Business Notes

Family Forestlands group will get updates from Board of Forestry

The Committee for Family Forestlands, an advisory group to the Oregon Board of Forestry, will meet at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 13, at the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) Administration Bldg. D, Sunpass Conference Room, 2600 State Street, Salem. The meeting is open to the public.

An overview of an ODF Dynamic Ecosystems work plan that will be presented to the Board of Forestry in July, will be discussed by ODF forest ecologist Andrew Yost. The plan will help further dialogue about how dynamic forest processes, such as natural debris flow disturbances, for example, should be considered when developing natural resource policies and management strategies.

An update on House Bill 3616, a proposed Stewardship Agreement statute, will be provided by Lanny Quackenbush, ODF Private and Community Forests Program operations unit manager. The bill broadly directs the Oregon Department of Agriculture and ODF to create stewardship agreements that encourage and reward landowners who are taking measures to protect water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, etc., beyond what is required by law. A steering committee representing the interests of various landowners, agencies and organizations has been formed to help develop the program.

An update will also be provided on two issue papers being developed to clarify the statutory obligations the Board of Forestry has in developing new forest practice rules relating to water quality protection and standards. This will help the Board complete the water protection rule revision process started by the Forest Practices Advisory Committee in 1999.

Anyone requiring special accommodations should contact Gail Barnhart at least two work days in advance at 503-945-7378 or by text telephone 503-45-7213, or by e-mail at <gbarnhart@odf.state.or.us>.

Report now available on Oregon timber harvest from 1849 to 2004

The Oregon Department of Forestry has released a report chronicling timber harvests in the state over the past 150 years. "Oregon's Timber Harvests: 1849-2004" displays the annual statewide harvests in graphical and tabular form for the entire period, as well as providing county-level information from 1925-2004.

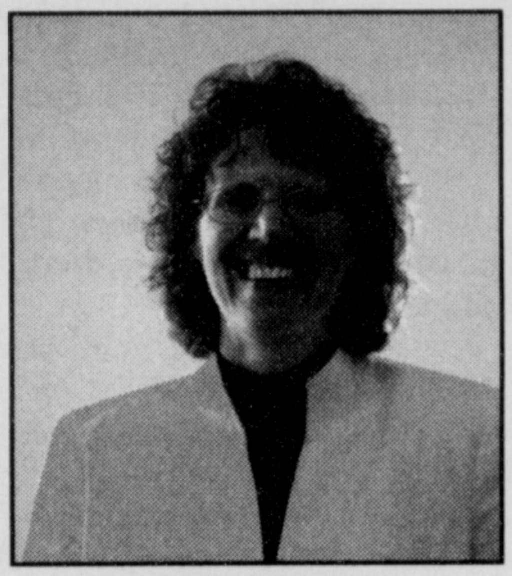
The report is an update and enhancement of the 1994 publication, "History of Oregon's Timber Harvests and/or Lumber Production," by Bob Bourhill.

Oregon's forests have sustained its residents for more than 150 years, beginning with the first-known sawmill built west of the Mississippi River in 1827 near Fort Vancouver. With little use for timber, settlers in the area at first viewed the forests as a hindrance, and they aimed to clear-cut the land for agriculture. But in 1849 wealthy farmers began to build homes of sawed lumber instead of constructing log cabins, and the lumber industry took off. By 1900, lumber had assumed a major role in the state's economy.

Harsh times followed, including the Great Depression and the lumber market crisis of the 1930s, the rise and fall of timber harvest on federal lands, and the housing crisis of the 1980s. These events changed the timber industry in Oregon, but the state remains the leader in log production in the U.S. today.

An electronic copy of "Oregon's Timber Harvests: 1849-2004" is available on the Department of Forestry's Resources Planning website, <http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/STATE_FORESTS/FRP/Charts.shtml>. To request a hard copy of the document, contact Gary Lettman, 503-945-7408, <glettman@odf.state.or.us>. Content-related questions about the report should be directed to Lettman, forest economist with the department.

Pam Weller named Wauna branch head



Pam Weller

Wauna Federal Credit Union has announced the appointment of Pam Weller as manager of the Vernonia Branch.

Weller has a strong background in bookkeeping with her husband's business, has been a customer service representative in the financial business arena and has also owned her own business. She and her family have been a part of the Vernonia community for 25 years. Wauna Federal Credit Union invites you to stop by the Vernonia branch to meet Weller and the rest of the staff.

Former Vernonia Branch Manager Brandi Page has been appointed as the new Teller Supervisor in the Clatskanie Branch. Page, who has been with Wauna Federal Credit Union for seven years, began at the Clatskanie Branch in June of 1998 and transferred to Vernonia in June of 2003 as branch manager.

Page is also the Certified IRA Specialist for the entire Credit Union. She handles training for staff as well as IRA transactions for members. She is a graduate of the Ford Foundation Community Leadership Program where she is involved with a Vernonia community project. She also has an associate degree in Business Management and is a graduate of the Rex Johnson School of Lending.

Other personnel changes include bringing Angela Sidlo to Wauna as Marketing Specialist, from her recent position as marketing director for Ag-Bag International. Sidlo's background includes 15 years in advertising and marketing layout, design and sales, plus experience in web development and promotion for small business development.

Brandi Page

Additionally, Liz Umphfres has been promoted to Teller Supervisor at the Warrenton Branch, Karen Lempea has been appointed as the new Branch Manager for Warrenton and Stephanie Sievers has been promoted to Astoria Branch Manager.

New chapter starts for Dairy Women

The Oregon Dairy Women's Association now has a chapter in Columbia County. Membership is open to those with an interest in promoting dairy products and raising funds for scholarships to young people linked to the dairy industry.

Visitors to the Columbia County Fair can learn more about the group by stopping at their booth in the Ag building, where they will be serving milk shakes and floats during the fair.

Membership dues are $7.00 a year. To become a Columbia County Dairy Woman, contact Diane Larson at 503-397-0418, Pam Heimuller at 503-397-0623, or Bonnie Laica at 503-556-2234.