

Trees: 'A lot of people got burned in the last decade'

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In terms of supply, the shortage isn't so severe that retailers will end up with empty tree lots, said Betty Malone, co-owner of Sunrise Tree Farm near Philomath.

"I think everybody will get something, just maybe not the species or size they want," Malone said.

Much of the is shortage was caused by farmers getting out of the tree business during the recent glut, which suppressed prices, she said.

Between 2010 and 2015, the number of Christmas tree growers dropped more than 30 percent, from 699 to 485, according to Oregon Department of Agriculture data.

Fewer trees

Tree sales in Oregon plummeted 26 percent during that time, from 6.4 million trees to 4.7 million trees, according to a survey by U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Meanwhile farmers were planting fewer trees than they were selling.

About 3.7 million trees were planted in 2015, down from 5.6 million in 2010, according to the statistics service.

"A lot of people got burned in the last decade," said Casey Grogan, whose family

owns Silver Bells Christmas Tree Farm near Silverton.

Planting Christmas trees has also appealed to fewer farmers due to growth in alternative crops, such as hazelnuts and grape vines, Grogan said.

Grogan said he is worried that high prices could push some consumers toward artificial trees, but he said growers need to recoup years of losses.

"There's ground to make up financially for people who stuck it out through the oversupply," he said. "We need higher prices to stay in the game."

Drakes Crossing Christmas Trees, which also grows seedlings, is cautiously increasing production as the industry's financial outlook improves, said Jan Hupp, its manager.

"We're not going whole hog, but we are doing it," Hupp said.

With few seedlings in the pipeline, it's unlikely the Christmas tree industry will face another major surplus until 2025, he said.

However, the industry will likely again swing into overproduction eventually, Hupp said.

"Name a single commodity crop that doesn't have a cycle like that," he said. "It's going to be good for a while, but not forever."

Land conservancy to hold one-day tree sale

Buying tree supports restoration goals

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SEASIDE — Dreaming of a "green" Christmas? The North Coast Land Conservancy is selling trees from Boneyard Ridge Habitat Reserve 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 4.

"The trees look really beautiful," the conservancy's Stewardship Director Melissa Reich said. "It will be a cool opportunity for people who want to feel good about where their trees come from this holiday season."

The trees will be from a stand of young firs that the conservancy is thinning to create a healthy forest on Boneyard Ridge. The property, acquired by the conservancy in July, is a former commercial tree farm.

"They planted to maximize timber production," Reich said. "Our goal is to create an old-growth forest in the future. We need to thin the trees down so that they will grow faster and not compete with each other."

After the holidays, the conservancy requests that people return their Boneyard Ridge trees to the Circle Creek Conservation Center. The

returned trees will be placed in waterways at Boneyard Ridge or Circle Creek, where they will serve as refuge for juvenile coho salmon and contribute to the food chain for coho and other wildlife.

"We're doing large-scale restoration on Circle Creek so we can add them to the creek or some of the off-channel wetlands," Reich said. "It helps create more structure and shade, and the nutrients break down. It's good for amphibians and fish."

The conservancy requests a donation of \$100 for each tree. These donations and the trees' eventual use as habitat will help support the conservancy's restoration work.

Trees will be sold at the conservancy's Circle Creek Conservation Center in Seaside. Most trees are noble firs, about 5 feet tall or higher, with sturdy branches and an airy structure. Some grand firs may be available. Trees will be freshly cut the previous day, and it is encouraged to come early for the best selection.

Circle Creek Conservation Center is at the end of Rippet Road in Seaside, on the west side of U.S. 101, one-seventh of a mile north of the junction with U.S. 26. Follow the road west and north a short distance, passing a gravel quarry on your left, to where it ends at the big barn.

Workers load Christmas trees onto a truck at Noble Mountain Tree Farm near Salem in this file photo. Farmers are reporting a tree shortage that has driven up prices this year.

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TV LISTINGS

Evening listings
TUESDAY

TUESDAY EVENING		A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach											NOVEMBER 15	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Middle (N)	Am. Housewife (N)	Fresh Off-Boat (N)	Real O'Neals (N)	David Blaine: Beyond Magic (N)		KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Middle (N)	Am. Housewife (N)	Fresh Off-Boat (N)	Real O'Neals (N)	David Blaine: Beyond Magic (N)		KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
5	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Voice "The Live Top 12 Eliminations" (N)	This Is Us (N)	Chicago Fire "I Held Her Hand" (N)		KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show			
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Home of the Brave" (N)	Bull "Bedside Manner" (N)	NCIS: New Orleans "One Good Man" (N)		KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert			
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Home of the Brave" (N)	Bull "Bedside Manner" (N)	NCIS: New Orleans "One Good Man" (N)		KIRO 7 News	(35) S. Colbert			
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at Seven	Inside Edition	Voice "The Live Top 12 Eliminations" (N)	This Is Us (N)	Chicago Fire "I Held Her Hand" (N)		KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show			
9	KRCW	(9) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Flash "Shade" (N)	No Tomorrow (N)	KGW News at 10	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother			
10	KOPB	(10) Ask-Old House	Nightly Business	PBS NewsHour		Black America Since MLK: And Still I Rise "Out of the Shadows/ Move on Up" (N)		Soundbreak "Painting With Sound" (N)		SpeakEasy				
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Brooklyn 99 (N)	New Girl (N)	Scream "Chanel Pour Homme-icide" (N)		11 O'Clock News		2 Broke Girls		
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	Scream "Chanel Pour Homme-icide" (N)		Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad	Cleveland Show	
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Brooklyn 99 (N)	New Girl (N)	Scream "Chanel Pour Homme-icide" (N)		Q13 News at 10		Q13 News	The Simpsons	
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)	Friends	
22	KZJQ	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends	Friends	
29	ESPN	(29) Football Playoff	NCAA Basketball	Champions Classic Duke vs. Kansas (L)		SportsCenter	Fantasy FB (N)	NFL Live (N)		SportsCenter	The day's news in the world of sports.	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	
30	ESPN2	(30) (4:00) NCAA Football (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	Fantasy FB (N)	NFL Live (N)		Fantasy Football	Jalen & Jacoby (N)	Fantasy Football	Jalen & Jacoby	
31	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Paradise Run (N)	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	Eaton's Megalife	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends	
32	DISN	(32) Bizaardvark	Girl Meets World	Liv Maddie Cali	Liv Maddie Cali	MECH-X4	K.C. Undercover	Bunk'd	Stuck in Middle	The Lodge	Bizaardvark	Stuck in Middle	K.C. Undercover	
34	FAM	(34) (5:30) ★★ How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days	(03) Matthew McConaughey.	Ben & Lauren "Relationship Retreat" (N)		Ben & Lauren "Relationship Retreat" (N)		Ben & Lauren: Happily Ever After? (N)		Ben & Lauren "Relationship Retreat"		The 700 Club		
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) Lone Survivor Mark Wahlberg.	(20) ★★ Lone Survivor (2014, Action)	Taylor Kitsch, Emile Hirsch, Mark Wahlberg.		Taylor Kitsch, Emile Hirsch, Mark Wahlberg.		Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (10, Dra) Shia LaBeouf, Carey Mulligan, Michael Douglas.						
36	LIFE	(36) Dance Moms		Dance Moms		Dance Moms: Dance and Chat		Dance Moms (N)		Dance Moms		To Be Announced		
38	ROOT	(38) (4:30) NCAA Basketball Wisconsin vs. Creighton (L)		Champions Tennis Legends PowerShares Series		Crashed Ice		Mark Few		NCAA Football UC Davis vs. Montana State				
39	F51	(39) (5:30) NCAA Basketball Wisconsin vs. Creighton (L)		College FB Extra		Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports (N)	Speak for Yourself		(55) FIFA Soccer U-20 World Cup Japan vs. Spain Women's Group B (L)				
43	SPIKE	(43) Ink Master "Head Games"		Ink Master		Ink Master "Duck and Cover Up"		Ink Master "Road to the Finale"		Ink Master "Heavy Lifting" (N)		Ink Master (N)	Ink Master	
44	COM	(44) Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Drunk History (N)		The Daily Show (N) @midnight		
45	HIST	(45) Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	(05) Motors	(35) Motors	(05) Counting Cars		
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Life Snatched"		Intervention "Sonia and Julia"		Intervention "Daniel/ Robert"		Intervention		(10) Intervention		(20) The First 48	(40) The First 48	
47	TLC	(47) OutDaughtered "Quintuple Trouble"		OutDaughtered	Counting On (N)	Counting On (N)		OutDaughtered (N)		To Be Announced		(05) Counting On		
48	DISC	(48) Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners (N)		Moonshiners "Rebel Spirits" (SP) (N)		(05) Homicide Hunter (N)		(05) Moonshiners "Rebel Spirits"		
49	NGEO	(49) Life Below Zero "The Confrontation"		Life Below Zero "Blindsided"		Life Below Zero "River of Rage"		Life Below Zero "Head Above Water"		Continents of the World "Antarctica"		Mars "Novo Mundo"		
50	TNT	(50) ★★ Star Wars: Episode VI: Return of the Jedi (1983, Adventure) Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, Mark Hamill.		Good Behavior (N)		Behavi. "Only the Best for Mrs. Diaz"				Good Behavior				
51	AMC	(51) (4:30) ★★ Armageddon (1998, Adventure) Liv Tyler, Ben Affleck, Bruce Willis.		★ Ender's Game (2013, Sci-Fi) Abigail Breslin, Harrison Ford, Asa Butterfield.				★ Predators (2010, Sci-Fi) Topher Grace, Adrien Brody.						
52	USA	(52) (5:30) ★★ G.I. Joe: Retaliation (13) Dwayne Johnson, Channing Tatum.		WWE Smackdown! WWE superstars do battle in long-running rivalries. (N)				Shooter "Point of Impact" (P) (N)		Salt (2010, Action) Angelina Jolie.				
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Firefighter Chefs"		Chopped "First Responders"		Chopped Junior "Thanks Kidding" (N)		Chopped Junior		Chopped "Turkey Day Heroes"		Chopped		
54	HGTV	(54) Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer "School Spirit Spurs Home Search"		House Hunters (N) House Hunters (N)		Fixer Upper		
56	FX	(56) ★★ The Vow (2012, Drama) Channing Tatum, Sam Neill, Rachel McAdams.		The Fault in Our Stars (2014, Drama) Ansel Elgort, Willem Dafoe, Shailene Woodley.								The Fault in Our Stars		
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		
58	FNC	(58) The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly		Hannity		On the Record		
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		The Profit in Cuba (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit in Cuba		Paid Program	Paid Program	
63	BRVA	(63) Below Deck "One Less Fish in the Sea"		Below Deck "The Sea Was Angry"		Below Deck		Below Deck (N)		Below Deck		WatchWhat (N)	Vanderpump Rules	
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) The Candidate Robert Redford.		★★★ Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939) Jean Arthur, James Stewart.		(15) ★★ The Best Man (1964, Drama) Cliff Robertson, Lee Tracy, Henry Fonda.						(15) Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream...		
65	SYFY	(65) (5:00) You're Next (11) Sharni Vinson.		★★ Jeepers Creepers 2 (2003, Horror) Jonathan Breck, Nicki Aycox, Ray Wise.		Channel Zero "Welcome Home" (SF) (N) Aftermath (N)						Lake Placid vs. Anaconda		
102	RFD	(102) (5:30) Cattlemen	LandLeader TV	Horse. "Headshy: A Fundamental Fix"	Chris Cox	Rural Eve. News	Ag PhD	Cattlemen to Cattlemen		LandLeader TV		Product Showcase		



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