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Perry County Tree Farmer of the Year Tours

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JOIN US AT THE WINNER OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY TREE FARMER OF THE YEAR

David Schmidt

AT THE SCHMIDT FAMILY FOREST

David has been in the tree farming business since he was 13. He graduated in 1962 from the forestry school with a "BS" in forestry and earned his master's in forestry in 1967. His whole life has been dedicated to forestry beginning with forestry engineering in 1964, then buying the Harlan tree farm in 1966. He has served his community in many different ways; most important was that he served as a Linn County Commissioner for 12 years. He successfully testified before congress about legislation that affected all tree farmers.

David worked with natural resources and related economic problems at a national level which has earned him major media attention since he is a well known speaker on these issues.

You will not want to miss the opportunity to visit his tree farm, look at his work and hear him talk about it.

Join us at his tree farm @ 9:30 am for coffee and donuts. Lunch will be served at about noon. David Schmidt and Jim James, Executive Director of OSWA will discuss the important issues now at hand today.

There will be demonstration at the site and guide opportunities to see tree farming at different stages.

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**BENTON COUNTY SMALL WOODLANDS ASSOCIATION**

hosts

**TREE FARMER OF THE YEAR TOUR**

Wayne & Verlyne Phillips

Saturday, August 18, 2012, 9 am to 1 pm

Registration required by August 10th for the tour and lunch ($5 per person) OSU Benton County Extension Office: 541-766-6750 or e-mail andreazigler@oregonstate.edu

Wear sturdy shoes and bring an umbrella—for sun or rain

**Tour Focus: Tree Stand Improvement**

Benton County Small Woodlands Association invites you to visit a forested property of Wayne and Verlyne Phillips, woodland owners since 1971. We will be touring their Bellfountain property near Finley National Wildlife Refuge where they have actively managed the 202-acre property since acquiring it in 2007.

After kick-off introductions, a drive-through tour will pass by recent plantings, different aged stands, and thinned plots. Mid tour, we’ll stop for discussions of herbicide use and thinning treatments led by Bruce Kelpsas, Helena Chemical Company, and Paul Lorenz, consulting forester.

Following the discussions, we will have a thinning demonstration by Tony Parker and Scott Bailey using a logging processor and a modified skid-steer. Ed Parker, logger, will provide commentary.

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farm. Early arrivers may be able to park at the site

Directions: Take Hwy 20, 22-miles west of Corvallis to the Harlan-Burnt Woods County Road. Turn south and travel 7-miles from Hwy 20 toward Harlan. The main entrance to the Schmidt property is on the right at mp 7. Signs will be posted. We hope to see you there.

For further info call:
Joe Steenkolk @ 541-875-1541,
Jim Denison @541-979-6176,
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About noon, we'll assemble for lunch in the shade of a 100-year-old stand of Douglas fir trees.

For those who want to stay after lunch, they'll have the opportunity to observe a tree-falling and yarding demonstration by Ed Parker.

Directions to the Tour

Parking is limited. Plan to carpool, or go by van or bus from one of two assembly points.

Van or bus pick up locations:
· Gather at 8:15 am at the relocated OSU Benton County Extension Office, at 4077 SW Research Way, former headquarters of Siuslaw National Forest.
· Gather at 8:45 am at Muddy Creek Charter School, former Inavale School, on Bellfountain Road.

Carpool directions to the tour:
· From the corner of Highway 99W and Greenberry Rd—7.5 miles south of downtown Corvallis, 10 miles north of Monroe—between hwy markers 91 and 92:
  Go west on Greenberry Road. After 3 miles, intersect with Bellfountain Road. (Muddy Creek Charter School is 0.2 mile north of this corner.) Tour site is 4.5 miles south on Bellfountain Road.
· From the corner of 53rd Street and Philomath Blvd. (Hwy 20/34), travel south 0.8 mile to Plymouth Drive. Turn right and go 1.2 miles to Bellfountain Road. Turn left and proceed 10.1 miles to the tour site. ◆

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All Lands Approach

By Norm Kaldhal

The May 2012 South Santiam Watershed Council meeting provided a presentation by personnel from the Sweet Home Ranger District of the United States Forest Service. In 2011 the Sweet Home Ranger District initiated an innovative approach to land management in the areas between the Willamette National Forest and private industrial forestland within the Soda Fork watershed. The intent of an "All Lands Approach to Ecological and Community Health" is to enhance and expand the existing cooperative relationships amongst the participants to improve the overall watershed condition, while providing quality serial habitats and creating sustainable, family wage jobs in the community. The presentation covered how the initiative is unfolding and the potential economic, social and watershed benefits. For more information, I suggest you consider attending future South Santiam Watershed Council meetings. ♦

New Tools Available

By Joe Holmberg

For those with management plans or thinking that you should probably have a plan, three new tools are available. Management planning can be an onerous process because of the need to gather extensive information on your forestland. The new tools capture these sources enabling you to access the information and download it for your plan. Plan writing remains onerous but absent or not locatable resource information is no longer the excuse.

The first tool is the Oregon Uniform Management Plan Template which resides http://outreach.oregonstate.edu/programs/forestry/oregon-forest-management-planning. This website has a management plan template which is accepted by most natural resources agencies and organizations in Oregon. Links on the website connect with explanations, definitions and data specific to your forestland. As an example, clicking on integrated pest management will let you know what this term means and how you might practice IPM on your forestland. Completing a management plan using this template should qualify you for certification and enable access to various pots of cost-share funding.

Another tool resides on the Oregon Department of Forestry's webpage http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/GIS/gis_home.shtml#LocatOR. This site provides 6th order watershed data and might require a bit more tech knowledge on the part of the user but there is a web video demonstration on the webpage that will guide you.

The last tool has been developed by the American Forest Foundation and can be accessed at http://www.mylandplan.org/. This tool is national in scope whereas the first tool is specific to Oregon and was developed for Oregon situations.

It might be a long winter's night project but try these sites and see how they might assist should you be updating or needing to start your management plan. You will need to come up with a new excuse because lack of data access won't work anymore (unless you don't have a computer or your computer has crashed). All three tools are in or just completing their beta tests and the authors welcome any feedback. ♦
Fall 2012 Forestry Classes in Lane County

Woodland Roads: BMPs That Protect Your Property & Meet the Rules

Date & Time: Friday, September 7th from 9:00 am until Noon followed by a full-scale bbq!

Location: Steve Bowers' Woodland, 33740 Priceboro Drive, Harrisburg, OR 97446. (2.3 miles east on Priceboro after you turn off from Coburg Road North. Watch for "Woodland Tour" signs. Driving directions at extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/forestry.)

Class Description: Roads are a valuable asset on woodland properties. This class will offer practical guidelines ("Best Management Practices") for maintaining and upgrading roads that can help protect this asset while also protecting streams and meeting forest practice rule requirements. See rubber bars, French drains, ditch relief culverts, slumps and slides and all sorts of road issues ... and answers. Everyone attending this class will receive two information-packed publications, OSU’s Managing Forest Roads and OFRI’s newly updated illustrated manual on Oregon’s Forest Protection Laws, plus an all you can eat noon bbq. Outdoor class – come dressed appropriately!

Instructors: Steve Bowers, OSU Extension Forester, Roseburg, OR, and Paul Adams, OSU Forestry Extension Specialist, Corvallis, OR.

Cost & Registration: $20 per person (including lunch). Advance registration required, and class size limited to the first 30 individuals to pre-register. We guarantee this class will fill early so don’t delay. Register by contacting Steve Bowers at 541-672-4461 or steve.bowers@oregonstate.edu.

Sponsors: OSU Extension Service, Forests Today and Forever, Lane Small Woodlands Association, and Lane Community College

Alternative Products from the Mill: Small-scale Sawing & Drying Workshop

Date & Time: September 22, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Custom Cut Lumber, 31500 Coburg Bottom Loop Rd, Eugene, OR (Driving directions at extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/forestry)

Class Description: 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. Dick Flynn, manager of Custom Cut Lumber Company outside Coburg, will discuss the pros and cons of setting up a portable sawmill business, how to develop customer relationships, and he’s learned by using 3-phase electricity to operate his mill instead of gas or diesel. Jim Reeb, Oregon State University Extension Forester, will discuss different

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methods of drying those sawmill products – emphasizing air drying, solar drying and dehumidification (DH) drying – those drying methods most accessible for small operators. We will also discuss the DH kilns that are on site at Custom Cut Lumber Company. If you have examples of wood products that “went wrong”, bring them to the workshop and we’ll try to determine what the cause or causes might have been, and what you might be able to do next time to alleviate the problem. **Outdoor class – come dressed appropriately!**

**Instructors:** Jim Reeb, Extension Forester for Lincoln County, and Dick Flynn, Manager of Custom Cut Lumber

**Cost & Registration:** $15 per person. Register by contacting the Lane County OSU Extension office at 541-344-5859 or online at extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/forestry. Advance registration required!

**Sponsors:** OSU Extension Service, Forests Today and Forever, Lane Small Woodlands Association, and Lane Community College

**Gleaning from the Forest, Non-Timber Forest Product (NTFP) Opportunities**

**Date & Time:** September 29, 2012, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Location:** Bauman Family Tree Farm, 84289 Territorial Hwy, Eugene, OR 97405 (Driving directions available at extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/forestry)

**Class Description:** In forestry we generally spend all our time looking up at our trees, but there are many species of non-timber forest products (NTFP) - plants, shrubs, flowers, mushrooms and parts of trees - that can be used as decoration, medicine, and food. This full-day, hands-on workshop presents some of the common species you might find on your property and around the area, as well as supplemental income opportunities you might derive from adding value to these products. You will practice conducting an inventory, and learn how to encourage productivity of species of interest. We will visit a local NTFP small business to get information on current markets and prices, as well as labor, transportation, and equipment needs. At the end you will go home with several useful tools to help you get started, and resources that will help you find additional assistance down the road. **Outdoor class – come dressed appropriately!**

**Instructor:** Nicole Strong, Senior Instructor, OSU Extension, Forestry and Natural Resources

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**Lane County Activities**

*By Maryrae Thomson*

Forest Stand Health And Fire Hazard Protection

Tom Burnham of the Lane County NRCS office is interested in talking to private landowners of forest

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land in the county. There are both technical and financial assistance opportunities to improve your forest's health and reduce fire hazards. Cost share may be available to help with pre-commercial thinning, slash treatment, brush management, fuel breaks, access roads and more! His office is in the USDA/NRCS offices at 780 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, ORE 97402. His phone number is 541-465-6443 X 108. More information is also available at www.or.nrcs.usda.gov.

Late Summer activities in the Works

Your Lane County board is working on a forest tour for late summer but details are still being planned. This year's Tree Farmer Tour will be on a property out of Creswell. As soon as a date can be firmed up members will be receiving a flyer through the mail.

The next board meeting is set for Tuesday, Sept. 18. Anyone with ideas for tours, classes, workshops, etc. is welcome to contact a board member about attending or passing on the idea to be placed on the agenda.

Invasives raise their (shining) heads!

Apparently a rather pretty but aggressive plant not native to our forests is getting a strong foot hold in our woods. An association member has spotted "shining geranium" as it is commonly called. It forms a tight ground cover crowding out the natives. We welcome information from someone familiar with this problem. English ivy has been showing up out in the woods as well, probably thanks to birds. Late summer/early fall is a great time to do some clean-up! ♦

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Lincoln County News

Upcoming Forestry & Natural Resources Events for 2012

By Jim Reeb

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.

Dave Schmidt Tree Farmer of the Year Tour – July 7
See accompanying article for details of this fun and educational event.

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.

Howdy Neighbor Tour at Gene and Jessie Cooper’s Tree Farm – August 25
See accompanying article for details of this fun and educational event.

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. Contact the Extension Office for the link to agenda and registration forms.

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Your Lincoln County Chapter Presidents Update

By Peter Bergman

The first important event is the July 7th, when we will have the opportunity to visit one of the successful Tree Farms from which we can gain some new ideas and at the same time recognize our Tree Farmer of the year, David Schmidt. Please look for the special announcement on the front page of this edition.

The next big event that we are sponsoring this year is the: Howdy Neighbor Tour and Get Together, August 25th at Gene Cooper’s. Come and see a customized sawmill and showcase tree farm operation and see a tree farm intensively managed for several different options and results and an outdoor furnace house & water heating system, a hands on tree farm, divided into 24 sub management units. This award winning forest is owned and worked since

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**LSWA’s Board is in the process of planning a late summer picnic/gathering on the Bauman Tree Farm, located west of Eugene. The gathering is intended to recognize members and their families, while providing a quality experience for all to gather in a forest and enjoy an extraordinary family tree farm. We will be providing a family meal with opportunities for family games, hikes through the woods, viewing forest management practices and just simply great fun for all. The Bauman tree farm is a quality family tree farm that was Lane County’s Tree Farm of the year in 2010 and has provided exceptional educational benefits to our community. By sponsoring this event it is the board’s hope to bring together member’s families, associates and folks that are interested in promoting our family ownership of forest lands today and into the future. We ask for your support and hope you can attend. Should you have questions feel free to contact one of the committee members. We will be providing follow-up information later this summer.**

**Event Schedule:** Sunday 16 September 2012  
**Time:** 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

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**SECOND SESSION "TIES TO THE LAND" SCHEDULED!**

You have been working and enjoying your tree property for years...but have you spent as much time and effort planning how the land will be passed on to and cared for by the next generation??

This is Succession Planning...

- See how you can maintain family ties to the land from generation to generation
- Build awareness of the key challenges and tools to deal with them
- Clarify your values and goals
- Learn the steps to succession planning
- Learn how to hold effective family meetings
- Learn about legal and financial instruments that can support your plan

Lane SWA and OSU Forestry Extension sold out the Ties to the Land workshop this spring. This 2-part interactive workshop on Succession Planning was such a resounding success that we have scheduled a second one this fall. Dates are October 13, Saturday, 9 -noon and November 3, Saturday, 9-noon at Willamalane Community Center in Springfield: Registration is limited to 25 people so sign up now!

Folks from the first session say:

"What I liked most from this training was it gets the process, the conversations started. I’m now thinking differently about our property’s future."

"I was surprised how little I had thought about what to do with the land."

"I thought it was well worth my time, I just have to keep working on it!"

Registration includes two-session workshop, one Workbook per family, CD and refreshments. $15/person, OSWA members, $25/person, non-OSWA members. Great time to join OSWA (www.oswa.org). E-mail or call Sara Leiman, volunteer, for registration forms bslieman@peak.org, 541-954-8338.  

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Read about & plan to attend the Benton County Tree Farmer of The Year Tour on Wayne & Verlyne Phillips Tree Farm August 18th from 9 AM to 1 PM See Details on the Front Page of this newsletter.

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1947 by a 91 year old husband and his wife still doing most of the work themselves. Learn about beaver, bear and boomer problems and riparian issues. See a sawmill in operation, an active logging operation and free lunch and drinks – all this and more. Mark your calendar.

From Newport or Corvallis go east or west on highway 20 to the Burnt Woods store; turn south for about 2 miles towards Harlan. Watch for the signs, for a day you won’t forget. See you there at 9am for coffee and rolls.

These events hopefully will bring to focus that our success as an industry depends on our ability to use our skills to produce quality timber in an economical way and yet protect our national resources. Having a strong OSWA to represent us in the regulatory process is a key to our ability to continue to do so, helping us to pass legislation to help us preserve our Tree farms for next generations.

Bring a neighbor to these events and we have the new applications for new members to enroll. It is the strength of numbers that gives us a strong voice in the legislature through OSWA so we can Survive.

For further information call a Board Member.
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President’s Corner

Swimming Lessons
A Poem by Steve Otis (with commentary by his dad, Tim)

We, as a community of friends, should share more of our life experiences, I have decided. Not easy to do, I know. After getting past the fear, we still can’t find the words. Most lived experience resists easy description, so we search for metaphor. “That was incredible, it was like” . . . what? Once in a great while, looking back, there is clarity.

I remember, when my son Steve was a child, we wanted to teach him to swim. Kathy and I took him to swimming lessons at the Mount Scott Pool, in southeast Portland. It was there his relationship to water changed from fear to love, and where maybe for the first time he glimpsed the community outside his home. That vivid, twenty something year-old memory feels like yesterday. Flying forward to the present, past his soccer and basketball, zooming through the college years in Los Angeles, teaching in Japan and graduate school and getting married, past the sounds of guitar and poetry thorough all those years to this moment, my son is now living back near the Mount Scott pool, and is my teacher.

Steve recently wrote this poem, following the death of a friend. I offer it to you as a reminder of the joy and ache in life’s great swimming lesson, and as an invitation to dive into life.

Time is the cruelest giver, and the best.
It gives the squeals of childhood and a supple hand for sailing in steady car-window breeze.
It gives bare feet to slap the concrete near the crystal shimmers in the shallows of the old community pool.
And then the generosity blossoms, goes crazy, splashes out.
“You can touch it,” Time says, and you realize the whole thing breathes.
All the world swims around you—elegant, kaleidoscopic, almost choreographed.
You wonder if you can join it—this whole incomprehensible sweep—to dive, careen, embrace, swallow, leap.
You can.
You can.

Meet -Greet -Eat @ Linn County OSWA Picnic

Linn County Chapter will host a picnic at Barbara and Bud Baumgartner’s home on July 28th at 4 PM. It is requested that last names beginning with A - M bring salads and N - Z bring desserts.

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The Ed and Jim Merzenich families ordered up the perfect combination of weather and an outstanding tour to attract over 60 people to their 2012 Linn County Tree Farmer of the Year and Howdy Neighbor tour. After a brief introduction and presentation of their Tree Farm sign by Joe Holmberg, we boarded vehicles to drive to 10 pre-planned stops on the 956-acre property.

At the same time they are performing oak and ponderosa pine restoration projects through planting and some controlled burn operations. They work closely with several private, state and federal agencies to help inventory and obtain grants to help their management opportunities. Wildlife species on the property range from elk and deer to blue birds and the Fender's blue butterfly.

Jim and Ed closely monitor the pine to help prevent the development and spread of the California five-spined ipps beetle. They have found it in their pines in the past and are working hard to eliminate the habitat that encourages the spread of the beetle. They have learned to delay pruning until late fall and to stop pruning by the end of February. This deprives the beetle of material in which to lay eggs and develop into a problem.

The planting of ponderosa pine on the property takes advantage of being able to get a forest started where Douglas-fir growing conditions are not good. They are also taking advantage of the areas of abundant grass forage to allow grazing of cattle. Besides being an extra source of good use of the land, the grazing keeps the grass down and reduces fire fuel in areas near neighboring homes. The grazing also simulates the effects of fire that historically occurred in the oak savanna and meadow areas.

Following the morning tour, we were treated to a great lunch funded by Oregon Forest Resources Institute and prepared by personnel from the Sweet Home School District. Afternoon walking tours were provided to the controlled burn area and to the Fender's blue butterfly habitat location.
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Forest Capital Partner Forester Walt Shields explains why they chose this location for red alder.

Hardwood/Red Alder Workshop

By Jim Reeb

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. On May 8th a small but enthusiastic group was led by OSU Extension Forester Jim Reeb and Forest Capital Partners Forester Walt Shields on a red alder field exercise. We visited a Forest Capital Partners 4-year old red alder plantation that Walt manages. Walt told us that after years of eradicating alder from conifer plantations, he was enjoying the chance to manage some of Forest Capital’s lands for alder plantations. A key message was, although alder was difficult to keep out of some areas, it was very site specific and not that easy to grow in plantation settings. Walt is planning several alder plantations in areas where Douglas-fir would be most susceptible to Swiss Needle Cast disease and believes that in the long run alder will be a great alternative species to Douglas-fir.