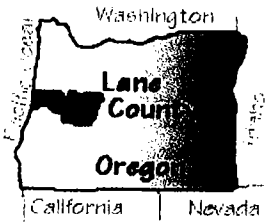


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Report to Lane County Board of Commissioners February 2008

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OSU/Lane County Extension Service (LCE) Staff Chair

Upcoming OSU/Lane County Extension Service Programs/Events

February

- 5 Senior Finance 6-part Series begins
- 7 Pruning Tree Fruits
- 9 Pruning Blueberries, Grapes, Tree Fruits
- 13 Bankruptcy Debtor Education
- 14 Certificate Gardening Series IV~
Backyard Bees
- 19 Pruning Roses
- 23 Worm Bin Composting
- 23 Pruning Tree Fruits
- 25 Pruning Roses
- 28 Certificate Gardening Series Insects
and Integrated Pest Management

March

- 1 Compost Demonstration
- 1 Pruning Roses
- 6 Bankruptcy Debtor Education
- 12 Food Pantry Volunteer Training
- 13 Certificate Gardening Series~
Great Soil
- 14 & 20 Pruning Tree Fruits
- 27 Certificate Gardening Series~
Growing Great Lawns
- 27 Pruning Blooming Ornamentals
- 29 Worm Bin Composting
- 29 Compost Demonstration

April

- 2 & 9 Compost Specialist Training
- 8 Bankruptcy Debtor Education
- 10 Certificate Gardening Series
Diagnosing and Preventing Insects
and Disease
- 12 Compost Demonstration
- 17 Taking Charge of Your Medical Care
- 26 Compost Demonstration

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We're the Lane County office of the OSU Extension Service. We live in Lane County and have served County residents for nearly a century. We help make our community more livable, our economy more vital and our environment more sustainable. **We offer information and learning opportunities that:**

- Help families eat more nutritious meals.
- Focus on preparing and preserving food safely
- Improve water quality and land stewardship.
- Help grow strong families.
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COMMERCIAL HORTICULTURE, HOME GARDENING

Faculty: Ross Penhallegon

Eastern Filbert Blight Prevention

- Extension provides workshops, tours and educational programs 3-6 times annually. For commercial growers.
- Since 2005 only 7 cases of the disease have appeared in Lane County.
- 3,401 acres of Hazelnut (filbert) acreage at in Lane County.
- Extension is informed by growers of possible infestations.
- The disease has NOT been found in 50% of inspections.



Integrated Pest Management

- Growers in the southern valley are provided information about the use of Integrated Pest Management.
- Reduced spray usage and pheromone traps to monitor for insect populations is recommended.
- Growers regularly walk through their orchards to look for problems.
- In the last twelve years, one grower reduced the number of insect spray sessions by four times at \$8,000 per spray.
- Growers in Lane County have significantly reduced the use of fertilizer and pesticides in an effort to protect the groundwater.
- With over 8,000 acres in commercial production and another 5-8,000 acres in small scale production, the minimum cost savings to Lane County growers is over \$1.6 million not including labor, fuel and equipment costs.



Rural Living: Protecting Your Drinking Water

- Melissa Frey, instructor with OSU Extension Service presented Rural Living Basics: Well Water and Septic Systems on January 30, at Coburg City Hall and Harrisburg City Hall. The class was free and open to the public and included free nitrate screening.
- The Rural Living Basics class included how to protect your family's and livestock health, your homestead investments, and the safety of groundwater resources.



Master Gardener—Class of 2007

- 38 volunteers trained.
- Made 51,486 educational contacts.
- Total hours of volunteer service = 14,278 hours.
- There were 115 recertified Master Gardeners.
- Community Outreach: KLCC Radio, Grass-Roots Garden (compost demonstrations, nutrition education, pruning demos) and gardening workshops.

Compost Specialist Program

- 67 active volunteers worked 2,069 hours.
- 3,560 youth reached.
- 130,441 (65.22 tons) of coffee grounds were collected from the "Coffee to Compost Diversion Program."
- 14,995 (7.4 tons) of vegetative waste were diverted to composting through a cooperative program with a local grocery store.

4-H AND SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

Faculty: Carolyn Ashton



Small Animal Show – November 2007

Thank you so much for all the support you have given to 4-H. It has been a wonderful experience for me, and your generosity is much appreciated. This is my last year in 4-H and it's the people like you that kept me being able to come back for the last 9 years. Thanks again.

Thank you so much for sponsoring 4-H. I received Junior Champion Pygmy Doe. She needs some work but looks very nice. This is my third year in this project.



- Sanipac web site posts letters from 4-H youth for sponsoring their fair projects

Teen PAC (older youth) Activities

- Fundraiser for Women Space.
- Planning their Leadership/Community Service Beach Clean up project for the spring.
- County Ambassadors promoting 4-H throughout the county by sharing information in area schools.
- Community radio interviews on KNND in Cottage Grove discussing 4-H projects.

National 4-H Congress

- Two Lane County Youth attended the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta.
- Members write State 4-H resumes which incorporate their leadership, citizenship and community service participation at the county, state, regional and national levels.

Community Action Project Program

- Older youth in 9-12th grade were chosen to participate in a community Action Project Program.
- Youth will receive training, along with youth from eight other counties, to learn how to organize and conduct a community forum to find out what the needs of youth are in Lane County.
- Skills presented include:
 - * *Develop specific skills in youth adult partnerships and community forum planning.*
 - * *Develop important workforce skills in decision making, community leadership, and collaboration.*
 - * *Plan and conduct a forum in their local community*
 - * *Create and implement a community action plan based on what was learned at the forum.*
 - * *Develop an end of program report that details the results of the projects in their local communities.*

Small Animal Show

- 60 youth participated in the Fall Small Animal Show hosted at the OSU/Lane County Extension Service.
- Learned new showmanship and breed techniques, as well as how to work with their animals.

Livestock Nutrition Seminar

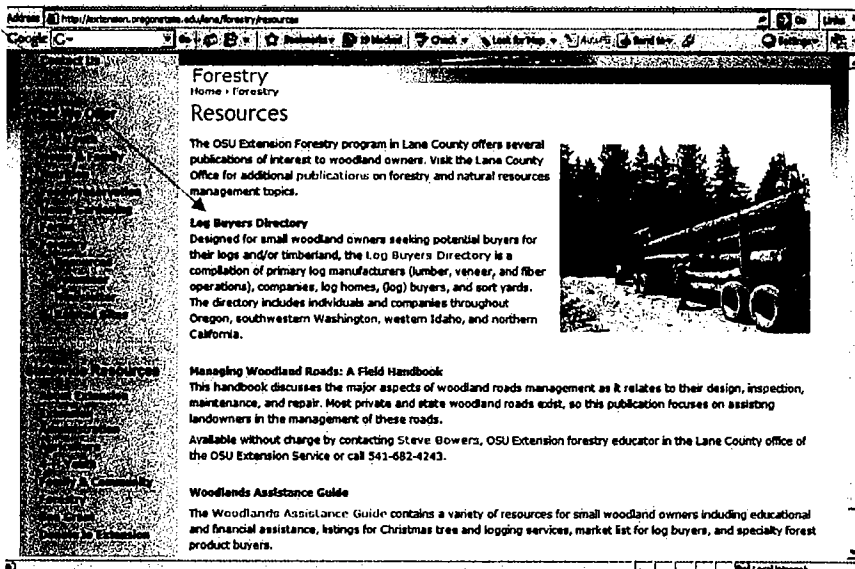
- Presented by OSU/Extension, faculty livestock agent for Douglas and Lane Counties on January 21.
- The subject areas included what is the best optimum feeding program to follow when raising and breeding your livestock animals so that they maintain and grow to the highest market standards.

FORESTRY

Faculty: Steve Bowers

Survey/databases

- *Log Buyers Directory*. Total revision on directory of approximately 150 log buyers consisting of primary manufacturers located in western Oregon, southwest Washington and northern California. Information includes company name and address, log buyer, contact phone numbers, log specifications including species and dimensions. To date, approximately 1,500 hard copy distributions to woodland owners and 15,000 hits on website www.cof.orst.edu/cof/extended/extserv/log



Teaching aids

- Ponds 101 PowerPoint presentation with handouts (19 displays).

Grants

- \$13,000. US Forest Service Cooperative Programs. 3rd printing for 1,000 copies of the "Managing Woodland Roads: A Field Handbook."

Seminars and other activities

- In October, Forest Field Day at Pleasant Hill Middle School: Forest Measurements.
- OSU Extension Service, Extension Circular 1607: "Tariff Access Tables: A Comprehensive Set" updated.

A Master Woodland Manager (MWM)

- A qualified small family forest landowner (small woodland owners) who receives specialized training from the OSU Extension Service Forestry Program.
- This instruction helps each MWM become an effective volunteer and community leader
- All MWM participants receive approximately 85 hours of free training in subject areas ranging from management planning, ecology, and forest inventory methods to silviculture, wildlife, and watersheds.
- In return, Master Woodland Managers provide in-kind service through various volunteer activities.
- After completing the training program, a MWM is able to help neighbors with basic forestry planning and decision-making processes, offer guidance, and point them to local sources of assistance.



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (FCD)

Faculty: Susan Busler and Nellie Oehler

Family & Finance—Susan Busler

Community involvement

- Appointed to Senior and Disabled Services Advisory Committee as a community liaison
- Represents Extension on the Vulnerable Populations Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Partnering with: United Way Financial Stability Committee, Amplification Subcommittee and Youth Education Subcommittee

Financial Management for Retired Seniors

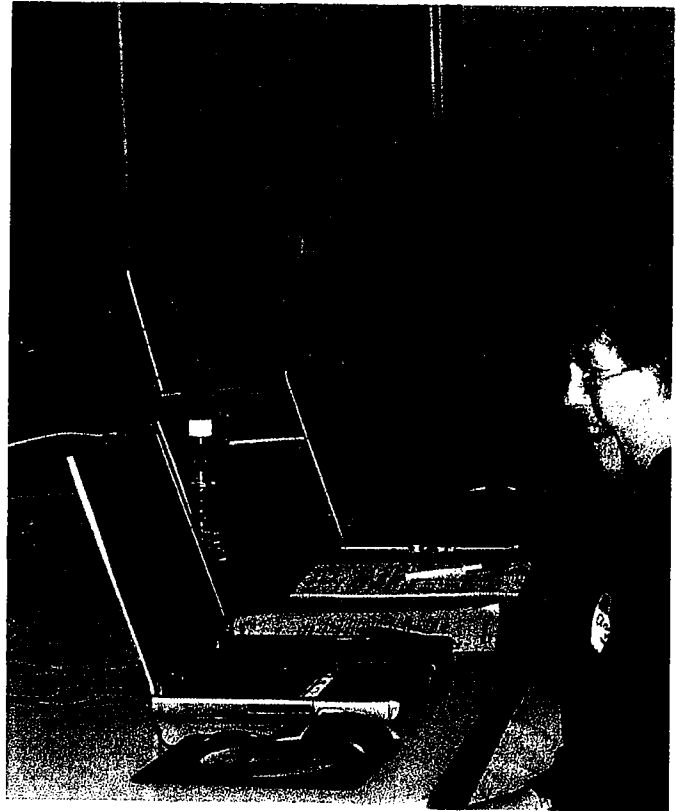
- Don't Let Your Golden Years be Tarnished Senior Finance Series, Tuesdays (Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 & March 4, 11)

ESP

- Received the National Distinguished Service Award for the Western Region at the National Extension Association.

Web Training

- 22 older adults attended a two-hour class offering a basic introduction to computers, instruction on how to navigate the web, use search engines and learn about helpful web sites.



Family Food Education/Master Food Preservers (FFE/MFP)—Nellie Oehler

Family Food Education/Master Food Preservers

- 64 active volunteers who volunteered 5,956 hours, assisted county residents by providing information on nutrition, food safety and food preservation.
- Food safety has been consistently in the news the past few months and the OSU/Lane County Extension Service FFE/MFP program has been a reliable source of information through our local and state-wide food preservation/food safety hotline and the holiday hotlines.

This past winter the MFP volunteers hosted a successful open house in collaboration with the Slow Foods Association.

NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM (NEP)

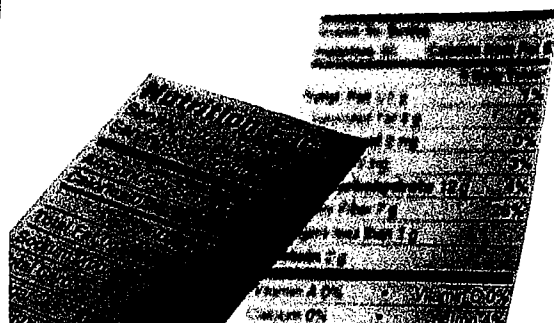
Faculty: Charlotte Riersgard, Karren Cholewinski and Dana Baxter

WIC Nutrition Education Instruction

- Since 2001 NEP has contracted with Lane County WIC to teach monthly English and Spanish language (variable topic) lessons.
- WIC class evaluations continue to reflect positive intentions to change behaviors related to a healthy diet, feeding young children, safe food handling practices, basic cooking skills and more.
- WIC Program Class Instruction—1,172 adults participated July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007.

OFNP & EFNEP – Fiscal Year Report

- Federal funds received for the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) and the Oregon Family Nutrition Program (OFNP).
- 2008, new collaborative projects are in place with Springfield Public Schools.
- In-school nutrition classes are held at Page Elementary and two-four week family events will pilot in February and April.
- Two of the family learning events will be for Spanish speaking families only.



**Nutrition Education Program
Oct. 1, 06 through Sept. 30, 07**

Program Type	Adults (Persons in Family)	Youth	Events/ Visits
EFNEP	137 (496)	54	
OFNP	791 (2,096)	2,151	
NEP Personnel Outreach	1,299	9,690	69
Food Pantry Project	9,658	1,006	244

Community Partners and/or Agencies:

Head Start - Bethel, Howard & Florence.

DHS - Florence, Springfield Main Street Center, McKenzie Center & West 11th Family Center.

Eugene - FOOD for Lane County, Eugene District 4-J – After School Programs & Family Resource Centers, WIC, Metropolitan Affordable Housing, Laurel Hill Center, St. Vincent de Paul-Second Chance Renter's Rehabilitation Program, Willamette Family Treatment Center, Committed Partners for Youth, Eugene Parks, Looking Glass, Lane Family Connections, Shelter Care.

Florence - Options Counseling Center.

Junction City - Viking Sal Senior Center.

Springfield - Willamalane Parks & Recreation, Springfield Public Schools – After School Program & Family Resource Centers.

Community Locations for Classes:

Eugene-Royal Oaks Mobile Park (Bethel Area), Lane County Extension Service office.

Springfield-Aquarius Apartments & Springfield Lutheran Church.

Schools:

Cottage Grove Schools - Bohemia Elementary, Harrison Elementary & Kennedy Alternative High School.

Eugene Schools - Adams, César Chávez, Harris, Howard & River Road Elementary Schools, Opportunity Center, Serbu Education Center, Martin Luther King Education Center.

Florence School – Siuslaw West Alternative.

Springfield Schools - Guy Lee, Riverbend, Page, Douglas Gardens, Mt. Vernon, Moffitt, Centennial, Maple & Brattain Elementary Schools, Springfield Middle School, Hamlin Middle School & Agnes Stewart Middle School.