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KWOA/KWOF 2011 Officers and New Board Members

The following slate of officers and board members were approved at the 2011 annual meeting.

KWOA and KWOF Officers: (elected to a one-year term)

J. Henry Duncan, President
Felix Taylor, Vice President
Doug McLaren, Secretary
Pete McNeill, Treasurer
Jack Rentz, Assistant Treasurer

New or re-elected Board Members: KWOA - through Dec. 31, 2013

East zone: Pat Cleary
North zone: J. R. Roth
Central zone: Hugh Archer
West zone: Tim Freibert

KWOF:
through Dec. 31, 2013
Karen Marshall



Board members and officers of the Kentucky Woodland Owners Association. From left: Perry Sebaugh, Bob Bauer, J. Henry Duncan (president), Doug McLaren (secretary), Karen Marshall, Jack Rentz (asst. treasurer), Felix Taylor (vice-president), Jr. Roth, Cliff Taylor, Joe Ball, Pat Cleary, Tim Freibert, and Greg Kuhns.

Photo courtesy: Billy Thomas, UK Forestry Extension

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KWOA Forms

Timberland Tax Task Force

In accordance with a motion passed at the April 1, 2011 KWOA annual meeting at Carter Caves State Park:

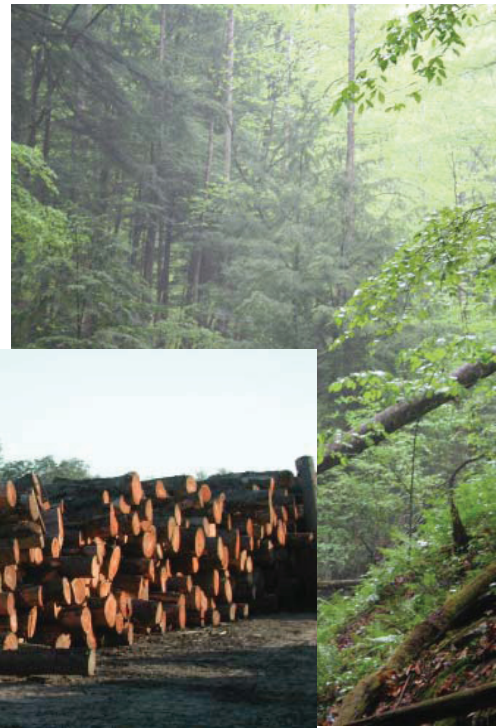
"KWOA will establish a Timberland Tax Task Force for the purpose of developing recommendations for KWOA board action that outlines steps that will assist woodland owners in appealing their woodland's property assessment to their County Property Valuation Administrator and/or the State Board of Tax Appeals and on through court action, if necessary."

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Center for Forest & Wood Certification



UPDATE FOR WOODLAND OWNERS

UPDATE March 2011

The Center for Forest and Wood Certification is one of the most aggressive efforts to provide sustainable certification options for woodland owners in the United States. It was developed to facilitate wood and forest certification in the central hardwood and southern Appalachian regions. The Center is focused on assisting woodland owners, forest industry, loggers, and consultants with certification. The Center coordinates efforts to ensure effective and sustainable development of certified forests and industries.

Projects for Forest and Woodland Owners

One of the main focus areas of the Center is to design systems allowing both forest and small woodland owners to become involved in certification programs including the following.

Group Certification

- The Center has a Forest Management (FM) Section that is devoted to providing means for woodland owners to get involved in certification. One way that this is done is to provide Group Certification. This allows woodland owners to get cost effective certification which is especially important for woodland owners that want or need FSC certification.

Woodland Owner Assistance

- To aid in helping woodland owners succeed with certification the Center trains consulting foresters to write plans, manage certified forests (or woodlands), and provide assistance to woodland owners on certification. The Center is developing a list of Cooperating Foresters that will work with woodland owners to get them enrolled in FSC or ATF certification through the Centers Group Certificates.

Sustaining Your Certification

- The Center works with forest industries that are members of the Center to provide working arrangements for the purchasing of certified timber and pulpwood from

woodland owners that are members of the Center. Forest industries that are involved with the Center provide preferential treatment for woodland owners that are certified.

- The Center also works with woodland owners to provide Certified Master Loggers (where available) that are able to meet many of the requirements of certification.

Progress

Woodland Owner Membership The Center is close to finalizing its group certification. Once done the Center will be open for woodland owner memberships.

KWOA Endorsement Recently the KWOA board recognized and came on board with the Center as a sponsoring partner. This provides KWOA with the ability to provide input to the Centers managing partners.

Education and Training Center partners have been actively providing education on certification (see the latest issue of the Kentucky Woodlands Magazine).

Forest Industry The Center has forest industry, KFIA, and KY SFI support. The Center has assisted several significant industries with FSC chain of custody certification.

Stay Tuned

As a KWOA member you will receive updates on certification through the Center and programs specifically for woodland owners in 2011!!!!

WWW.FORESTCERTIFICATIONCENTER.ORG

2011 Woodland Owners Short Course

Managed woodlands are healthy woodlands, which can attract more wildlife, produce valuable timber and provide a place for family recreation, according to University of Kentucky forestry specialists in the College of Agriculture. The 2011 Woodland Owners Short Course will cover all those aspects—for both novice and experienced landowners.

"Some of the biggest obstacles woodland owners face are understanding their property's potential and finding people who can help them accomplish their objectives," said Billy Thomas, UK Cooperative Extension forester. "The Woodland Owners Short Course presents essential information and puts landowners in contact with professionals who can help them achieve

their particular management goals."

The one-day course is offered once in each of the three geographical regions of the state. In Central Kentucky, the course is scheduled for Aug. 20 in Nelson County. The course in Western Kentucky is scheduled for Aug. 27 in Butler County

and in Eastern Kentucky the course will take place Sept. 24 in the Bath County.

Though many of the sessions are offered in all three locations, some sessions will cover topics specific to the region in which they're offered.

Two concurrent tracks, Gold and Green, target either the seasoned woodland owner or those who are just beginning. Landowners who might just have acquired woodlands or who are beginning to think about management should enroll in the Green Track, while more experienced woodland owners can register in the Gold Track. Past graduates of the short course will also find valuable information by returning to the course through the Gold Track.

Depending on the track and the region, sessions will cover Enhancing Wildlife Food and Habitat Availability in Woodlands & Wild Boar Damage and Trapping; Timber Management Decisions; Working with Forestry and Wildlife Professionals; Managing Your Timber Resource;

Timber Marketing and Sales; Tree Identification; Organizations and Program\$ to Help You Manage Your Woodland; Food Plots and Hunt Leasing; Degraded Stand Management; Managing Woodland Health Threats; Reclaimed Mined Land Management for Timber including Enrichment Plantings; Addressing Invasive Species and Improving Wildlife Habitat; and Crop Tree Management and the Compatibility of Wildlife and Timber.

A detailed listing of course topics at each location can be found online at www.ca.uky.edu/forestryextension/WOSC.php

WOSC REGISTRATION

Name(s) _____

Youth Name(s) and age(s) 6-13 years of age _____

Home address (street and/or box number) _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Daytime Phone _____

I own _____ woodland acres in _____ county.

Course Fees (Pre-registration strongly encouraged):
Sessions are \$25. Couples \$40. (\$5 extra day of program)
Registration includes: lunch, clipboard, resource CD, and educational programs from some of the best forestry and natural resource experts in Kentucky.

Visa/MasterCard accepted by phone or mail.

Circle one: Visa MasterCard

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Expiration date: _____ month / _____ year

or checks payable to: **UK Department of Forestry**

Please check the track(s) you wish to attend:

Central Region	West Region	East Region
Nelson County	Butler County	Bath County
August 20	August 27	Sept. 24
Green Track <input type="checkbox"/>	Green Track <input type="checkbox"/>	Green Track <input type="checkbox"/>
Gold Track <input type="checkbox"/>	Gold Track <input type="checkbox"/>	Gold Track <input type="checkbox"/>

Mail your registration form to:

Woodland Owners Short Course
UK Forestry Extension
216 T. P. Cooper Building
Lexington, KY 40546-0076

Register on-line at: www.ukforestry.org

Information contact:

859.257.7597 or visit www.ukforestry.org

Steve Gray, Central District Forester, Recipient of KWOA 2011 Award for Outstanding Service

The influence of Steve Gray's forestry knowledge and guidance is evident on many woodland owner properties in Kentucky's central district. Since 1978 Steve has been advising, leading and protecting woodland owners in the steps to sustainable woodlands.

Candidates for the 2011 award were submitted based on overall professionalism, volume of work, relationship with woodland owners, responsiveness to requests and sustained excellence over a period of time. Also considered were work history, achievements that particularly relate to success in working with Kentucky woodland owners, and contributions to forestry including work on committees, task forces and leadership positions.

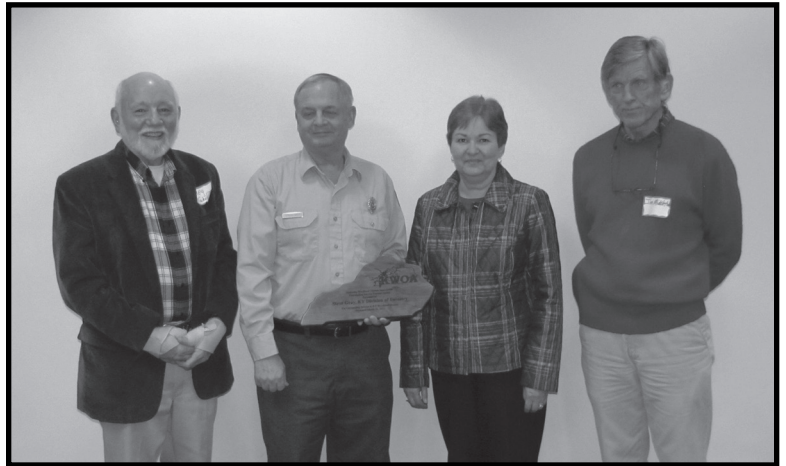
The qualities for which Steve Gray was nominated included innovation, planning, attentive oversight, assistance in getting and training work crews, suggestions on new chemicals and techniques of planting, turning, and spraying, alerts on new government programs and how to apply and then comply with them.

Just as importantly as timber management, according to Dr. Jim Middleton, a woodland owner in Hart County, were the walks through the woods with Gray not only showing forestry techniques but also teaching a love for the woods and care of timberlands. With Steve's oversight a green briar, honeysuckle infested elm and black gum patch on Middleton's property was turned into a beautiful cherry, walnut, oak and poplar stand of young growing hardwoods. On a nine and one half acre hog lot sink hole Steve said "this place will grow walnuts." After the walnut seedlings were established, Steve reluctantly allowed Middleton to graze Holstein heifers in the sink hole. The heifers loved the honeysuckle and hated walnuts. They kept that sinkhole open enough so the walnuts could grow and people could get through it to take care of the walnuts.

In response to Gray's Outstanding Service Forester Award Middleton said, "Steve is highly respected and appreciated by landowners throughout the Central District. I have worked with Steve for more than 20 years, and I have always found him to be professional and knowledgeable. The Central District is fortunate to have someone of his caliber."

Dr. Middleton especially appreciated Steve's advice on timber sales – when to sell, what to sell, changing market opportunities for various types of timber, how best to sell different tracts of timber, sale contract advice, making lists for buyers and names of loggers for specialty timber cutting. Steve's mentorship contributed to \$442,000 in timber sales, nearly 1,000,000 tree seedlings planted,

over 600 acres of river bottoms and grasslands converted to oak and walnut plantations, timber management plans activated on over 3,000 acres of timber, timber stand improvement practices on 1,900 acres, rare and endangered species preserved on two sites and countless wildlife preservation provisions.



Steve Gray with wife receives KWOA award for Outstanding Service Forester during 2011 KWOA annual meeting. Comments were provided by Greg Kuhns, KWOA board member and Dr. James Middleton, both woodlands owners for whom Gray has provided extensive forestry guidance.

In a Division of Forestry press release KDF Director Leah MacSwords commented, "The Division of Forestry is fortunate to have the dedication, experience and leadership of employees like Gray who provide an invaluable service to landowners and who play an important role in protecting the health of our forest lands."

Gray is currently working with Dr. Middleton and University of Kentucky forestry faculty on a tract of land to develop a new way for landowners to do timber stand improvements on their land at no cost to them and even make some money on it without having to get in any government programs.

KWOA members are encouraged to submit nominations for the 2012 service forester award. Watch for guidelines and an application in the upcoming winter newsletter and on the KWOA website.

Credits:

Newsletter editor – Karen Marshall

Mailing – Kentucky Forest Industries Association

KWOA website – Karen Marshall

Highlights from the 2011 Annual Meeting



2011 annual meeting participants learn about protection of bats from white nose disease at a cave at Carter Caves State Park.



Meeting participants examine a timber stand after a post-ice storm harvest at Carter Caves State Park.

**KWOA is dedicated to promoting economically and
environmentally sound forest management.**

Visit our new Web site...www.kwoa.net to learn more.



2011 annual meeting participants study a newly planted tree stand at Carter Caves State Park.

Anna Lou and Pete McNeil receive a tribute from KWOA members, Karen Marshall, newsletter and web-site editor, and Henry Duncan, in-coming president.



“Do a little bit more.”...

New UK Forestry Department Chair Outlines His Vision at KWOA Annual Meeting



Terrell T. “Red” Baker thinks the University of Kentucky’s Department of Forestry has already made a big footprint. Now he wants it to cast a bigger shadow.

As the guest speaker at KWOA’s annual meeting dinner, Dr. Baker updated attendees on changes and priorities in the department. He was pleased to announce that the undergraduate forestry program earned its reaccreditation through 2020, due in part to a revised curriculum. One of Baker’s priorities for the department is to recruit and graduate “society-ready” foresters. He wants to focus on youth programs through the 4-H extension program.

Dr. Baker noted the many associations that have partnered with the university to promote forestry research, extension and education. He is forming a new advisory board and invited KWOA to serve on it. He looks forward to “doing a little bit more” with KWOA and other forestry-related organizations to make the shadow of the UK Forestry Department a little bit bigger.

Become an Emerald Ash Borer Detective

America’s neighborhoods and forests are under attack. The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) beetle has destroyed tens of millions of ash trees. Help the USDA protect our trees — and stop the beetle. Look for signs of the EAB in your community and report both positive and negative findings at BeetleDetectives.com on behalf of your organization. Then watch your organization rise through the ranks of top beetle detectives.

Identifying the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle (EAB)

From May to August, adult EAB emerge from under the bark of ash trees and mate. Females lay their eggs in bark crevices and the eggs hatch into wormlike larvae. The larvae tunnel under the bark to feed and grow throughout the fall and winter. It is this tunneling and feeding that eventually kills the tree. You should capture the insects you think are EAB, place them in a jar and freeze them — this will preserve the insect for easy identification. You can also search for signs of infestation.



- Bright, metallic green
- 1/2” long, flattened back
- Purple abdominal segments beneath wing cover

Task Force

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This task force will report to the KWOA board meeting on May 19, 2011. Following are members appointed to this task force:

Jim Corum, Chairman
Joe Ball
Don Girton
Jack Rentz
Tim Freibert

The National Woodland Owners Association’s rating of family forestry issues for 2010 ranked fair income, inheritance and property taxes as the #2 issue.

“Woodland owners across the US are well aware that their local property taxes are inching up, sometimes by double-digit percentages. With less revenue being shared by states, more towns and counties are strapped for cash. Woodlands require almost no local public services; there is simply no justification to tax them heavily, but in times of crisis the prospect of easy money overshadows fairness. Look for more efforts to raise local land-use taxes and in some cases eliminate them.” National Woodlands Winter 2011 p.8

KWOA/KWOF Awards First Forestry Student Scholarship

KWOA/KWOF initiated a competitive scholarship solicitation last year for forestry students at the University of Kentucky. This year's recipient is Megan Anastasia Buland.

During her high school years in Lexington Megan was actively involved in many aspects of 4-H agriculture programs such as Horsebowl and Hippology, livestock Skillathon, meats judging, raising and showing Boer goats and horticulture testing and judging. Megan directed the Trees, Trails and Creatures Program at the UK Arboretum one year.

How did Megan decide to major in forestry? She explains it this way.

"At freshman orientation I was planning on being a horticulture major... however while I was waiting to meet with a horticulture advisor, they called for forestry majors. I turned to my mother declaring "I've changed my mind, I want to major in forestry" and so I have, ever since. Now, when people ask me why I am a forestry major, I tell them it is because F comes before H in the alphabet."

That being said, as a forestry student, Megan has maintained above a 3.3 GPA and has made the Dean's List twice. She is also a member of Phi Eta Sigma, Phi Sigma Theta honors societies and the National Society of

Collegiate Scholars.

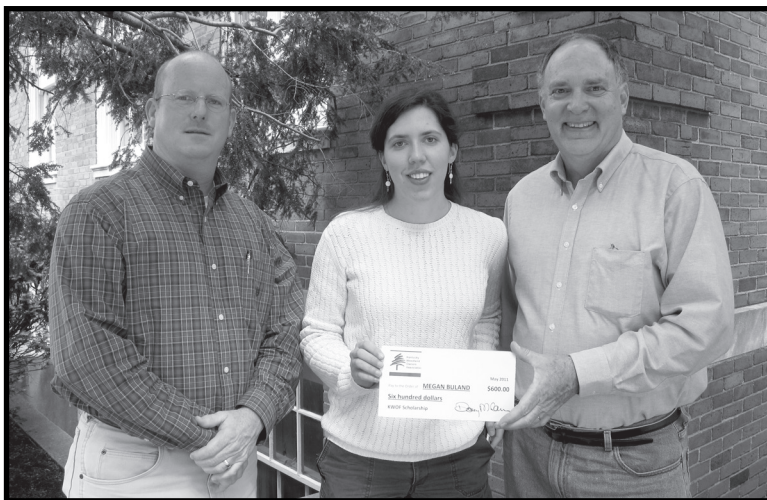
Megan is secretary for the UK Forestry Club. Last summer she worked at Robinson Forest for Dr. Jeff Stringer and is currently working for Dr. Fei, both of the forestry department. Megan hopes to continue her post-baccalaureate education with the UK forestry graduate program with an emphasis in silviculture (both as it pertains to wildlife management and also from a basis of sustainable forest product production) and agroforestry –both as it can

be applied in the U.S. and in other countries.

Applicants to the scholarship competition were asked to submit a "life sentence" - what would they like to have written as their "Life Sentence" after a successful career in the profession of forestry? In response Megan stated that someday she hoped her life sentence might read "above all, trustworthy and reliable". She further commented, "I hope that I will someday have a reputation in all aspects of my life, for being the person that can always be

counted on. This is what I hope to leave behind; a reputation I can take pride in and a state rich in healthy forests, where trees stretching towards the sky leave their own legacy for those who are to come."

KWOA/KWOF looks forward to following Megan Buland's academic progress in the University of Kentucky forestry program.



UK Forestry Chair, Dr. Terrell Baker, and Doug McLaren present Megan Buland with the first KWOA/KWOF student award scholarship.



2011 Calendar of Events

July 12 - 14

Biomass Harvesting in Kentucky (for Woodland Owners and Loggers) Princeton, London, Morehead
INFO: 859.257.7597

August 18

KWOA Quarterly Board Meeting
KFIA Office, Frankfort

August 20

Woodland Owners Short Course
Nelson County
INFO: 859.257.7597

August 27

Woodland Owners Short Course
Butler County
INFO: 859.257.7597

September 24

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Bath County
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Next Board Meeting: August 18 at KFIA

Members are encouraged to attend.

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