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Notes from the Editor

It seems I am at a loss for words. Finding the appropriate way to announce the passing of Mark Thompson has left me speechless. I will direct you to the “Notes from Woodlands” article in this newsletter. Jason Casey has expressed our sentiments far better than me. Suffice it to say, losing a child, whether anticipated or unexpected, brings overwhelming pain. I wish the Thompson family peace, comfort and strength to go through the dark days ahead and may the emptiness in your hearts be filled again with love from those around you.

Until next month, Gennie.

Notes from the Safety Committee

The minutes from our last safety meeting are posted on the bulletin boards around the property. Please take a moment to review them and be sure to ask your supervisor or any member of our safety committee about any questions you may have.

We are currently tallying the votes from our safety committee election, and we will be announcing the new committee at our annual BBQ this coming Wednesday. Big thank you to our outgoing committee members (pending re-election), Trevor, Brian, and Nick. Thank you for all your contributions to our committee over the last couple years.

Until next month,

Trevor Hare, Brian Myers, Nick Miller, Craig Isenor, Angie Kainola, Mark Wilber

Notes from the President

This past February we wrote about the passing of Downey Thompson after 75 years of the utmost dedicated, loyal service to ELCO and to the Nova Scotia Forest Industry. In this month’s newsletter, Jason Casey did a great job remembering Mark Thompson, Downey Thompson’s grandson. Mark passed away at the very young age of 43. So very painful!

So many of our long-standing team members are feeling the pain of the whole Thompson family. I am truly lost for words, so I will leave it at that, except to say we will remember this month and Mark’s passing for a very long time.

Until next month, Robin

Notes from Eacan Timber

Fraser Timber Mart operates 5 stores in the Valley along with their flagship location in Berwick. They have been buying all lumber (whitewood and treated) from ELCO for the past 10 years and love having quality products in their stores.

Every year they hold a vendor appreciation golf tournament as a thank you. We play a round of golf, but the game isn’t to score the lowest, it is to collect as many cards for the best poker hand. You receive 2 cards for chipping in and 1 card for a one putt. Interestingly, hitting the ball off the green is the best option. It’s no wonder we ended up winning since missing the green is right up my alley.

After golf, we head back to the owner’s house for a BBQ and ended the night playing music in the garage. This year the “band” consisted of a drummer, pianist, vocals, percussion and 4 guitarists (one being our very own Warren Beeler).

Notes from Eacan Timber, con't

Spending a day away from the office with valued customers is always a time well spent and you build a relationship that goes further than day-to-day business.

If you happen to be in the Valley, be sure to drive by one of the Fraser Timber Mart locations as they proudly display ELCO lumber.

Happy Fall!

Joel MacLaggan
Eacan Timber

Notes from Woodlands

It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the loss of Mark Thompson. Mark passed away Tuesday, September 24 after a courageous battle with a rare form of brain cancer. I would like to extend heartfelt condolences to Mark's family on their loss.

I have known Mark since high school and was fortunate to have the opportunity to work with him over the last 20+ years through his involvement with Beaver Dam Enterprises. Playing a pivotal role with our main harvesting contractor, Mark started off with Beaver Dam as an operator and eventually took over ownership of the company, successfully managing it for years. Through Mark's leadership, Beaver Dam established a reputation for conducting excellent harvesting practices, professionalism, and a well-rounded skillset that allowed for a wide array of harvesting treatments. The role Beaver Dam has played, and the positive influence Mark has had on our woodlands' operations is very significant. Elmsdale's reputation in large part is dictated by the ones who conduct the work on the ground, and the work Mark and Beaver Dam did was second to none and results will resonate for decades.

Notes from Woodlands, con't

Along with the professional side of things, I greatly admired Mark as a man. He was no nonsense but fair and kind. His word meant something, and if he said it, it was done. He lived his life with a set of morals and integrity, loved his family tremendously, and I will always hold a great amount of respect for him. I enjoyed every minute of our interactions over the years, whether it was golfing, chats in the forwarder, or a laugh about us characters in the woods.

You will be missed.

Until next time, Jason and the Woodlands crew

Notes from Craig Isenor's Corner

Greg Grant, Jason Casey and I were in Ottawa/Gatineau last week for the CWF (Canadian Woodlands Forum) fall meeting. There were a lot of great presentations throughout the conference. Boy, things are changing in the forest industry and in my opinion, for the better.

Like our approach here at ELCO, everyone is striving to keep costs down and production up. Companies are designing programs to install in harvesters, forwarders, and trucks that track performance allowing for determining better efficiencies.

Following the meetings, we made the trek to the deep woods in Gatineau, Quebec for Demo International 2024. This is an equipment show demonstrating all the new forestry equipment from around the world. I highly recommend attending this event if you are interested in watching these machines at work. It is held every couple of years. Some of you may have attended this event when it was hosted by Ledwidge Lumber a few years back.

As Greg and I landed in Ottawa a day early we took the opportunity to explore Ottawa. Greg happens to personally know our local MP Kody Blois and he arranged for Kody to give us a behind the scenes tour of the House of Commons. We got to go where the public doesn't generally have access. We were invited to Kody's office where we had a conversation and made time for a quick picture. I am not someone who follows politics, but this was certainly an experience I enjoyed. Thanks Kody.

After the conference was over, we were invited to a reception at the Finnish Embassy House. This was also something out of my norm, but it was neat to see.

Upon our return, our annual fall boiler maintenance was in full swing. It was nice to see Warren down on his hands and knees getting dirty.

Warren Hirtle – getting down and dirty



Greg and I meeting Greg Fergus – The Speaker of the House of Commons, Canada



The Finnish Embassy House in Ottawa



Notes from Don Isenor's Corner

Introducing the latest member of the ELCO Team:

Kaysen Carl Leo Isenor
September 18, 2024
8 pounds 3 ounces
20.5"

Grammy and Grampy's hearts are full because of the arrival of their first grandson. Kaysen, Mom, Dad and big sister Kinslee are doing great.

Big sister Kinslee is a little jealous, but she is getting more appreciative of her little brother each day.



Notes from Peter Dillman's Corner

That Time of the Year Again.

I want to wish all the hunters good luck and be safe out there. Speaking of hunters, the first taking of a deer by anyone here that I heard of is Craig and Rowan Isenor. They downed a great looking buck. Congratulations guys.

Jeep - Jeep

This goes out to the young lady that comes up the hill most days driving a jeep. What's up with pointing your finger at me all the time? I am going to give you some free advice and do with it what you will. Keep both your hands on the wheel and your eyes on the road, that's not a feather duster you are driving. (LOL)

Here Kitty Kitty

From time to time, I go into Gateway just like some of you. Tim is no exception to this as well. Whenever Tim stops into Gateway on his way home, he asks me if he can pick up anything for me. From time to time, I have taken him up on his offer. I do likewise for him as well. I went in recently and asked if he wanted anything. "Yes, I do", he responded. They have packages of bars on sale. There are 4 in each pack. I asked if he wanted me to pick up a package. "No", replied. "I want you to pick me up four packages!" That's a lot of bars I'm thinking, but okay, four packs it is. He requested Kit Kats, but if they don't have those, he gave me two alternative choices, just in case. As luck would have it, they had Kit Kats, so I figured he and Tsubaki would be having a bar that night for a treat. Apparently, they did not. Turns out Tim is a not sharer when it comes to candy as he didn't take his bars home. Instead, he put them in the cupboard in the lunchroom so he wouldn't have to give his better half, her half. Just sayin'.

September 50/50 Winners

Sept 6	Matthew Dillman
Sept 13	Peter Dillman
Sept 20	Matthew Dillman
Sept 27	Rob Himelman

**September Birthdays**

October 17	John Ashley
October 18	Trevor Hare

**September Anniversaries**

Rob Himelman	23 years
Darren Isenor	23 years
Jason Isenor	20 years
Angie Kainola	12 years
Nick Miller	18 years
Jordan Nicholson	1 year
Jimmy Sawler	46 years

