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Trails, shelters underway for Forest Field Days

Wigwam burners such as the one pictured above on the Tom Bauman family tree farm near Crow were once plentiful — tucked here and there about the county to serve the sawmills located close to the timber that fed them during the heyday of logging.

Named for the shelters used by Native North Americans of the Eastern Woodlands culture, the original wigwams were traditionally made of bark, reed mats or thatch spread over a pole frame. Their namesakes, which were used to burn the waste from the process of turning trees into lumber, now stand as silent, rusty rel-

ics of an industry that has evolved with the times.

Today, although Tom Bauman still runs a sawmill on the property his grandfather purchased in the 1940s, the wigwam burner is just one piece of history he and his wife, Lindsay Reaves, are willing to share in the name of forest stewardship.

For the past three years, the couple have welcomed hundreds of middle school students, teachers, parent chaperones and volunteers to their pristine property for our annual spring Forest Field Days. It is a tradition they are committed to continuing because they believe in forest stewardship and in

educating the public about one of Oregon’s most important and sustainable industries.

Recently, Tom —with contractor Lee Holly and members of the Forests Today & Forever Board of Directors — began construction of a series of trails, bridges and shelters to enhance the educational experience for their visitors. One day, they’d may expand those opportunities to include an even broader community, but for now, Forest Field Day participants will find some big changes when they once again descend upon the Bau-

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Tom Bauman plants a flag marking the size and location for one of several permanent shelters being built for Forest Field Days.

“Tourists” travel to learn and discern varying forest management strategies

Some came from Texas. Some came from New Mexico. Most came from Lane County. But they all left with a broader understanding of how our forests are managed for timber, wildlife, riparian and soil protections — and for a sustainable future.

During May through August, Forests Today & Forever partnered with the Oregon Dept. of Forestry, the Bureau of Land Management, Weyerhaeuser Company, Giustina Land & Timber, Giustina Resources and Bob Kintigh of Kintigh’s Mountain Home Ranch to offer free forest tours to nearly 90 tourists.

The Forest Discovery Tours, which

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Bob Kintigh teaches the teachers from the Summer Institute during a specialty tour on a hot July afternoon at his Mountain Home Ranch east of Springfield.

Meeting a few of our long-term supporters...

FT&F is offering a new feature for our readership.

In support of our sponsors, whose contributions of time, knowledge and resources allows us to provide forestry-related educational opportunities to our citizens, we will be providing a brief introduction to a few of our sponsors and the services they offer. We will also continue to provide an occasional in-depth profile of a local company or person of interest.

In this issue, we present the following:

Rainbarrel Industries, Inc. — Owned and operated by Jim Petersen since 1983, Rainbarrel Industries offers: mountain beaver control; slash pile covering with polyethylene tarps; slash pile burning with unique technology, and pole pruning for road clearing.

Cole Resource management Co. — Owned and operated by Steve Cole since 1992, Cole Resource Management provides total forest management consulting services from timber cruising, harvesting and reforestation, land and timber evaluation, and planning and ad-

ministration of contracts and projects.

J. Davidson & Sons — A family business operating for the past 35 years, Roy Davidson offers drilling and blasting services, portable contract rock crushing for large and small jobs; road building and maintenance and heavy equipment hauling.

Strata Forestry, Inc. — In business since 1980, partners Keith Lawson and Bill Lilles provide pre-commercial thinning, hand-piling of slash, slash burning, tree planting, herbicide application and fire trail building.

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FT&F, OFRI offer Lane County Commissioners a “One Pager”

On July 28th, Mike Cloughesy, Director of Forestry for the Oregon Forest Resources Institute, joined FT&F Board President Bill Wynkoop and Program Coordinator LaRae Ash in providing a ‘One Pager’ to the Lane County Commissioners.

Although a ‘One Pager’ is limited to 15 minutes, the presentation ran closer to 35 minutes, extending into the lunch hour with many questions asked and answered. The commissioners expressed much appreciation for the information, and West Lane Commissioner Bill Fleenor requested that it be provided to the public through the county website.

Cloughesy gave the commissioners a detailed presentation on the contributions of the forest sector to Lane County from 1987 to 2007. Topics included forest ownership, harvest history according to private, federal, state, tribal and other public forestlands; a comparison of land ownership vs. timber harvest percentages; economic contributions in jobs

and state industrial output and contributions in wages and compensation provided.

We extend a big thank you to Cloughesy for a thorough, concise, timely and well prepared presentation. If you would like an electronic copy of the report, please email LaRae Ash at coordinator@foreststodayandforever.org, or call 541-767-9078.

A new president steps up at FT&F

As with all organizations, there is a periodic changing of the guard. At FT&F, Seneca-Jones forester Bill Wynkoop has stepped down after four years as board president, but will continue to serve as a board member. Weyerhaeuser forester Mike Payne has been elected to the president position.

“It is an honor to be elected president of FT&F,” Payne said. “I look forward to working with our board of directors, sponsors and volunteers to further our

mission of promoting forest stewardship through education. I hope you all can join us for our Open House at the Bauman Tree farm on Sept 22.”

Joshua Clark of Gleaves, Swearingen, Potter & Scott LLP will continue as vice president, and Dwight Dzierzek of Northwest Community Credit Union will remain treasurer. James Workman of Moss Adams LLP has retired from the board. We thank James and Bill for their service.

Fall Forest Field Days, Oct. 8th
Can you help?

New sponsors welcomed

Forests Today & Forever welcomes two new sponsors of our mission **to promote forest stewardship through education.**

Oregon State University Extension Forester Steve Bowers, and retired

OSU forestry professor Steve Woodard, became supporters of our programs this spring. We are grateful for their efforts to assure our educational opportunities continue.

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are supported this year by our sponsors, the Friends of Paul Bunyan Foundation and the Oregon Forest Resources Institute, typically draw participants from the general public. But the two Kintigh events were for specific groups. In May, members of the University of Oregon's OSHER Learning in Retirement organization descended upon his mountain estate for lessons from the nationally recognized tree farmer. And in July, teachers from around the state gathered at the tree farm as part of their continuing education requirements.

Coming up on September



Larry Johnson, manager of the Bureau of Land Management's Tyrell Seed Orchard, talks about seed collection, propagation and the tree improvement program on the July 9th Forest Discovery Tour.

16th in Florence, FT&F will team up with Davidson Industries to provide residents with a look at the management strategies for property bordering the mouth of

the Siuslaw River. Included is a lunch stop at the newly renovated Siltcoos Station, a former railroad depot and logging community, which is now Lane Community Col-

lege's newest learning center.

LCC Florence Director Bob Purscelly — who led the renovation campaign that resulted its naming in 2007 as one of the "Top Ten Surprise Finds on the Oregon Coast" by The Oregonian's travel editor — will offer a presentation on its history and its rebirth. Following lunch, Dave Rankin of the Lane County Small Woodland Association will speak on issues facing our local family forest owners.

The free tour departs from LCC at 8:30 a.m. and returns by 2 p.m. For reservations, please call 541-767-9078.

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man forest come April.

Next spring — guided by professionals — students will walk an original pioneer wagon trail past newly planted to mature stands of timber in search of signs of wildlife. Another trail will lead along a small wetland and past a crystal clear spring bubbling from the earth, where they will learn about soil types, compaction and erosion. A trail winding along and

across a stream will illustrate lessons on riparian concerns and practices. Eventually, another will venture deep into the forest to teach lessons on diversity, public recreation and woods safety. And perhaps, eventually, there may be a trail to the gravestones testifying to the grit and determination of the hardy people who first settled the rich, prolific valley.

At 5 p.m. on September

22, Forests Today & Forever and the Bauman family will be holding an Open House, followed by an informal reception with a no-host bar and light refreshments at neighboring Sweet Cheeks Winery. It is both an opportunity to thank our great sponsors, volunteers and educators, as well as introduce

to them to a fine example of a local family tree farm — and the exciting and evolving additions to forestry education opportunities in Lane County. We hope you can join us!

For more information and reservations, please call FT&F Program Coordinator LaRae Ash at 541-767-9078, or email coordinator@foreststodayandforever.org.



This old wigwam burner on the Tom Bauman property stands as a rusty relic to an evolving industry.

In memory of Ray Swanson

Forests Today & Forever extends its gratitude to the family and friends of Ray Swanson for their recent contributions to forestry education in his memory.

Ray passed away on June 6. He was one of the original owners of Swanson Superior Lumber Co. in Noti, and the owner of Transition Management Inc., which he started in 1984. He was considered a pioneer in the forest products industry.

"Ray was one of the first to have a modern vision of sustainable forestry utilizing small diameter logs and state-of-the-art sawmills," said Bill Wynkoop, former FT&F board president. "And that vision has created hundreds of family-wage jobs in our communities."