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We don't have a winner — we have WINNERS!

It was a great day for the 2nd Annual Machinists Wood, Pulp & Paper Council (MWPPC) Chillin' & Grillin' Virtual BBQ Competition for Guide Dogs of America on Saturday, September 25th in homes across Territories. The weather cooperated everywhere and the eatin' was even better. In the end, we raised **\$26,157.50** for Guide Dogs of America & Tender Loving Canines.

BIG thanks goes out to everyone involved. To our Title Sponsors:

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To our patient and professional Judges, thank you: Yvette Sheehan, GDA, Chris Wagoner and Mary McHugh, Winpisinger Center and Laura Ewan, IAM Legal Department.

To all our generous Sponsors, Competitors and Donators — thank you!

And, besides all that we have awards and braggin' rights for our pork spare rib and chicken BBQ Cooks:

**Grand Champion – 1<sup>st</sup> Place -- Jake Merkel**

**Grand Champion – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Shawn Vanderjack**

**Grand Champion – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Joe Gruber**

**Chicken Champion- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jon Irvine**

**Pork Rib Champion – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Mindy Henry**

On Monday, September 27th at 8:30 p.m., EDT, MWPPC President Billy Barnwell announced the winners and held a raffle live on Facebook. Please take a look here: [\*\*Machinists Wood, Pulp and Paper Council on Facebook\*\*](#). By the end of the broadcast, everyone was a winner!

## PROGRESS PROTECTING WASHINGTON STATE FORESTRY JOBS

In the July 2021 issue of this newsletter we reported to you that the [Machinists Join Fight to Protect Washington State Forestry Jobs.](#)

The IAM and the Washington State Council of Machinists are fighting against an ill-advised attempt to restrict the sale of timber from public lands in Washington state by challenging decades-long interpretation and application of the state constitution. Current regulations, agreed to by industry, environmental and labor groups, already place strict and necessary environmental protections on timber harvesting on public land.

A lawsuit by opposition groups has already been thrown out in superior court, but is now being appealed.

IAM Associate General Council Laura Ewan, on behalf of the IAM Washington State Council, submitted an Amicus Brief to the Supreme Court of the State of Washington to argue the negative impact of restricting the sale of Washington timber. The Court has accepted the brief and it is now in the record. The case is likely to be set for argument in Fall 2021 or Winter 2022.

A message from Travis Joseph, President—[American Forest Resource Council:](#)

On behalf of AFRC and its members, I wanted to extend our appreciation and gratitude to the Washington Council of Machinists for filing an Amicus Brief to the Washington Supreme Court supporting the DNR trust land mandate. This case and legal challenge is a top priority for our member companies and the communities where they live, work, and play. The potential consequences of an adverse decision from the Supreme Court to rural communities, essential public services, and a world-class milling infrastructure are profound. Thank you for your participation and advocacy for our forests and those that depend on them.

## WOODWORKERS ASSOCIATE ORGANIZER BACK ON BOARD!



*Shawn Vanderjack-Woodworkers  
Associate Organizer*

The Woodworkers Department is happy to announce that Associate Organizer Shawn Vanderjack has been fully restored to full employment following his layoff since April

2020. The layoff was a sign of the times while the world navigated the long reaching effects of Covid. It required extraordinary efforts and sacrifices from everyone and more of some. Welcome back Shawn!

To reintroduce you, when Brother Vanderjack was first appointed as Woodworkers Associate Organizer in February 2020 he was President of the 5 Counties Central Labor Council and he held the position of Local Lodge W12 President and Chief Shop Steward at Roseburg Forest Products in Weed, CA where he became a Machinist and worked since 2008. With 3 kids at home, Brother Vanderjack has found time to attend courses at the Winpisinger Center learning labor history, the role that unions play in our society and that we are part of a larger movement toward economic and social justice with dignity on the job. Over the years he has completed Leadership I and II, Collective Bargaining, Organizing I Programs.

When Shawn was first hired as Associate Organizer, he recollects, “the first Local Lodge meeting I attended I felt confused, out of place and I didn't know anyone there. But I was able to speak on a motion to hold a fundraiser dinner for a Union brother from my shop to help with the medical expenses for his sick child. And when I saw that roomful of strangers pull together to help someone they didn't even know, in a unanimous show of support no less, I knew that these were my people, this is where I belong. That was the day I truly became a proud Machinist.”



**IAM Southern Territory & Woodworkers Department**

# **31 Guns in 31 Days Raffle**

In Partnership with Cabelas, Guide Dogs of America and Tender Loving Canines

**\$20.00 Per Ticket**

Nearly \$18,000 worth of guns will be raffled.

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**THE MACHINISTS**



**Guide Dogs  
of America**



**Tender Loving  
Canines**

*\*You do not need to be present to win.*



# BIO-CORNER



*Michael Young, President—Local Lodge 1362*

Local Lodge 1362 members in Crossett, Arkansas, know Michael Young's name well as the lodge president for the last 14 years, and counting.

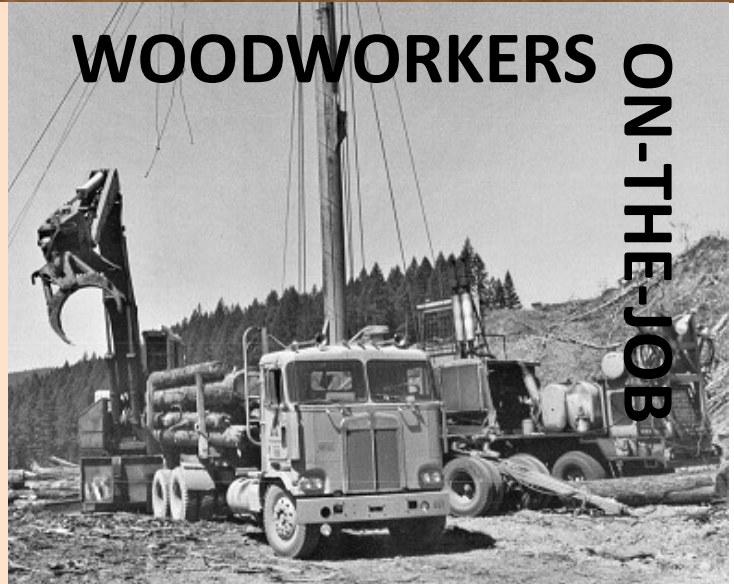
After 10 years in construction, Brother Young joined on as a Machinist in 1997 when he began work at Georgia Pacific Paper. He started in Maintenance and, simply put, in his words 24 years later, he "has had many roles and worked in ALL areas of the mill." From the beginning of his career he has held a union leadership position. First as Shop Steward, moving on to Chief Shop Steward, Trustee, Vice President until becoming President.

Michael holds a Welding Degree and a Mechanical Degree from University of Arkansas at Monticello, College of Technology—Crossett (UAM CTC.) He is married and has one kid—a high school graduate. He enjoys outdoor activities, especially fishing, hunting and shooting sporting clays and skeets. Michael has carried his love of sport shooting over into coaching area high school and Ashley County 4-H trap shoot teams.

Thank you for your service Brother Young!

## WOODWORKERS

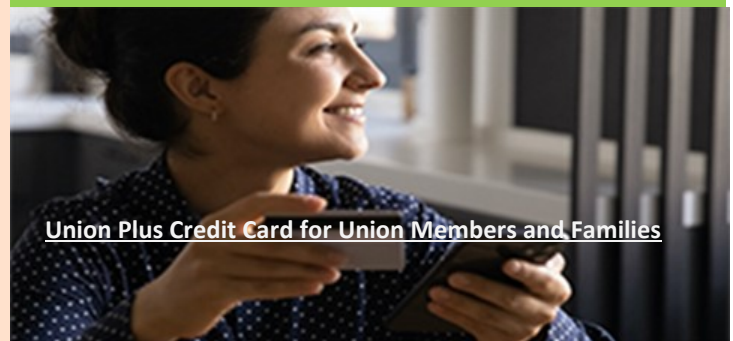
ON-THE-JOB



*Pictured above: Weyerhaeuser Yarder*

### NATIONAL FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK 60th ANNIVERSARY

Celebrate National Forest Products Week the 3rd week in October. At facilities across the country, forest products manufacturers and our affiliated local lodges take great pride in creating and delivering the wood, pulp and paper products people rely on. A healthy forest products industry goes hand-in-hand with healthy forests.



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