



MCW Company Newsletter

Strengthening the lines of communication

Issue 2

Carla Culver Named Employee of the Month For February

Carla Culver has been named employee of the month for February. Carla is the Office Manager at Maine Custom Woodlands

For the past two years Carla has been bringing her vibrant energy and good sense of humor to the office and crew here at MCW.

Carla has been met with some challenges since her diagnosis of throat cancer last September. While facing these challenges she has managed to keep things going at the office. "It was a great distraction for me at a time when everything was happening so quickly with my cancer treatment" said Carla, "and Tom was so un-



derstanding."

She maintained a **good attitude** throughout her treatment, while keeping her focus on helping others within the company.

She **took the initiative** to set up a system by which she could access her computer in the office from her home computer. "Wendy coming on board when I was my sickest really helped with the office

chores. She could pick things up and drop things off"

Even though it would be quite understandable if she decided to lay on the couch all week, Carla remained **dependable** and strong. She answered her cell from home when she was resting and even took calls while she was in the Chemo chair! Talk about **flexibility!**

As she recovers from her treatment her dedication to the crew and her job will only grow stronger.

Carla's name will be the second listed on a plaque that will be displayed in the offices at the new MCW garage.

Birthdays celebrated in March and April!

Randy Brown	3-22
Joe Cushman	4-9
Tom Cushman	4-10
Toby Whitman	4-28



Congratulations Randy!

New Executive Directors for Professional Logging Contractors of Maine and The Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands

Beth Postlewaite of Dover Foxcroft has been named the new Executive Director of The Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands, and Mike Beardsley of Windham has taken on the position of Executive Director of the Professional Logging

Contractors of Maine. These two positions are important to the logging community here in the Northeast.. Mike is a strong voice of advocacy for the loggers in the state of Maine, and Beth will work to strengthen certification throughout the Northeast.

As a certified logging company and members of the Professional Logging Contractors of Maine, it is nice to know that we have two strong voices representing us, one serving us on the state level, and one reaching throughout the Northeast.

Randy Brown got his Class A drivers license





News From *YOUR* Industry

Michaud Requests Input From Mainers on Truck Weight Pilot Program

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Congressman Mike Michaud, a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, urged Mainers to email him stories about how the current truck weight pilot program is affecting them and their community. Michaud worked with House leaders to ensure that the pilot program, which increased Maine’s Interstate truck weight limit to match state limits, was included in a funding bill passed last year.

“It would be extremely valuable to share firsthand experiences of Mainers in my fight to make this pilot program permanent,” said Michaud, who plans to share the stories with congressional leaders and his fellow committee members. “Maine deserves a permanent solution to this issue so that we can improve road safety, increase productivity

and remain economically competitive with our neighbors. While the pilot program was a good first step, I want to make sure that we are in the best position possible to extend it so that it doesn’t expire at the end of the year. Stories from Mainers will help me illustrate just how commonsense this fix is and how important it is to so many of our

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communities.”

Michaud has secured multiple Transportation and Infrastructure Committee hearings on the truck weight issue and has been working with a bipartisan group in the House to arrive at a per-

manent solution.

This pilot program has temporarily allowed heavy trucks on all interstate highways here in Maine. In the past, trucks weighing 100,000 lbs were kept off 295 and forced off 95 North of Augusta.

MCW employees, your opinion is valuable. Please share your thoughts with Congressman Michaud either by e-mail or fax.

Fax for Michaud’s Washington D.C office is :**Fax: 202-225-2943**

His Fax for his Lewiston office is: **Fax: 202-225-2943**

Via e-mail: www.michaud.house.gov

And click on **Stay Connected** there you will find Congressman Michaud’s e-mail address.

Safety Counts

LOCKOUT/TAGOUT PROCEEDURE



Statistics show that 6% of all deaths in the workplace result from the unexpected activation of a machine or other piece of equipment during maintenance or other servicing.

Each operator has a lockout/tagout kit in their equipment located in their spill kit.

If the lockout/tagout kit, or portions of the spill kit have been used, it is the

operator’s responsibility to make sure that it is replaced by notifying Carla or Wendy.

LOCKOUT/TAGOUT PROCEEDURE

If equipment is non-operational:

- 1) Remove all keys
- 2) Place bright yellow card with the words **DO NOT OPERATE! DO NOT START!** In a way to block

ignition.

- 3) Attach pink tag equipment (steering wheel or door)
- 4) Fill out yellow tag using date and you signature. The person signing the tag is the only one who can remove the entire lockout/tagout kit.

Using lockout/tagout will insure your safety or your life!

MCW Settles In!

MCW headquarters are somewhat settled into the garage. There is quite a bit of work that still needs to be done, but everything is now located there. The phones are working, as well as the internet. Carla worked very hard to create the connections with the outside world. Now it is business as usual. Well minus a few doors and walls!

Although the garage appears to be an expense, it will be a savings for the

company. There is no longer the rent payment at Pineland and the garage allows more room.

Tom is looking forward to the garage serving as an anchor for future functions and meetings. It will also save money when it comes to repairs, maintenance, and the ability to stock much needed parts and supplies in order to get a better price and cut down on driving to retrieve those part. The garage

will serve as a money and time saver all the way around.

