

Don't miss the CCSWA Tree Sale, March 12

With spring on the way, it is time for property owners and others to consider purchasing and planting some trees, plants, or shrubs. Columbia County Small Woodlands Association (CCSWA) will be holding its 13th Annual Tree Sale on Saturday, March 12, at the Lawrence Oil parking lot in St. Helens, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The site is easily accessed from Hwy 30 and is north of the major traffic lights in St. Helens.

There are 19 species of seedlings available at a cost ranging from \$1.00 to \$3.50. The mostly bareroot deciduous and evergreen seedlings can be bought individually, while some can be purchased in bag quantities. For the first time, Pacificyew will be available, and the Association has doubled its supply of red flowering currant for this season. Other species included are Improved "Elite" Douglas fir, Colorado spruce, Sugar maple, Dawn redwood, Oregon ash, Coastal redwood, Sourwood, Port Orford cedar, Grand fir, Incense cedar, Red Japanese maple, Noble fir, Purple smoke tree, Ponderosa pine, Western red cedar, Serbian spruce, and Chinese dogwood.

A portion of the income from

this sale provides funding for two major CCSWA educational programs. The first is to provide admission fees for all Columbia County fifth graders to attend the World Forestry Center in Portland. If all fifth grade students were to attend, the number would exceed 700. Transportation costs are provided by Oregon Forest Resources Institute.

The second program provides grants to Columbia County public schools and teachers. For this school year, three grants were approved. One of the grants provides a Global Positioning System (GPS) workshop for students enrolled in the Outdoor School. In Vernonia, students will purchase and utilize a green house to propagate indigenous seedlings and grow some foods for the cafeteria. The third grant will fund a nature trail at the school with a groomed path through this natural setting. Tree and shrub identification signs will be installed along the walkway, with other information describing special attributes of that specific natural site.

CCSWA, a chapter of Oregon Small Woodlands, has approximately 160 family forestland owners who are members. The Association has been in

existence since 1967. Tours, speakers, seedlings, a newsletter, and a variety of other services are available to each member through the efforts of many volunteers.

For information regarding membership or regarding the Annual Tree Sale, call President Scott Russell at 503-543-2434; or Director Paul Nye at 503-556-8800.

Annual Alumni Basketball game

Calling all Vernonia Logger Alumni: The second annual Alumni Basketball Game will take place Saturday, March 12, at 6:00 p.m.

If you are interested in playing, call Julie at 503-869-0211.

This is a fundraiser for OSEA Classified Employees of the Vernonia School District. Monies go to support conferences, training workshops, scholarship funds, Boys and Girls Athletic funds, and Teacher Appreciation Day.

Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for those 12 years old through high school, and \$3.00 for kindergarten through fifth grade.

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



Hello. I've been asleep at the switch. I just woke up to the fact that February has only 28 days – not 31 – so I'm late.

I've been cleaning out stuff, ran into some interesting things. Call them memory joggers. From an article of 10-11-01, "Board for a new Senior Center met, reviewed six architects resumes, chose three." Article 11-3-01, "Firm chosen, plans move forward." Article 12-5-01, "It's exciting

to know that we will have a new center in two or three years." What a dream state the Center has been in. 2-27-2011, still no ground broken. Dream on, Folks.

Another article reminded me that today Shadow isn't 77 years old, but 163 (they recomputed a dog age. First 2 years at 50 each = 100, then add 4 years for all others so $4 \times 9 = 36$, so 136 years old). No wonder she sleeps all the time she isn't out hunting squirrels.

It seems that everyone is running around "barking and blowing". Since the weather isn't sure what it's doing – stay home, stay warm, and eat your vegetables. Also, drink water, not pop. I'm missing your music, your friendly chats, the good food at the Sr. Center, but not your snow and ice. I'll be back to visit when the sun comes out for more than 10 minutes a day.

It does not seem possible that Easter is only 51 days away. Maybe we will have our spring rains by then and speaking of Spring – I saw my first camellia last week, bright red. The whole bush was ablaze in the sun. I pray the snow is protecting it from our 28° weather. Also the forsythia is showing yellow all over – there is a ray of spring – even the lawn weeds are blooming.

I'm feeling good but chilly. I don't promise I won't ramble on in the next article.

Have a spot of tea for me.

Remember when the Golden Oldies were Ron Durham, Eleanor Thompson, Duke Gorther, Darrel Steinae, Necia DeWitt, Al Shaffer, Bob Smith, Bob Wiley, Everett Lee, Pat Wheeler, Mike Yaanan and Delores Varner (article from 2003)?

50 Years Ago This Month

The March 9, 1961, issue of the *Vernonia Eagle* included the following Topics of the Town article:

Letters from Mrs. Ole Brown of San Jose, California to friends here bring news that she now has a granddaughter, Lynda Marie who arrived recently at the home of her daughter Judy and husband. Mrs. Brown plans a trip to Oregon in April to visit her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brown, and their small son at Hillsboro.

Miss Jan Garner was here on Thursday to visit her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Seibel and two sons and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Trenton Garner of Birkenfeld while enroute back to Seattle from a ten day vacation on the islands of Curasao and Aruba off the coast of Venezuela. She stopped over in Chicago to see Miss Vicki Crossan and was in New York briefly between planes.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hudson,

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Castle and Mrs. Laura Carmichael went to Seaside Saturday to attend a Latter Day Saints church workshop and conference held Saturday evening and Sunday.

Mrs. Ida Richards was absent from her duties at the Washington school cafeteria Friday due to illness and her place was taken by Mrs. Ione Justice.

Mrs. Evelyn Heath went to Beaverton Friday to spend the week end with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Light and the new grandson, Lawrence Eugene Light. Also visiting there during the week end were Miss Carolyn Heath and her fiancée, Irvin Ladd, from Corvallis.

Mrs. L. H. Thomas, Miss Joyce Sullivan and Miss Geneva Sullivan were in Portland Saturday.

Mrs. Nola Brady is in Portland Sanitarium again, this time in traction for a back ailment. A se-

ries of injuries and other troubles had kept her from working and to be hospitalized at different times during the past year. Her son, Wesley Brady is also incapacitated at presented (sic) with a broken foot which occurred three or four weeks ago.

Mrs. Evelyn Heath, Robert Sargent and Robert Thornton were the committee in charge of the faculty coffee hour at the Washington school last Tuesday evening.

Last Thursday afternoon Mrs. Larry Garner, Mrs. Carl Davis, Mrs. Grayce Bundy and Mrs. Irma Chance accompanied Mrs. E. E. Garner to Hillsboro for her official visit to Phoenicia Temple, Pythian Sisters. Mrs. Larry Garner visited with Mrs. Melvin Roland and family until meeting time and the others attended the banquet which preceded the meeting.

Mrs. Dave Marshall arrived here Friday evening (sic) for a two

weeks visit and is the houseguest of Mrs. W. T. Graves. She had been at Seattle with her son Jack and family since before the holidays and is now enroute home. While in Washington she also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richardson at Edmonds. She came to Portland February 26 and was the house guest of Miss Vera Finnell last week. Tuesday they were luncheon guests at the home of Mrs. E. S. Thompson where other guests were Mrs. L. H.

Dewey, Mrs. F. D. Macpherson and Miss Zoe Miller. Wednesday they visited at the home of Mrs. Wesley Pace where Mrs. Walter Olinger of Hillsboro was also a guest.

Mrs. Frank McCabe has received word that Mrs. Minnie Vane is hospitalized in Wasco Medical hospital at Reno, Nevada with pneumonia and is taking oxygen. Her address is General Delivery, Reno, Nevada.

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