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General Membership Meeting—April 21

The next General Meeting of TCFLOA is scheduled for Saturday, **April 21, 9:30 AM** till Noon in the Tyler County Extension Office, 201 Veterans Way, Woodville, Texas.

Julia McCormick, National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), will talk about forestry soils.

Nedra Foster, Registered Professional Land Surveyor (RPLS), will give a presentation on surveying.

Josh Pierce, Forest Service Wildlife Biologist, will talk about the endangered Louisiana Pine Snake.

Col. Eddie Boxx, landowner, 2018 TFA Tax Seminar: A Landowner's Report

After a brief business meeting, a Bar-B-Que lunch will be served with a suggestion to donate to help cover the cost.

The public is welcome.

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TCFLOA Offering \$1,000 academic Scholarship

TCFLOA is now accepting applications for a university/college scholarship for TCFLOA members, their children, grand children, or Tyler County high school graduates, who are majoring in Forestry or Forestry related curriculums.

The deadline for submitting the application is April 30, 2018. The scholarship must be approved by the TCFLOA Scholarship Committee.

The recipient will be an honorary member of TCFLOA for the year the scholarship is received.

Dogwood Seedlings

Saturday, February 3, 2018 was a wet, cold day in downtown Woodville -- a perfect day for planting seedlings. The Tyler County Forest Landowner Association, a non-profit organization of tree farmers, gave away 800 dogwood seedlings on the Tyler County Courthouse grounds within a couple of hours. Those who received the seedlings generously donated a total of \$450 toward a scholarship the association will be awarding a college-bound student this summer. The seedlings were donated by Parker Forestry Consultants.

CALENDAR

April 21, 2018, Saturday—TCFLOA Spring General Meeting, 9:30AM, Tyler County Extension Office, 201 Veterans Way, Woodville, Texas. See **General Membership Meeting** above for details.

July 2018, Saturday—TCFLOA Board of Directors Meeting and potential tour. Date, Time, and location to be announced.

September 2018, Saturday—TCFLOA Fall General Meeting, 9:30AM, Tyler County Extension Office, 201 Veterans Way, Woodville, Texas. Information on the program will be announced in a later newsletter.



TCFLOA Offering two full scholarships to the Teachers Conservation Institute (TCI)

Tyler County educators, living and/or teaching in Tyler County, are eligible for a full scholarship to the Teachers Conservation Institute (TCI) which is sponsored by the Texas Forestry Association. The sessions offered this year will be held at the Bugscuffle Inn between Mt. Enterprise and Rusk.

The "Phase I for PreK - 8 Educators" is a weeklong session that will be held July 9-13 and will provide participants with 40 hours of continuing education credits.

The "Focus on Forests for High School Educators" is a 3-day professional development workshop designed for AG and Environmental Science educators that will be held June 27-29 and will provide participants with 18 hours of continuing education credits.

The Tyler County Forest Landowner Association (TCFLOA), a non-profit organization of tree farmers, is offering two full scholarships. Room and board are included. Scholarship applications are available at Parker Forestry, 411 N. Pine Street, Woodville and on the TCFLOA website <http://tcforest.org/>.

Colonel John Wood – the Forgotten Governor from East Texas By Col Eddie Boxx, USAF (ret)

Many visitors to Woodville, Texas mistakenly believe the town is named for the timber industry, but the correct eponym is an underappreciated soldier and governor of Texas – Col John T. Wood. At the age of nineteen he led men from Georgia to fight with Sam Houston at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend (where he like the “Raven”) endured lifelong scars from Indian arrows. After he moved to Texas, Wood was elected Colonel of the 2nd Texas Mounted Volunteers during the Mexican-American War.

Governor Wood was born in Cuthbert, Georgia and later became a successful merchant and married a wealthy widow in the then capital – Milledgeville. In 1839 the Woods left antebellum Georgia and established a plantation on the Trinity River. His daughter (Mary) described him as “six feet tall and weighed two hundred pounds...his hair was straight and black, but turned gray...he was always merry, laughing, jesting and sustaining mirthful attitude.” John Wood was known to be gregarious and his daughter could not remember a meal “in her father’s home which was not shared with friends.”

John Wood was elected to the Texas senate but put his career on hold during the Mexican-American War. He and his fellow East Texans marched south to Mexico and participated in the epic battle for Monterrey. The assault served as a precursor to modern urban warfare as recently experienced by some of today’s East Texas veterans in the Iraqi cities of Mosel and Fallujah. The Spanish colonial town with its narrow streets, hidden rooftops and thick adobe walls similarly presented an elaborate defense in depth for the Mexican forces. In his “The Neglected Regiment: East Texan Horsemen with Zachary Taylor” Thomas Kreneck describes the assault under Colonel Wood as they began to enter the city. “*Under intense fire from the rooftops where the Mexican sharpshooters lay hidden, the Texans effected the union with the regulars and began a house to house, street by street struggle.*” The East Texans fought for over five hours and believed they were on the verge of complete victory when they were ordered to fall back. Many East Texans believed the terms of surrender were too generous – and one of three American negotiators was the first governor of Texas - General James Pinckney Henderson. This distaste with the terms of surrender, alleged insufficient pre-battle logistical support, along with the lack of recognitions for the East Texans – led to Col Wood running for governor upon his return to Texas.

The governor died in 1858 and upon his death, a struggling farmer once helped by Wood remarked. “Well, daughter, the poor man’s friend is gone.” Additionally Wood was also on the right side of slavery decades before the Civil War. As “he considered slaves an unsafe investment, believing that when abolitionist should become sufficiently powerful slaves would be emancipated” and he wrote to General Bee (later a Confederate general) “that abolition would be inevitable.” Although the timber industry markedly shaped Tyler County, East Texans should remember the “Wood” in Woodville comes from a proven military leader and governor.



Tallest All-Wood Building in the U.S. Approved for Construction —Dallon Adams, *Digital Trends*, www.digitaltrends.com

Timber is becoming an increasingly attractive construction material thanks to advances in wood-binding technologies. City officials in Portland, Oregon, approved a construction permit for the United States' first all-wood high-rise.

The developer began construction of the 11-story building, called Framework, in the fall of 2017. Once completed, the complex will house subsidized apartments and offices for Albina Community Bank and Beneficial State Bank.

Framework will utilize a technology known as cross-laminated timber (CLT). These CLT panels are constructed from small wooden planks bound to one another by a polyurethane adhesive, giving them the strength of traditional construction materials such as concrete and steel. In fact, tests have shown that CLT designs can withstand large-scale earthquakes. Researchers at Portland State University and Oregon State University used seismic testing to verify the structural integrity of Framework's design.

State officials have high hopes for the future of CLT and believe the technology could bolster the floundering regional timber industry. Pacific Northwest logging has struggled in recent years due to trade deals, automation, and government regulation, among other factors.

Oregon has invested heavily into CLT technologies, including a rather robust \$150,000 grant to help a Douglas County logging company, D.R. Johnson Lumber Co., create its manufacturing line. Currently, CLT is manufactured predominantly in Europe and Canada, but the Framework high-rise will source the bulk of its CLT panels locally from D.R. Johnson.

Wood has many benefits over traditional construction materials. CLT structures can be erected faster than concrete and steel structures, and, most importantly, wood is far more environmentally friendly. Carbon dioxide is a chief byproduct in the creation of iron, steel, and the non-metallic minerals that are the raw components in concrete. It is estimated that these materials contribute as much to climate change as all of the automobiles on the earth combined.

This initiative and others like it may very well lay the groundwork for more ambitious wood construction projects in the future.

Eliminating Tree Stumps by Speeding Up the Natural Process—online "*Progressive Farmer*"

To speed up the decomposition of tree stumps, *Progressive Farmer* offers the following suggestions:

- Cut the stump as close to the ground as possible.
- Drill large holes, a few inches deep in the stump.
- Fill Holes with manure or fertilizer high in nitrogen and add water.
- Sprinkle powdered milk to this to jump-start the work of fungi. Mushrooms will appear soon.
- Soak the area around the stump with water.
- Cover the stump with soil or a tarp. If using a tarp, anchor it with rocks.
- Cover the soil or tarp with mulch.
- Wet the mulch.
- Occasionally remove the tarp/soil and add water and a teaspoon of nitrogen fertilizer. Cover the stump again each time.
- Remove sprouts by cutting them when they are 6-8 inches tall.

Add a small amount of borax to red cedar and pine stumps to prevent a fresh-cut stump from being infected by annosus root rot fungi, which can spread to healthy pines and red cedar.



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Rainfall Totals (inches)—Tyler Co. Emergency Management Weather Division

	December	January	February
Chester	4.23	4.06	10.10
Colmesneil (2.3SE)	4.00	2.27	10.65
Fred	2.99	5.68	13.94
Spurger	3.55	5.34	13.99
Warren (5SSE)	2.86	ND	15.84
Woodville	3.34	4.34	14.04

ND indicates no data collected at measuring location.

Note: When the official rain gauge is located outside the town, i.e., "(2.3SE)" after Colmesneil, see above, means 2.3 miles southeast of town.

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Tyler County Forest Landowner Association (TCFLOA)

The Tyler County Forest Landowner Association is a non profit organization whose objectives include educating landowners about good forest management and harvesting practices, and keeping landowners up to date on matters affecting timberland operations, taxes and legislative actions.

Membership 2018

Check your memberships status for 2018. Look at the address label on the envelope for your status—if the year number after your name is not **18** or greater, then consider renewing your membership.

Note that we are asking for your e-mail address. This will allow us to get time sensitive information on programs, conferences, workshops, weather, or fire situations. We will **NOT** give your address to any other group, people, advertisers, etc. This information is for your board members and newsletter editor **only**.

MEMBERSHIP FORM
For Calendar Year 2018 - TCFLOA

Regular Membership: Private non-industrial owners of five (5) or more acres of land in Tyler Co. **Dues:** \$15 per calendar year per couple. One (1) vote per membership.

Associate Membership: Any individual not qualifying as a Regular Member who supports the objectives of TCFLOA. **Dues:** \$15 per calendar year per individual or organization. Associate Members are non-voting.

USE THIS FORM TO JOIN TCFLOA OR TO MAKE CORRECTIONS

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP

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APPROX TIMBER ACRES IN TYLER CO.

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Please make checks payable to TCFLOA, and mail to:

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