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Carole takes a careful aim.

If we can just turn this next corner . . .

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Some folks say, “Old traditions never die, they just fade away.” But one tradition that hasn’t faded away is Fall Forester’s Day, an annual competition in which forestry students, faculty and other folks participate in events similar to those of the old-time foresters and loggers.

These events include buck sawing, speed chopping, tobacco spit, tree felling, tree identification, match split, egg toss, and many more. Prizes are awarded for first and second place in each event, and whoever wins the most events is chosen as “Super Forester.”

Fall Forester’s Day, which is held at Holst Tract State Forest, gives everyone a chance to show off their talents, and get a taste of traditional forestry. It is also a good way to get back into the woods for a day and relax in the easy-going atmosphere.

This year was the first sunny day the foresters have had for this competition for a couple of seasons. The events got under way about 11:00 a.m. and proceeded smoothly until the smell of barbecued beef simmering on the campfire drew everyone away from the events. The hungry crowd lined up and piled their plates with hot beef sandwiches, beans, potato salad, chips and jello. A keg of beer helped wash the goodies down and the foresters gathered once again to finish the last few events.

As dusk approached, the weary participants grouped by the glowing embers of the campfire to relax and reminisce about the day before they picked up their prizes (or hurt pride) and headed for home.

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Well, don’t just stand there.
Placings

One-man buck
1. John Jennett
2. Mike Scanlon

Two-man buck
1. Mike Scanlon and John Jennett
2. Steve Kurtz and Curt Krambeer

Tobacco spit
1. Mark Gedstad
2. Dennis Dwyer
3. Dave Peck

Dendrology
1. Shelly Hutzell
2. Steve Kurtz

Log rolling
1. John Jennett and Mike Scanlon
2. Bill Bosslet and Mark Gedstad

Bolt throw
1. Andy Mitchell
2. Mike Scanlon

Traverse
1. Nita Rauch
2. Carole Gillespie

Wood technology
1. John Jennett
2. Curt Krambeer

Pulp toss
1. Andy Mitchell and Dennis Dwyer
2. Mark Gedstad and Dave Graham

Speed chop
1. John Jennett
2. Mike Scanlon

Dizzy Izzy
1. Andy Mitchell
2. Curt Krambeer

Tree felling
1. Curt Krambeer
2. Carl Mize

Match split
1. Teresa Pool
2. Carole Gillespie

Water boil
1. Dennis Dwyer and Sharon Abrahamson
2. Mark Gedstad and Dave Graham

Egg toss
1. Carole Gillespie and Mike Scanlon
2. Sharon Abrahamson and John Jennett

Overall
1. John Jennett
2. Mike Scanlon

Should I stick it in his hair, Pa?

Alex, looking for a handout.

Bet ya can’t eat just one!

Just call me Paul . . . Bunyan that is.

M.E.S. FORESTER