

TIMBER MANAGEMENT NEWS

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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FARM BUREAU PROJECT RURAL EDUCATION DAY

On April 24 and 25, 2012, Tri-County Logging participated in the Lenawee County Project RED student education program. Fourth grade students from Lenawee County had the opportunity to visit several stations at the LISD Ag Tech Center to learn about Sheep Shearing, Small Animals – 4-H, Dairy, Michigan Crops & Soils, Meat, and Trees. The Tri-County Logging display allowed students to view and touch “tree slices” that indicated healthy tree growth, trees that had sustained “bruises and scars”, and tree damage from the Emerald Ash Borer. They also learned about the natural lifespan of a tree and how to count growth rings. Beautiful wood carvings were displayed (courtesy of Bruce Bugbee from Tri-County Logging), and a wide variety of products that are made from trees or tree bi-products were presented. Each student went home with a “tree straw” to demonstrate the xylem in Red Oak.



We would like to thank Farm Bureau for this opportunity to share “Tree Facts” with the fourth grade students of our county. Tri-County Logging & Hardwoods of Michigan are pleased to have the opportunity to partner with Farm Bureau of Lenawee County in the agriculture community.

MEET OUR PROCUREMENT FORESTER BRIAN BILA

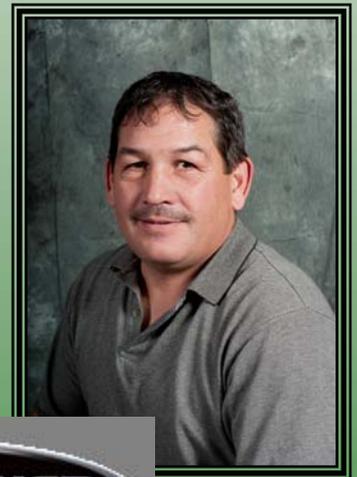
Brian has lived in central Michigan most of his life having been raised in Chesaning. He now resides in Bath, Michigan with his wife, Lisa, and two daughters, Hailey and Ashley. A 1984 graduate of Michigan State University, College of Agriculture, Brian is also certified through the Sustainable Forestry Initiative. He has extensive experience in agriculture and has worked as a Procurement Forester since 2003.

An active member of Whitetails Unlimited, QDMA, North American Hunting Club, Ducks Unlimited, and Pheasants Forever, along with his love of hunting and fishing, Brian brings a unique blend of experience to his clients. His extensive knowledge of food plots and wildlife habitat can help you plan your next habitat improvement project.

He believes that woodlots play a key role in the overall health of our environment and that proper management is critical to a sustainable woodlot. Timber harvesting not only creates income for the landowner, it also provides the opportunity for the forest to regenerate and provides additional habitat for wildlife.

Brian feels that listening to his clients' goals, both short and long term, is vital in developing a comprehensive management plan. Although management decisions are always up to his clients, Brian's expertise and knowledge can help guide landowners in designing a management plan specific to their property. Through hard work and dedication, creating a plan to keep your woods healthy and productive for future generations is Brian's goal.

For further assistance, please contact Brian by cell phone at 989-233-4618 or e-mail at bbila@hmlumber.com.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ANDREA BARRETT



Andrea was the winner of the 2012 model Strother Bow (& setup) give-away, sponsored by Tri-County Logging, Inc., Strother Archery and Schupbach's Sporting Goods, at the 2012 Whitetails Unlimited Banquet on May 5th in Jackson, Michigan. Congratulations, Andrea! We extend to you our best wishes for a fantastic archery/hunting experience and enjoyment of the great outdoors!

A special thank you to Strother Archery & Schupbach's Sporting Goods for partnering with Tri-County Logging on the bow & setup!!



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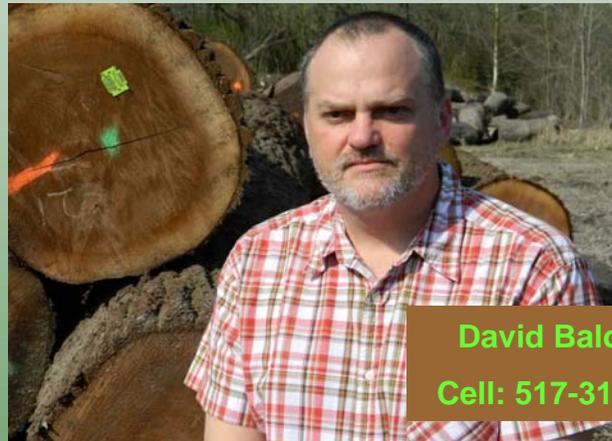
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Free Food Plots

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The big craze today is all about food plots and which seed or seed blend to plant, however, one thing is being forgotten. Deer are generally classified as browsers, meaning they eat primarily buds, leaves, shrubs, and young twigs. Whitetails are also known to consume a wide variety of grasses, forbs, sedges, mushrooms, nuts, grains, and fruits. The consumption of these food sources varies depending on availability and nutritional needs.

If your wood lot is mature and lacking in vegetation, young trees, shrubs, and forbs, you can increase the diversity and quality of food with a timber harvest. A well implemented timber harvest, as part of a total management plan, can create enough relief in the canopy to encourage natural regeneration. The new growth plants will be native to your area and wildlife will already be accustomed to them. The harvest will not only create an immediate food source but also structure and cover for wildlife.

The best part of this type of a food plot is that there is no out of pocket expense. Actually, it will generate income for the landowner. Planned properly, the harvesting operation can also create access trails and areas to plant kill plots within the woods fully integrating your management plan.

Tri-County Logging, Inc.'s staff members are avid hunters themselves with degrees in forestry and agriculture. Many of them belong to national trade and wildlife associations. We are proud members of the QDMA and Whitetails Unlimited. Give us a call today at 800-327-2812 to schedule an appointment with one of our land management professionals.

By Brian Bila

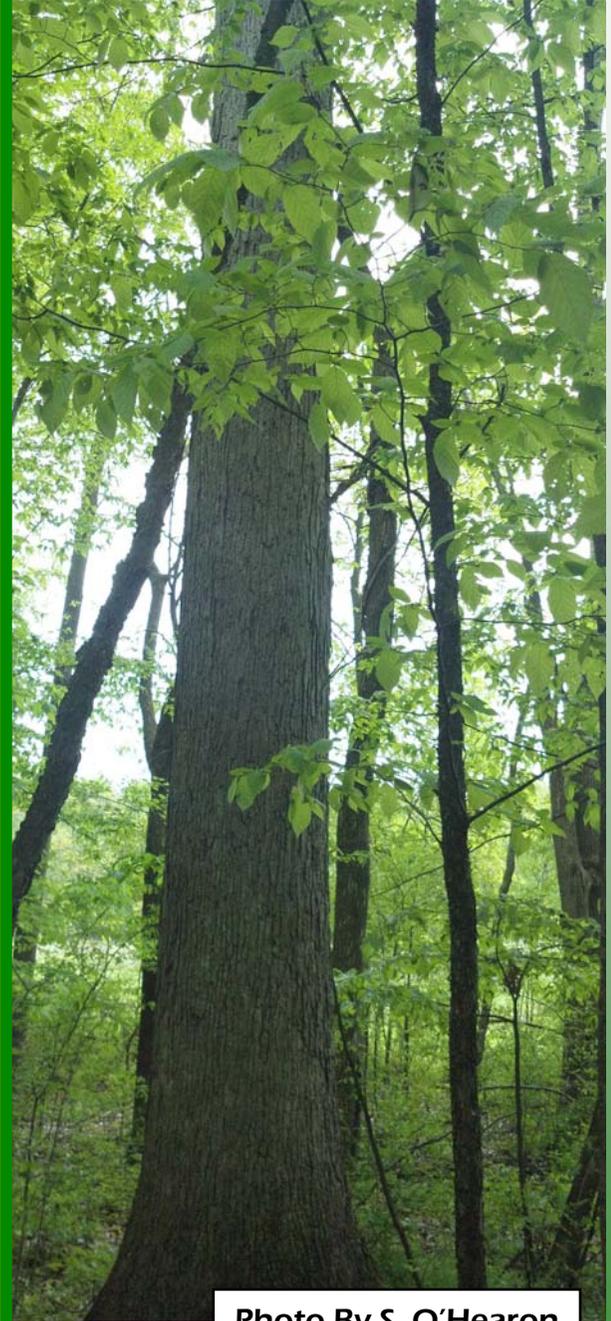


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