2011 Lincoln County OSU Master Woodland Manager Excellence Award

By Jim Reeb, OSU Extension Forester
Joe and Jan Steenkolk, longtime Lincoln County landowners and OSU Master Woodland Managers (MWM) since 1987, were presented with a plaque honoring them with the MWM Excellence Award for volunteerism during 2011. The recognition was given at the Lincoln County Chapter of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association’s annual meeting in Newport on January 28. Joe and Jan must not have read the fine print about donating back 85 hours of time after becoming MWMs. They continue to give back to OSU Extension and to other Lincoln County landowners through their time with the Lincoln County Chapters of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association and the American Tree Farm System. They spent countless hours volunteering to serve Lincoln County landowners through events such as the Small Woodlands Association tree seedling sale, the Small Woodlands Association annual meeting, and the Lincoln County Tree Farmer of the Year nomination committee and tour. Joe and Jan hosted the OSU Extension Forestry Team during their 2009 annual meeting in Newport. They have years of experience as owners of small woodlands and enjoy sharing their knowledge so others can benefit.

OSU Extension Forester Jim Reeb presented a plague to Jan and Joe Steenkolk as the 2011 Lincoln County Master Woodland Managers of the Year for their efforts in working with OSU Extension to serve the family forestland owners in Lincoln County.

New Forestry and Natural Resources Extension Agent for Linn & Benton Counties

By Brad Withrow-Robinson
As you know, the OSU Forestry & Natural Resources Extension program has seen some significant personnel changes in recent months, including the retirement of longtime Linn/Benton County agent Rick Fletcher and the transition of Clackamas County agent Mike Bondi to an administrative leadership role. That, coupled with a declining overall program budget means more changes, including the need to reorganize and reallocate existing staff in order to continue serving all Oregonians. Essentially, because our declining budget precludes our ability to refill vacancies with new hires, Extension agents will be relocated and/or stretched more thinly to cover larger areas.

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As part of these changes, I have been reassigned from a position covering Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties to a new area made up of Linn, Benton and Polk Counties.

My time serving Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties has been very rewarding, which I have enjoyed and benefited from greatly. I have mixed emotions of course, as I will miss the people and places I have come to know in the counties I now leave behind.

This will be a significant change for me, and for many folks in the counties that I am moving into and out of. A dozen Counties are being affected by these staffing changes in Northwest Oregon, and there is still a lot of coordination and planning to do to make this happen smoothly. We anticipate that the transition process will happen gradually over the next 4-5 months. I will not be assuming full duties in the new area for some time. We will do our best to keep you informed of progress.

I must say that I am certainly looking forward to working in Linn and Benton Counties again! Many of you know that my first Extension job was here in Linn and Benton Counties. That was about 13 years ago. Rick was working on special assignment (helping form the Sustainable Forestry Partnership) and I was hired to back-fill his position for a year and a half. It was a terrific and career-shaping experience. I got to work with a very enthusiastic group of landowners, volunteers and other partners who taught me the ropes while working together on a wide range of projects. And Rick available nearby for guidance and coaching. Rick continued to mentor me when I moved on to my new position to the North, and it has been a great privilege to work with him and other great colleagues over the years since. So, as I begin my new position here in Linn, Benton and Polk Counties, I inherit a rich legacy created by Rick, Stoney, Charlie and others. I am hopeful I can contribute in turn, aware that I am standing on the shoulders of giants.

So now I look forward to again working with the many family landowners I know and those I have yet to meet, as well as with the local Small Woodlands Association Chapters, the Master Woodland Manager volunteers, the various SWCDs and watershed councils and other groups or agencies which are working in the three county area to help improve the care and stewardship of our woodlands and related natural resources. I love the work I do in Extension, and believe in the power of (Continued on page 3)
2012 Upcoming Forestry Events and Meetings
Benton and Linn Counties

2012 Starker Lecture Series: Watershed Moments; People, Forests and Water
For More Information: http://starkerlectures.forestry.oregonstate.edu/

April 5, 2012, 3:30 -5:00 p.m., 107 Richardson Hall, OSU
Forest Watershed Research: Management under the Microscope

May 10, 2012, 3:30 -5:00 p.m., 107 Richardson Hall, OSU
Land Use, Climate Change, Water and Other Ecosystem Services: Connecting Science to Users, Policies, and Programs

May 31, 2012, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Flynn Creek and Needle Branch Watersheds
Capstone Field Trip: A Tour of the “Alsea Revisited” Watershed Study Area

June 16, 2012, Linn County Tree Farmer of the Year Tour at Jim and Ed Merzenich’s Tree Farms south of Brownsville. For more details on this event see the article in this issue of the Quarterly Bark on page 10. Lunch is provided. Please RSVP by June 11th to Andrea at Benton County Extension Office, 541-766-6750 or via email at andrea.zigler@oregonstate.edu for the lunch count.

June 21-23, 2012, OSWA Annual Meeting, Forest Grove, OR, hosted by the Washington County Chapter. Watch your Woodlander Update for more details on this event.

June 30, 2012, Oregon Tree Farmer of the Year Tour, Klamath Falls. Watch your Woodlander Update and/or the Oregon Tree Farm Newsletter for details on this event.

July 28, 2012, Linn County Summer Picnic and meet our new Forestry Extension Agent, Brad Winthrow-Robinson. This event will be hosted by Bud and Barb Baumgartner at their home just up the Calapooya River from Holley, Oregon. Save the date. See the July edition of the Quarterly Bark for more information on this event.

August 18, 2012, Benton County Tree Farmer of the Year Tour hosted by Wayne and Verlyne Phillips on one of their Benton County Tree Farms. Schedule is 9 a.m. to Noon and lunch will be provided. See the July edition of the Quarterly Bark for more information on this event.

New Forestry Agent Cont’d

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education. I have a strong attachment to the people and landscape here, including our forgotten forests like oak savannas and bottomland riparian forests. I expect to continue my work to help families maintain and expand their connection to the land through succession planning education, and the Ties to the Land Initiative at OSU. The job is so varied, boredom is never a danger and I am happy to bring some experience, good humor and my enthusiasm to it as I help identify and tackle challenges in my new area.

It is rarely a question of what to do, but of what to do next. ♦

Lincoln County
Jim Reeb will transition from a 100% appointment in Lincoln County to a three county service area including Lincoln, Tillamook, and Clatsop Counties.

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By John Punches, OSU Extension Service

The Quarterly Bark

Forestry Classes in Lane Co

OSU’s Extension Forestry Program has had a long and positive history in Lane County. Things got a bit interrupted when the County withdrew funding for Extension & a ballot measure to restore funding failed in 2010. With the help of Forests Today and Forever and the Lane Small Woodlands Association we’re very pleased to be back in business! Extension Foresters from around the state have been recruited to teach classes on key topics, Forests Today & Forever is providing essential support for hosting the events, and Lane Small Woodlands has provided generous sponsorship to reduce the costs of the classes (and they are now available for just $15 per session)! If you’re interested in forests and/or forest management, we hope you’ll join us at an upcoming class.

Here’s what’s scheduled so far:

- **What do You Want Your Forest to Look like When it Grows Up?** (Tips for practical forest management.) April 17, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Non-timber Forest Products for Enjoyment and Income.** (A look at the “other” management opportunities on forest properties.) April 24, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- **Woodland Roads: Best Management Practices to Protect your Property and Meet the Rules.** (This will be a field session at Steve Bowers’ property – with lots of practical advice and a free copy of the Managing Woodland Roads handbook.) May 15, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Forest Practices Illustrated: Good Stewardship, Good Compliance.** (Get your updated copy of the illustrated guide to forest practices in Oregon, and learn how to use it effectively.) May 15, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (Note that you can sign up for both Woodland Roads and Forest Practices together for a reduced rate.)
- **Alternative Products from the Mill: Small-scale Sawing and Drying.** (Held at Custom Cut Lumber in Eugene – if you’re interested in milling and drying, don’t miss this opportunity to interact with the experts.) September 22, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The classes will be held in Springfield at the National Guard Armory, unless otherwise noted. For more information or to register please visit [http://extension.oregonstate.edu/forestry](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/forestry) or call 541-344-5859. (Advance registration is required.)

Are there other classes you’d like us to teach? Then please let us know. We’re looking for topics for the next round of classes in Lane County and would welcome your input. Send your requests to john.punches@oregonstate.edu.

If you have questions about forestry or natural resource management (or just about any other topic for that matter), try using our Ask-an-Expert online advice tool. Just click the link ([http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/ask-an-expert](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/ask-an-expert)), enter your question, and an Extension expert will get back to you with an answer. (If you’re not in Lane County, you’ll get a more customized response by using the Ask-an-Expert link found you your local Extension Office’s website.)

Thanks to Forests Today & Forever, Lane Small Woodlands Association, and our statewide network of dedicated Extension experts and volunteers for making all of this possible! ✦
Lincoln Co Extension Upcoming Forestry & Natural Resource Events

Living with Fire - Lincoln County Firewise Community Workshops
If you would like to schedule a workshop and field exercise for your neighborhood or homeowner's association, please contact us at the Lincoln County Extension Service. There is no charge for the workshops.

Forest Health - What's Eating My Trees? - April 10
Worried about insects and diseases in your trees? Not sure how to identify the pests? Learn about, and how to id, some of the more common insects and diseases found in our woodlands. This is an opportunity to learn about conks, root rots, bugs and other critters that might be either eating your trees or using them for a home or nursery. Registration deadline is Thursday, April 5.

Basic Forestry Short Course - April 19 - June 16
This short course is an introduction to forest management for new and potential woodland owners or for those just interested in learning about forest management. It covers what you need to know and who you might want to contact to begin managing your forest. Class size is limited so register early. Registration deadline is Monday, April 16.

Red Alder Management - Silviculture to Marketing - May 8
Is red alder management a viable option on your land? Alder is a nitrogen fixer, and as a timber species, often exceeds Douglas-fir in value. This class will cover the latest information on key steps in alder management including stand establishment, tree spacing, pruning, harvesting and marketing. Registration deadline is Friday, May 4.

How to Measure Your Forest - May 12
Do you have an idea of the species composition, the vigor, and the volume of your forest? If you think it might be important to estimate these attributes, this class is designed for you. Learn to use tools that foresters use to collect individual tree data. Learn how to expand individual tree data to a sample that can estimate your timber stand attributes. Registration deadline is Wednesday, May 9.

Ties to the Land: Intergenerational Family Forest Project - August 21
This workshop will be beneficial for forest owners, and farm and ranch owners. This class is not designed to give legal advice but will help you design an orderly transition plan - an orderly way to pass your property on to your heirs. If you are interested in this class, contact Lincoln County Extension at 541-574-5634.

Written Management Plans for Family Forestland Owners - September 11 - October 16
Written management plans are quickly becoming a standard requirement for selling timber and participating in cost share programs. If you want to write a forest management plan, or would like to update your existing plan, this workshop is designed for you. Registration deadline is Monday, August 27.

Alternative Products from the Mill - Small-scale Sawing & Drying - September 22
This workshop is designed for those who own a portable sawmill and would like to learn how to become more efficient at marketing "all" of the materials that you produce at the mill, and for those entrepreneurs who don't own a mill but think they might like to get into the business of producing products with a portable mill. If you have a mill and are thinking about drying your product, this workshop can also help you with those decisions. The workshop will be held at Custom Cut Lumber Company outside of Coburg. To register for this event go to the OSU Lane County Extension website: (Continued on page 7)
By Maryrae Thomson

My Mother passed away last spring. I am her personal representative (Oregon’s term for the executor of an estate). Fellow board members suggested I may have learned some things worth sharing with our fellow members. In the past few years I have also been involved with other estates as well as heard some stories from friends going through similar situations. Indeed, considering we all have an opportunity to work through some ideas and concerns via the upcoming Ties To The Land workshop, it seems appropriate to share some thoughts with you.

First, we all know this is a very important topic; but not necessarily urgent... until it is! Just because you have a trust or will or other legal document in place, maybe even somewhat current, does not mean you are done with this matter. That’s the “easy” part. Talking about that transition with family is difficult. Kids don’t want to appear too eager to inherit your assets but that may come across as a lack of interest. Or they may really prefer not to have the responsibility but don’t want to appear ungrateful.

But to return to my thoughts which tend to be random—Things take time and that is by legal design and for good reason. Even though you think you are thinking clearly, think again! Decisions such as selling equipment or livestock may prevent the heirs from qualifying for a natural resource or farm deferral. The programs seem to change every time the legislature meets. You may re-call a bill passed a few years ago that gave Oregon estate tax relief to people whose assets were over 50% in natural resources. I bet most of us figured our forest’s value at that time, breathed a sigh of relief and went on with our lives.

But we all know prices are way down. And have you talked to your lawyer or accountant about the going discount rate if you own that forest with a spouse or sibling? Steep discounts can be great for gifting purposes but may leave you with less of your total worth in that family forest than you thought you had.

On the other hand there are deadlines and things must be done on time. Heirs have nine months to disclaim as asset. If it is held in a trust for benefit of someone but passes to someone else eventually, who disclaims what when? I must declare here that I am NOT a lawyer or accountant and am only speaking from my understanding of how it sometimes works. Bottom line, talk to your professional advisors. Make them explain in everyday language how your situation will play out depending on the language of your will, trust, family LLC or corporation.

I am so very grateful to my folks for talking to me through the years about the family forest/business. My Dad and brother involved me in planting, spraying and marking out harvests. We talked about dbh and harvest cycles. My Mom took me with her to the lawyer’s conferences and we worked on the harvest paperwork together. No, I did not always live near-by and I worked in another profession. It is still possible to spend some time learning about the family business. I wish I had listened harder, asked more questions, but don’t we always? One suggestion: take advantage of the required appraisals and surveys. You may be able to have an adjacent parcel evaluated at a discount since the current price and comparison properties analysis is already done. Make it a priority to keep the property boundary cleared once it is established and re-mark it as needed. I have made it a point to plant a few minor species just inside the line so ten years from now I can glance across the ravine and see the line. Or re-do an old fence or establish a riding trail or permanent fire break road right on the newly defined boundary. Ask your neighbors if they would like to share the cost of the survey. Actually 6 out of 7 did!

Often there is more than one heir to an estate. This makes things interesting. This is the point at which I will leave you for now. Our family is in the midst of sorting out just how this next forest ownership will function. Perhaps a few readers have some insights on this topic. It would be great if someone would be willing to send in an article on this topic to the Bark. Or, send me some ideas and points to compile and I will put a column together and get it to the editor. My phone is 541-998-9899 and my email is Maryrae@wildblue.net. My mailing address is 24471 Ferguson Road, Junction City, OR 97448.

New Management Plan Cost Help

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) currently has some funding available to provide cost-share assistance for a consultant to develop management plans. Only NEW plans are eligible;
By Peter M. Bregman

A lot of things have happened with your local chapter since the Annual Business meeting held at the Central Coast Community College facilities in South Beach on January 28th. Peter Bregman from Waldport was elected President, while Jan Steenkolk remained as our valuable Secretary/Treasurer. Joe Steere will remain as immediate Past President along with Joe Steenkolk, Jim Denison, and Andy Kittel who were elected as Directors of the Lincoln County Small Woodland Association.

The annual tree seedling sale was held on Saturday, March 10. It was a good day for seedlings as there was abundant rainfall which kept trees and woodland owners wet. The sale ended up with a net profit of nearly $1800. I wish to thank Jim Reeb for all the work in promoting the sale in all the local papers and other media which made the sale a success. Joe Steere and his family were able to secure most of the tree seedlings, along with Joe and Jan Steenkolk filling the need with seedlings purchased from Linn County seedling sale, and handling the booth set-up. Help from other Tree Farmers provided advice to customers and talk about the benefits of joining OSWA.

David Schmidt, (Schmidt Family Forest, LLC) is the nominee for Lincoln County “Tree Farmer of the Year”. The annual tour of his Lincoln County property will be held on Saturday July 7, 2012. The tour will begin at 10:00 a.m. Tree farm is located approximately 7 miles south of Burnt Woods on the Harlan Road. Watch for signs. A BBQ will be provided by the Lincoln County chapter.

Other important information is that Jim Denison was recognized as Oregon 2011 Tree Farm inspector of the year. We also recognized Joe and Jan Steenkolk, Gene and Jessie Cooper, and Don Carr, and awarded the 25 Year Tree Farm certificate and signs to each of these tree Farmers. We need to thank these individuals and others for sustaining the Oregon Small Woodlands Association and County Chapters.

With the loss of four long time members of Lincoln County SWA, Lee Barkley, Doris Phelps, Mary Jane Robb, and Dr. Steven David Brown, it will be a challenge to replace their dedication, but as OSWA and our chapter must continue on, it is imperative that we seek new members and regain former members. As OSWA membership represents only 1% of the small family forestland owners, we need your help in talking to your neighbor. Please contact me, one of our Directors or the OSWA office in Salem for applications or information about County chapters of the OREGON SMALL WOODLANDS ASSOCIATION.

Upcoming Events Cont'd

http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/upcoming-forestry-natural-resource-educational-programs#smallscale

If you need more information about these upcoming events or would like to request a workshop topic, contact Jim Reeb, OSU Lincoln County Extension Service, 29 SE 2nd Street, Newport, OR. 541-574-6534 or jim.reeb@oregonstate.edu. Watch for other educational events at: http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/forestry. ◆

Management Plan Help Cont'd

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there is no financial assistance available to update a current Forest Stewardship/Oregon Tree Farm Plans. Private landowners must apply for Forest Stewardship/Oregon Tree Farm plan cost-share assistance through their Stewardship Forester using the application form at the bottom of the Forest Stewardship/Oregon Tree Farm webpage. Contact your ODF Stewardship Forester for further information. ◆

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The Quarterly Bark

Lane County News

Lane SWA seedling sale results

By Michael Atkinson

The Lane Small Woodlands Association conducted a seedling sale on February 4, 2012 in similar fashion to a number of past years. The big difference was that we had to change locations from the Extension Office by the Lane Co. fairgrounds since the office does not exist since last summer. The move was to a picnic shelter at Eugene’s Alton Baker Park near Autzen Stadium. Getting the word out about the move was not easy and may have affected sale attendance. However, sale attendance has been down for several years so this was not anything new. Numbers of seedlings sold were down, but this year the prices were increased since the sale was meant to have net receipts go into a fund that has been set up to assist Extension Service conduct some programs here in Lane County. The net for the sale was $2596, so the effort was certainly worthwhile! ♦

REduced Rates for Lswa Members!

By Maryrae Thomson

Those of you who waded/floated to the annual meeting in January heard Sara Leiman’s presentation on the up-coming Ties To The Land workshop she is putting together. It is a program developed to assist families think through the process of passing on their land to the next generation. LSWA members and folks who become members at the workshop get a reduced rate courtesy of the Lane County Chapter. Your board voted to allocate funds to off-set the cost to families and in addition to contribute up to $500 toward general expenses of advertising, room rent, etc.

If you missed the meeting Sara can be reached at 541-954-8338 or by e-mail at bsleiman@peak.org. The workshop is set for Saturday mornings May 5th and May 26th. If the first session fills a second will be scheduled.

I have personally benefited from taking a similar workshop for ranchers planning for the next generation. I encourage our members to seriously consider signing up. I know May is a great time to be outside but it’s only in the mornings so you can still get outside for all those projects later in the day! ♦

Tax Time

By Joe Holmberg

Don’t you just love this time of the year? As you scurry about for those pieces of paper you stuck somewhere knowing just where you need to go to find them (yeah, right!), stay ready for next tax season by developing a good filing system. I use my management plan as a repository of much of the tax man’s data.

Just what should you keep? Here is a list of things you will need should the tax guy doubt your deduction claim: Management Plan including maps, contracts, invoices, receipts, cancelled checks and mileage records. I also keep track of time spent doing forest management tasks in case I get accused of having a hobby farm.

Records need to be kept for 6 years. These records also help should you need to establish basis for your property. If you are puzzled about tax basis for timberland, you can view an archived American Tree Farm System webinar on the subject at http://www.treefarmsystem.org/timber-tax-basis. ♦
The Benton County Small Woodlands Association held its annual meeting at the Beazell Forest Education Center on January 21, 2012. Approximately 60 people were in attendance.

After a meal catered by Valley Catering, there was a business meeting with reports from various board members and an election of new officers. New officers elected this year included Mike Albrecht, president, Laura Harmsen, secretary, Marsha Carr, membership and Greg Palmer for another term as treasurer. Other board members holding position that were not up for election will continue in their current positions.

Jim James gave a report on OSWA activities, membership trends (declining) and upcoming events. He also made a presentation to Lee and Romona Monike as 25 year members of the American Tree Farm System.

Donna Kruesser (Tree Farm Contest, chair) was delighted to present Jerri O’Brien a TFOY embroidered jacket as our 2011 Tree Farmer of the Year. Jerri and her family graciously hosted a great tour of her property - very informative and enjoyable. We are looking forward to another wonderful year with Wayne Phillips as our 2012 TFOY nominee.

Door prizes from local vendors were drawn at several times during the course of the meeting. If you have a chance to do business with any of these folks during the course of the year, be sure to thank them for their support of our organization.

The highlight of the meeting was Rick Fletcher’s recap of his long and productive career in extension. He was presented with a cash gift from the Benton County chapter in recognition of his service to the local small woodland owner community. Thanks, Rick, for your long service and good luck in your future endeavors. ◆

Welcome New Benton Co Members
We look forward to seeing you at our coming events ---- >

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Wayne and Verlyne Phillips
Benton County 2012 Tree Farmers of the Year

By Donna Kruesser

On August 18th at this year’s TFOY tour the emphasis will be on stand improvement. In addition to a discussion of site preparation and stand release herbicide programs, there will be a commercial thinning demonstration using a processor and a skid steer modified by the addition of a grapple. The tour will take place on property near Bellfountain, owned by Wayne and Verlyne Phillips. There will be a brief discussion of the Phillips’s plan to pass ownership to the next generation. Watch for a more complete description later. ◆

Joan Kaiser, Janet Ohmann, Pat Ouellette & Manley Thompson ◆
The Promise of Spring

It’s March, and the winter storms must someday be over. That extra day in February just added one more day to the long cold season. Schools are closed by snow today, and wind has blown down trees, taken down power lines and closed highways. Rain and snow are forecast every day for the next week. It happens every year, but I am always surprised how much the winter affects my attitude. I’m restless, hopeless, worried and hesitant to start anything. It is now called by the experts ‘Seasonal Affective Disorder’, or SAD. The good news is, I guess, that since it has a name, maybe I’m not the only who has it.

This year I made a conscious effort to combat my illness. Though not every attempt at attitude change has been successful, a few have made a difference. If you are also in need of a cure for the winter (or early spring) blues, I offer the following suggestions.

• Walk in the rain. I know is seems counter-intuitive, but getting out in the bad weather somehow takes away some of its power over you. If it is not windy, carry an umbrella. Invest in some good rain gear, wear a comfortable hat. If you are lucky, you will get a sun break.

• Prune the low dead branches off your 15-year-old fir trees, and build a fire with them. Even on a short, wet day, it will brighten you mood. In our case, this project also includes pulling blackberry vines down. This is a task which, for me, is a powerful metaphor for what needs to happen to my attitude. Get rid of those thorny invasives, pile them on a roaring fire, and leave the young forest open and breathing.

• Cut firewood for next winter. This wood, created from sunlight, will now dry in the sun all summer and fall. As we watch the flames in the wood stove, it reminds of all that sun, and returns the stored energy when we need it most.

• Get together with friends. The last two winters, Kathy and I have invited friends and family over to eat, laugh, and complain about the weather. Surviving the winter is hard enough, no sense doing it alone. Make some soup and homemade bread, and tell your favorite joke. Also, your friends don’t care that you have some peeling paint, or that you are still working on that kitchen remodel.

It’s March, the daylight is now outpacing the night, and snow is beginning to melt. Daffodils are blooming, and you might want to mow that lawn. We made it. ◆

Jim and Ed Merzenich
Linn County Tree Farmers of the Year 2012
Oakbassin Tree Farm
Tour Saturday
June 16th,
Brownsville

The tours start at 9 a.m. and runs until noon when we will provide lunch. We need a head

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Linn County Chapter Annual Meeting

By Sherm Sallee

For the past several years we have been fortunate to hold our annual meeting in the IOOF, Odd Fellows/Rebekah Hall in Scio. It is the perfect central location for many of our members. Each year we combine the annual meeting with a fantastic potluck dinner and the chapter supplies the drinks. No one goes away hungry and we must have the best cooks in the county as members of our organization. This year there were 84 people in attendance.

Following dinner we recognized the recipient of the chapter's college scholarship, Brock Cota. He told us how the classes at Oregon State are going and brought us up to speed on the latest in the College of Forestry. Next, 6 members of the Clever Clovers 4-H Club talked about what they had learned in the previous year's forestry project that lead them to develop outstanding record books. Each was presented with a cash award.

Sherrie Sprenger who is the State Representative for much of Linn County spoke on what she hoped would be accomplished in this year's legislative session. She took quite a few questions from the audience and learned more about our forestry objectives as small woodland owners.

The business portion of the meeting produced the treasurer's report and election of officers. There were lots of door prizes so drawings were interspersed throughout the evening. The Wolthius family was recognized as the 2011 Linn County Tree Farmers of the Year. Laura and Lon Rankin, life time OSWA members, were recognized as 50-year Tree Farm members and their parents helped with all phases of the sale from pre-sale computer work to counting out plants. Some even helped buyers carry seedlings to their vehicles. Our college scholarship recipient worked hard both on setup and sale days. This combined effort is what really makes the event worthwhile and helps keep the organization active.

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Next year's meeting is the 3rd Saturday in January.

Linn Seedling Sale

By Sherm Sallee

The Linn County seedling sale is in its 17th consecutive year. This year was the best ever. Thank you to all that helped make this such a successful event. Around 30 Linn County OSWA members and their families participated in part, or all, of the event. In addition, 28 4-H club members and their parents helped with all phases of the sale from pre-sale computer work to counting out plants. Some even helped buyers carry seedlings to their vehicles. Our college scholarship recipient worked hard both on setup and sale days. This combined effort is what really makes the event worthwhile and helps keep the organization active.

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count for lunches so please RSVP to Andrea Zigler at Benton County Extension at 541-766-6750 or by email at andrea.zigler@oregonstate.edu. We would appreciate your RSVP by Monday June 11th. You can depart after lunch or join us for an afternoon tour of our higher elevation meadows where we are managing habitat for the Fender’s Blue Butterfly, an endangered species.

How to Find Our Oak Basin Tree Farm: At the Chevron Station in Brownsville which is on Highway 228, turn south onto Washburn Street (aka the Gap Road). Travel approximately 5 miles south and turn left (east) onto Northernwood Drive. Travel to the end of the paved road, stay left, and go through the green gate. Stay left at the rock pit. Our barn and picnic table will be on your left on top of the ridge. We will have the yellow Linn County Tree Farm Tour signs out to help you find us.

We plan to showcase the work we have been doing such as:

● Pruning and thinning our Valley ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir plantations and tips on how to avoid outbreaks of the California Ipps beetle when managing pine.

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- The restoration of Oregon White oak woodlands by harvesting invasive conifers. We will compare untreated stands with stands logged in 2006 and 2011.
- Controlled Burn: How we did it, why and what it looks like now.
- Invasive Weed Management in our meadows, Oak Savannas and timber plantations.
- Harvesting KMX stands to establish new plantations of incense-cedar and Douglas-fir.
- Using cattle grazing to reduce fuels and improve habitat.

We will also demonstrate the use of our Caterpillar Skid Steer and Wood-Mizer mill for helping us manage our property. We want you to bring a tree farmer friend and/or your small woodland neighbor.

The event is free. This is also a Howdy Neighbor Tour so we will provide a free lunch.