to promote policies supporting long-term economic growth for the state through reliable and affordable energy. All these actions are a result of the forestry community working together. During these tense economic times, MFA is more important than ever.

## Marshall CFA



The sixth annual Youth Forestry Field Day was held at Pineyridge Farm near Holly Springs. Hosted by Ronnie and Neil Young, the event was sponsored by Marshall CFA, assisted by cooperating agencies: Mississippi Forestry Commission, Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, and Mississippi State University Extension Service in Marshall County. Over 100 vocational agricultural students from Byhalia High School, Potts Camp High School and Marshall Academy participated in the event. This year's theme was "Pine for Profit and the Environment."



Marshall CFA honored Mary Minor, left, with a lifetime membership. Mary recently retired from the Mississippi State University Extension Service after 27 years of service. She spent 14 years at MAFES at the North Mississippi Branch Experiment Station. Her next 13 years were spent with MSU-ES Marshall County. She was office Associate/Secretary for both offices. She has worked with the Marshall CFA since its conception in 1996. She has helped organize field days, short courses, quarterly meetings and has kept a history of the CFA. Mary has been a vital part of the Marshall County CFA and the forestry community in Mississippi.

## Forrest/Lamar CFA



Forrest/Lamar CFA hosted the MFC Firewise program which emphasizes fire prevention. The program caught the attention of the local TV news station WDAM-TV, Channel 7. Pictured are Mr. and Mrs. Hudson being interviewed for the television story. Later in the day, the Blues Rangers entertained the CFA guests with songs about forestry issues including fires and invasive species.

## Montgomery CFA



Scott Edwards from the Miss. Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, spoke to the Montgomery CFA at Guy's Fish House in Vaiden. Edwards' topic was wildlife management for the private landowner. This was the second meeting of the year with 33 people in attendance.

## Take a look!



### New logger education web site

<http://www.logged.msstate.edu/index.asp>

### Forestry Friday on MSU Radio

<http://msucares.com/news/radio/farmandfamily/index.html>

### Southern Pine Beetle Predictions for 2009

[http://www.mfc.state.ms.us/pdf/Mgt/FH/2009/TB22\\_SPB\\_Prediction\\_2009.pdf](http://www.mfc.state.ms.us/pdf/Mgt/FH/2009/TB22_SPB_Prediction_2009.pdf)

## Gloria Green donates quilt to Miss. Children's Museum Raffle



Gloria Green, MFA and Forrest/Lamar County Forestry Association (CFA) member, is creating a one-of-a-kind quilt to be raffled to benefit the Mississippi Children's Museum interactive forestry exhibit. Raffle sales will begin at the 2009 MFA Annual Meeting in Tupelo Oct. 28-30 and end at the MFA/CFA Legislative Luncheon in early spring 2010. MFA Board of Directors will get a sneak peak at the quilt in progress, during the summer board of directors evening reception in Hattiesburg, July 22.

## New Tax Rate for Logging Equipment

As of July 1, 2009, qualified logging companies will only pay 1.5% sales tax on equipment directly related to logging. This will include tires and repair parts for that equipment as well as labor costs related to servicing. To qualify, at least one employee must be current with the Mississippi SFI Trained Logger Program. MSU Extension Logger Education has sent each certified logging company a permit verifying the eligible status. This permit will expire when the SFI Trained Logger Certification expires. As long as the certification is maintained, the permit is valid. The expiration date for the first permits will be 12/1/2010. Authorized purchases include skidders, loaders, cutters and all equipment directly related to logging. Parts, service, oil and tires qualify as well. Purchases that are not covered include trucks, trailers, crew trucks, service trucks, air compressors, welders, chainsaws or any other hand tool. For more information: MSU Continuing Logger Education, 662.325.6852, Mississippi Loggers Association 601.776.5754

Calendar of Events				
U.S. Carbon Market & Forestry, Distance Learning	July 15	This distance learning opportunity will be in 30 locations around the state. Cost: \$35 per person, \$50 per couple for materials and lunch	8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	For specific locations and contact information, visit <a href="http://msucare.com/forestry/education/short_course.pdf">http://msucare.com/forestry/education/short_course.pdf</a>
<b>For CFA Presidents</b> MFA Summer Board of Directors Mtg.	July 22-23	Molpus Timberlands Hattiesburg		Eleana Pope 601.354.4936 <a href="http://www.msforestry.net">www.msforestry.net</a>
Online Carbon Series Workshops	July 22-24	Provided by The Northwest Environmental Training Center	9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.	206.762.1976 <a href="mailto:info@nwetc.org">info@nwetc.org</a>
Montgomery CFA, David Jones, New Products from the Forest	July 27	Winona Country Club Restaurant	6:00 p.m.	Mike Wiseman 662.779.1244 DMWISEMA@GPAC.com
Haglof Management Systems: The New TCruise	July 28	Haglof Inc., Madison, MS 100 Solleftea Dr, Madison, MS MS MFA members get 50% off the \$150 registration rate.	8:15 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	601.856.5119 <a href="mailto:sales@haglofmanagementsystems.com">sales@haglofmanagementsystems.com</a>
International Conference on Woody Biomass Utilization	Aug. 4-5	Bost Conference Center, MSU, Starkville		<a href="http://www.forestprod.org/confbiomass09.html">http://www.forestprod.org/confbiomass09.html</a>
MSU Biofuels Conference	Aug. 6-7	Jackson Marriott, Jackson		<a href="http://www.biofuelsconference.msstate.edu">www.biofuelsconference.msstate.edu</a>
Managing White-tailed Deer in Miss.	Aug. 15	Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, Cost is \$50 for materials and lunch	8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Scott Messina 662-325-3174
MFA Annual Meeting	Oct. 28-30	BancorpSouth Conference Center, Tupelo		Eleana Pope <a href="http://www.msforestry.net">www.msforestry.net</a>