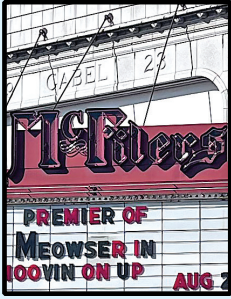


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Lewis County Farm Forestry tours Grega farm Local farm products moving through SW WA Grain Project

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Lewis County Farm Forestry Association hosted its annual Potluck Picnic on July 21. About 50 association members and interested individuals attended the event, which took place at the Frederick Henry Farm, located on Hwy. 508 just east of the Newaukum River crossing near the junction with Jackson Hwy. The event was highlighted by a twilight tour of the tree farm portion of the property. Last November, the tree farm was presented with an award for forest management by the county Farm Forestry Association.

The Frederick Henry Farm is owned by Steve and Barb Grega of Chehalis, along with their son and daughter, Michael and Jennifer. The 210-acre property includes a farmhouse and associated outbuildings, approximately 170 acres of varying stands of timber and 35 acres of farmland growing hay, pumpkins and a variety of other primarily organically grown crops. It is named after Barb Grega’s father, Frederick Henry “Harry” Wulz. She and her sister and a grandson inherited the property when Wulz died in 2012. To settle the Wulz estate, 116 acres of a timbered portion of the property was logged in 2015 and the Gregas subsequently became the sole owners.

A portion of the current property was originally settled by Harry Wulz’s father and two brothers in 1908 with their purchase of 100 acres of farmland along the Newaukum River. In 1935, Harry purchased another 135 acres adjacent



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Steve Grega, near the center in this photo, talks about the Douglas fir plantation seen in the background. The 116-acre area was logged in 2015 and replanted the following year.

to what eventually became his share of the original holdings. He used it as summer pasture and range for his cows. It had been previously logged by Carlisle Lumber Company of Onalaska. It was not replanted after logging but was slowly reforesting naturally with seed originating from nearby Douglas fir trees.

The twilight tour included stops at several timbered areas within the property, each with specific characteristics

differentiating them from each other. Steve Grega narrated information about the stands at each of the stops. The first was a 10-acre stand that had been logged in 1990, replanted with Douglas fir and then commercially thinned in 2022 at 31 years of age. The thinning reduced the stand density from about 300 trees per acre to 150 trees per acre and yielded 18 truck

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Grain and other local farm commodities are now being regularly shipped to and from the Southwest Washington (SW WA) Grain Project facility at the Port of Chehalis. The variety of crops include peas, wheat, barley and canola. According to Jake Fay, General Manager of the SW WA Growers Cooperative, about 1,200 acres of hard red spring wheat are being grown locally and then stored and shipped from the Maurin Road facility. That crop has primarily replaced the valuable malting barley previously grown by local farmers after the Vancouver company where it was being shipped went out of business, Fay said.

Winter canola is another lucrative crop being grown and shipped this year. It yields about double the crop grown from spring plantings, which were more common last year. The canola is collected at the grain facility and then shipped to Warden, Washington where

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Cardinal Glass Industries commits to world’s first float glass carbon capture installation at Winlock float glass facility

New system at facility is expected to capture around 130,000 metric tons of CO² per year

Cardinal Glass Industries has committed to the world’s first carbon capture installation at the company’s Cardinal FG float glass facility in Winlock, Washington. Cardinal has issued purchase orders and paid deposits for critical and long-lead project items. System operations are planned for the first quarter of 2029.

“Cardinal has always approached environmental performance as an engineering discipline, not simply as an aspiration,” said Kelly Busch, President of Cardinal FG. “With the feasibility, design and engineering phases now complete, we are moving toward installation of this carbon capture system at our Winlock facility. This is an important milestone



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Cardinal float glass facility in Winlock, Washington, site of Cardinal’s planned carbon capture installation. System operations are planned for Q1 2029.

for Cardinal, for our customers, and for the future of lower-carbon float glass manufacturing worldwide.”

The project follows Cardinal’s feasibility, design and engineering work with K2-CO2 of Padova, Italy. The system

is expected to capture approximately 130,000 metric tons of CO² per year and is designed to remove up to 95 percent of CO² from targeted float glass manufacturing process streams.

Float glass manufacturing requires

continuous, high-temperature furnace operations. The process produces CO² from the energy used to melt glass and from glassmaking raw materials. The Winlock

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