

Hardwood Industry:

Master loggers and fire protection top discussion

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Protecting the environment has become one of the wood industry's top concerns, with the master logger program now in effect and discussions on how to keep fire hazards at a minimum.

Those topics were discussed on Thursday, Aug. 17, at the annual regional Kentucky Forest Industries Association meeting, held at the Sheltoewe Trail Country Club. "Most everything going on in the woods is in good shape," said Mark Matuzewski, with the state division of forestry. "However, we have shut down four jobs for not having a master logger on site."

He said one logger was able to continue the day after being shut down because he signed up for the master logger program.

"If you've registered to become a master logger, we're not going to put an order on to stop the job," he said.

He reported that 11 inspections have been made in this northeastern area, and no written warnings had been made since July 15.

"There is something that disturbs me," Matuzewski said. "Not everyone in Kentucky is aware of what forests mean to us. We recently had a survey of forest landowners. We wanted to find out how they get involved in forest stewardship. Forty seven percent said television, 51 percent said newsletter, and local newspapers; 76 percent watch KET and 21 percent listen to public radio."

"But what's disturbing is that the majority are not interested in stewardship, even if they are offered money



Kim Hamilton photo
 Rick Armstrong, co-owner of Homer Gregory and Sons Lumber Company in Clearfield, talks with Son, Robert Stivers during the regional KFAA meeting at Sheltoewe Country Club.

or help with it," he said. "We rely on that good wood, but they're not interested in sustaining better trees on their land. We all must work to sustain timber for generations to come."

Ben Worthington, director of the Eastern Kentucky National Forest Service in Winchester, also spoke. His concern was fire control in a forest that seems to be dense with natural fuel on the forest floor.

Worthington told the audience that Dave Manner, district ranger in Morehead, could not be at the meeting because he had to go to Montana to fight fires there.

"This has probably been the worst fire season since 1910 because of the weather and condition of the forest," he said. "There is more biomass



Bob Bauer, KFAA director.



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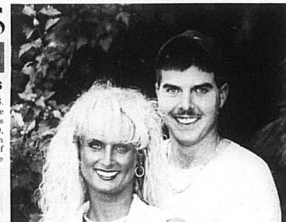
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"It's important Americans take charge of their own diets and ask for more fruit and vegetable choices," said Gloria Stables, M.S., R.D., director of NCI's 5 A Day program. "By eating at least 5 A Day, you'll make one of the most important decisions you can for overall health."



Patricia Dehart and Scott Porter Dehart, Porter to wed

Carol Hanshaw of Morehead and Garrett Dehart of Morehead announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Patricia C. Dehart of Haldeman, to Scott A. Porter of Manchester.

The bride-to-be is a customer representative at the Citizens Bank.

The prospective bridegroom is the owner of Porter's Lawn Care mowing/landscaping. He is the son of Ronnie Blevins of Morehead and Roger Porter of Olive Hill.

The wedding will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Clearfield Tabernacle Church with minister Max Mollahan officiating. A reception will follow at the fellowship hall next to the church.

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