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Woodville graduate receives TCFLOA Scholarship

Hanna Daily was awarded the Tyler County Forest Landowner Association’s \$1,500 scholarship for 2020. Hanna is a graduate from Woodville High School this year and will attend Stephen F. Austin State University majoring in Agricultural Development and a minor in Secondary Education. Her first goal is to become an agriculture science teacher. Her second goal is to have an active ag/FFA program and lastly to make sure her students know they have a future in agriculture.

The scholarship committee wishes success to all the students who applied and looks forward to offering another scholarship in the future—which is available to students enrolled in undergraduate and graduate studies as well as to students graduating from high school.

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A Note From Your Vice President - Eddie Boxx

Dear members, unfortunately we were unable to host the one-day Sustainable Forest Initiative (SFI) workshop in March, but we hope to partner again with the Texas Forest Service at a later date. All the hard work and planning had been accomplished and we were just waiting for the fun part – the fellowship with you - our fellow forest landowners - and hearing some great speakers (along with a free lunch). At this time we are still working the format for the required Fall General Meeting and if you have any inputs or ideas, please let us know. Additionally, our organization is a fun, rewarding place to volunteer your time and your talents – so if you are interested or simply would like to know more about the elected

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TCFLOA Election of Board and Officers

Election of TCFLOA Board of Directors and Officers for the 2021-2022 term will be held during the September General Meeting. The candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee, are as follows:

President: Col Eddie Boxx

VP: Steve Lauff

Sect: Oliver Hensarling

Treas: Charles
Zimmerman

Dir: Dr. Jay Fish

Dir: Elizabeth Parker

Dir: Andy Niemann

Dir: Josh Lempert (past
President)

CALENDAR

August 22, 2020—TCFLOA Board of Directors meeting, 9:00 AM, Neches Room at the Tyler County Extension Office, 201 Veterans Way, Woodville, Texas. This is a planning meeting. Association members are welcome.

September 19, 2020, Saturday—TCFLOA Fall General Meeting, Tyler County Extension Office, 201 Veterans Way, Woodville, Texas. We are keeping this meeting on the calendar, but it is subject to guidelines regarding the current COVID-19 health emergency. Information on the meeting will be announced in the fall newsletter.

Quarterly—Newsletter, *The Dogwood Times*, published by TCFLOA.

Visit the Tyler County Forest Landowner Association website at tcforst.org for a summary of past presentations, interesting articles, upcoming events, contacts, and the latest news relating to effective forest and land management practices for Tyler County landowners.



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positions – please get in touch with me. For example, as the vice president, I get to plan and coordinate the speakers and topics – it has been a blast as I have met some real interesting people and got to know my fellow TCFLOA members better. And with technology, being an absentee Tyler County landowner should not be an obstacle to being an elected official. Finally, our board meetings (usually scheduled a month or so prior to the general meetings) are open to all to attend. It is a time where we strategically and operationally plan the general meetings and the direction of the organization. For anyone who loves the outdoors, God’s creation and or simply wants to preserve a sustainable forest – and also be a good steward of one’s financial investments – this organization is one you want to be a part of and if able, help guide.

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Timber Tellings—Texas Forestry Association

The Texas Forestry Association, TFA, wants to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to Texas’ leadership in keeping Texans safe and healthy in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak. As you know, the Forest Products industry supplies basic necessities ranging from diapers, toilet paper, paper towels, paper cups and plates to panels, lumber, transmission poles, pallets and packaging used to transport over 90% of all goods, foods, and medical supplies so desperately needed during these critical times.

We wholeheartedly agree with and endorse the federal guidance from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security entitled “Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response” which includes the forestry industry, transportation, and materials in its list of critical industries that are recommended to remain operational in the event of any shelter-in-place order. In this situation, it is critical not only to keep our manufacturing assets operational (such as pulp and paper, lumber, transmission poles, and pallet mills), but other integral parts of the forest products supply chain such as our logging and trucking force that keep the manufacturers supplied with raw materials and stores stocked with products.

TFA also appreciates Texas Department of Agriculture’s Commissioner Sid Miller for issuing a “**Travel to and From Work Authorization**” for all sectors of Texas Agriculture. (AGRICULTURE CODE, TITLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS, CHAPTER 2. STATE AGRICULTURAL POLICY, Sec. 2.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter, "agriculture" means: (1) the cultivation of the soil to produce crops; (2) horticulture, floriculture, or viticulture; (3) forestry; or (4) the raising or keeping of livestock or poultry.)

Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring Community and National Resilience in COVID-19 Response. Version 1.0 (March 19, 2020)

THE IMPORTANCE OF ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKERS

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) executes the Secretary of Homeland Security’s responsibilities as assigned under the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide strategic guidance, promote a national unity of effort, and coordinate the overall federal effort to ensure the security and resilience of the Nation’s critical infrastructure. In accordance with this mandate, and in collaboration with other federal agencies and the private sector, CISA developed an initial list of “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers” to help State and local officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security.

**IDENTIFYING ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKERS
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

- Workers who support the manufacture and distribution of forest products, including, but not limited to timber, paper, and other wood products
- Employees engaged in the manufacture and maintenance of equipment and other infrastructure necessary to agricultural production and distribution

Transportation and Logistics

- Manufacturers and distributors (to include service centers and related operations) of packaging materials, pallets, crates, containers, and other supplies needed to support manufacturing, packaging staging and distribution operations.

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Record Number of Acres Treated with Prescribed Fires in Texas—Texas A&M Forest Service

Texans are using prescribed fire more than ever to manage land and mitigate wildfires. Now there is data to support this. A recent statewide survey found that 402,017 acres were treated with prescribed fire in Texas during 2018.

That's up by nearly 50,000 acres from the previous year for two reasons - Texans are using prescribed fire to manage their land in one of the most successful and cost-effective ways, and they are also doing a better job at reporting that use.

“In a state as vast as Texas, no one agency has the sole responsibility of conducting and reporting all prescribed burning,” said Andy McCrady, Texas A&M Forest Service Fuels Coordinator. “We take a collaborative approach to land and fire management.”

In the spring of 2019, more than 60 stakeholders came together to create the Texas Prescribed Fire Council. Partners recognized that there is a significant amount of forest and rangeland in Texas – most of it privately owned – and that it takes everyone working together to conserve and protect our resources and communities.

The council is helping to guide the use of prescribed fire in the state, and together with Texas A&M Forest Service and Texas A&M AgriLife Research conducted the survey of prescribed fire use in Texas for 2018. The survey was disseminated via email to hundreds of professional land managers, governmental agencies and landowner groups - the majority of whom replied.

“The level of collaboration we are seeing across the state regarding prescribed burning has increased participation in filling out these surveys and reporting acres burned,” McCrady said. “This data collection is providing a clearer picture of how extensively Texans are using prescribed fire.”

This regularly occurring snapshot of prescribed fire in Texas will continually be part of a national report conducted by the National Association of State Foresters and The Coalition of Prescribed Fire Councils.

Their report has historically shown that across the country, states in the Southeast conduct 70% of all prescribed burning activity.

In the South, prescribed fire is used for multiple reasons, including managing forestlands, rangelands, and watersheds, maintaining wildlife habitat and mitigating future wildfires.

“By using fire in a prescriptive way, land managers can reduce hazardous fuel buildups - simultaneously meeting land management goals and moderating risk of severe wildfire in a cost effective way,” said McCrady. “Fire is a natural part of the Texas landscape, and when landowners use prescribed fire, they help make our land safer for all Texans.”

Learn more by visiting [Texas A&M Forest Service-Prescribed Fires](#) or [Texas A&M Agrilife- Texas Prescribed Burn Handbook](#).

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Websites of Interest

texasforestinfo.tamu.edu

Find a variety of landowner tools that assist you in answering your land management questions.

tpwd.texas.gov

Find out a variety of information on topics related to wildlife and fisheries in the state of Texas.

Texasforestinfo.tamu.edu/mylandmanagementconnector

Connect landowners with service providers.

tffsweb.tamu.edu

Interested in reading more about land and tree care? Visit the Texas A&M Forest Service website to find more information on a variety of topics relating to land and tree management.



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

	February	March	April	May
Chester	2.14	3.98	5.66	3.54
Colmesneil	2.65	3.34	6.76	8.65
Fred	2.34	3.60	2.34	5.55
Spurger	2.80	4.68	3.65	4.64
Warren	*	4.72	3.52	*
Woodville	2.08	3.05	3.65	5.56

* - Not available or bad data

**OFFICERS & DIRECTORS
2019-2020**

- Pres: Josh Lempert
- VP: Col Eddie Boxx
- Sect: Oliver Hensarling
- Treas: Charles Zimmerman
- Dir: Andy Niemann
- Dir: Jack Clark
- Dir: Dr. Jay Fish
- Dir: Elizabeth Parker (past President)

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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 2020

Check your memberships status for 2020. Look at the address label on the envelope for your status—if the **year number** after your name is not **20** (for 2020) 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, late cancellations 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 2020 - 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

PHONE

APPROX # TIMBER ACRES IN TYLER CO.

E-Mail

Please make checks payable to TCFLOA, and mail to:

Charles Zimmerman, Treasurer TCFLOA, 298 County Road 2152, Woodville, TX 75979