

Building roads just part of Buckner's responsibility

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by them. In addition to road finishing, the company is responsible for repairs.

Other people aid in maintaining the quality of the roads by patrolling them and looking for possible slide situations such as

may occur by beaver dams that could cause a wash out, or by clogged culverts.

Kerry Hollinger and Jack Dudley subcontract this work for the Buckners.

Again, preventive maintenance, instead of repairs, saves money and keeps

roads passable so logging contractors can complete their work.

The five year forecast is looking good said Dawn Buckner, with both tree farms projecting plenty of road work for the future.

Banks Auto work on small engines is needed too

Banks Auto Parts may seem like an unusual addition to the list of people and businesses that have been mentioned thus far. However, if you're involved in the timber industry in this vicinity, the part the store's employees play is well understood.

When Gary Beckstrom bought Banks Auto Parts 13 years ago, the store was not well stocked and had a small saw shop that was open only part time.

Now the saw shop employs three full-time people and the parts counter is relied on heavily for repair parts of all kinds. Even rigging clothes are purchased at the store, along with logging accessories such as wedges, tape measures, rain gear, fuel cans, hydraulic hoses and much more.

When Beckstrom came to the store he brought with him a young employee, Renee Sizer, who had



Renee Sizer and Gary Beckstrom continue to work well together after more than 15 years.

worked for him at another store and she is still there, working now as second to

Beckstrom, ordering parts, keeping books and working the counter. Kenna Morris is also a bookkeeper for the busy store.

Three mechanics work in the saw shop, often at a feverish pace, in an effort to keep up with the demand for the repair and servicing of saws used in many different locations by

many separate logging outfits.

Matt Haboush, the manager of the saw shop with a tenure of six years at Banks Auto Parts, says he's been on the end of a wrench ever since he can recall. Haboush has been a participant in award winning sales of Stihl saws and chains on two occasions—selling more powerheads and footage of chain than anyone in the region.

Greg Kosharek, who retired from his own tree pruning business, went to

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