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Notes from the Editor

Happy New Year everyone.

Pam White is extraordinarily good at telling members of her family that she loves them. I can't recall hearing her on the phone with one of them and not ending the conversation with, "I love you".

Recently, her boys were out for the evening and before she snuggled in for the night, she sent them a simple text, "I love you". In the morning, she quickly checked her messages because she was concerned that she had not heard back from them. She has trained them well. It is their responsibility to send an "I love you too" in response. Much to her surprise, she sent that "I love you" text to Dwight Isenor, our Planer Mill Supervisor.

Dwight and his wife Becky chuckled and chatted about what the appropriate response should be. Clearly, it was a misdirected text. They decided to let the text to go unanswered. When Dwight came into the office the next morning, Pam laughingly explained her faux pas to him. With most of us eavesdropping in on their conversation, Pam apologized, Dwight accepted. Too cute.

There is another kind of love that I would like to share. It is the love of a new Lazy Boy chair that most men seem to cherish. Clearly, Brian Myers is one of those men. Recently, he purchased just the right recliner to snuggle up in. Jason Molnar sent me this picture to show me how much Brian is enjoying his new purchase. Brian's brother Chris reports that Brian often spends the entire night nestled up in his new chair.

Until next month,

Gennie

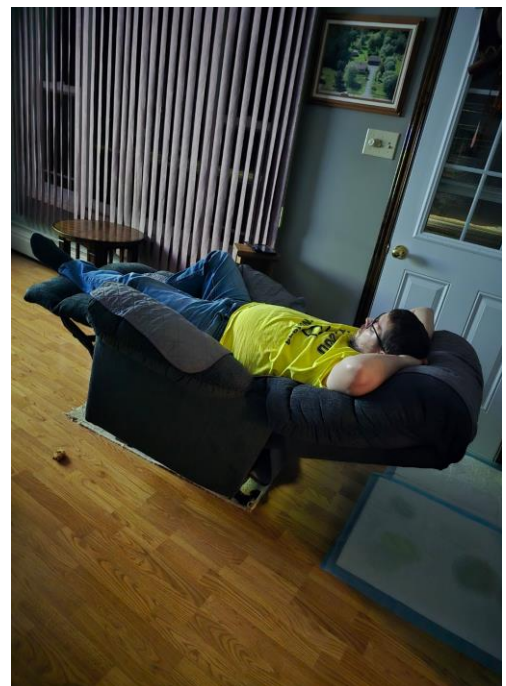
Notes from the Safety Committee

As always, the minutes from our latest committee meeting are posted on the bulletin boards throughout the property. You are encouraged to take a moment and read them. You are also reminded to discuss any safety concerns you might have with your immediate supervisor.

It takes team work to achieve safety success and prevent workplace accidents. Effective teams are focused on the same safety mission—identifying hazards, working safely, and preventing accidents.

Effective team members cooperate with one another and depend on each another to identify hazards, follow safety procedures, and prevent accidents.

Until next month, let's all work together to keep everyone safe in 2025. Trevor Hare, Brian Myers, Matthew Works, Craig Isenor, Angie Kainola, Mark Wilber



Notes from the President

Every business should have a succession plan because guys like me are not going to be around forever. I am the 3rd generation and Mark is the 4th. But there is always room for young blood that shows an interest. For the last 3 years, my grandson Ty has joined us for summer employment. He graduated from HERH and enrolled at NSCC in Dartmouth taking a Business Administration Course. His education has temporarily been interrupted. Ty had been experiencing headaches every day last year while in grade 12. Thankfully, his family doctor ordered a CT scan to rule out any serious findings. However, the CT scan did show a large mass on his brainstem. After several tests, it was found that he had a very large and serious brain aneurysm. He had surgery on December 9th where a stent was put in place to stop the blood flow into the aneurysm. By late December, Ty started showing signs of mini strokes. An angiogram was scheduled on Jan 24th to find the blockage. Sure enough, the stent from December 9th had slipped out of place and his aneurysm had grown even larger. He had emergency surgery on Jan 24th where a second stent was put in place and reinforced with 2 coils.

Later that night, he experienced a blood clot in the vertebral artery leaving him temporarily paralyzed on the entire left side of his body. Needless to say, he required another complicated procedure that night, but it was a success!

Ty is doing well. He has gained back his gross motor skills, and he is able to walk with assistance. He was discharged from the hospital on Friday, January 31st and will continue rehabilitation as an outpatient. They are focusing on developing his fine motor skills and regaining his strength and balance. He has made remarkable gains in just 1 week so we are all very positive that he will make a full recovery.

Notes from the President, con't

We were not sure how long Ty would spend in rehab, so we were not expecting him home from the hospital anytime soon. On the afternoon of Friday, January 31st, I walked out of my office to find Ty standing there looking at me. What a pleasant surprise!



The doctors felt comfortable enough to release him from the hospital but stated he would get much more rehab in a local clinic than the hospital could offer. It is my opinion that Ty's left leg and arm have recovered most of their mobility but will require a big effort on Ty's part to accomplish a 100% recovery. All good news in the end, but there is more to the story.

On Friday (the day of his release from the hospital), Ty and family went to his Junior B's East Hants Penguins hockey game in Lantz. Ty was really looking forward to seeing all his teammates. When he walked into the dressing room, they were obviously very surprised and delighted to see him.

Notes from the President, con't

The team had put Ty's number "2" on all their helmets with a commitment to wear them for the rest of the season. They had also hung his jersey in a prominent position in their dressing room. And here is the really touching part. When they won the game, the team Captain made a suggestion to their coach and the rest of the team. They unanimously agreed with his suggestion. At the end of the game, an announcement was made throughout the arena, "And the player of the game is Ty Campbell". In my book, Captains and Assistant Captains, and all coaches should have great leadership qualities. The East Hants Junior B Penguins team, coaches and captains have this quality in spades.

Until next month, go team go!

Robin

Notes from Eacan Timber

Winter has hit Nova Scotia with minus temperatures and snowfall. I am not sure most people reading this are very happy, unless you enjoy snowmobiling or skiing. I have to say I'm not too sad about seeing a good snowfall.

A cold snap over the past couple weeks is not just for Atlantic Canada. I got back from Orlando, and it was pretty chilly there as well. The northern part of Florida even experienced snowfall.

This has muted most lumber buyers as not much framing of houses is happening in this cold, wintery weather. Most buyers are content to sit back and see what will happen even though they feel the spring will be good for building.

Notes from Eacan Timber

However, most buyers would rather discuss the impact of a possible tariff on American imports. Canada represents 25% of the USA consumption of softwood lumber and is by far the largest importer of lumber into the United States. This means we need their market access to keep current production levels, but they need our lumber to satisfy current housing starts, etc. In other words, we need each other for the betterment of both countries. So, what does it look like if tariffs are imposed on Canadian lumber? Once we know the percentage of tariffs, Canadian producers will increase lumber prices to offset the tariffs value. For example, if the current price is \$500US delivered today, a 25% increase means mills will ask for \$625US immediately. Will they be successful is the question?

All the above factors mean buyers are pausing and in a holding pattern to see what comes next. The next couple of weeks will be interesting times in the lumber world.

From everyone at Eacan Timber to each of you, Happy New Year.

Joel MacLaggan



Notes from Woodlands

As we enter a new year and settle into our winter harvest plans, we are pleased to see some ideal frozen conditions suitable for harvest blocks that rely on such. With a notable decrease in log deliveries heading into the winter, we hope others harvesting are well positioned to take advantage of such conditions as well. We will be looking to increase log deliveries for the foreseeable future and appreciate the support from our suppliers to ramp things up before spring restrictions come into effect. We are also actively coordinating with contractors who can work on open roadblocks during the spring weight restrictions to keep deliveries going as much as possible.

Notes from Woodlands, con't

With low amounts of snow in parts of the province, silviculture crews are still plugging away at PCT, and we also plan to have a mechanical thinning crew working through the winter. If the snow is minimal, and funding allows, it is a great time to get ahead on work planned for the season while also supporting contractors who otherwise might be shut down.

Not much more to report this month. We will continue to keep our foot on the gas with our own operations and look forward to hopefully reporting on increased log inventory next month.

Until next month, Jason and the Woodlands Team

Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner

New Years Eve

I wanted to end the year on a positive note, so planned a day that I hoped Maggie would enjoy. I told her we were going out for the day, but I did not tell her where we were going. I planned on taking her to Hennigar's Farm Market close to Wolfville. We have been there a couple times before and Maggie loves the place. It is like our local Withrow's Farm Market, selling farm produce, lots of crafts, clothes and the best fudge I have ever had. I wanted to try and make it a perfect day, so I went to their website for directions. Like I said, I have been there a couple of times but took the wrong exit both times. I got the exit number, and they were open from 9-6.

I always enjoy our drives because it seems like it is the only time we get a chance to talk without any outside noise or distractions. About a half hour into our drive, Maggie guessed where we were going. Our exit was just ahead, and this time I took the correct exit and got off the highway and made a right turn. We were at Hennigar's within 2 minutes of making our turn. As we pulled into the parking lot, we read the sign that said, "REOPENING JAN 2nd".

Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner, con't

Now I know how Clark Griswald felt when he went to Wally World only to find it was closed for maintenance. I told Maggie I didn't see anything about it being closed on their website and I wasn't going to let this spoil our day. It was plus 9 and sunny. We were coming back home on the old road. About a half mile from Hennigar's, there is a Sterling Farm Market, so in we went. It was nice, but it did not have as much stuff as Hennigar's but nice, nonetheless. As we were walking around, I saw they had homemade knitted socks. They had 3 pairs to be exact. I know this because after I looked at the first pair and saw the price, I wanted to check the other 2 pairs to see if they were the same and they were. What would you think a pair of knitted socks go for? Well, at Sterling's Farm Market you can get yourself a pair for \$42. Don't get me wrong, to me they were nice socks, but they weren't \$42 nice socks. Which got me thinking. Who wears \$42 socks. The answer came to me immediately. Yup had to be the same person who wears the \$199.99 slippers from LL Beans in Dartmouth Crossing. We didn't get any socks, but we didn't come out empty handed either. We got ourselves a bag of russet apples for 6 bucks.

Next stop on the way home was in Sackville at Wheatons. They make furniture and by that, I mean really nice stuff. Maggie fell in love with a rocker they had upstairs which came with a custom-made cushion that fits it exactly to a tee. They had 5 or 6 different versions of the rocker which could be yours for as low as \$789, all the way up to \$889.00. I am not sure if that included delivery or not, but we didn't get a rocker anyway.

Notes from Peter Dillman’s Corner, con’t

Although, we did get some Christmas decorations at 50 percent off. As we left Wheatons, the highlight of the day was about to happen as I thought long and hard about this; the cherry on top if you will. I planned a traditional Newfoundland New Year’s Eve supper for us. That’s right. I pulled into Bedford Commons on the way home and we got MARY BROWNS CHICKEN; (Rob get away from the greasy red and white bucket). Maggie told me she had a great day, so while it wasn’t perfect, it was as close as I could get. When I got home, I checked the Hennigar’s website and they did not say they were closed but, on their Facebook page, it did say they were closed. Too much work to change them both I guess.

Christmas Party 2025

Before we head into 2025, we should look back at our Christmas Party which was once again held at the Elmsdale Legion now that their renovations have been completed. As usual, there was lots of great food, entertainment and prizes. I saw some familiar faces like Warren Beeler who keeps cheering for the Senators and a lot of new faces as well. I met LEO who works at the sawmill. There are only two things I know about him. One is that he is from Mexico and the other is he likes White Russians, a lot! I saw Jason Molnar come in with Sally (or so I thought). A little later in the evening I looked up and saw Sally coming and then I realized that it was Jason’s daughter Larissa that was with him when he had showed up.

A good time was had by all and maybe some more than others. I want to apologize to my former neighbour John Ashley because I lied to him at the party. John, saw you trying to come up to the bar and with great effort and a couple of speed bumps later you made it. You asked me a question and I wasn’t honest with you. You asked me what I had for HARD LIQUOR, and I told you NONE. So, you stuck with the beer and made it back to your table. All good things must come to an end and so at 12:50 am I made last call. Nobody that’s partying wants to hear that except for the bartender and perhaps, in this case as well, Angie.

Notes from Peter Dillman’s Corner, con’t

With last call ringing in their ears Boo-Boo and Sass made their way up to the bar. Boo-Boo reached his hand across the bar and dropped a handful, and then some, of liquor tickets and asked me to serve him 10 Bud Lights. Not a chance I told him. He protested and said he had enough tickets to get 10 Bud Lights. “Nope, not happening”, was my response. After some more negotiations we settled on 3 Bud Lights as his final order of the night. I opened them and sat them on the bar in front of him. He proceeded to pick one up and drink it, and then Sass swooped in and took one as he said it was owed to him and the other one Boo-Boo upset which ran across the Legion’s new bar and down on the floor where I was standing. No worries, I am sure it won’t be the last one spilled, but it was the first one to be upset on a shift of mine.
Cheers everyone!

January 50/50 Winners

Jan 3	Wendell Henley
Jan 10	Stephen Thompson
Jan 17	Roland Murray
Jan 24	Ron Miller
Jan 31	Brian Myers



February Birthdays

Feb 17	James Hennigar
Feb 28	Jordan Nicholson
Feb 17	Matthew Works



January Anniversaries

Jason Casey	24 years
Gavin Gilmour	2 years
Tara Isenor	15 years
Robin Wilber	56 years

