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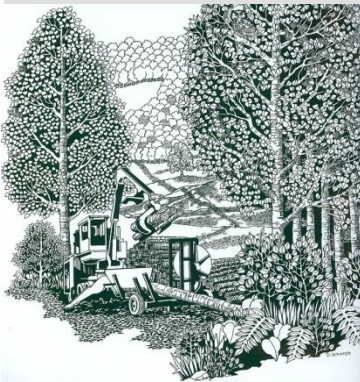
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Did You Know:

- One cord of wood yields 61,370 envelopes.
- If a 100-foot tree is 30 yrs. old, has an 18" diameter, and a 60-70 ft. crown spread, it weighs about 41,000 pounds.
- Every year, each one of us uses 613 pounds of paper products on average.



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The Newsletter of the Minnesota Logger Education Program

Log-A-Load For Kids Golf Tournament

Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare is gearing up for the 20th Annual Log A Load for Kids golf tournament. The Tournament is scheduled for Friday, September 9, 2016 at the Pokegama Golf Course in Grand Rapids. Come on out and help them help some very special kids! Gillette treats kids with complex medical conditions in every county of Minnesota and kids from all surrounding states. They have a goal of raising \$150,000 to continue their excellent care. One benefit they provide is mobile care units that bring the specialized services to rural Minnesota to treat kids whose families may not be able to get them to a care facility capable of treating their condition. They have raised a total of \$120,352 towards their goal. The golf tournament offers options for supporting this wonderful cause including: Register a team to play golf that day, Sponsor a hole on the course, or just make a one-time special donation to Log A Load. Every penny counts! Team registration includes greens fees, golf cart and dinner.



MLEP Wins LogSafe Contract for 2017-2018

One-stop "shopping" for training is back for 2017! MLEP has been awarded the contract to provide LogSafe training during 2017 and 2018. LogSafe training is provided under contract with the Department of Labor and Industry. Starting in 2017, LogSafe OSHA training and LogSafe CPR/First Aid training will be coordinated through MLEP. You will still be able to register for both MLEP and LogSafe training online or by calling MLEP the same as always. Starting in 2017, you will get reminder notices for both MLEP training and LogSafe training for which you've registered. All training for OSHA classes must be approved by the Department of Labor and Industry, but please let us know if there are specific topics you'd like to see addressed. Also, we have seats available on our Safety Training Committee if you'd be interested in being a part of the decisions about what training topics should be addressed!



Ty's Story: Brain Injury

Ty and his family were headed home after a Minnesota Golden Gophers hockey game on Jan. 3, 2014—when their car was struck head on. Ty and his brother Braden were rushed to a community hospital. Braden had broken bones and internal bleeding. Ty's injuries proved even more severe, as his brain sustained the brunt of the injury.

With his prognosis still uncertain, doctors placed Ty in a medically induced coma until the swelling in his brain stem subsided. Three weeks after the accident, Ty was transferred to Gillette Children's Hospital for intensive speech and physical therapy.

Soon after, our doctors made a concerning discovery: Ty's spinal cord had also been damaged during the accident. Without surgery to fuse vertebrae in his neck, Ty's injury could lead to permanent paralysis or worse. "Surgery was shocking and scary," says Ty's dad, Chris. But it also became a crucial milestone. "It turned the corner for Ty," says Chris. "He had surgery on a Monday, and by Thursday, he'd eaten his first real meal since the accident."

Ty's dedication to physical therapy helped him walk. He returned home in March 2014—a marvel, considering all

he'd been through. He continues to receive care from Gillette. "He's golfing, swimming, and wants to play guitar," says Chris. "And he tells us if he can't play hockey, he'll coach it instead."



Partner Update

Ziegler CAT, 1st place in Large Equipment Display, Returning to North Star Expo

Ziegler CAT, your trusted dealer for Cat® forestry and heavy equipment, will be returning to the North Star Expo as last year's winner for best large equipment display. This year you can expect to see a variety of machines on display, coffee and donuts to be served, and your local Territory Managers ready to answer all your questions. For more information about Ziegler CAT, visit www.zieglercat.com.

Join Ziegler CAT and others at the North Star Expo in Grand Rapids on September 16th and 17th, 2016. The North Star Expo will be at the Itasca County Fair Grounds in Grand Rapids.



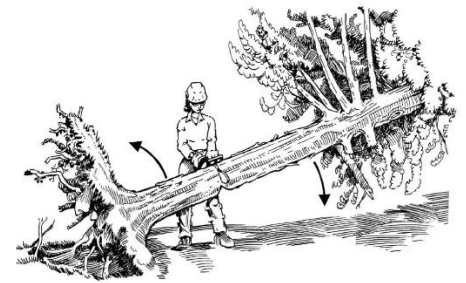
September 1st, 2016 Deadline Reminder!

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016: Maintaining membership within MLEP requires being up-to-date with all training requirements as well as paying membership dues for the current year. Companies are considered “not-in-good standing” until membership dues are paid. Companies which are not-in-good-standing will not be included as members within the MLEP directory or in any reports requested to determine eligibility to bid on public ownership sales. Membership dues outstanding after **September 1st** will result in a not-in-good-standing classification for the remainder of the calendar year. Failure to pay membership dues by **September 1st** could result in the loss of bidding rights with companies and agencies that require MLEP training.

Safety Roundup:

Storm Damaged Timber Harvest:

Some of the most difficult and dangerous trees to cut are ones that have been affected by storms. These trees are dangerous because they can be incredibly unpredictable. It's important that release cuts be made correctly in order to avoid injury. While the cuts are the same as those used to fell standing timber or bucking logs, there are forces that create additional complexity when planning the safest way to harvest storm damaged timber. Watching the news coverage of the storms that have ravaged Minnesota this summer shows two of the most common types of storm damage to trees: Trees that have been uprooted and are leaning partially or completely over on the ground, against other trees or structures; and trees that are broken off but still attached to the trunk at varying heights. Harvesting or removal is more dangerous than it appears. Please think ahead about what the tree will do when the weight of the root wad is released from the trunk! Will it fall back in the hole, snapping the trunk back up right or will it fall forward onto the stump? Please see the detailed article providing cutting options for these situations at:



www.treeservicesmagazine.com/columns/tools-techniques/understanding-the-hazards-of-felling-storm-damaged-trees/

Sun and Heat Safety:

Ok, so this is where I admit that I am getting old and tend to forget things when I am in the middle of organizing something for my kids. You may wonder what that has to do with sun and heat safety. Anyone watching swimming in the Olympics can relate to how much fun it is to watch competitive swimming and how involved you can get with cheering on your favorite swimmer(s). My girls had a swim meet in Shoreview on August 6th at the 50 meter outdoor pool. We got to the pool at around 9 AM and I immediately pulled out the 100 SPF sunscreen to slather on every exposed centimeter of both girls. My monkeys are too fair to be outside long without sunscreen protection. In the midst of getting them into the pool for warm-ups and coordinating with coach to know what events they were swimming, I neglected to put any sunscreen on myself. After an exciting meet, we left for home about 2 PM. After 5 hours of unprotected sun exposure I left with really nasty sunburn, a horrible headache and a couple days of feeling completely miserable. Was it all sun exposure or a combo of heat and sun? Either way, it was a stupid mistake. I am learning the hard way that taking the time to protect yourself from heat and sun exposure is a very good thing to do. While it continues to be a painful learning experience, I also get the humiliation of explaining why I am doing such a great impression of a snake losing its skin.

Learn from my mistake and make sure you drink lots of water, rest in the shade if outside for extended periods of time and protect your skin!





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Upcoming Events

August

18 – Nortrax Equipment Demo - Twig
25 – Northern Hardwoods Mgmt. - Palisade

September

7 – Truck Weight Compliance - Mankato
8 – FMG Pocket Guide - Baudette
13 – Soils Symposium - Duluth
14 – Truck Weight Compliance – St. Cloud
16 – Wood Markets – Grand Rapids (NS Expo)
20 – Forest Health - Bemidji
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21 – Forest Health - Brainerd

Fall LogSafe Dates/Locations

Oct. 18 – I Falls
Oct. 19 - Bemidji
Oct. 25 - Cloquet
Oct. 26 - Hibbing
Dec. 14 - Hibbing



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