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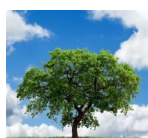
August 2024

Editor's Musings

First, let me apologize to ADDC President Wendy Sparks for not including her July letter in last month's issue of the Tri-State News. Inadvertently, I included Tri-State President Emily VanHaften's June letter where Wendy's letter should have been. I've included Wendy's July and August letters in this month's issue. Since no one called this to my attention, I'm wondering did you actually read last month's newsletter?

August has no official national holidays, but if you want something to celebrate this month, just check the internet. When I was looking for holidays to recognize on this month's calendar, I found every day, as well as every week and every month, have gained some kind of recognition—some serious and some almost ridiculous. Just a few examples are: August 1st-International Beer Day August 4th-US Coast Guard's Birthday August 8th-International Cat Day August 13th-Left-Handers Day August 16th-Hawaii Statehood Day August 22nd-National Tooth Fairy Day August 26th-National Toilet Paper Day. Just for fun, check out one of the many website which lists all the recognized (by somebody?) special observances in the month of August.

The article on page 5 of this issue talks about utilizing waste from landfills, plants and wood to generate renewable energy and, in particular using, waste from logging operations, lumber production, and papermills to create wood pellets for home and commercial applications. It also contains excerpts from a letter signed by 796 scientists warning about the dangers to the atmosphere posed by deforestation across the globe.



That brings me to Gary's love for trees. In addition to the tree line on the west side of our property which contains an oak guesstimated to have been there since before the Civil War and a pecan which towers menacingly over the roof of our house, he has added over a dozen additional trees of various sizes and varieties in our yard. He doesn't even mind having to mow around all of them, except the short Japanese Maple I planted in the front yard. Over the years, (there I go referring to our ages again) we've had to remove various trees due to construction projects, dead growth, or because they became a nuisance, like the huge Black Walnut in the back yard. Regardless, Gary loves trees for their shade from the summer sun, the pecans and hickory nuts they produce, the oxygen they return to the atmosphere, the shelter they provide wildlife (in particular the birds he loves to watch), and the beauty they lend to the landscape. Take a few minutes, go outside or to a nearby park and observe all the different kinds of trees in our area. To quote Joyce Kilmer: "I think I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree". You can read the entire poem at: [Quote by Joyce Kilmer: "I think that I shall never see A poem lovely as..."](https://www.goodreads.com/quote/Joyce_Kilmer/I_think_that_I_shall_never_see_a_poem_lovely_as...) ([goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com))

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July 2024

ADDC Membership

We made it to summer and half-way through 2024. Time flies when you are having fun.

You should have received a mass email from ADO and Public Relations chair Helen Trujillo about the deadline for the DSA and SAA Awards. Please see my letter last month for details of these awards. Due Date is JULY 1, 2024.

Convention registration packets have gone out! Val, Pat and their committee were able to keep the fee at \$250 again this year. Please register as soon as you can. It makes continual planning so much easier!

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=DFWCNDT&groupCode=CDTDD2&arrivaldate=2024-09-24&departuredate=2024-09-29&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

We have nominees! Please look at their qualifications. I believe 2025 will be in good hands!

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Soon you will be seeing (if you have not already) the amendments we will be voting on at our Convention. Also, you will receive a discussion item we will bring up after the voting. After discussion, we will vote on having a MAIL VOTE for this item of discussion. We will go into detail on how this will be done.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams" ~ Eleanor Roosevelt.

Sincerely,
Wendy Sparks



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I am pleased to announce that we have surpassed our membership goal by 3! We have 618 members (one being a student).

We have 16 members registered for the convention so far! Get your registration in as soon as possible. It helps the GAC's with planning and it can assure you will get your first choice for field trips and seminars.

By now you should have received information for discussion of a new board position we would call "Club Liaison". This position would replace our (4) Region Directors and eliminate the regions. One thought is this would drastically cut board expenses. Another thought is that it is becoming increasingly more difficult for members to want to move up therefore less volunteers to find. Also, it is very difficult for the smaller regions to host regional meetings. We are working on the qualifications for this position. If passed, this would go into effect January 1, 2026.

Please send your RD's any questions you may have so that we can address these before the Convention. As I mentioned last month, during the Convention we will discuss and only vote on having a MAIL VOTE for this amendment.

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." –Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Wendy Sparks



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It's hard to believe that it is August already! Summer is half over, and before you know it, kids will be going back to school. Days will be getting shorter again, and hopefully temperatures will be cooling down just a little. I hope everyone has been enjoying this season.

Have you sent in your registration for Convention yet? The deadline is fast approaching! Also, have you made your room reservations? Don't want you to miss out on the special rates for Convention attendees. Field trips sound amazing – I'm looking forward to seeing a cattle drive at the stockyards! The whole time will be amazing and educational! Hope to see you there!!!

Please make sure your members have looked over the proposed amendments to be voted on at Convention. It should be interesting to hear any comments made both for and against the amendments. If you have any questions about the amendments – please don't hesitate to contact me for clarification.

I hope we have at least a delegate and an alternate from each of our clubs at Convention! And anyone who wants to see what we do there! It is definitely a learning experience, on a bigger scale than our region meeting! Let's represent the Northeast Region with many attendees!

Enjoy the summer – but stay SAFE!

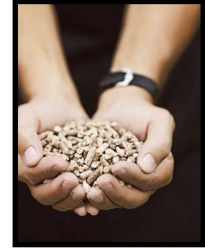
Until next month ---

Shelly Hildebrant

Biomass Energy Not Necessarily Good for Everyone

Author: Donna L. Hartig

Humans have used biomass energy (energy from living things) ever since they discovered fire to warm their bodies and cook their food. Exactly what is biomass? Biomass is organic, meaning it is made of material that comes from living organisms, such as plants and animals. The most common biomass materials used for energy are plants, wood, and waste, all of which are called biomass feedstock.



One growing use for biomass in the U.S. is the production of wood pellets some of which are used in BBQ grilling and home heating, but the pellets are primarily produced for export to Europe as a replacement for coal. After the European Union classified biomass as renewable energy in 2009, the U.S. Southeast's annual wood pellet capacity increased from about 300,000 tons to more than 7.3 million tons by 2017, according to research led by a University of Missouri team.

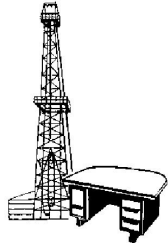
Producing an alternative energy source from waste generated from tops of trees and leftovers from lumber production and paper mills includes a process where the ground wood fiber is heated to make it secrete lignin, which is used as its natural binding agent. Under pressure, the gluey mass is forced through small holes (somewhat like a garlic press) to form the pellet shape. Ultimately, the pellets are dried out so completely that they lose the ability to absorb moisture, or rot and making them economically viable for shipping long distances.

Creating jobs and revitalization in small, disadvantaged communities while converting waste into an alternative energy source sounds like a win-win situation, but not so much for the people living in close proximity to the processing plants. A July 27th article in the Los Angeles Times by James Pollard, Julie Watson and Stephen Smith suggests these facilities are damaging the life and health of the rural southern, predominantly black communities, where they are being located. Interviews with residents of towns with large black populations, from Gaston, N.C., to Uniontown, Ala., surfaced complaints of truck traffic, air pollution and noise from pellet plants. Gloster, Mississippi, has become the poster child for such tensions. According to an Environmental Protection Agency mapping tool, Gloster is exposed to more particulate matter than much of the U.S. and adults living there have higher asthma rates than 80% of the country. So much for being a good neighbor!

The use of biomass in the form of wood pellets is touted as being a renewable energy, but it takes years for newly planted trees to replace those being cut now. In addition, old growth trees remove considerably more carbon dioxide from the atmosphere than trees planted to take their place. Scientific studies have found firing wood pellets puts more carbon immediately into the atmosphere than coal, and according to a 2023 paper in the journal "Renewable Energy", pollution from biomass-based facilities is nearly three times higher than that of other energy sectors.

In a 2018 letter signed by 796 scientists addressed to the UE Parliament regarding forest biomass, they warned the EU that "placing an additional carbon load in the atmosphere for decades means permanent damages due to more rapid melting of glaciers and thawing of permafrost, and more packing of heat and acidity into the world's oceans. The letter goes on to say: "The adverse implications not just for carbon but for global forests and biodiversity are also large. More than 100% of Europe's annual harvest of wood would be needed to supply just one third of the expanded renewable energy directive. Because demand for wood and paper will remain, the result will be increased degradation of forests around the world. The example Europe would set for other countries would be even more dangerous. Europe has been properly encouraging countries such as Indonesia and Brazil to protect their forests, but the message of this directive is "cut your forests so long as someone burns them for energy."

Reference: [scientist-letter-on-eu-forest-biomass-796-signatories-as-of-january-16-2018.pdf \(wordpress.com\)](#)



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I can't believe we are already in August! This year has been flying by.

The 2024 ADD Convention will be hosted in September in Dallas, TX. If you have not gotten your registration in and are planning on going, please get that in ASAP.

Emails have been sent out with the registration link for the 2024 5th Annual Tri State Desk and Derrick Energy Industry Appreciation Golf 'n Grub. This is being held on September 13, 2024 in Mt. Carmel, IL. Please spread the word to your contacts in the industry.

Our next meeting will be a working meeting for prep on the Golf 'n Grub and will be hosted virtually on August 15th at 11:30 am. We are making this a lunch meeting in hopes that we can get some more attendance at the meetings.

If you do not attend monthly meetings on a regular basis, please let us know if we can do anything differently in order for you to attend.

Please let Alesia Cato or myself know if you have any ideas for speakers or programs for the monthly meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily VanHaften





Tri-State Desk and Derrick Club July 18, 2024, Minutes

The July meeting was held virtually. The following members were present: Emily VanHaafte, Alesia Cato, Stacey Dover, Donna Hartig, Linda Henning, Michael Nelligan, and guest Jim Coffroth. President Emily VanHaafte called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Vice President Alesia Cato introduced Jim Coffroth, Geologist and scout with Scout Check, Inc. as guest speaker for the evening. Mr. Coffroth gave the history of Scout Check, scouting duties, recording of well information, and the breakdown of the information published in the weekly report.

Minutes of the June 20, 2024, were published in the Tri-State newsletter. President Emily VanHaafte asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. There was one correction to the June minutes, change of name Calvin Curtis to Calvin Herdes. Michael Nelligan made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Donna Hartig, motion carried.

President Emily VanHaafte read the financial report emailed by Treasurer Jennifer Birkner. Donna Hartig mentioned she did not hear included in the report the \$400 donation to the 529 Education Saving Account for the children of Robert Lauer. President VanHaafte said she will check into it. Alesia Cato made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Donna Hartig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Under Old Business

President Emily VanHaafte reported there are two items on agenda for discussion, Golf Scramble and Convention Delegates.

Golf Scramble has been moved to September 13, 2024, in hopes for cooler temperatures. Beth Etzkorn has reached out to Beer Bones to do the catering. Discussion of going back to the event being for appreciation and not ask for sponsorships. Concern of costs not being covered without sponsorship. Scholarship revenue will be down in 2024 due to not having a Fall Pork Loin fundraiser due to John Girot's surgeries. After input from members present, it was decided to keep the event the same as in the past this year.

President VanHaafte expressed concern regarding continuous request for sponsorship from participants for our events. Since we are a small organization, we may be at the bottom for sponsorships with the companies tightening their budgets. Suggested to send out "Save the Date" early so that our event will be built into their sponsorship budget for the 2025 events.

President VanHaafte asked if we wanted to continue with the Industry Appreciation Award this year at the Golf Scramble. Emily will send out an email for input from membership. If you have recommendations, please send her an email.

A vote is needed for nominations for the Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the upcoming Convention. Nominations are Emily VanHaafte as Delegate, and Shelly Hildebrandt as Alternate Delegate. Alesia Cato made the motion to accept the nominations as presented and it was seconded by Michael Nelligan. Motion carried unanimously. President VanHaafte will send out an email to the membership for the vote.

President VanHaafte stated part of her expenses (registration, travel, and lodging) to attend convention will be paid for by Region Fund. Per Tri-State's by-laws, delegate expenses to go to convention will be covered by club. Tri-State will pick up what the Region Fund does not cover.

The Region Fund will pay for part of the expenses for Shelly Hildebrandt to attend the convention. Shelly has asked for financial support from the club to pay expenses not paid by Region Fund. President VanHaafte stated Tri-State's by-laws say the club can pay Alternate Delegate expenses, if funds are available. Was suggested the Delegate and Alternate Delegate put a budget together for the expenses to attend convention.

Next meeting will be August 15, 2024. It will be a virtual meeting. Golf outing will be the focus of the meeting. Suggested sending registration for outing after the Johnny Golf Outing. Stacey Dover suggested we ask Calvin Herdes to jump in on the August meeting to walk the group through setting up a Skeet Shoot.

Stacey Dover made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Donna Hartig seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Kennard
Secretary

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HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Beth Etzkorn 8/7

Debra Kennard 8/9

Shelly Hildebrant 8/20

Emily VanHaaften 8/31

