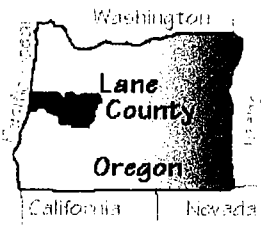


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Report to Lane County Board of Commissioners September 2006

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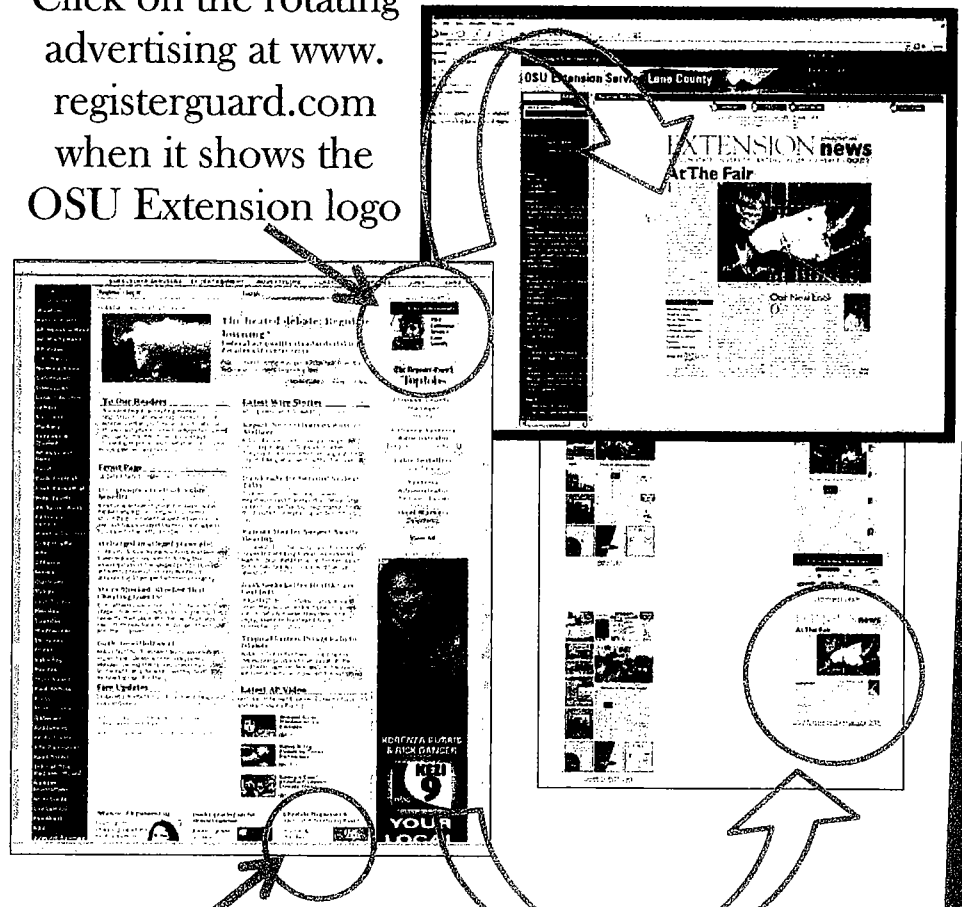
Upcoming

OSU/Lane County
Extension Service
Programs/Events

- Food Faire:**
September 16
- Free Compost Workshops:**
Sept. 30, Matthews Garden
Oct. 14, GrassRoots Garden
Nov. 11, GrassRoots Garden
- Worm Bin Composting:**
September 30
October 28
- Well Water Clinic:**
September 7
October 5
November 9
- Women's Financial Work-
shop:**
October 4, 11, 18 & 25
- 4-H New Leader Training:**
September 13
October 3
November 16
- Forestry Fall Woods Tour:**
September 23
- Extension at the Home Show:**
October 12-15
- Private Pesticide Applicator
Training:**
December 7

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4-H AND SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

Faculty: Carolyn Ashton and Sara Miller



June, 2006

Horse Pre-Fair: June 2 - 4, Oregon Horse center. Approximately 110 youth from Lane County's Extension 4-H Horse Program participated in gaming and performance events, as well as educational workshops.

Oregon 4-H Summer Conference: June 22-25, 30 members of the Lane County Extension 4-H Program in the 7-12th grade, attended the "Summer Conference" event at Oregon State University. Members participated in educational classes, interviewed for National Congress and competed for a position on the State 4-H Ambassador Team. Two Lane County Extension 4-H members were selected to attend National 4-H Congress – Jen Mosier, Coburg and Rico Ramos, Junction City.

Public Libraries: 4-H staff and 4-H members teamed up to attend three separate public library children's story times (downtown, Coburg Road branch, and Danebo branch). They brought in a pygmy goat and read a story to pre-school children. This provided a learning memory for both the 4-H members and future members.

July, 2006

4-H Youth Fair: "Youth of Today, Leaders of Tomorrow 2006" 4-H Fair was held from Monday, July 17- Saturday, July 23. This event gave youth from all parts of Lane County the opportunity to have their exhibits judged and to compete for the chance to be named "champion" in their chosen project area. This year at the 4-H/FFA Youth Fair:

- ◆ There were over 4,000 project entries.
- ◆ Approximately 550 youth participated.



4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

August, 2006

4-H Camp Held August 7 – 11: 60 Lane County youth, grades 3-6, participated in 4-H Camp at the Oregon 4-H Conference and Education Center in Salem.

Programs offered included: food and nutrition, forestry, fire safety, paper making, fish printing, reptile studies & mammal studies, arts and crafts, canoeing, tree swings, swimming and nature hikes.

Evaluations indicate that campers gained:

- ◆ a higher level of independence
- ◆ new friendships with other campers
- ◆ role model qualities represented by the camp staff
- ◆ new skills
- ◆ a heightened level of self-esteem
- ◆ an increased level of appreciation of nature & the outdoors

Oregon State Fair: Approximately 125 4-H Members were chosen to exhibit at the Oregon State Fair, August 25 - September 4!

September, 2006

4-H School Enrichment: A 4-H School Enrichment catalog highlighting 4-H curricula, will be available from our OSU/ Lane County Extension Service lending library, as well as curricula available for purchase, will be distributed to each teacher in Lane County.

COMMERCIAL HORTICULTURE, HOME GARDENING

Faculty: Ross Penhallegon and Assistant: Pat Patterson

New Horticulture

Proficiency Program:

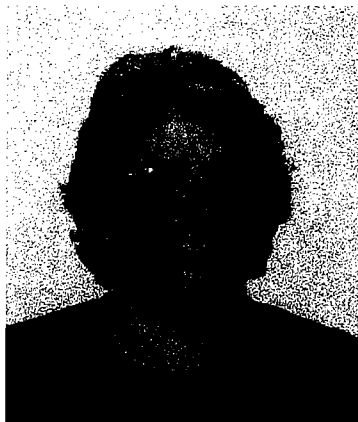
This year we are making a special offer to people who work in the commercial arena of horticulture. For an additional fee, businesses can send employees through the Master Gardener program without the volunteer hours attached as a requirement. This is a pilot project and we believe it will be beneficial to both commercial establishments and to our program, the more trained Master Gardeners we have serving the public the more research based information is provided.

Award:

The OSU/Lane County Extension pruning classes received state recognition at the Oregon Master Gardener Association meeting. Pruning Specialists received a check for \$100 in recognition as one of the three Search for Excellence awards



Busy Season! Questions coming into the local Extension office for commercial horticulture are averaging over 50 per day.



Volunteer

Spot Light:

Patty Driscoll, local Master Gardener was named Volunteer of the Month for The Register Guard Community Solutions. Patty was also selected for the prestigious Oregon Master Gardener of the Year for service to Oregon State University and the gardening community in Oregon.

Master Gardeners:

The class of 2006 has successfully completed their class work and are volunteering energetically answering hundreds of daily phone calls and helping with hundreds of walk-in customers.



Each Master Gardener donates 66-hours of volunteer service by providing education leadership to the community in home gardening and landscaping. Master Gardeners help Extension fulfill the educational outreach mission.

Budget:

Funding for the horticulture assistant was reduced due to budget constraints. We responded to the OSU/College of Agriculture's call for priority staff needs and presented justification. The OSU/College of Agriculture has agreed to assist with funding for the local horticulture program assistant position for one year. Meanwhile, the local horticulture program and Master Gardener organization are working to identify future funding.

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FORESTRY

Faculty: Steve Bowers

Conferences and Workshops:

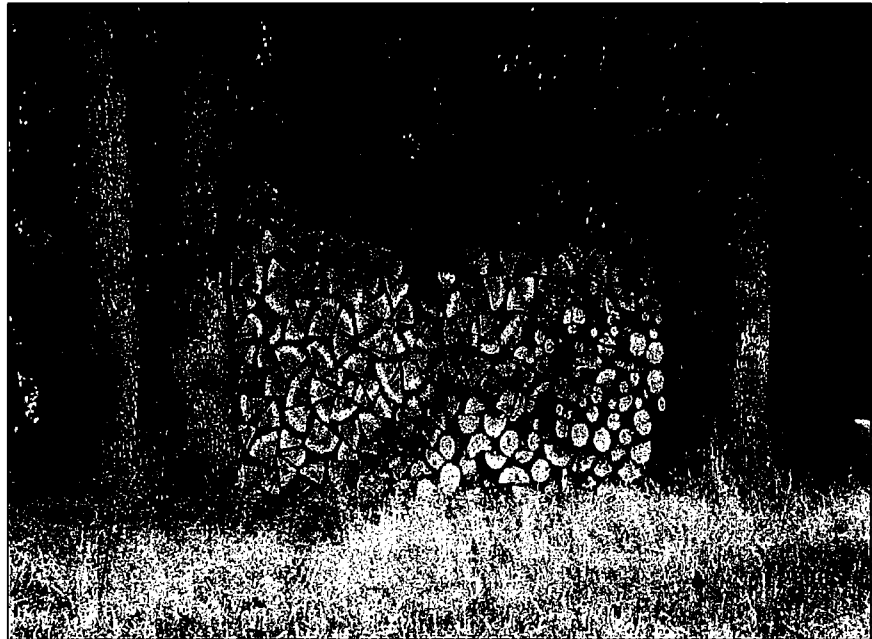
- ◆ *Merchandising ponderosa pine: Eastside vs. Westside.* (Harrisburg, July)
- ◆ Master Woodland Manager (MWM): Timber Harvesting & Marketing module. (Baker City, July)
- ◆ Cruise, Fall, Buck & Scale. (Philomath, April)
- ◆ A Woodland Tour. Rick Fletcher, Forestry Extension agent. (Scio, June)
- ◆ Western Regional Tree Farmer of the Year tour. Intensive Forestry. (Eugene, July)
- ◆ Forest Field Day. Siuslaw Middle School: Forest Measurements. (Florence, May)
- ◆ Tree School EAST. Managing Your Timber Sale. (LaGrande, April)
- ◆ Tree School EAST. Managing Woodland Roads: A Field Handbook. (LaGrande, April)

Grants

- ◆ \$10,000. Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI). Second printing of the Managing Woodland Roads: A Field Handbook.

Newsletters: Guest Column

- ◆ *Northwest Woodlands (NW)*. Tips From The Treeman, a 1-page educational and entertaining question and answer column. Each issue contains 2 to 4 topics derived from letters, emails, personal conversations, and/or editor's license on questions regarding various forestry topics. *NW* is a quarterly publication. Summer Edition.
- ◆ Editor/Designer/Writer of the *Lane Woodland News*: a 12-page newsletter dedicated to woodland owners in Lane County, 2006 Summer Issue. Distribution: approximately 900.



Peer Reviewed Publications

- ◆ Bowers, Steve, Bobb Parker. OSU Extension Service. Extension Circular 1158: *Logging Woodland Properties*. 8 pages.

Up Coming Event

- ◆ Fall Woods Tour, Upper Camp Creek property of the 2006 Lane County Tree Farmers of the Year ~ Charles and Margaret Volz.
 - Saturday, September 23, 2006
 - 9:00 a.m.-noon
 - Marcola Road and Upper Camp Creek Rd.

View what can be done in 14 years on 65 acres of forest property with a history of high-grade selective cutting when it was purchased. Now the property has 5-13 year old, well-stocked mostly Douglas fir stands.

The Tree Farmer of the Year is selected by a committee of your local Lane Chapter of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA).

We will endeavor to provide public accessibility to services, programs, and activities for people with disabilities. If accommodation is needed to participate at any meeting, please contact the ADA Coordinator at the Lane County office of OSU Extension Service at 682-4243 or 1-800-872-8980 at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (FCD)

Faculty: Susan Busler and Nellie

Mold Education

- ◆ Lane County Extension received an Innovative Grant from OSU Extension to implement educational programs, for professionals and consumers, on mold assessment and remediation.



- ◆ OSU Extension Service will collaborate with several mold experts and public agencies to coordinate an all-day streaming video conference geared for professionals in the housing, building and health trades, and a series of evening workshops for homeowners, renters and facility managers.
- ◆ A staff in-service training will be provided via poly-com and will include a resource notebook staff responding to consumer questions.
- ◆ We continue to pursue additional grant funding to supplement the budget with the intent to create a sustainable program in mold education. Lane County Extension receives nearly 300 mold consumer calls a year.

Summer Activities

- ◆ Classes were provided for the Second Chance Renter's Rehabilitation Program sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul. Every eight weeks, Susan teaches the session on "Managing Your Money before Your Debt Manages You."
- ◆ The OSU/Lane County Extension Service Family Food Educators/Master Food Preservers (FFE/MFP) staff the statewide hotline this year. Volunteers from Lane and Douglas County staff the hotline from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday through mid October.

More Activities

- ◆ Over 60% of the consumer calls received at Lane County Extension are about food safety. The trained volunteers provide an excellent service to the entire state to help prevent food-borne illness.
- ◆ Lane County Extension is the only place in the county that home canners can have their pressure gauges tested for safety. With two reported cases of Botulism in the county in the past few years, this free service is essential.
- ◆ This summer Family Food Educators (FFE)/Master Food Preservers (MFP) were at the Lane County Fair presenting 3-4 demonstrations each day. They also staffed booths at the Western Oregon Exposition and Lane County Farmers Market.
- ◆ By special invitation the FFE/MFPs put on a special display and demonstration at the 100th birthday of the Masonic celebration. They also had a display and demo at the Doris Ranch Living History weekend.
- ◆ An all-day hands-on workshop is planned for mid September for beginning preservers to learn safe methods of preserving produce. Demos include canning wild game meat, tuna and freezing convenience foods too. Last years participants indicated a yearly savings from



Children also learn preserving at the Food Faire.

\$10-\$300 and most felt they were serving their families more nutritious foods.

- ◆ FFE/MFPs serve as food pantry volunteers visiting several sites helping in the development of recipes for the underused foods that are available.

NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM (NEP)

Faculty: Charlotte Riersgard, Karren Cholewinski and Dana Baxter

WE CAN! pilot project a national success!



In July 2006, the Lane Coalition of Healthy Active Youth (LCHAY) was notified that the

Lane County Ways to Enhance Children's Activity & Nutrition (WE CAN!) pilot program site had tied with Boston, MA for attendance. Per capita, Lane County holds the honor for having the highest participation in this pilot project.

Free swimming, food and childcare were provided while parents participated in the educational sessions. WE CAN! originated from a grant opportunity through collaboration with LCHAY. The Lane County program was one of 18 piloted in the nation. Parents crowded into the classroom promptly at 7 p.m. every Tuesday night for four weeks. Children swam or played, then ate a snack with parents at the end of the evenings session. Every lesson focused on healthy family food on a budget and ways of moving more, sitting less, and reducing television, computer and video game "screen time."

This was one of the first collaborations of its kind in Lane County. The city of Eugene Parks & Recreation Services, Willamalane Parks & Recreation, The Emerald Valley Boys & Girls Club and the OSU/Lane County Extension Service Nutrition Education Program all worked together to successfully



Children are taught to make health, fun snacks with Extension Service instructor

provide class sites, participant incentives, nutrition education instructors and tools for active healthy living.

Nearly 50 adults graduated from the Lane County pilot program and about 65 children participated in the swimming and childcare.

The next WE CAN! Series will be offered in the fall.



Enrollment	Adult	Youth
OFNP	256	881
EFNEP	54	299
Out Reaches and/or Single Events		
WIC	297	
WIC @ Farmer's Market	137	67
Food Pantries	2,847	292
DHS	32	
Community Partners and/or Agencies	9	704
School Events	37	2,317
Totals	3,669	4,560