

PROUD MOMENTS

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Lewis Lumber Products and Dwight Lewis Lumber are proud to state that two of our leaders had the honor of being selected as “The Penn State School of Forest Resources Outstanding Alumnus of the Year” for the past two years.

In 2006, Keith Atherholt, President of Lewis Lumber Products, Inc., was chosen for the honor. The 2007 recipient was Marc Lewis, co-owner of Dwight Lewis Lumber and Lewis Lumber Products.

2007 also marks the 100th anniversary of the Penn State School of Forest Resources.

Left: Marc Lewis accepts an award after being chosen “The Penn State School of Forest Resources Outstanding Alumnus of the Year.”



Above: Keith Atherholt, President of Lewis Lumber Products, Inc., far right, was chosen for the same honor in 2006.

A TINY DESTROYER

EMERALD ASH BORER



The Emerald Ash Borer has hit Pennsylvania! Adult beetles were found on an ash tree in Cranberry Township, Butler County, by United States Department of Agriculture surveyors.

Typically, Emerald Ash Borer will kill an ash tree within three years of the initial infestation. Adults are dark green, one half inch in length, and one eighth inch wide. They only fly from early May until September. Larvae spend the rest of the year beneath the bark of ash trees. They emerge as adults, leaving a D-shaped hole in the bark about one-eighth inch wide. Anyone who suspects they have seen an Emerald Ash Borer should call 1-866-253-7189.

A quarantine has been imposed in Butler, Lawrence, Allegheny, and Beaver counties. Our quarantine restricts the movement of ash nursery stock, green lumber and any other ash materials, including logs, stumps, firewood, and all wood chips. Due to difficulty in distinguishing between species of hardwood firewood, all firewood including ash, oak, maple, and hickory are considered quarantined as well.

PENNSYLVANIA EMERALD ASH BORER QUARANTINE AREA



D-shaped hole left by the adult Emerald Ash borer as it emerges from the bark of the ash tree.

SIGHT OF FIRST DETECTION

COUNTIES AFFECTED:

- LAWRENCE
- BUTLER
- BEAVER
- ALLEGHENY



EUCALYPTUS UPDATE

At this time our Eucalyptus Grandis product line is starting to fall in place. We now have official studies that have been done by NC State on Workability and Stability compared to Genuine Mahogany (swietenia macrophylla). The results indicated that it machined well, glued well and that its dimensional stability is slightly below Mahogany, similar to domestic species of Hard Maple and Black Cherry.



Pictured above is LLP truck driver Todd Stiger (right) and our president, Keith Atherholt. Todd is seen displaying the trophy he was awarded for winning the Demolition Derby at the Lycoming County Fair. He is now qualified for the State Championship held at the Bloomsburg Fair later this month. Way to go, Todd!

LLP Employee Dawn Neuhard and her husband Bob are the proud owners of this award winning hot rod. For those of you who don't know cars, this piece of American muscle is a 55 Chevy. It has a 427 turbo motor producing more than 325 HP with a 400 tranny and has been totally restored from the frame up. This classic has won two "Best of Shows," one "People's Choice," one "First Place," and the most notable was at the Super Chevy Sunday in Maple Grove, Pennsylvania winning "Outstanding 2 Door Post." Dawn and Bob have worked on this piece of Detroit iron for ten years on and off. Nice Car!



LLP Employee Dawn Neuhard and her husband stand in front of this award-winning hot rod.

This content mallard duck decided to lay some eggs underneath our Dust Collection Pipe.



EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY

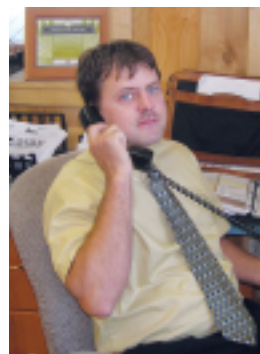


On August 24th, Lewis Lumber Products held their LLP Employee Appreciation Day.



KELLY HILL ~ 26 years

Kelly actually began working for this entity that is today Lewis Lumber Products even before we took on that name! In 1981, she started as a book keeper for Reese Lumber Company located in Williamsport, PA, which was later bought by Dwight Lewis Lumber, and Kelly stayed on. Eventually, the Reese name was dropped, and the company took on the name of "Dwight Lewis Lumber Co, Williamsport Division." Kelly became the Business Manager in that transition and began overseeing the A/P, A/R, and accounting functions. Today, she is the Business Director and oversees the accounting department. She is loyal to the core! Her dedication to LLP is unquestionable, and she now boasts being the most "experienced" employee of our company.



CURT WOLFHOPE ~ 15 years

Curt began with LLP as a lumber handler and tallyman upon graduation from the Pennsylvania College of Technology. He graduated with two associate degrees (Forestry and Wood Products). Curt quickly moved into the Yard Manager position, which he held for 10 years before moving into inside sales. He has been on the road covering Western PA and Ohio for the last 3 years. Curt has blossomed on the road in sales and continues to be a vibrant contributor to our success.

"Congratulations and thank you to our two most tenured employees!!"



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GENERAL MANAGER'S NOTE



Harry Jones, General Manager

Greetings to you from beautiful Picture Rocks, PA! It's been a busy summer here, and as we head into fall, it looks like it's not going to slow down! I would like to share with you some of the projects that we have been working on this year.

ENERGY

As many of you know (and/or experienced already if you live in PA), specific portions of your electric bill will become deregulated sometime between now and 2010. Our electric supplier will be deregulated in July of 2009, and we have decided to be proactive in our approach to higher electricity costs, especially since we learned that we should expect at *least* a 30% increase in our bill! In an effort to seek out help in analyzing our current electrical usage and to look for cost-saving solutions, we came across an unlikely resource. It's a small branch of PA DEP that is called "*The Office of Energy and Technology Deployment.*" We were skeptical, too, but this is a *non-regulatory* branch of DEP designed to help you analyze your electrical consumption, provide energy saving solutions, and provide help in accessing grants to help fund upgrades. You can visit their website at www.dep.state.pa.us to learn more about what they have to offer. When you get there, click on "search," then click on the letter "E," then click on "energy" category, and you're there.

MILL REDESIGN

Continuing our effort to control costs, we have looked at how we can become more efficient in utilizing our workforce, as well as how we can

reduce the amount of time spent moving material. Currently, our two planers are located about 200 yards away from our dimension mill. This seemingly short distance translates into a lot of time spent on a forklift moving lumber to the planers, the dimension mill or to the warehouse for shipping. In January, we began to redesign our dimension mill on AutoCad to make room for the two planers. This move will eliminate a majority of the time we currently invest in moving product and also allow us to keep our workforce closer together. Utilizing our workforce more effectively, ultimately, means processing lumber more efficiently. We are still exploring this concept and have involved several outside contractors: The Weinig Group, Chuck Ray at PSU, and also the best designers we know... our own employees.

We could not explore either of these issues if it wasn't for customers like you. On behalf of the entire staff here at Lewis Lumber Products, I'd like to thank you for your business, and we appreciate the privilege of being a partner with you in your business!



FSC
CERTIFIED

WHAT IS FSC AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

By now you've surely heard the phrase "FSC Certified." It's hard to page through any trade magazine and not see at least one article focusing on certified materials, earth consciousness, or green building. The FSC Organization is at the forefront of the Green movement with regard to forest management. But what is "FSC" and what does it stand for?

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) by definition, is "a non-profit organization devoted to encouraging the responsible management of the world's forests." They are probably the most widely recognized certification body in the wood products industry today, and their main focus is forest sustainability.

For a forest to be sustainable or certified, it must go through the FSC certification process prior to harvesting. It requires a management plan outlining such things as current timber and species inventories, harvesting schedules, environmental issues, and economic and social concerns. Only after this plan is in place can a forest be considered certified and in turn, yield certified timber. With this management practice in place, the Forest Stewardship Council assures that our certified forestlands will always be available for future harvest. What gives the FSC program its teeth, is its third parties certification status. Lewis Lumber Products and everyone in the FSC program is audited on a yearly basis to maintain the integrity of the FSC standards.

There are currently over 650 members of the Forest Stewardship Council in 57 different countries around the world. We at Lewis Lumber Products became the 56th member back in 1998, and we continue to inventory more and more certified material every year.

Our sawmill, Dwight Lewis Lumber Company, owns and maintains roughly 17,000 acres



Forester Mark Knapp, a Dwight Lewis Lumber Company employee, is about to scale this cherry tree.

of FSC certified forest land. They also cut a percentage of their timber from Pennsylvania State Forest land, which is also FSC Certified. Combined, we can acquire an excellent supply of native Pennsylvania lumber that is certified. Our current FSC inventory includes Cherry, Hard Maple, Soft Maple, Red Oak, Poplar and White Oak. We also buy other certified species from different parts of the United States and around the world. You may remember hearing about our Eucalyptus Grandis product from prior newsletters. It's an excellent mahogany alternative and every piece we import is FSC certified.

What does this all mean to you? If you have not been asked for FSC material yet, you will. The green movement is gaining momentum everyday, and it's showing no signs of slowing down. You can be sure that we at Lewis Lumber will do our best to keep a consistent supply of FSC lumber here at all times. If you have any current certified lumber needs, or just need more information about the Forest Stewardship Council, please feel free to call the office and speak to any of our knowledgeable salesmen.

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