OSU Extension fall workshops

OSU Extension in Lane County announces two interesting educational programs for the fall. For more information contact Lauren Grand at the Extension Office at 541-579-2150 or lauren.grand@oregonstate.edu.

Oregon Pest Detector Training.

Help protect Oregon forests from invasive species. This free training will teach you how to identify emerald ash borer (EAB) and Asian longhorned beetle (ALB), their hosts, their signs and symptoms, and what to do if you find an infested tree.

Oregon Forest Pest Detectors are the front line of defense against these potentially high-risk forest pest invasions. We need people who are skilled in recognizing the signs and symptoms of EAB and ALB so that we can quickly respond before they become established in Oregon. This free course is great for anyone who is involved with tree care in urban or natural areas. The training has two parts: a self-paced, online prerequisite course followed by a field workshop. Information about the online prerequisite is available at pre-registration. Presenters are Brandy Saffell and Lauren Grand, OSU Extension, and Scott Altenhoff, City of Eugene Parks and Open Space.

Two sessions are available: 8:30-12:30 and 1-4:30, Friday, October 14, Alton Baker Park, Eugene.

Pre-registration required at http://pestdetector.forestry.oregonstate.edu/

If you are interested in this program but cannot attend one of these sessions, you can join the interest list through the OFPD website listed above or contact the program coordinator Brandy Saffell, brandy.saffell@oregonstate.edu to learn about future sessions.

Logs to Lumber to Living: A Cabin in the Woods.

Pride of ownership is continually listed near the top of why folks own woodland properties. What better way to increase that pride than building a cabin for you and others to enjoy. Better yet: build a cabin from your own trees.

But before you take the plunge, it is best to consider the alternatives. Maybe you should buy the lumber because your trees aren’t the right size, species or quality. We’ll help you find-out. Join us in a discussion on the merits of owning and/or hiring a portable mill contractor. And the building is only the beginning.

Restoration program for drought damaged timber

The Lane County and the Linn-Benton-Lincoln County Committees of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) announce the 2015 Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) for restoration of damage to timber due to the severe drought that occurred during the summer of 2015. The sign-up period is October 3 - November 30, 2016.

EFRP was established to assist Nonindustrial Private Forest (NIPF) landowners to rehabilitate timber ground damaged by natural disasters. The following practices are available under the EFRP sign-up: removing debris from timberland, removal of dead trees; replanting timber; road development located on NIPF that are deemed necessary. Common practices and land not eligible for EFRP include: planting of ornamental, nursery or Christmas trees; roads not located on NIPF; tree thinning for management purposes.

The Lane County and Linn-Benton-Lincoln County EFRP request for funding is currently still pending. Each county must go through an approval process and then will request funding. The EFRP request

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is only for drought damage on timber land that was directly affected by the drought of 2015.

If you believe you may be eligible for EFRP assistance and are located in Lane, Linn, Benton or Lincoln counties, please contact the FSA office where your property is located:

Lane County – Jean Larkin at 541.465.6443 Ext 101 or Ext 2 jean.larkin@or.usda.gov ;

Linn-Benton-Lincoln Counties – Heather Tritt at 541.967.5925 Ext 107 or Ext 2 heather.tritt@or.usda.gov.

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Extension workshops

How ‘bout water? Power? Heating and lighting? Can you access the site, aka roads? And, the all-important septic: Included in the presentation will be a step-by-step cost and material analysis of a real-life example of a woodland cabin. This is a brand-new program, so be the first on the block to see it.

This program will be presented by Steve Bowers on Thursday, October 27, 6 - 8 pm, doors open at 5:40, at the Lane County OSU Extension Office, 996 Jefferson St, Eugene. Pre-registration is required. Details are on the Lane County Extension web site listed on p. 3.

A Log-Scaling Workshop will be offered by Lincoln County Extension in Newport on Tuesday, October 18; details are on p. 7.

Francisca Belart has been recently hired as a Timber Harvesting Specialist for Oregon State University’s Forestry and Natural Resources Extension Program. This position was held for many years until 2006 by John Garland and more recently by Steve Bowers.

Francisca is a native of Chile where she grew up on a family dairy farm. She graduated from Universidad Austral in Valdivia where she obtained a Forest Engineering degree. Right after graduation, she completed an MS in Forest Engineering at Oregon State University and then returned to Chile to work for a large forest company as a planning engineer. After nearly four years, she returned to OSU to start a doctoral degree in Sustainable Forest Management with a Statistics minor.

While she worked on her PhD, she taught Forest Operation classes to seniors during three terms and developed field research in three major climate regions of Oregon. That experience allowed her to interact and work with foresters, landowners and contractors which allowed her to discover how much she enjoyed transferring her research ideas and results with people who work, care, and have a close relationship with the forest.

In her job as a specialist, she hopes to work in collaboration with specialists, extension foresters, woodland owners, contractors, forest managers and partner organizations to develop education programs related to timber harvesting, forestry, forest engineering and workforce development.

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Tree Farm System Annual Meeting

The Oregon Tree Farm System will hold its annual meeting at the World Forestry Center in Portland on Monday, November 21, 9 am-2 pm. A morning program on “Succession Planning for Your Tree Farm” is planned, followed by the Tree Farm Recognition Luncheon, at which all of the county Tree Farmers of the Year will be introduced and a video filmed at their tree farms will be shown. Also, the State TFOY will be named. Registration information will be in the next issue of the Oregon Family Forest News, which all OSWA members will receive in October. Plan to attend and celebrate 75 years of the Tree Farm System!◆

Exhibit on historic logging towns

by Jennifer Yeh

The Lane County Historical Museum (LCHM) will present Lost Towns: Revisiting Logging Communities, an exhibit that will show what life was like in the communities that sprang up around the logging industry.

Lost Towns opens Friday, October 21 at the Lane County Historical Museum, 740 W. 13th Ave, Eugene. There will be an opening reception from 6-8 pm, with a curator’s talk and tour at 7 pm. The exhibit will be on display until September, 2017. LCHM will be partnering with Forests Today and Forever on a series of educational programs to show how forestry skills and practices are used today. Look for forthcoming announcements with more specific information. We will also be hosting a series of talks that will present different perspectives on the history of forestry and its social effects.◆

The Quarterly Bark

Upcoming events

OSU Extension Online Calendars
For events in and around Benton, Linn and Polk Counties check http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/forestry/events.
Also, you can sign up for the Compass and Needle mailing list to receive an e-mail notice when an event is scheduled: send a request to jody.einerson@oregonstate.edu or phone Jody at 541-766-6750.
For events in and around Lane County, see http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/upcoming-classes-events.◆

Workshop on Specialty Forest Products. Wednesday, October 12, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. OSU Extension Linn County Office, Tangent. Details, p. 9.

Oregon Pest Detector Training, Saturday, October 14, Alton Baker Park, Eugene. Pre-registration required. Details p. 1.

Log Scaling Workshop. Tuesday, October 18, 6-8 pm, OSU Extension Lincoln County Office, Newport. RSVP. Details p. 7.

Linn County Twilight Tour on wet prairie restoration and management of surrounding conifers. Wednesday, October 19, 4:30 - 6:00 pm, on the farm of Shirley Joliff and Lee Peterman between Scio and Lebanon. Details p. 9.

Opening of Lost Towns. Friday, October 21, 6-8 pm, LCHM. Details p. 3.

Logs to Lumber to Living. Thursday, October 27, 6-8 pm, OSU Lane County Extension Office, Eugene. Preregistration required. Details p. 1.

Basics of taxes for forest landowners, including income, property, severance and timber harvest taxes. Thursday, October 27, 6:00-7:30 pm, OSU Extension Benton County Office, Corvallis. Details p. 8.


Planning for a successful transition in timber property ownership. Thursday, December 15, 6:00-7:30. OSU Benton County Extension Office, Corvallis. Details p. 8.◆

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Summer 2016. LCSWA and our region’s forests, fortunately, have had a calm summer with no major weather issues or fires. In August we enjoyed a successful summer tour of the Rankin Woodlands located on the south slough of the Siuslaw River just south of Florence. Over 40 OSWA members and neighbors attended the tour. Dave and Dianne provided an excellent overview of issues they face with managing their coastal forest. Attendees received on-the-ground examples of what it takes to manage a coastal tree farm with topics that covered working with a variety of species, pre-commercial thinning of plantations, reforestation and vegetation management of harvested areas and managing riparian areas along the slough. Before closing the tour Dave demonstrated the milling of larger spruce logs using a mobile dimension saw and showing lumber products that can be produced. All in attendance had a pleasant day with a great lunch and an opportunity to share time with fellow LCSWA members.

Upcoming events: Lauren Grand, Lane County’s Extension Forester is planning workshops for small woodland owners, as described on p. 1. LCSWA is assisting her with mailings. You should be receiving information on these classes this fall via postal mail. Lauren can be reached through the OSU Extension office in Eugene, 996 Jefferson St. Eugene 97402, 541-579-2150 or lauren.grand@oregonstate.edu.

Lance County Information. With 2016 being a presidential election year, many issues and diverse topics are being debated in the public forum including concerns involving forest landowners. Within Oregon we have seen issues that were intended to change forest harvest methods by restricting clear cuts and eliminating the use of aerial application of herbicides. These subjects were proposed as ballot measures but did not receive the number of signatures required to make the fall ballot. However, they will continue to be topics of concern for many in our community and they can impact farm and forest landowners of all sizes.

Currently OSWA is following the Oregon Board of Forestry as it is going through a process which may implement new riparian regulations on forest landowners within the northwest section of Oregon. These regulations may affect small woodland owners within Lane County, and as a forest landowner you should be aware of how any decision the Board of Forestry makes might affect your forest. So stay tuned in as OSWA continues to follow this issue very closely on your behalf.

Forest lands are very important for Lane County. The Oregon Forests Resources Institute (OFRI) posts a County Economic Factsheet for forest lands and economic activity within each county; those for Lane are at http://www.knowyourforest.org/assistance-map/lane. The 2012 data show that 90% of the land in Lane County is classified as forestland, and 11.5% of the economic base and 5.4% of the employment are attributed to the forest sector. See the web site for details.

Take care and enjoy your forest. We look forward to seeing you at LCSWA’s upcoming events.

Gary Jensen, LCSWA Chair
Rankin Woodlands August 2016 Tree Farm Tour

by Wylda Cafferata

On August 13, 2016, members of Lane County Small Woodlands Association and their guests traveled to Westlake, Oregon, on the coast just south of Florence, for an idyllic day at Lane County’s Tree Farm of the Year. Dave and Diane Rankin addressed the crowd of about 50 small woodland owners, who sat on spruce benches Dave built from lumber he grew and milled on his own property. The Rankins bought the land in 1973 when they were both teaching in Florence, and ten years later built their home and moved to the tree farm. Since that time Dave has become a Master Woodland Manager, he and Diane have written their own management plan, and they practice active forest management on their mixed hardwood and conifer tree farm.

Diane divided the group in two, one designated by sprigs of western redcedar and one by Douglas-fir, for sessions on thinning, on using a Farmi winch, on harvest planning, on riparian issues, and on saw milling.

Brad Winslow-Robinson, OSU Extension Agent, led the session on thinning. He asked each group member to envision a stand on their own property and list top management objectives, the target rotation age, and an estimate of current stand spacing and stocking. Next we hiked into a 25 year old Douglas-fir stand planted at 400 trees/acre and pre-commercially thinned to 230-260 trees/acre at age 10-13 for eventual harvest at this density. We looked at a Douglas-fir stocking table, and had lively discussion of whether the stand was in the Goldilocks Zone, the Danger Zone, or the Zone of No Return (zone of imminent mortality.) Although no agreement was reached, the discussion gave us all tools with which to examine our own management objectives, including such considerations as desired rotation age and the importance of immediate revenue versus long-term value. Next we hiked to a stand of mixed Douglas-fir and hardwoods and discussed strategies to meet objectives for creating wildlife habitat. Visiting both stands highlighted the important point that landowners can have different objectives for the different stands on their tree farms.

Next, the group watched with interest as Dave Rankin, after conscientiously donning his hard hat, used his Farmi winch with his Kabota tractor to maneuver a 40 foot alder log out of the forest and on to a road. Dave made it look easy.

To continue our busy morning, the group visited a site with a salt water marsh on one side of a paved road and a fresh water marsh on the other to discuss riparian issues with Jim Hall, ODF Stewardship Forester. Management concerns center around FPA regulations and establishing species that will thrive in those environments.

For our last session before lunch, we traveled on the traditional tractor-hauled hay bales to an overlook of a 2014 harvest. The steep ground was planted and the new Doug-fir plantation was doing well. Site prep had been problematic due to the proximity of wetlands and had been done by hand. The Rankins had concerns that nearby timber adjacent to the newly planted unit might damage the plantation trees on the edges when logged. Permission was granted to leave a narrow buffer strip unplanted. Steve Bowers discussed species selection. So far he has observed only minimal signs of Swiss Needle Cast and the Doug-fir are doing well. The group agreed that markets for spruce were unreliable.

Rick Olson, LCSWA Board Member, and his wife Rebecca organized a delicious lunch including a celebratory cake honoring Jim Hall, who had retired just a day before the tour.

After lunch, Dave demonstrated his traveling band saw and his Mobile Dimension mill to the admiring crowd.

Lane County Small Woodlanders thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to visit Dave and Diane Rankin’s tree farm. It is easy to see why they consider it a family heirloom to keep in the family for generations to come, and easy to see why they are the Lane County Tree Farmers of the Year.
Well here we are, only one quarter of this year left -- it seems like the older we get, enjoying what we are doing, the faster that time slips through our fingers. Let me bring you up to date as to what has been happening in your county and state.

The first major event was the naming of Nic Dahl and his family as Lincoln County Tree Farmers of the Year. The event started at 8 am with coffee and donuts to get everyone awake and ready for the tour with more than 80 people.

The tour was led by Nic and several of the foresters who have worked with him on his projects. Nic’s ambitious goal is to establish the first generation of a multi-generational forest operation. A lot of his current activity is in forest restoration, and his team was well qualified to present issues associated this work on some difficult sites. The tour visited 3 parcels: 145 acres first, then 285 acres, and 76 acres last. Many issues were discussed. Forester Robin Tucker discussed how various markets can be used to maximize the sale of each truckload of logs. They covered all the issues involved in harvesting and preparation for replacing mixed species and ages of trees and the consequential follow-up to secure a viable stand of trees that can be left for a pre-commercial harvest and a final harvest to be done when the market is ready.

Lunch was ready when the tour finally returned from the field and was well received, even though it was a little well done, as the tour lasted 45 min longer than scheduled because many questions regarding the issues delayed the group’s return for lunch.

There was a lot of discussion after lunch, during which our new OSU Extension Forester Valerie Grant was introduced. She received a very warm welcome, and invited forest landowners to let her know of any particular needs for education programs.

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) fire team was present. Bayard McLeod, ODF Stewardship Forester talked about the new riparian rules and possible economic relief to those landowners impacted more than 10%. Shortly after the meeting they departed for the Siletz fire, which began on that day.

Angi Bailey of Oregonians for Food and Shelter (OFS) and Sara Duncan of Oregon Forest Industries Council (OFIC) also spoke after lunch. Angi is the new grass-roots coordinator for OFS who will be working with people at the local level. Sara talked about the aerial spraying petition drive in this county and the need to make people aware of the importance of actually reading the petition before deciding whether or not to sign.

As indicated, an aerial spraying ballot initiative is being promoted in Lincoln County. Our county chapter has been involved with this issue, and many of us have attended some of their meetings.

At a recent meeting in Toledo the film "Behind the Emerald Curtain" was shown. I will give you a summary of my observations. This film gives such a false image of the timber industry. Some of the footage shows clear-cut harvesting of trees, but their interpretation of the implications of the impact is unreal. They call it "a liquidation of the forest," not ever mentioning the replanting process or the 50-year rotation. On average that means that only 2% is harvested per year. They do not realize that today there are more trees than there were a 100 years ago after deforestation to establish new cities, railroads, roads, housing, and clear farmland. They claim that public land is well managed, private land is not, blaming aerial spraying for pollution of the air, never mentioning the pesticides used in the cities or the pollution caused by all the increased traffic and urban/suburban development, claiming that spraying after a harvest is done 2 times a year for 4 years, which is just not correct. There are some key individuals promoting this image with data that for most part is false, and it portrays the industry as the bad guys.

The squeaky wheel gets the grease, so maybe we should become more involved on working with the anti-spray proponents, and invite them to come and see how we do farm our land.
Log scaling workshop
by Valerie Grant

Did you see the vintage log truck OSWA brought to the Lincoln County Fair? Did you try to guess how many board feet?

Want to improve your skills and understanding of how our current and future log measurement system works and how you can make the most out of it when harvesting or selling your timber? Join us! Learn about the Scribner Log Rule and what you can and can’t do about it. No prior experience necessary. This program is for woodland owners, ranchers, loggers and contractors and those interested in how logs are measured and scaled.

The workshop will be presented by Steve Bowers and Francisa Belart, OSU Extension Specialists in Forests Harvesting. The event will be on Tuesday, October 18, 6-8 pm at the OSU Extension Office, 1211 SE Bay Boulevard, Newport. RSVP by calling OSU Extension at 541-574-6534 ext 57411. Hope to see you there!

Sustainable forestry tour
by Judy Pelletier

Attendees at a USDA sustainable agriculture meeting were treated to a sustainable forestry tour at Peter and Alice Bregman’s Eagles Roost Tree Farm near Waldport in July. Approximately 50 professionals from as far away as Guam attended. Researchers from all fields, but mostly from agriculture, had wanted to learn more about sustainable forestry in Oregon. The tour was co-hosted by the Lincoln County OSWA chapter and OSU Extension Forester Valerie Grant.

The meeting was part of SARE-PDP — the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program and its Professional Development Program, both of which function through competitive grants.
Picnic and tour of Schmidt Family Forest
by Roger Workman

On August 6 BCSWA had our summer picnic at Fort Hoskins Park in the Kings Valley area. Attendance was good, with several people attending from outside the association. As expected, the food was good and the conversations lively. Following the picnic, we drove three miles to the Schmidt Family Forests’ Hoskins property for an informal walking tour. We started in a 20-year-old stand of Douglas-fir that had been pruned and precommercially thinned at the same time; we talked about stand density and the need to have a commercial thinning done in the next few years to maintain good growth. Continuing on we saw the old cornerstones of an early structure (cabin?); a mature stand of timber that had been marked for removal of some power pole grade trees; a young planting of coast redwood; a wildlife area; a unit of WV ponderosa pine, and a riparian management area along the Luckiamute River.

Thanks to all who came. The group’s discussions and camaraderie were excellent, making for a very enjoyable afternoon.

Small-scale tractor logging demonstration
by John Westall

On June 30 David Hibbs and John Westall hosted an evening demonstration on their use of a small farm tractor with a Farmi winch for pulling logs out of the woods. They have equipped their winch with synthetic rope, the main advantage of which is weight – the 165 feet of steel cable originally on the winch weighed 43 pounds, while the 185 feet of synthetic rope weighs just 8 pounds. The strength of the synthetic rope is actually greater than that of the steel, but the synthetic rope is more subject to abrasion damage than the steel – still, the synthetic rope has held up well during the four years it has been in use. The cost of the synthetic rope is about $2.50 per foot, while the steel cable is about $0.90 per foot. Dave demonstrated how easy it is to splice the synthetic rope, and then Dave and John demonstrated the use of the winch to yard logs, as well as the use of a quick-release snatch block, a skidding cone and a log arch to facilitate the operation, and the use of the winch to pull the butt of a hung-up tree and bring it safely to the ground. The tour was held at the Airlie property of Dave Hibbs and Sarah Karr. About 22 people from several different counties attended.

Presentations on tax and ownership transition planned
by Roger Workman

Please join us for two presentations by Tamara Cushing, Ph.D., Starker Chair of Private and Family Forestry and Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist in Forest Economics, Management and Policy at OSU. On Thursday, October 27, 6:00-7:30 pm, the topic will be basics of taxes, including income, property, severance and timber harvest taxes. On Thursday, December 15, 6:00-7:30 pm, the topic will be planning for a successful transition of timber property ownership. Both presentations will be held at the Benton County Extension office, 4077 SW Research Way, Corvallis. Both events are free and open to the public.

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NNRG workshop on Discovering Value in Your Forest
Source: Bill Bowling

The Northwest Natural Resources Group is sponsoring this all day workshop on Thursday, October 8 in Timber, OR (Washington County.)

In this class you’ll learn about Pacific Northwest trees, plants, lichens and fungi that you can grow on your land for food, craft, and traditional uses. You'll also learn about niche markets available to forest owners. We’ll also discuss small-scale milling and how to grow, harvest, and transform wood from your forest into valuable products. See http://nrrg.org/discovering-value-in-your-forest/ for details and registration information.

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Linn County Small Woodland picnic at Mollie and Henry Wolthuis’
By Sherm Sallee

The weather really cooperated making this year’s picnic a pleasure so we could all enjoy the beautiful Pebble Springs Tree Farm owned and operated by Henry and Mollie Wolthuis. Henry and Mollie supplied and cooked the hamburgers with all the fixings. Attendees brought a dish of their choice so there was a fantastic selection of desserts, salads and beans to go with the hamburgers. The Linn County Small Woodlands organization provided the drinks.

Henry invited the fire crews from the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) in Sweet Home to bring out a couple of pieces of firefighting equipment. Neil Miller, ODF, introduced the crews of the engine and the tender. The crews provided information to the landowners about the equipment and their capabilities to protect our forestland from fire. There was time for answering several questions so folks left with a better understanding about the interaction among ODF, Linn Forest Protective Association (LFPA) and forestland owners.

Daniel Olson, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), talked briefly. He covered some of the programs available through NRCS that can help forestland owners manage difficult portions of their property. Difficult areas of property that don’t lend themselves to the growing of Douglas-fir have other values. Dan’s contact information is given in the next article.

Henry took many of us on a ride through portions of his property. We got to visit a heritage Douglas-fir tree that is estimated to be over 300-years old. We also visited the grave site of Andrew Wiley at the cemetery located on the tree farm. New culverts and road grading had recently been completed making the roads very passable. Henry answered several tree farming questions along the way. As is normal at these events, great advice was forthcoming from the participants.

Thanks to the combination of a beautiful place to visit, the wonderful hospitality, the fantastic food and cooperating weather, over 40 interested tree farmers attended the event. We thank Henry and Mollie for their kindness in letting us visit their tree farm and for all the hard work they did in preparing for the event.
Input sought for NRCS conservation programs
by Larry Mauter

Forest owners in Linn and Benton counties interested in replanting to enhance wildlife habitat may soon have another financing option. Dan Olson, a soil conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Tangent, is working on a proposal that branches out from the oak savanna restoration projects recently funded by the NRCS.

He shared elements of his proposal at the Linn County chapter OSWA summer picnic in July. Olson is seeking other woodland owners' groups in the coming months to fine-tune his plan. "What I’m proposing is to assist with environmental quality incentive programs for forest owners with management objectives," he said. Replanting with drought-resistant trees, thinning projects or habitat restoration are among the tasks that could be helped with federal dollars, he explained. Olson will finalize his proposal by next March, allowing time for local forestry groups to help massage the product.

The amount of funding the program will receive is still up in the air. It will be based on several factors, Olson said, including the allocation for environmental quality programs in Oregon. "The greater the interest received from potential participants, the greater the potential for funding to be approved," Olson said in an e-mail. Approval would come from the state office of the NRCS. "These are federal program dollars from the USDA," said Olson. "When we show that we have projects ready to be completed, we’re getting the capacity to implement those projects." If approved, Olson sees the application process beginning in 2017, with funding and implementation beginning the following year. As currently envisioned property owners may scale their participation based on abilities or management goals. The work during a three-year contract period may be done by land owners or contracted out. "We’re not going to sign them up for something over their capacity," Olson said. Olson will attend the Linn County OSWA twilight tour October 19 at Lee Ptermann’s tree farm near Scio. For interested parties Olson said the first step is for land owners to register with the Farm Services Agency office in Tangent. If eligible, an application process will follow. Individual proposals will be ranked based on program criteria. To contact Olson at the NRCS, e-mail him at daniel.olson@or.usda.gov or call (541) 967-5925, ext. 138.

Adding value to your woodland
By Sherm Sallee

This program will explore your forest inventories, potential products, markets and how to place more dollars in your bank account. We will explore specialty or non-timber forest products and how to share skills, expertise and knowledge so that many landowners may benefit. The speaker will be Neil Schroeder of the Oregon Woodland Cooperative, Wednesday, October 12, 7:00 to 8:30 pm, OSU Extension Office, 33630 McFarland Road, Tangent, OR 97389. For more information, please contact Bill Bowling, 541-791-1370 or bill@artisanlight.com.

Linn County Seedling Sale and Goods from the Woods
by Bonnie Marshall

Linn County Small Woodlands Association will hold its annual Seedling Sale and Goods from the Woods event on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Linn County Fair and Expo in Albany. There will be a good selection of both conifers and deciduous seedlings. As usual, you can preorder seedlings. We will send an e-mail with preordering information in mid-November.

If you want to be sure you are on the e-mail list to receive the information, or would like to help at the sale, please contact Bonnie Marshall at bonnieym@wvi.com.

More information about the Goods from the Woods event will be published by OSU Extension later this fall. It is a great event which features displays of wood and wood products from our local forestlands. If you are interested in being an exhibitor at Goods from the Woods, contact Jody Einerson at OSU Extension: 541 766-6750 or Jody.Einerson@oregonstate.edu.

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LFPA Law Enforcement Meeting by Sherm Sallee

The annual Linn Forest Protective Association Law Enforcement Committee meeting was held in late August, just ahead of the start of the hunting seasons. Among the attendees were Lon Rankin and Jim Udell to represent the Linn County Small Woodlands Association forestland owners. The purpose of this annual committee meeting is for law enforcement personnel to inform forestland owners about the events that they are seeing on private, state and federal forestland. The meeting also provides an opportunity for landowners to ask questions and make suggestions about enforcement.

The Linn Forest Protective Association members assess themselves each year, based on the number of acres owned in Linn County, to help the Linn County Sheriff's Office fund a forest deputy. Linn County Small Woodlands Association also contributes money each year toward funding the forest deputy. The current forest deputy is Rodney David. Contact information for Deputy David is located on the Linn County page of the Bark. Deputy David was present at the committee meeting and provided an excellent summary of the problems the sheriff's office is experiencing on the county's forestland as well as the efforts made to alleviate these problems.

This year, a significant number of the problems are being caused by people illegally camping on private property. Illegal camping results in the potential for fire starts caused by campfires as well as damage done to property by the campers. Gates have been vandalized, trees have been damaged and litter problems have increased. The good news is the number of illegal marijuana growing operations has decreased.