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Michigan Society Joins Forces with Billboard Message



MSAF members, and 11,000 cars a day, can look for the billboard message shown above along southbound I-75, just south of the Vanderbilt exit (north of Gaylord), on the east side of the highway. This is a forestry community effort with financial sponsorship from the MSAF, Michigan Forest Association, Michigan Association of Consulting Foresters, Michigan Association of Timbermen, SFI State Implementation Committee, and several individual foresters. The URL leads to a page within the Michigan Forest Pathways website, which is designed to service the queries of private, non-industrial forest owners. The sign should be emplaced by the end of June.

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Save the Date!

MSAF FALL CONFERENCE

The Fall Conference planning is underway and the date and site have already been secured.

LOCATION: McGuires Resort
Cadillac, MI

DATES: October 13th-14th

MANY MORE DETAILS TO COME IN THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF THE FORESTER.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

SAF Lower Chapter Summer Field Day Friday, August 26

Meet at DNR Grayling Field Office at 9:00
We will be visiting various areas that burned over
the past 20 years to evaluate stand replacement
after the fires.
Check the Michigan SAF web site for more details.
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United Nations International Year of Forests Conference

**Michigan State
University,
October 24-25.**



Co-sponsored by the Greater Lansing United Nations Association, MSU International Studies and Programs, and the MSU Department of Forestry.

Conference Title: **Sustainable Forests and Economic Development: Domestic and Global Challenges.**

MSU researchers and forestry practitioners in Michigan will discuss their international activities related forests/forestry on Monday. Speakers from around the world will address facets of sustainable forests and development on Tuesday. More details will be presented in the next edition of the Michigan Forester. Mark these dates in your calendar!

Nominations Needed!

The Fall conference is this October and while we're there we want to recognize those that deserve a much needed pat on the back and recognition for their time and service to our State Society.

Nominate active members for any of the following awards by contacting Craig Kasmer:
kasmerc@michigan.gov or call 989-348-2537

Nominating Categories:

- * Young Forester of the Year
- * Forester of the Year
- * Retired Forester of the Year
- * SAF Fellow (see National website for instructions)

CONGRESSIONAL TOUR RECAP AND MORE PICTURES ON PAGE 5!



I was looking through my National Convention notes recently, for a web site address that I picked up in New Mexico last fall. I came across a few scribbled lines that have caused me to think about their meaning the past few days. The note was about professional identity and what that means to the people we meet through the course of our day. After all, it is the forester that has the knowledge and ability to 'coordinate' all the resource disciplines to make it work on the forest, whatever the objective, yet we struggle with being known as "THE experts". How often have you been asked what is a forester, and what do you do? How have you answered? We take for granted that people know what we do and understand our jobs, but not many really do. How often do you take the time to have a conversation and help someone understand the dynamics of a forest? It doesn't take long or need to be very detailed. It is our individual responsibility to widen perspectives when the opportunity presents itself, and if you don't get involved just that little bit, foresters as a whole, risk losing their professional identity.

A great opportunity has presented itself to the Society through a meeting in Washington DC with the National SAF staff. Congressman Dan Benishek, Michigan's First District, inquired about a short tour within his district when he is back home on break to be hosted by the Michigan Society! On June 8, 2011, a few of our MiSAF members will meet with the Congressman on private lands in Delta County that demonstrate the values of a Stewardship plan; logging road issues and other Farm bill topics that can be covered in a short tour. After lunch, our SAF hosts will facilitate a roundtable discussion with a diverse group of forestry professionals in regards to forestry issues in northern Michigan. Even though we didn't have much notice to pull this together, many of you immediately volunteered to assist where needed. I want to thank everyone that offered, it's what makes us such a strong organization! The next newsletter will have a report for the day and what has occurred as a result of that meeting.

On another note, the invitations went out for 14 MSAF members to attend the Heartland Leadership Academy that will be held at the Southern Illinois University Touch of Nature Learning Center near Carbondale, IL, the weekend of July 15-17. This opportunity is a joint effort for District 5 and 9 Societies to attend at no cost for the attendees! The fun filled, information packed weekend is an excellent leadership training opportunity. Again we will have to wait for the next newsletter to learn of the Academy's success.

In the meantime, enjoy the summer!

~Joyce Angel-Ling, State Society Chair~

iPOD APP - TREE LEAF RECOGNITION

Check this out.! FREE iPod app - leafsnap. It's a tree ID app using leaves. Take a picture of the leaf and a shape recognition algorithm takes over. "Leafsnap is the first in a series of electronic field guides being developed by researchers from Columbia University, the University of Maryland, and the Smithsonian Institution. This free mobile app uses visual recognition software to help identify tree species from photographs of their leaves. Leafsnap contains beautiful high-resolution images of leaves, flowers, fruit, petiole, seeds, and bark. Leafsnap currently includes the trees of the Northeast and will soon grow to include the trees of the entire continental United States."

Requirements: Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. Requires iOS 4.2 or later
<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/leafsnap/id430649829?mt=8>

MSU Update

Michigan foresters played a significant role in communicating the importance of the Department of Forestry in Michigan and elsewhere to the University administration. Thank you!!

Dean Jeffrey Armstrong, who proposed sweeping changes in the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, left MSU to become president of a California university. His specific proposal related to Forestry has been set aside. Nonetheless, we face challenges like other universities in these demanding fiscal times.

Buoyed by this change, the Forestry faculty is actively reviewing its program offerings with an eye toward growth. Sadly, Professor emeritus and Acting Chair Don Dickmann, an SAF Fellow and former MiSAF Chair, is re-retiring. He came out of retirement to help steer the Department through the year after Dr. Dan Keathley stepped down. He has done a great job! A new Acting Chair will be announced soon. Bill Cook will send a note out when this occurs.

Again, thank you for your strong support.
~Submitted by: Larry Leefers~

HOW TO SUBMIT ARTICLES TO THE MICHIGAN FORESTER NEWSLETTER

Everyone is welcome to submit articles, photos, ideas or suggestions! E-mail submissions are preferable, but other delivery systems are accepted. Articles can come in nearly any format, even via snail mail! **All materials for publication should be submitted to:**

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Pruning Oaks and the Oak Wilt Infection Risk

To avoid above ground oak wilt infection, don't do any more oak pruning until fall.

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From: Jan Byrne, MSU Diagnostic Services, Department of Plant Pathology

I have received several calls from arborists asking if our cooler temperatures have prolonged the oak pruning season. The short answer is no, do not do any more pruning of oaks.

Here is a short explanation of the biology behind this. When oak trees are pruned, volatiles are released that are attractive to certain insects. Some of these beetles are vectors of the oak wilt pathogen (*Ceratocystis fagacearum*) and can carry spores to the pruning wounds. The pruning cuts can be entry points for the oak wilt fungus. Of course, pruning cuts do not heal instantaneously; research has shown that wounds can be infected for up to eight days after the pruning is done. Sapwood produced in the spring is also more susceptible to infection than that produced later in the season.

The months of April, May and June are considered the months with the highest risk for above ground oak wilt infection. The months of November to March are the safest time to prune oaks, when there is no to extremely little risk of oak wilt infection.

Side note from MSU Extension Forester and State Society Communications Chair Bill Cook:

Oak wilt occurs in both the LP and the UP. One more reason to not move firewood.

Prevention is the best treatment.

Oak wilt in infected oak stands cannot be removed by harvesting alone. Root systems must be isolated or removed (this is not cheap or always feasible). Residential trees and other high value individual trees can be protected with a fungicidal injection. Symptomatic oaks cannot be saved.

Michigan SAF Hosts U.S. Congressional Forestry Field Day



The Michigan SAF hosted a field tour and roundtable for U.S. Representative Dan Benishek, on June 8th in the central U.P. The Congressman's office requested two specific topics; 1) stream crossings that may be affected by the Ninth Circuit Court decision regarding forest roads and point source pollution permitting, and 2) a visit to a private, non-industrial forest owner who has recently employed cost-share programs through the 2008 Farm Bill. The roundtable included a variety of forestry interests that put a range of concerns on the table for Rep. Benishek's consideration.

Field site one featured a recent culvert placement (picture on pg. 2) in a narrow wetland crossing to access a timber harvest on Plum Creek lands. The crossing did not require DEQ permitting but under

the Ninth Circuit Court ruling probably would. Charlie Becker estimated there would be hundreds of this type of crossing each year on Plum Creek lands alone. The group pointed out the successful role of Best Management Practices in already protecting water resources and that federal regulation of this sort of forestry activity would be beyond the current capacity of regulatory agencies as well as redundant. On the way out from the site, the group stopped at a county road stream crossing to point out how road construction techniques are used to minimize or eliminate runoff from forest roads.

The second site showcased several sites scheduled for reforestation under the 2008 Farm Bill. The upland hardwood sites were harvested 15-20 years ago and natural regeneration failed. Deer depredation was one regeneration failure issue. The forest owner wished to bring several parcels back into forest production and is currently participating in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Lunch and a roundtable discussion were held at the Sagola Township Hall. Members from forest industry, forestry consultants, and government agencies expressed a range of concerns for the benefit of Congressman Benishek. Topics included federal timber sale levels, wood energy, role of federal regulation, critical role of healthy markets for healthy forests, forestry as a rural economic driver, and others.

The National SAF office provided a key role in helping to plan the tour and coordinate with Benishek's office. Assistant Director, Forest Policy, Kelsey Delaney participated in the tour.

(Pictures and report submitted by Bill Cook, State Society Communications Chair)



REMEMBERING.....

Louis Joseph Verme

(January 24, 1924 - March 9, 2011)

Louis Joseph Verme passed away on March 9, 2011 in Rochester, NY after a brief illness. He was 87 years old.

Lou (formally Luciano) was born in New York City on January 24, 1924 to Sicilian immigrants Arcangelo and Vita (Costa) Verme. His family moved to a farm in Flemington, NJ when he was three years old, and it was there that he developed his love of hunting and the outdoors. Shortly after graduating high school, Lou enlisted in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. As a member of the Fourth Marine Division, he saw extensive action in the battle of Iwo Jima and was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries sustained during combat. After the war ended, Lou served as an MP for one year on the island of Okinawa, Japan.



Once home, Lou attended Michigan State University where he obtained a Bachelor's degree in Forestry in 1950 and a Master's degree in Wildlife Management in 1953. He was hired by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources as a wildlife biologist at the Cusino Wildlife Research Station in Shingleton, MI. Lou became biologist in charge at Cusino a few years later and he remained at this position until his retirement in 1988 after 36 years of service.

During his career, Lou was a noted and respected authority on whitetail deer. He authored over 70 scientific research articles and presented his work at many national and international wildlife conferences. In addition, he received numerous awards for his work, including international recognition by The Wildlife Society for best research article of 1982. Lou also wrote and published the popular book *Hiawatha's Brothers* about the natural history and wildlife of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

In 1957, Lou married Marquette, MI native Rose Marie Barr. They had two children, Ann Verme (Andy Martin) of Minneapolis, MN, and Thomas Verme (Nancy Ciavarri) of Rochester, NY. His beloved Rose Marie preceded Lou in death in 2008. Lou is also survived by his sister Rose Mazzucco of Middlesex, NJ, brother and sister-in-law Jack and Martha Verme of Potomac, MD, and sister-in-law Mary Ann (Barr) Wilmers of Gaylord, MI, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Lou loved bird hunting and continued to hunt through his 85th year. He also enjoyed Yankee baseball, Spartan basketball, Packer football, entertaining conversation, and a good martini. He and Rose Marie traveled extensively, including several trips to Europe as well as Australia, New Zealand, and Africa. Lou celebrated his 87th birthday this past January on safari in Tanzania with his son and daughter-in-law, at which time this photo of him was taken.

A memorial service was June 4, 2011 at Bowerman Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to The Nature Conservancy, P.O. Box 6014, Albert Lea, MN 56007. On the memorial check, please reference: Memorial tribute to Louis J. Verme, account 11013236, zip code 49862.

Michigan Society of American Foresters

Year 2011 Budget Status Report

Revenue	Expected 2011 Revenue	Revenue Received as of May 5, 2011
State Society		
Membership Dues	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,158.00
Interest	\$ 25.00	\$ 16.41
Spring Conference Proceeds	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,292.50
Fall Conference Proceeds	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Michigan Forester Ads	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00
Contributions/Reimbursements	\$ -	\$ -
PLT Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Total	\$ 6,725.00	\$ 1,974.41

Expenses	Budgeted for 2011	Funds Disbursed as of May 5, 2011
State Society		
HSD	\$ 235.00	\$ -
Chapter Dues	\$ 450.00	\$ -
Michigan Forester	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 324.62
Society Administration	\$ 200.00	\$ 124.00
State Chair	\$ 200.00	\$ -
MI Forester Editor Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ -
MI Forester Bus Mgr Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Secretary Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Treasurer Honorarium	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Students to Nat'l Meeting	\$ 500.00	\$ -
National Meeting	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Donation to Nat'l Raffle	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Leadership Academy	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Awards	\$ 300.00	\$ 153.00
PLT	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Communication Software	\$ 800.00	\$ -
Forest Lands Conference	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Recruitment	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Misc	\$ -	\$ 150.00
Total	\$ 8,385.00	\$ 751.62

Total Michigan SAF cash as of:	May 5, 2011	\$ 11,941.09
Total Education Fund cash as of:	May 5, 2011	\$ 4,603.15

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American Foresters
has cash assets
only.

Prepared by: John Pilon, Treasurer

The Spring Conference netted \$2292.50

Heartwood Forestland Fund IV, L.P. contributed \$250 toward the printing of the new Green Book.

Michigan SAF purchased a **Gifford Pinchot** Forestry Building commemorative paver for \$150.

The Education Fund finances have been turned back over to the Michigan SAF treasurer.

Spring Conference Education Fund ticket sales netted \$777. Thanks to the students who sold all those tickets, especially **Lily Zahor!**

Thanks to **Baumgarten F.P, Inc, Rick and Charmaine Lucus, Plum Creek Timber, and Holli Forest Products** for their contributions to the Michigan SAF Education Fund.

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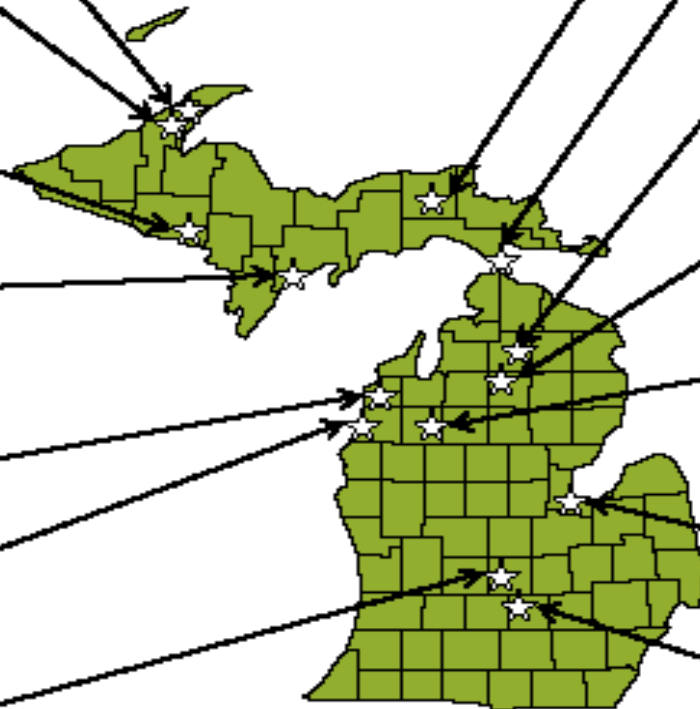
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