New faces at ODF office in Toledo

By Kyle Williams, ODF, Toledo

Two new Stewardship Foresters have joined the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) in Toledo.

Scott Sievers started September 1st and is responsible for Forest Practices administration, answering questions, giving directions and all around forestry help for the south half of Lincoln County. Scott comes to us from the State of Idaho where he spent time working for the Bureau of Reclamation helping landowners with forestry and land use challenges throughout the Cascade region of the state. Prior to working in Idaho, Scott spent time as a wildland fire fighter in John Day.

Joe Hitselberger is the other new face to the office but not to the community. Joe and his family live in the south end of the county and have made a home here for the last twenty years. Joe’s primary area of responsibility will be the north half of Lincoln County.

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Happiness is a Twilight Tour

By Dave Bateman

Linn County is hosting a twilight tour on Tuesday May 21st 4-8 PM in the Scio area. We will gather at the Scio Odd Fellows Hall, which is on the east side of Highway 226, South Main Street, across the street from Clevenger’s, the only gas station in town at 4PM.

Our plan is to learn a little bit about bucking and grading logs. We plan to have logs to buck and grade on the landing close to Scio. Aaron White will be our logger and lugging the chain saw. We don’t know exactly where Aaron will be working on the 21st. He has several jobs in the Scio area and we will car pool from Scio to the landing. John West, a Linn County Small Woodland owner, and Columbia Bureau Scaler, will join us and serve as our expert on how he would apply the Bureau Scaling Rules to the logs Aaron has rolled out on the landing. We hope you will take this opportunity to learn to make better marketing and/or bucking decisions and better understand how the scaling rules work.

Bring a sack supper and LCSWA will provide beverages. Call or email Dave Bateman with questions: 503.394.2051, knothead@smt-net.com.

Wildlife in managed forests

By John Westall

Approximately 150 foresters, wildlife managers, small woodland owners and students attended a workshop on Wildlife in Managed Forests on March 14, 2013 in Albany. The workshop was sponsored by the Oregon Forest Resources Institute and Oregon chapters of the Society of American Foresters and the Wildlife Society.

Of particular interest to small woodland owners was a discussion, organized by Nicole Strong of OSU Extension, of wildlife in the new (2010) American Tree Farm System certification standards. David Ford, who serves on the ATFS Certification Committee, began by explaining how the new standards require the landowner to address wildlife issues in the management plan (that is, ignorance is no excuse…). Amy Grotta, OSU Extension, showed the recently developed uniform.
New faces in Toledo (cont’d)

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management planning template http://outreach.oregonstate.edu/programs/forestry/oregon-forest-management-planning, which facilitates creation of a management plan that is widely accepted by several agencies. Jim Cathcart of ODF demonstrated a new and interesting website http://navigator.state.or.us/LocatOR/ that ODF has developed for finding information on wildlife species likely to be present at a particular site, which can be used in the wildlife component of the plan. Finally, Mike Cloughesy of Oregon Forest Resources Institute demonstrated a new website http://www.knowyourforest.org/ designed as a repository for all sorts of information of interest to woodland owners.

Of course there were many other interesting and informative presentations addressing wildlife issues per se.◆

Forest Practices Compliance Audit

By Kyle Williams, ODF, Toledo

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performed in 1998 and 2002 as a contractor will collect objective measurements to allow assessment of compliance with the Act.

The major resource concern for this project is measuring delivery or potential delivery of sediment to streams in Oregon forests. The project will focus on measuring compliance with the rules that govern forest road construction/maintenance and timber harvesting regulations. The audit will also examine selected rules related to planning forest operations, protecting water resources and harvest operations near streams and waterways.

The contractor selected to perform the work will sample approximately 200 harvest units preselected by ODF, distributed across the entire state and reflecting a mix of private-sector industrial forest management, small-acreage or family forest ownership and other non-federal ownership. Sampling will be limited to timber harvest units where a Notification of Operation was provided to ODF within one to two years prior to the audit. Some selected units may not contain examples of all the FPA rules subject to the audit. Access to sampling sites will require landowner permission.

For additional information consult the ODF web site, www.oregon.gov/ODF or direct questions to:

Paul Clements
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2013 Starker Lecture Series, Forest Biomass: Energy and Beyond. OSU Richardson Hall 107. Lectures Thursdays, April 11, May 2, May 16: 3:30 – 5:00; Capstone Field Trip Thursday, May 30. http://starkerlectures.forestry.oregonstate.edu/

Basic Forestry Shortcourse. Five-session course ideal for anyone who is just starting out. April 17, 24, & May 1, 8, and a field session on May 11th. Linn County Extension, 104 4th Ave. SW, Albany. Cost $40/one, $50/two or more from the same family. Register by April 9th. Contact: Jody Einerson (541) 766-6311 or http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/forestry/events.

Management Plan Training. Training on utilization of the guidelines, template, and web tools to create a forest management plan, for Tree Farm Inspectors, Consulting Foresters, Stewardship Foresters, Extension Agents, Master Woodland Managers, NRCS, & SWCD staff. April 18th, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, Tree Farm Inspector Refresher 3:45 pm to 5:15 pm. Linn County Extension, 104 4th Ave. SW, Albany. No charge, but RSVP requested by April 10th. Contact Jen Rains (jenerains@gmail.com) or (503) 588-1813 ext. 1

OSWA Day at the Capitol. Tuesday, April 23 8 AM – 3 PM. http://www.oswa.org/blog/2013-day-at-the-capital/

Twilight Tour – Bucking and Scaling. Tuesday, May 21, 4 – 8 PM, Scio. See page 1 for description.


Linn County SWA Picnic. July 20. Details TBA.
Linn County Seedling Sale and Goods from the Woods

By Sherm Sallee

Saturday, February 16th was the chapter's annual seedling sale. This year, over 150 families pre-ordered seedlings through a program developed by Fay Sallee. This program allows people to select from 27 varieties of seedlings. They can then pre-order the seedlings they want and be assured their selection will be ready for them the morning of the sale. The chapter makes sure that extra seedlings are available for folks that walk in the door without pre-ordering. The people that walk in are not always able to get everything that they might have wanted, but there is usually still a fair selection of items.

The event would never be possible without the fantastic help of many of the chapter’s members, scholarship recipients, 4-H members and their families. It takes all the help the chapter can get to do everything from picking the seedlings up from the nurseries, preparing the pre-orders, greeting customers and answering their questions, explaining how to successfully plant their purchase and carrying their items to their vehicles.

This year as in the past two, the Goods From the Woods event brought in many additional visitors. There was a good variety of booths with items from birdhouses to raw boards to beautiful finished wood products.

The event has several purposes. Raising funds to provide youth scholarships is foremost, but it is also a great way to help inform the general public about the importance of the small woodland owner to the community. And it is always great fun to visit with people and explain what we small woodland owners do.◆
Very soon, close to 1,360 area middle school students — plus their teachers and parent chaperones — will descend upon a family tree farm to learn about the many contributions forests make to our economies and our communities.

Through our Forest Field Day program, these students will take on the role of a “family” member who has “inherited” 200 acres, and who must create a five-year land management plan following all regulations protecting soil, water and wildlife, while harvesting sustainably, providing for public recreation and paying taxes.

To produce this unique educational experience, Forests Today & Forever (a 20+ year old non-profit educational organization) depends upon a small army of volunteers to teach at timber, wildlife, soil & water, and recreation stations in a fast-paced, fun, worthy day that typically runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Our events begin April 22 at the Bauman Tree Farm near Crow just west of Eugene, move onto the Udell Happy Valley Tree Farm near Lebanon, and culminate at the Huntington Tree Farm near Florence.

If you would like to visit an event — or volunteer to help our youth understand the importance of our timberlands — we’d love to hear from you! Just call Coordinator LaRae Ash, at 541-767-9078, or email coordinator@foreststodayandforever.org. We provide the Resource Leader Guides ahead of time, and a pre-field day site visit is available if needed.

The schedule for the field days is listed below. Volunteers are needed in several areas: forestry, wildlife, recreation, soils, and soils and water. Contact LaRae for details. Please consider becoming a part of this exceptional team effort!

Bauman Tree Farm near Crow:
April 22, 24, 25, 29; May 1, 3, 7, 8
Udell Happy Valley Tree Farm near Lebanon:
May 15, 16
Huntington Tree Farm near Florence:
May 23
http://foreststodayandforever.org/
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Lincoln County News

President’s Update

By Peter Bregman

Well it is great to see that the Quarterly Bark publication will continue and that we shall continue to be able to communicate the news of our chapter to our Lincoln County members as well as to our neighboring counties.

It is important that we forest landowners stick together and make sure that our interest in our land is not compromised. We cannot do that on an individual basis, but we can by combining our interests and our voices to be represented by our organization, OSWA. However OSWA represents only a fraction of the landowners, not enough to demand some changes, or stop changes from taking effect against our interest. Therefore, we need to wake up before the damage being done becomes irreversible. It is important to get our fellow landowners to join us. Your Lincoln County Chapter officers are becoming active on a local basis to effect positive changes.

For our annual meeting we requested Eric Orin, who represents Teevin Brothers, to speak on the proposed state-of-the-art timber export facility to be built in Newport. The company has a facility in Rainier that is similar to the one being proposed. This facility would provide additional opportunities to forest owners for marketing their products with lower shipping costs. Because of public opposition to this facility for various reasons, it was decided during our annual meeting to publish two ½ page ads to state the chapter position and to inform the port commission and county commissioners of our position.

Our annual luncheon meeting was held, on the 26th of January, at the Spouting Horn Restaurant in Depoe Bay. The lunch was hosted by our chapter and attended by about 60 members and nonmembers.

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Gary Springer, Oregon Board of Forestry, speaks to Lincoln County Annual Meeting in Depoe Bay

Photo by Jim Reeb
Jim James, Executive Director of OSWA, brought the members up to date on important OSWA changes and the positions we will take on certain legislative issues. Doug and Gwen Kingsley followed with a presentation about their Christmas tree farm. After lunch we had the presentation by Eric Orin on the port issues, followed by door prizes that were donated by many individuals and businesses.

After our luncheon program we held our annual meeting and discussed activities for the summer. It was approved to seek out a candidate for the “Tree Famer of the Year” and sponsor a “Howdy Neighbor” tour again.

Our Annual Tree Sale this year did not produce the success of last year. The Newport Armory provided a nice facility to market our goods, but the original scheduled date of March 9th had to be changed to March 2nd because of an unscheduled mandatory drill.

The upcoming tours that are being planned, but not yet finalized, are as follows: Gary Springer and family are willing to host a Howdy Neighbor Tree Farm tour sometime in September. During this visit we will be able to see a processor thinning operation on their 22-35 year old stands. The newer processor can operate on up to a 60% grade, so this should be a very interesting tour. Some of this property ownership goes back approximately 100 years, and we will learn a lot about the local history. See the July issue of the Quarterly Bark for more details and date.

Also the possibility of a tour on the Miami Corporation’s 20,000 acres of forestland north of Lincoln City was discussed. This tour would also be later this summer with more information and date in the July issue of the Quarterly Bark.

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The Benton County Small Woodlands Association held its annual meeting at the Beazell Memorial Forest on January 26, 2013. Approximately 50 people attended.

Two directors were re-elected to two-year terms: Rita Adams, as Education Director, and Greg Vollmer agreed to stay on as Program Director until a replacement can be found. Nancy Hathaway will replace Donna Kreusser as TFOY chairperson. Other directors not up for election this year will continue in their current positions. Over the course of the meeting, each director gave a report.

Two awards were presented. The 2012 Benton County Tree Farmers of the Year, Wayne and Verlyne Phillips, were presented jackets by Donna Kreusser in recognition of their accomplishments. Sherm and Fay Sallee were recognized for 18 years of service as editor of the Quarterly Bark. Brad-Withrow Robinson, OSU Forestry Extension agent, presented them with a myrtlewood basket in appreciation.

Van Decker gave a brief report on current log prices and markets. Log prices are up!

The program featured New Faces in our forestry community. Bill Mahr introduced himself as the Oregon Department of Forestry’s new Stewardship Forester for Benton County. He worked in Toledo before moving to the ODF office in Philomath. Bill discussed briefly three programs to assist landowners: Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), Forest Reserve Trust for transforming unproductive land to productive land, and Stewardship Plan cost share. He mentioned that some of the stream buffer provisions of the Forest Practices Act are in the process of being re-examined, and we might expect some changes.

Brad Withrow-Robinson re-introduced himself as OSU Extension agent for Benton, Linn and Polk Counties, after having served as extension agent in Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties for many years. Brad introduced the Woodland Compass, the OSU Extension electronic newsletter for landowners in Benton, Linn and Polk Counties. The Woodland Compass is posted at http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/forestry/compass and includes news, information and events for woodland owners. Among other things, Brad would like to work on incorporating the OSU College Forests in Small Woodland Association activities.

John Mann introduced himself as the new Director of OSU College Forests. He brings more than 35 years of experience in forestry to the job, having started with the U. S. Forest Service and then having worked both in industry and at

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academic institutions. The College Forests includes several tracts across Oregon, as well as the McDonald-Dunn Forest familiar to residents of Benton County. The mission of the College Forests is to support education, research and outreach. According to Mann, the College Forests host more than 200,000 visits per year, providing a good opportunity to let the public know what we are doing.

Thomas Manness became Dean of OSU’s College of Forestry in 2012. He joined the OSU faculty in 2009 as head of the Department of Forest Engineering and Resource Management after positions in industry and 20 years on the faculty at the University of British Columbia. He described how OSU’s forestry program is one of the leading programs in the nation. Among the topics he discussed are plans for the Cameron Tract of the OSU College Forests in Soap Creek Valley as a demonstration area for good forestry practices.

At intervals during the meeting, drawings were held for door prizes. Please take the opportunity to thank the vendors who donated prizes when you have the opportunity.

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By Nancy Hathaway

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OSWA has rolled out its new website, http://www.oswa.org. Give it a look. It and a new educational website, http://knowyourforest.org, are two great places to look for answers to your forestry related questions, and to find out what activities are up-coming. KnowYourforest.org is sponsored by a partnership that includes just about every organization in Oregon interested in providing educational opportunities for family forest landowners.

Two events sponsored by Linn Co. Small Woodlands Assoc. are currently listed. They are: a Twilight Tour on May 21st in Northern Linn County and a summer picnic on July 20th. We will be looking at timber harvesting on the Twilight Tour. Time and location for the summer picnic is yet to be determined.

As I begin my turn as Linn Co. Chapter President, I think I should first introduce myself. My wife Jo and I live on our 19-acre tree farm just south of Lyons in northern Linn County. We are relatively new to forest ownership, purchasing our Douglas-fir woodland in 2001. Now retired, I worked 32 years for the Oregon Department of Forest (ODF) spending the majority of my time assisting family forest landowners, first in the field and then in Salem at ODF headquarters. We feel very fortunate to be associated with Oregon’s family forestland owners and the organizations that serve them. In addition to serving as Linn Co. Chapter President, I also serve on the Oregon Tree Farm System’s State Board. In my jobs with ODF I met so many great woodland owners that we had to join them. I’ve never figured out if woodland ownership brings the best out in people or it is just that great people own and manage forestlands, whichever, we had to join you.

Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA) provides many benefits for us woodland owners, but I think the one most important is working with the state legislature. And this being a full session, our lobbyist, Roger Beyer, and the Government Affairs Committee are keeping a close eye on legislation that can benefit or hinder our ability to manage our forests. Mark April 23rd, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., on your calendar to join other OSWA members in visiting our Capitol. Information on time and events scheduled for the day are in your Oregon Family Forests News’ February issue.
The program featured Fran Cafferata Coe, a wildlife biologist from a forestry focused family, on Oregon’s Forest & Wildlife. Her key idea—it’s the structure that matters. You can get “old growth structure” in a younger growth stand if you make good management decisions. Animals will move and change based on the forest’s structure.

Also on the program was the recognition of the 2012 Linn County Tree Farmers of the Year, Jim and Ed Merzenich. They presented the video of their tree farm previously shown at the Tree Farmer of the Year annual award dinner in Portland.

Jim James, OSWA Executive Director, presented information about the financial state of the organization and how chapters can help make the organization stronger.

Washington County’s Neil Schroeder talked about the Oregon Woodland Coop (OWC) and how members of OSWA are benefiting financially through their membership in OWC with bundled firewood sales and essential oil production.

State Representative Sherrie Sprenger told about her experience this past fire season visiting the Pole Creek Fire near Sisters and learning how the private, state and federal people interact to fight wildfires.

Our scholarship recipients were well represented. The two college scholarship recipients, Brock Cota and Kristen Tolle, explained what they are learning in the college of forest engineering at OSU and how the chapter’s funds are helping them. Eight 4-H youth discussed what they have learned this last year in the 4-H forestry project and how they enjoyed helping the chapter at the annual seedling sale.

As usual, there were many wonderful door prizes donated by members of the chapter and businesses that help support our small woodland families. We thank them all.

Scholarship Winners — Brock Cota and Kristen Tolle

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Sherm Sallee retires from editorship after nearly two decades

By Mike Barsotti

The Quarterly Bark editor, Sherm Sallee, has retired after nearly two decades of overseeing the development of the publication. The Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA) newsletter currently serves four chapters: Linn, Benton, Lincoln and Lane.

Rich Fletcher, the Linn/Benton Forestry Extension Agent stated that Sallee approached him and proposed that if Extension would publish the newsletter, he would serve as its editor. So the current rendition of the Quarterly Bark under Sallee’s leadership was born.

The Bark originally served the Linn County OSWA Chapter, where it was produced by hand. Benton County later joined the Bark, and bulk printing and mailing became possible in cooperation with OSU Extension. When Fletcher temporarily served Lincoln County, its OSWA Chapter joined Linn and Benton in using the Bark as its newsletter, providing Sallee with their local news. Lane County Small Woodlands Association adopted the Bark as its newsletter in 2009.

John Westall of Benton County Small Woodland Association has taken over the editorship starting with this April issue. Sallee, though free of the responsibility of editing the quarterly newsletter, has agreed to coordinate the gathering of Linn County Small Woodlands Association news.