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Daring Deeds of Dastardly Desperados

By Patrick Ahern and Theresa Thorud

Linnton is a hardscrabble little town which has survived decades of grand expectations and dashed hopes, explosive growth and financial calamities. It's amazing how much history was created in this one and a half by seven-mile strip of land crammed in between the Tualatin hills and the Willamette river. This story is about bizarre events in Linnton in the early twentieth century that influenced a major change in Oregon State law.

The "promised" land

After the election of 1832, President Andrew Jackson dissolved the central federal bank and transferred all of its treasury assets to chosen state-run banks. This led to wildcat banking, land speculation, and the circulation of paper money issued by each individual bank. When New York banks suspended payments in gold in May of 1837, another 800 banks followed, causing 618 banks to fail by the end of that year. This triggered a massive Depression. Over 39,000 Americans went bankrupt, losing some \$741 million (\$17,848,495,260 in today's dollars) as the Panic of 1837 reduced many to starvation.

Affected by this crisis were two adventurous gentlemen, one from Missouri; the other from Iowa. They would meet May 22, 1843 as members of the largest wagon train (over 800 people and 120 wagons) to attempt the Oregon Trail.

Peter H. Burnett, a lawyer and prosecuting attorney from Liberty, Missouri, was one of the Captains of the train. Trying to deal with his wife's serious illness, and hoping to escape overwhelming debt, he was influenced by Missouri Senator Lewis Linn's ongoing efforts to pass the "Oregon Bill" in Congress that would reward those willing to transplant into the Oregon Territory with free land claims of 640 acres each, once they had arrived. Although the bill passed in the Senate, it was narrowly defeated in the house in 1843; but still, its close call inspired thousands to embark on the difficult Westward journey with hopes

it would pass the following year. In reality, it didn't pass until 1850 as the Donation Land Claim Act.

Morton M. McCarver, a restless land developer, had platted Burlington, the first territorial capitol of Iowa. As a result of the Depression, he was more than \$10,000 in debt, and looking for quick ways to satisfy his creditors. He saw great promise in the Oregon territory, leaving his family in Iowa to join "The Great Migration." He was named one of the council of nine men who were to have general charge of the Oregon wagon train.



An overview of Linnton as it appeared in 1909, years after the town was first platted by McCarver and Burnett (Wikimedia Commons)

"The best laid plans of mice and men....."

The two men laid plans to found a town in the Oregon Territory at the head of navigation of the Willamette River. Head of navigation is the farthest point above the mouth of a river that can be navigated by ships. They knew of the rich land of the Tualatin valley and the thousands of bushels of wheat that could find their way onto

ships at the docks in their bustling new town.

Their choice for a site was a former Hudson's Bay company landing along the Willamette river, about six miles downriver from Portland. They were encouraged by the location of a cattle trail there that led into the Tualatin Valley. Why, they only needed to improve it a little to make it wagon-friendly and the wheat would come flowing into warehouses soon to be built. McCarver wrote that their town, named after Senator Linn, would be one of the greatest cities in America, limited only by the scarcity of nails with which to build all of the buildings that he visualized.

Alas, things were not to be so. The "Road to Linton", so named by surveyors in 1852, was much harder to improve than expected. Myriad amounts of timber and brush had to be removed, leaving only a narrow, steep, and muddied trail that a loaded wagon could barely negotiate.

The bigger problem, of course, was that Linnton wasn't at the head of navigation; Portland was. Linnton

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Want Help Creating White Oak Habitat on Your Land?

By Kammy Kern-Korot
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If you have 10 or more acres of rural land in the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (WMSWCD) that have or could support rare Oregon white oaks trees - read on!

WMSWCD has funding, in the form of an Oak "Conservation Implementation Strategy" (CIS), to help landowners do the following:

- Free Oregon white oak trees in woodland settings from competing trees that shade them out, such as Douglas fir
- Create or enhance oak savanna and woodlands by planting new oak trees, managing invasive weeds and/or adding native plants that naturally occur in those habitats

Invasive plants that need to be controlled range from aggressive herbaceous weeds like shiny geranium to woody weeds such as blackberry, English hawthorn, and Scotch broom. Additional conservation practices may include the creation of brush and rock piles for wildlife and nest boxes for bluebirds. The geographic target area for this work is Sauvie Island, the bottomlands and East-facing slope of the West Hills (across from Sauvie Island), and rural West Multnomah lands along the stair-step boundary with Washington County (up to the headwaters of Abbey Creek).

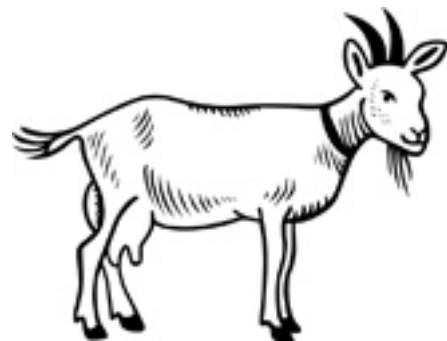
Oregon white oak woodlands, savanna and associated prairie exist at less than 10 percent of their prior range in the Willamette Valley. They historically occurred in the target areas for this program, where the soils were either

rocky or shallow and not optimal for conifer forest. Other areas include landscapes actively managed by Native Americans to maintain a more open habitat occupied by oaks, wildflowers, and other preferred food sources. Oak-associated habitats support hundreds of wildlife species, including many that are imperiled, such as the slender-billed nuthatch and the western gray squirrel. They are also part of our cultural heritage and are a beautiful feature on the landscape.

The next deadlines for landowner applications to the "Clackanomah" Oak CIS funding pool (\$225,000 over 3 years for Multnomah and Clackamas Counties) are March 16 and in the Fall of 2018, but landowners are encouraged to express interest and start planning conservation practices early. You can get technical assistance to assess your property's potential and possible funding, focus your objectives and identify implementation strategies. To find out more about this unique funding opportunity, made possible by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, contact Senior Conservationist Kammy Kern-Korot, kammy@wmswcd.org. □



Funds are available to help landowners restore native Oregon white oaks (Photo: K. Korot, WMSWCD)



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Understory Seeding Project Seeks Woodland Owners

By Michael Ahr, West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District

Part of having a healthy woodland is having a healthy understory, which refers to the ferns, flowers, grasses, and shrubs growing on the forest floor. This area provides critical habitat for many species of wildlife.

I find three common scenarios in our local woodlands:

1. Healthy forest floors with plenty of ferns and flowers
2. Desolate understory where nothing is growing due to intense shade (this is common in dense Douglas-fir plantations)
3. Invasive Species – Unfortunately ivy and blackberry can take over and fill the understory with unwanted guests

The desolate understory situation, along with the unhealthy, invasive weed-filled forests, have led us to develop an understory seeding project in partnership with Clean Water Services, funded by a Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Innovation Grant.

Creeping Ivy

Our District has a great record of killing blackberry, ivy and other invasive weeds. However, especially on ivy sites, it can be tough to regenerate a healthy understory after the weed control is done. Ivy forms a thick mat of ground cover that smothers other plants. When ivy is removed, native

plants are often slow to come back, especially if the ivy has been prevalent for many years.

We usually can find larger shrubs from local nurseries to plant in these sites, but it's more difficult to find affordable plant stock, such as trillium, inside-out flower and fringe cup, that will offer cover closer to the ground surface. With this in mind, we're working to develop seed mixes

that can be spread on restored sites where native forbs and grasses can fill the void left by the weeds. On sites with dense canopy where little is growing on the forest floor, we plan to spread these same seed mixes and perform some forest thinning to create more patches of sunlight that will help understory plants establish.

Seed Sources

Clean Water Services, Metro, and Portland Bureau of Environmental Services have begun establishing seed sources to create these mixes and we're very thankful for their help in the project. In the early stages, we're looking for sites to try this seed on just a few

square meters of ground. We're targeting landowners with woodland property in the Tualatin Watershed (landowners who tend to live on roads heading west from Skyline Boulevard).

Please contact Michael Ahr at West Multnomah SWCD, Michael@wmswcd.org, 503-226-8023, if you're interested in participating in some understory seeding on your property. ☐



Plant diversity in dense Douglas-fir stands can be improved by thinning and planting native shrubs (Photo: M. Ahr, WMSWCD)

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Fixing the Infamous Wash. Co. Portion of Lower Rock Creek Road

By Nora Schreiber & Neighbors

Last March, the area north of the road, and just east of the railway, turned into a large lake with the roadway as its dam. Seems the inlet to the culvert under the roadway was buried under years of debris and had finally silted over. Every rise and fall of that lake took part of the road bank with it; and there wasn't much left to take. In addition, the water found its way through the roadbed, around and below the pipe, and had washed away enough hillside at the outlet for the end section of culvert pipe to have fallen off some time ago.

Todd Watkins of the Washington Co. Road & Bridge Operations Dept., was contacted about the problem; someone looked at it, and responded that they "couldn't do anything until the water went down," and "whatever the problem was, it was doubtful they could get approval to fix it."

Over the next 4 months, enough contact information, concerns, and comments from public and commercial institution using that stretch of road (PPS, TVF&R, USPS, Multnomah Co., Hillsboro Fire Dept. ODF, Waste Management, UPS), were gathered and forwarded to Todd that he was able to get \$10,000 approved in July to find out what the problem was "without committing to fixing it."

They started looking in late September without luck. Finally, on their 4th attempt, they located and cleared the inlet on October 17th.

It seemed time for a celebration, but when clearing this

year's leaves from the inlet grate weeks later, it was discovered that, in their search for the inlet, they had excavated a hole at the base of the slope large enough to hold the rest of the soil on that road bank, and it had already begun to slough off into it. When alerted about this, the County said they had spent their budget and were done. With the fall rains ongoing at the time, neighbors stepped up and paid \$2,000 to have 3 loads of rock placed and compacted on that road bank within a few days.

We are now asking for donations from our neighbors who rely on that stretch of road. We hope to spread that unexpected cost among all of us who have continually benefited from the donations and volunteer work spent patching the holes in that road to last 5 years, and will benefit from all that went into preserving its existence this time. Any size donation would be appreciated, and any donations over the cost of helping with this fix will be added to the ongoing donation pool that SRN maintains for the next volunteer patching of that road that we all know will be needed next spring.

Please send your donation payable to SRN to John Eskew, SRN Treasurer with a note saying it is for Rock Creek Road fund.

Thank You!

Your neighbors,

Nora Schreiber, Rachael Brake, Grant Rolette, Joe Whitworth, & Roger Cummings ☐

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had a chance though, until the "Canyon Road" was laid out in 1848, making the trip to town and docks in Portland much easier than that to Linnton.. Also, a little town at Baker's Landing, up the river about one mile closer to Portland (to later be called Springville) had constructed a better road over the Tualatin mountains than Linnton could offer. Springville road is still evident today, although interrupted by Forest Park ([Linton road is not!](#)). Comstock and Company, after purchasing Baker's Landing, built a 5000 square foot two story warehouse there to store grain from the Tualatin valley, enabling one firm to ship over 100,000 bushels of wheat from Springville in a single season. Linnton perhaps benefited when Springville burned down to the water's edge in 1872 and became lost to history.

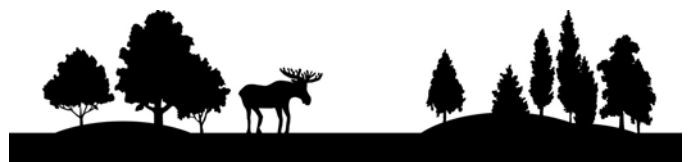
Nevertheless, the two entrepreneurs laid out the plat map of Linnton and sold the lots for a minor loss after paying their road and building expenses. They were both living elsewhere by 1848. A ship's captain heading up the Willamette that year wrote in his journal that the town looked deserted.

Our two pioneers were to meet again in California,

where they both had sought fortune in the gold fields. But McCarver still had his obsession with founding townsites, and made an agreement with John Sutter and his son to organize the platting and sale of lots on their land which would later become Sacramento, California. Once Morton's partner in the Linnton enterprise, Burnett became his nemesis in this endeavor. Peter befriended Sutter's son, managing to steal the job as director of the project from McCarver, cheating him out of \$100,000 in fees and profits. McCarver never forgave him.

Both men were still destined to make their mark in West Coast history, however, McCarver as the founder of Tacoma Washington, and Burnett as the first governor of California. ☐

.....to be continued



ODA Makes Plans for Next Phase of Japanese Beetle Battle

By Bruce Pokaney, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture

With year one of an expected five-year Japanese beetle eradication effort completed in the Cedar Mill area of Washington County, the Oregon Department of Agriculture is formulating plans for 2018 that go beyond this year's treatment area. The expansion is not unexpected and ODA is hopeful that community support remains impressively strong.

"Going into year two, the message really hasn't changed," says Clint Burfitt, manager of ODA's Insect Pest Prevention and Management Program. "This is still a community-based project. If we are going to be able to eradicate Japanese beetle, it's because the people in the community want to be a part of this project. What we saw this first year was strong, vocal, and explicit grassroots support from the community that they appreciate what we are doing and how we are doing it."

In 2016, ODA caught 372 Japanese beetles in traps placed throughout Cedar Mill and Bonny Slope, making it the largest infestation of the plant-eating insect pest ever recorded in Oregon. Earlier this spring, more than 2,200 residential properties were treated with Acelepryn (chlorantraniliprole), a granular insecticide that targets the larval stage of Japanese beetle. The application was not designed to impact this year's generation of beetles, but will affect their offspring that emerge as adults next year. Nonetheless, by the end of summer 2017, ODA had trapped more than 23,000 beetles.

"That number was higher than we expected but most of the beetles—roughly 97 percent—were trapped within the treatment area, which is good news," says ODA entomologist Chris Hedstrom, who is spearheading outreach efforts for the Japanese beetle eradication project. "We are confident those populations will start to go down each year of treatment in the area."

Still, with 3 percent of the beetles trapped outside the treatment boundary, ODA is proposing to increase the area treated in 2018.

"Beetles were found in a larger area of Cedar Mill, extending into Bethany and the Oak Hills area as well as some parts of Hillsboro," says Hedstrom. "So we propose to increase the number of residences that need to be treated next spring."

Response and communications plans are being finalized. Outreach and education is getting underway for the proposed 2018 project. For a bulk of the residents whose

properties will need to be treated again, the messaging is more of a reinforcement of what they heard last year. But with next year's treatment area scheduled to double in size, it's time for newly impacted residents to receive an introduction to Japanese beetle and the threat it represents.

"They should all be getting a letter in the mail in January explaining our proposed 2018 operations, what the treatment involves, and the product we are using," says Hedstrom.

The mailing will include instructions on how to provide consent so that ODA has permission to enter each property in the area when treatment begins in April. Consent was also required and obtained last year before properties were treated.

"We are reaching out to everyone in the area to get the message out that we need their consent for 2018," says Hedstrom. "In addition to the letters, there will be some door-to-door visits and a couple of open house events

in February where people can ask questions, get more information, and fill out consent forms in person."

In addition to once again treating lawns and turf that might harbor Japanese beetle eggs, ODA plans to add ornamental planting beds to the list of where the larvicide will be targeted and applied. Vegetable gardens or fruit bushes—anything producing food crops—will not be treated.

Yard Debris Quarantine

Not many residents are doing yard work this time of year, but ODA continues to enforce a yard debris quarantine in the area that will continue through 2018. Residential yard debris—including grass clippings, plants with soil, and sod—must be contained and delivered to the proper location. Those living within the quarantine area should continue using their curbside bin. But if yard debris must be removed from the property, it needs to be bagged or covered so that it can be taken directly to Northwest Landscape Services, 1800 NW Cornelius Pass Rd., in Hillsboro.

"Fall and winter months are much less risky for moving adult Japanese beetles around," says Hedstrom. "But there is still the risk of moving grubs and eggs around in soil. We still encourage people in the area to use their curbside bins, but they should also let their landscapers know that the quarantine is in place. It's important to contain this



Adult Japanese beetle (Photo: USDA Agric. Research Service)

This Forest's Diversity is for the Birds

By Brad Withrow-Robinson
OSU Forestry & Natural Resources Extension

In the previous story ("Recipes for Growing a Diverse Forest," RR July '17), I talked about some of the reasons people are interested in growing a diverse forest, some of the key components of diversity, and also some of the many ways to enhance your woods' diversity. The idea was to show that a landowner often has a very wide range of future options, but often needs to make choices and take actions to achieve their goals. I know this may have seemed academic to some readers, so we will share some examples of how this looks in practice.

A good example of managing for diversity to meet some specific wildlife and timber objectives is Cedar Spring tree farm near Airlie, owned by Dave Hibbs, Sarah Karr, and their family.

Sarah is an avid birder, determined that any property they own provide benefits for wildlife as well as for her family. Dave is a retired OSU forestry professor interested in producing future high-quality timber along with other benefits from their woods. So, Dave and Sarah are typical of many families, with co-owners having some different objectives and priorities. But they have a willingness and ability to manage for multiple objectives that can be met by growing a diverse forest. So let's take a look at some of the ways they do this.

It began by thinking about and writing down what they are trying to accomplish. They have a management plan that lists their goals. Developing this plan together forced them to be clear about their individual priorities and then to decide how to combine them in a way that works for both of them.

They then considered places on their property that are most critical to, or perhaps best suited to meeting each of those objectives. Different parts of a property naturally lend themselves to some objectives better than others. An important step towards limiting conflicts between sometimes-competing objectives is not expecting to accomplish everything on every acre.

Together these two steps help them refine and focus their efforts. For example, among the species Sarah is particularly keen on is the band tailed pigeon, a migratory bird that is abundant on their property each summer. The main attraction for the band tailed pigeon is the natural mineral spring in a small meadow. With this as the habitat cornerstone, Sarah is interested in providing other important habitat needs. Besides maintaining the open meadows around the springs, this includes providing tall roosting/perching sites and also many berry-producing trees and shrubs. That is, they have identified specific parts

of species diversity (berry producing trees and shrubs) and structural diversity (open meadow near the springs and tall perch trees) that are important to manage for.

This takes us to some of the specific management practices discussed in earlier posts.

They spent their first decade of ownership controlling invasive weeds, mostly blackberry and scotch broom that

were taking over. These weeds were closing in the meadow, making the springs less accessible for the pigeons and, elsewhere on the property, out-competing many other plants, including the young conifer trees. They replanted large areas where trees had been lost to weed competition, mixing in clumps of some different species such as cedar and pine where suited. Aggressive weed control served both of their key objectives. But the execution was different for Dave and Sarah than it might be for other landowners focused only on timber production, where any non-conifer tree or shrub may be considered a weed. Native fruiting trees and shrubs such

as madrone, blue elderberry and dogwood were favored, and tolerated or treated as a weed, depending on their size, location, and competitiveness. That is, they controlled competition while keeping a lot of natural diversity.

Results of Long-Term Effort

They have spent the following decades tending the woods with a similar approach, depending primarily on thinning and perpetual weed control by mowing or spraying, as appropriate, to enhance or maintain diversity.

Not long after finishing replanting some areas, Dave began thinning the young stands. The objective there was to adjust densities to meet key timber growing objectives, and also to maintain the species diversity of the stand. Without thinning, and particularly without including "maintaining diversity" as one of the thinning objectives, much of the diversity in some stands would likely have been lost, with little but the fastest growing species surviving the first intense crush of competition.

Dave decided in some cases and locations to remove competing hardwoods, and in others to promote them by removing a competing conifer. This choice clearly benefited the wildlife objective at the expense of future timber production. But it was a calculated tradeoff, applied in some places, and not in others. Some of those trees killed or left to die are turned into snags, providing another important part of structural diversity.

Dave and Sarah now have a property with a diverse mix of stands and a robust population of band tailed pigeons visiting each summer. Many other birds and animals live there seasonally or year-round too.



Band tailed pigeon (Photo: S.A. Carleton, USGS)

Tips to Carry You Safely Into 2018

By Christina Lent, TVF&R

With the New Year and resolutions on everyone's minds, now is the time to think about some personal and home safety steps that can help carry you and your family safely into and through 2018, as well as save you time and money by avoiding winter-related damage to your home or business.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue firefighters always see an increase in outdoor-related injuries around the first of the year. Keep these things in mind to minimize your risk of personal injury:

- Increased slip and fall injuries are of particular concern this time of year.
- Be extra careful on icy surfaces around your home - use kitty litter or sand to increase traction.
- Make sure to dress appropriately for outdoor activity; dress in layers with hats, gloves and water-proof boots.
- Be aware of the wind chill factor, which can often lower the temperature by several degrees.
- Avoid traveling when the weather service has issued storm advisories.
- If you must travel, make sure someone knows where you are going, what time you expect to arrive, and the route you plan to take.
- Pack extra water, food, blankets, and clothing in case of an unexpected emergency.

There are also steps you can take to improve the safety of your home this winter.

- Have your home heating system serviced professionally to make sure that it is clean, working properly, and ventilated to the outside.
- If you are heating with wood, inspect and clean fireplaces and chimneys.
- Always discard ashes in a metal container away from combustible materials.
- Check your smoke alarms to ensure they are working properly.
- Prevent carbon monoxide (CO) emergencies by installing a CO alarm in your home.

In addition to fires, TVF&R firefighters respond to other types of emergencies that can cause severe damage to homes and businesses. We recommend you take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the water shut off for your home/business if you haven't done so already.

Winter will be upon us for several more months, and being prepared can help save you time and money.

For the past several winters, TVF&R firefighters have responded to hundreds of calls for frozen water pipes that burst and began flowing water. Businesses and homeowners suffered thousands of dollars in damage because they didn't know how to stop the water from flowing.

During region-wide weather events, first responders must prioritize their response to life-safety incidents.

Knowing how to shut off your water and calling a professional can prevent significant damage to your home. Also, insulate exposed water pipes in the garage and cover outdoor water spigots.

Visit www.tvfr.com for more winter safety tips. □

► **Forest Diversity for Birds** (continued from p. 7)

So there you have a short example of how someone is growing a diverse forest to meet multiple objectives. It has taken some thought, purpose, and understanding of how trees grow and compete, along with a significant amount of work. It sometimes has an opportunity cost in less efficient timber production. But then, efficient timber production often has an opportunity cost of less diversity or less effective habitat production. That is something each landowner can and should decide for themselves. In

this case, these two objectives are met largely by managing different parcels for different primary objectives. The meadow and springs are for the pigeons, as are some very diverse stands nearby. Other stands are clearly dedicated to long term timber production.

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How Pauly Land Became Skyline Grange's Permanent Home

By Sen Speroff

The Grange formed as an organization to support agriculture and as an asset to the well-being of a community. It was a central feature of rural farm life. The Grange helped spread agricultural methods, enhanced the economics of farmers, and provided a social gathering area. The Grange became a well-known positive force in rural communities. The focus on benefits for an agricultural area fit well in the Skyline community.

For its first seven years, Skyline Grange had been renting meeting space at Skyline School. Finally, in 1947, it was ready to seek a piece of property of its own. After a hard search, four properties were considered: a) Seely property with 150 feet of road frontage for \$100 plus costs; b) Amend property of 1 acre with 150 feet of road frontage for \$450; c) Property by the rock quarry; and d) Pauly property of 4 ¼ acres for \$900. The property would have to have a source of water and space.

The membership decided to purchase the Pauly property by a landslide vote. Not only did the Pauly land have a source of water and acreage for activities, it was central to the homes of many active Grange members. They paid Clarence and Bertha Pauly \$100 down, and the membership went into a fundraising flurry of activities – auctioning of cakes, holding a fair, carnival, a queen contest, and a dance, and cashing in bonds. By November the final payment, plus interest, was paid in full. It took another two and a half years of persistent work to have a building done enough to hold the first meeting at the site. (That's another story.)

The Pauly family (Clarence's grandparents) arrived in the area in 1884. They transformed the 40 acres of land near McNamee Road into productive farm land. Both the farm house and the barn were built in the traditional styles of the era in 1891 by the same ship carpenter. Orchards of a variety of fruit tree species were planted. Portions of the fruit were sold in the City of Portland. The land was improved to the extent of an almost self-sufficient farm. Sixteen children, Clarence being the eldest, were raised there on the farm, attended the local school, and the church, which were the centers of community activities at that time.

Clarence Rollin Pauly married Bertha Lucas and they lived in the still existing house directly above the junction of Skyline Boulevard and Newberry Road. Their homestead initially neighbored the parcel of land sold to the Grange. Clarence and Bertha raised their three sons. Son Sherman became a certified public accountant; Ronald (now deceased) was a teacher; and, Steven became a dentist. Clarence's sister Margaret Pauly Tate, age 96, is the 12th Pauly child; she still lives on a portion of the original Pauly land, and continues to be an accurate source of information about local history.

For 70 years, the Pauly land has served Skyline Grange well as a meeting place bringing the Skyline community together. Skyline Grange is fortunate to have this property to call home, with fields, woods, a year-around creek, and habitat for deer, bobcat, and red-tailed hawks.

Thanks to Margaret Tate & daughter Paula Abbott for contributing to this story. Additional information was gleaned from Skyline Grange Minutes and public records.

Pauly Hall – Naming of Our Main Hall (Feb. 18)

On Sunday, February 18 (2-4p.m.), the “main” hall of Skyline Grange will get an official new name “Pauly Hall.” This is in honor of Clarence and Bertha Pauly from whom the land was purchased in 1948. Come join us for a naming celebration, beverage and appetizers, but no long speeches. Please help us get the word out to former Skyline Grange members. Though not mandatory, RSVP's would be helpful in our planning by contacting skylinegrange894@msn.com or 503.286.1261. We hope to see plenty of former Grange members with stories.

Help Us Find Photos and Stories of Skyline Grange

Though Skyline Grange has been in existence for 77 years, we do not have one single photo before 2005. Do you have photos? Stories? Memories? We would like to hear from you. Contact us if you can help connect us with our history. We would love to have some photos and stories before the Naming Celebration.

'Tis the Season of Hammers, Saws, and Paint

Thanks to a matching grant from Oregon State Grange, Skyline Grange's old, single-paned, drafty windows will be replaced by new double-paned, energy-efficient windows in the main hall. Yahoo! Then, in part with a grant from SRN, we will complete the first phase of our acoustical improvement project which has been long in the planning. We will install window curtains that should help absorb the irritating reverberation of sound which should improve hearing. We will assess the curtains effectiveness before going on to the next acoustical phase. We are fortunate to have support from OSG and SRN, and to have Grange members who are experienced with construction.

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'Tis the Season for Planning Our Annual Winter/Spring Events

"Pancakes, Etc." Community Brunch (Feb. 25)

This is our 9th year of serving up brunch to the Skyline Community. We cook; you enjoy. We serve a variety of pancakes, waffles, stratas, quiches, biscuits & gravy, sausages, homemade breads & fresh fruit. Made-from-scratch using the best ingredients. Popular, yes. Delicious, yes. Suggested donation of \$18/immediate family or \$7/adult (16 or older).

"Everything BUT the Kitchen Sink" Garage Sale (Mar. 9-10)

The Sale will be on Friday, March 9 (9a.m.-7p.m.) and on Saturday, March 10 (9a.m.-5p.m.). Wow, it's our 29th sale. It started out as a humble endeavor in 2004. Each year, it has grown, attracting faithful customers from near and far. And now over 35 generous local households donate clean, functional items. You'll find items ranging from practical to zany and often with a Skyline flavor. It is more than a garage sale, it is a social event.

Annual Tree & Native Plant Sale (April 6-7)

Our annual Tree & Native Plant Sale will occur on Friday-Saturday, April 6-7. All stock comes from licensed nurseries. The Bareroot Section has fruit-bearing, shade and ornamental trees, and shrubs. The Native Plant Section

has over 85 different species of Pacific northwest natives. We'll also have information on how to plant bareroots; resources on caring for fruit trees; noxious weeds; and lists of native plants best for sun, shade, beneficial insects/pollinators, wildlife, and erosion control. There will be information and samples of weeds-of-concern and insects-of-concern. SRN's Weed Wrench Lending Service will be there. Request a Native Plant Re-Order Form at skylinegrange894@msn.com.

Join Skyline Grange

Despite paved roads, cell phones and the Internet, it is still easy to feel disconnected these days. Our Grange provides a meeting place and a variety of activities bringing people together. It has been serving the Skyline community for 77 years.

Do you wish to be more engaged in and connected to your Skyline community? Would you like opportunities to work with neighbors on projects? Do you have ideas for the community? Then consider joining the Grange. This is why local residents are Grange members and why many more neighbors volunteer during our events. If yes, consider joining Skyline Grange and becoming a part of what makes our Skyline community a great place to live.

We are a diverse group of people with the common belief that we are fortunate to live in the Skyline area and want to support its well-being. We take seriously the fact that our building is a community asset as a place for gathering. Our impact, activities, and accomplishments depend upon our members.

Learn more about Skyline Grange by attending an upcoming event or attend a monthly meeting on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm. You can contact the Grange at SkylineGrange894@msn.com. □

► **Japanese Beetle** (continued from p. 6)

pest to the Cedar Mill and Bethany area for this eradication of Japanese beetle to be successful."

Washington County isn't the only hot spot for Japanese beetle activity. Nearly 200 miles away, a separate but much smaller infestation has been discovered in the Douglas County town of Oakland, just north of Roseburg. The two outbreaks are unrelated, but plans are being made to conduct a small-scale treatment next spring in that community as well.

Final decisions will be made in the months ahead. But ODA is not waiting to get the word out to the thousands of residents who face the prospect of sharing their neighborhoods with an unwanted invasive insect. A strong network of partner agencies and community groups

have banded together to inform the public about the threat of Japanese beetle and the opportunity to successfully deal with it.

"The threat to Oregon is more imminent now because of the numbers of beetles we are seeing and the fact that we have seen damage to plants within the epicenter of the insect's population, so it's not hypothetical, it's for real," says ODA's Burfitt, a veteran of successful Japanese beetle projects in Utah. "However, I'm still optimistic about eradicating our current infestations. As long as the community continues to support the 5-year project, I know we can get this done."

More information can be found at <http://www.JapaneseBeetlePDX.info> or by calling 1.800.525.0137. □

Ornamental Fish for Sale. Do you have a backyard pond? Our fish have been breeding prolifically and we need to find new homes for little ones. We have a mix of Comets and Shubunkens, about 4-5 inches long, primarily in colors of orange and white. 3 fish for \$10. Call Megan or Ralph at 503.292.5329.

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Community Calendar

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Saturday, Mar. 3, 10 & 17: Classroom sessions for Basic NET training for Community Emergency Response Teams. Classes are free but advanced sign-up required at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4cafa923a7fc1-basic9>

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Saturday, Mar. 10, from 4:30 PM: Skyline School Annual Auction at Rock Creek Country Club, 5100 NW

Neakahnie Ave. Night includes cocktail hour, dinner and dancing. Tickets are \$35 per person until January 15th, <https://skylineschoolpta.com/auction/>. Come support the kids!

Monday, Mar. 12, 7:30 p.m.: Skyline Grange monthly meeting, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd.

Friday, March 16: Deadline for landowner applications for grants to help restore native white oaks. See story this issue for more info.

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