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Finley's Rigging Shack

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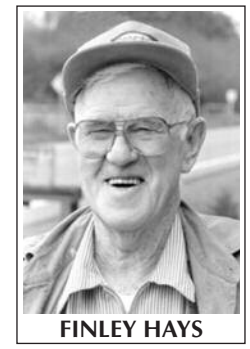
Publisher's note:
In this column Finley is talking about the fight in California to lock up more Redwood land for parks. It was a "hot button" topic at the time.

Mostly we in this part of the country, and in this business of harvesting timber, aren't strong for joining things. We do what we do because it appeals to an independent person who likes to stand on their own pair of feet. One of the reasons this industry has made such strides, and has done so much good, is because of this independent 'never give up' attitude. And it is a fine attitude.

The cave men were this way. To hell with banding up with their neighbor. They'd go out and get what they wanted by themselves. All around them was fresh meat walking around on the hoof. But with their tools an individual couldn't harvest any of it. Finally some smart bird, and he was probably a little lazy too, talked a bunch into ganging up and taking their sharp sticks and killing some of this meat. It worked. It kept on working.

The animals never did get together and act as a group—so they had no defense. Now those animals aren't around anymore. They stayed individuals and they died as individuals until each of them was individually killed.

When you are gang tackled you'd better be part of a gang to keep it from happening again and again. We can't be whipped if we get together and act together. No one of us is strong enough to keep from getting whipped if we hang separately, because separately we will hang.



FINLEY HAYS

One representative out of a hundred can't do it. It takes all of us. No less but no more either.

Our opponents have shown us the way. They have shown how a few people can convince the politicians that they are the wave of the people. Hell—they represent no one but themselves and there aren't many of them. They yell and they scream, they point with alarm and

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they plug their weak arguments with huge doses of noise. And it works.

Think what they could do if they were right.

If they took our side of the issue.

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The strongest group of people in this, or any other nation, are those people who produce something. Those people that work. Those work at something important.

What we would have as soon as we came out in the open in representative numbers, is millions upon millions of people who will be on our side. They are waiting for us to start it and then they'll join in.

They want homes, they need lumber, they want paper products and above all they realize the importance of the job. They know how important a job is. What it means to be a person to have their work, be good at it, take pride in it and be responsible for it. Oh yes, they'll come out and be with us. But so far they can't find us very often.

They don't want you out of work. They want you to buy what they are producing. They want to buy what you are producing. They don't want you on relief—they'll just have to support you then.

You bet! They'll be with us. As soon as we are there to follow with a message they can understand. They'll be there—but we got to be there first. They aren't going out in front to fight our battles if we don't do it. We lead off—they follow. Steel workers, truck drivers, factory workers, carpenters, building tradesmen, businessmen and all those who want to build a home for their family. What they want is what we want.

Our government has been pressured and threatened by a minority long enough. If we do the job right we'll have the majority with us. And they should be with us. It serves our self interest and it serves their self interest.

I'm sitting in my home as I am writing this. Surrounding me is woods, second growth fir. But also we have here Alder, Cottonwood, Hemlock, and White Fir in addition to several kinds of brush.

This ground was first logged about 40 years ago.

This coming summer I intend to take out enough logs to saw into lumber to build a two story building 24 by 36 feet. All, or most, of the lumber grown right on this ground. Grown in the last 40 years.

At the same time I'm raising trees that will be fit for cutting into commercial lumber in another 10 years, 20 years, 30 years, and 40 years. We are bringing along several sizes and ages to make this possible. Last year we planted about 800 trees that should be ready for harvesting in 2013.

The area is beautiful, as good looking and as interesting as any you could find. I don't know of anyplace I'd rather live. Yet at one time it was clear cut, there are railroad grades running all through here. It just goes to show that timber is a crop, there is positive living proof everyplace we look. The proof can't be denied.

That is the story, or part of the story, I'd like to have more and more people understand and believe.

The phrase, "Timber is a Crop" is not just a phrase dreamed up to sound good. Timber is a Crop—there is no denying it. It can be raised and used, over and over again.

And at the same time it has a double handful of other advantages. Beauty—lots of it. Watershed protection, erosion control, recreation—yes all those things. And there is nothing to equal a patch of woods to heal the spirit.

Hope—the most hopeful thing we have in this country this day, in my opinion, are the thousands upon thousands of acres of young, healthy and growing trees. There is more hope here, again my opinion, than there is in the campaign promises of the last dozen men who ran for President,—including the winner.



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A LEGACY OF LOGGING

THE HANSENS CONTINUE THEIR WAY OF LIFE IN THE WOODS

By Brandon Hansen
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While the family has grown throughout the years - requiring a few more chairs at the table for Christmas breakfast get togethers - the thing that's stayed constant for the Hansen's has been the logging.

When Ed Hansen began contract logging in 1951, his sons -John, Tony, Mark and Rob - would eventually join him out in the woods. At first to see what dad does at work and then, after they grew up, to help him with the operation based in Chewelah. which is 50 miles north of Spokane, Wash.

"The kids would always go out if he was

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See Hansen



HEADING BACK TO THE LANDING, Tony Hansen, of Chewelah, brings in a drag in a 1992 John Deere 648E Skidder and Esco 212C Grapple on the Hansen Logging jobsite near Colville, Wash.

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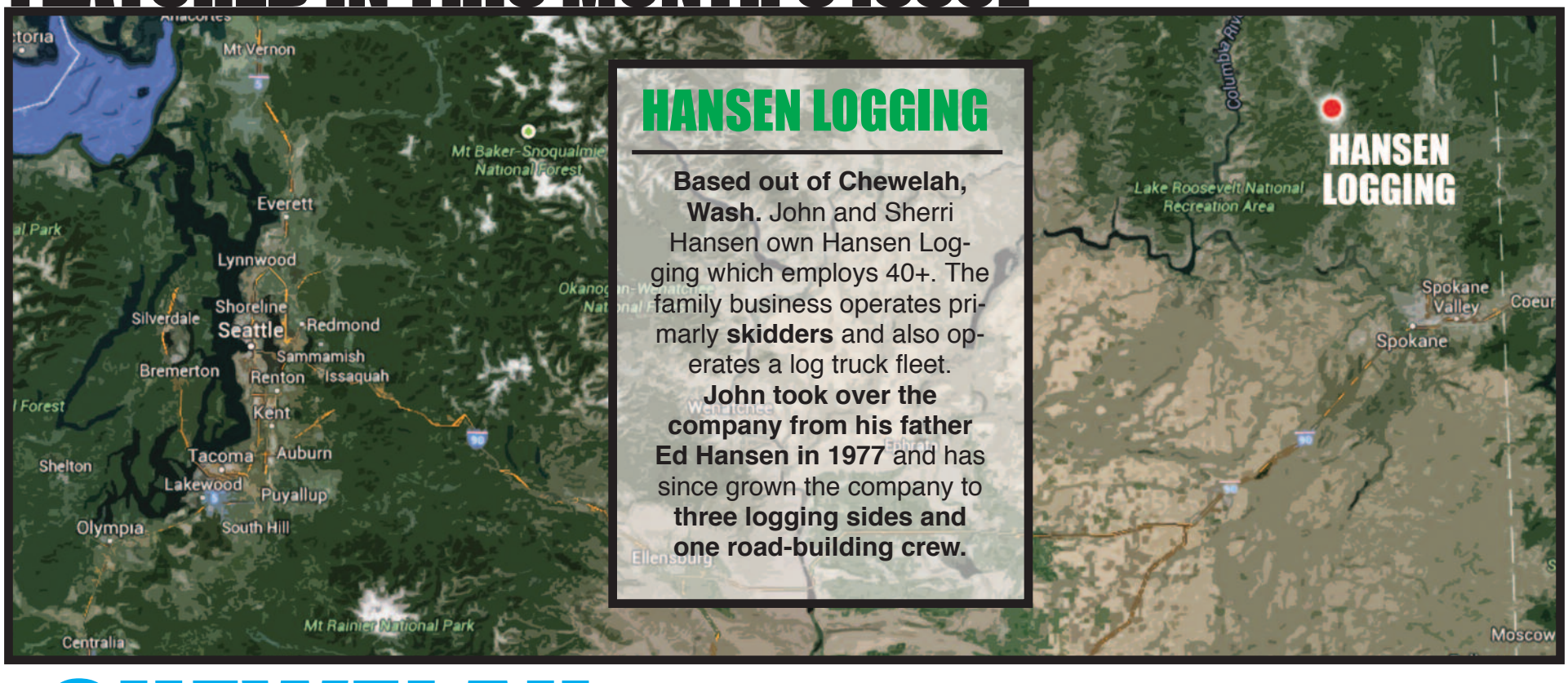
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WASHINGTON

Chewelah is a small town of **2,600 people** in Stevens County, Wash. and was officially incorporated into the state in 1903. It was the first town in the county to get a newspaper and **during World War 1, Chewelah had a plant that was considered the largest producer of magnesite in the country.** In 1968 the plant shut down, but **farming and timber continue to be mainstays in the area.** Chewelah also has a ski area, 49 Degrees North and a golf course that attracts people to the area. The town hosts its Chataqua festival in July and the James Dean Days car festival in August.

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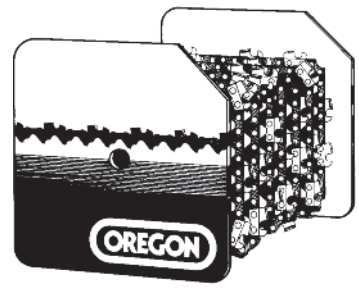


WITH SNOW ON THE GROUND, "Bumper" Yanzick operates a 1998 John Deere 690E LC loader out on the jobsite for Hansen Logging near Colville, Wash. Yanzick has been out in the woods since high school and has fought fires all over the United States. Yanzick makes the commute from Idaho and enjoys Elk hunting with a bow.

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ED HANSEN

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working up in the woods," Ed's wife, Carole Hansen said. "They liked to go. It kept them busy and I guess the biggest thing of being an owner operator is you never know what that next paycheck is going to because you have to fix this or pay for this."

But the family made do. They kids performed chores around the farm and developed the kind of work ethic you need to make a living in the woods.

"The boys really learned to work well, I think they developed that work ethic because it's just what they had to do," Carole said.

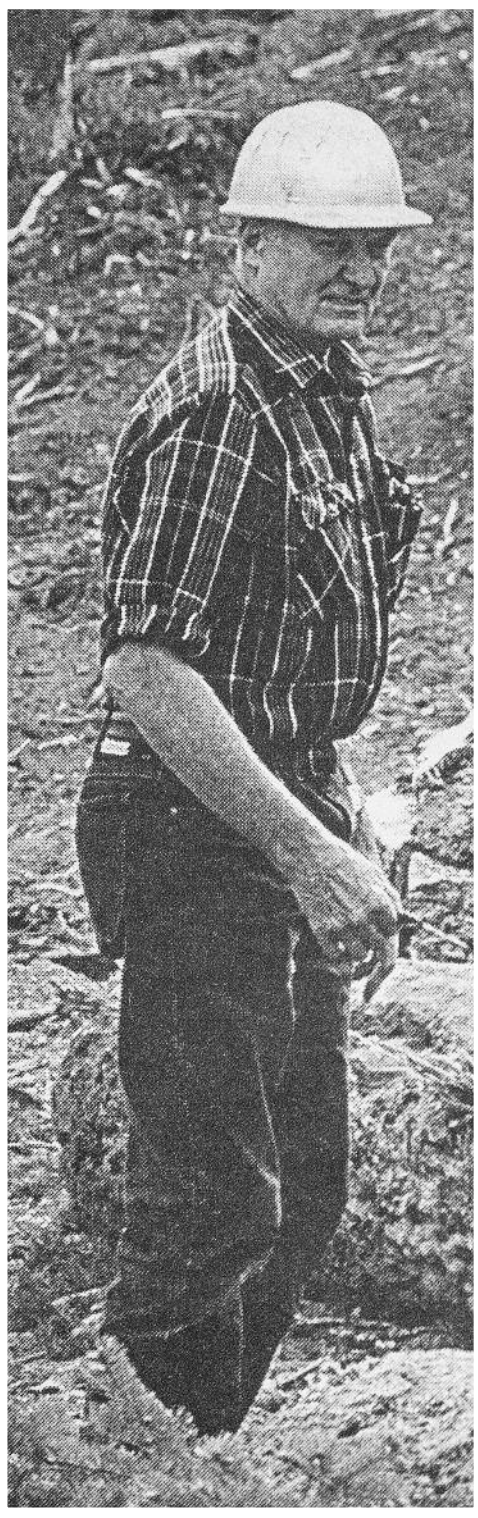
"Farm kids are the best kind of help," Ed said. "Nowadays you got to hunt to find a kid that wants to work now."

Eventually one of the sons - John Hansen would take over Hansen Logging and has since seen it grow from five employees to over forty. Becoming such a mainstay of the small community, the Chewelah Chamber of Commerce honored John and his wife Sherri as the city's Honored Citizens of 2013.

Their impact on Chewelah has been felt by many, as letters of endorsement from 28 different community members were sent in to the Honored Citizen selection committee. The committee said after their choice that "It does not need to be said what John and Sherri

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ABOVE: Ed Hansen first began logging in 1945 when he was a junior in high school. It was an on-and-off venture until he moved into logging full-time in 1964. "After that it seemed like I never got my feet out of it," he said. While his oldest son John took the business over in 1977, Ed continued to run loader until the early 1990s and then began to mark skid trails. He was out in the woods until 2003 and now tends the family farm in Chewelah.

LEFT: This photo is from the August 2000 edition of Loggers World, showing Ed Hansen checking over timber on the landing. When this photo was taken he was already "retired" but rumor had it that this word had little meaning.



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Hansen have done for our community. Those of us who live here are well aware of their ongoing support, not only for our community, but also for the individuals of our community who find themselves in peril."

For the Hansens, they'll be the first to tell you logging isn't easy but it's become a way of life for the hard-working family. If there's anyone that's seen the most change in the timber industry it's the one that started it all. Ed Hansen, who still tends the family farm just outside of Chewelah nestled next to Quartzite Mountain, first experience in logging was in 1945 as a junior in high school. It was an off and on affair as Ed would man a hand saw.

"There was a lot of old growth around Chewelah then," he said. "I would say about 60 percent of it was still old growth. I miss that old pine smell it's different from bull pine."

Ed said he learned the warming nature of turpentine - which he used to keep the hand saw lubricated - after he kept a flask of it in his back pocket on a hot day and it made his backside feel like it was on fire. He said the biggest change in the timber industry came when hand saws were replaced with chainsaws.

The speed and nature of the business changed after that as some of the elbow grease was taken out and replaced by a two-stroke gasoline engine. Ed also said another big change to the industry was when negotiating for a logging job turned into bidding for job.

"That was a big thing that hurt loggers I feel," Ed said. "You went from talking face to face about the job to just bidding and it kind of set logger against logger."

Ed also ran a double drum jammer and loaded railroad cars for the Great Northern Railroad. In 1964 when he moved his family from a dairy in Addy, Wash. to

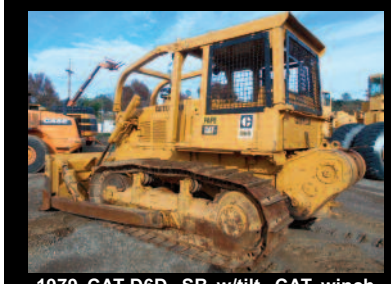
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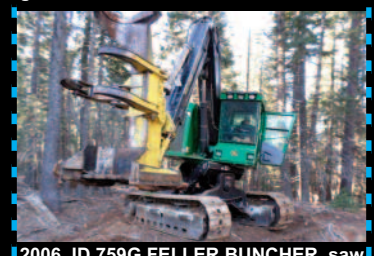
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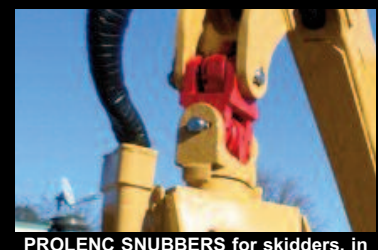
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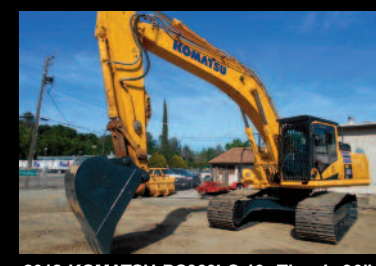
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BRINGING IN A DRAG, Tony Hansen, of Chewelah, operates his 1992 John Deere 648E Skidder on the Hansen Logging jobsite near Colville, Wash. Running the 320C CAT with a LogMax 9000 processor is Anthony Jones. "The chainsaw is kind of almost obsolete," Tony said. "Everything is mechanized, you're using processors for bucking instead of hand buckers and cutters. That's probably the biggest change to the industry is when the processors took over."

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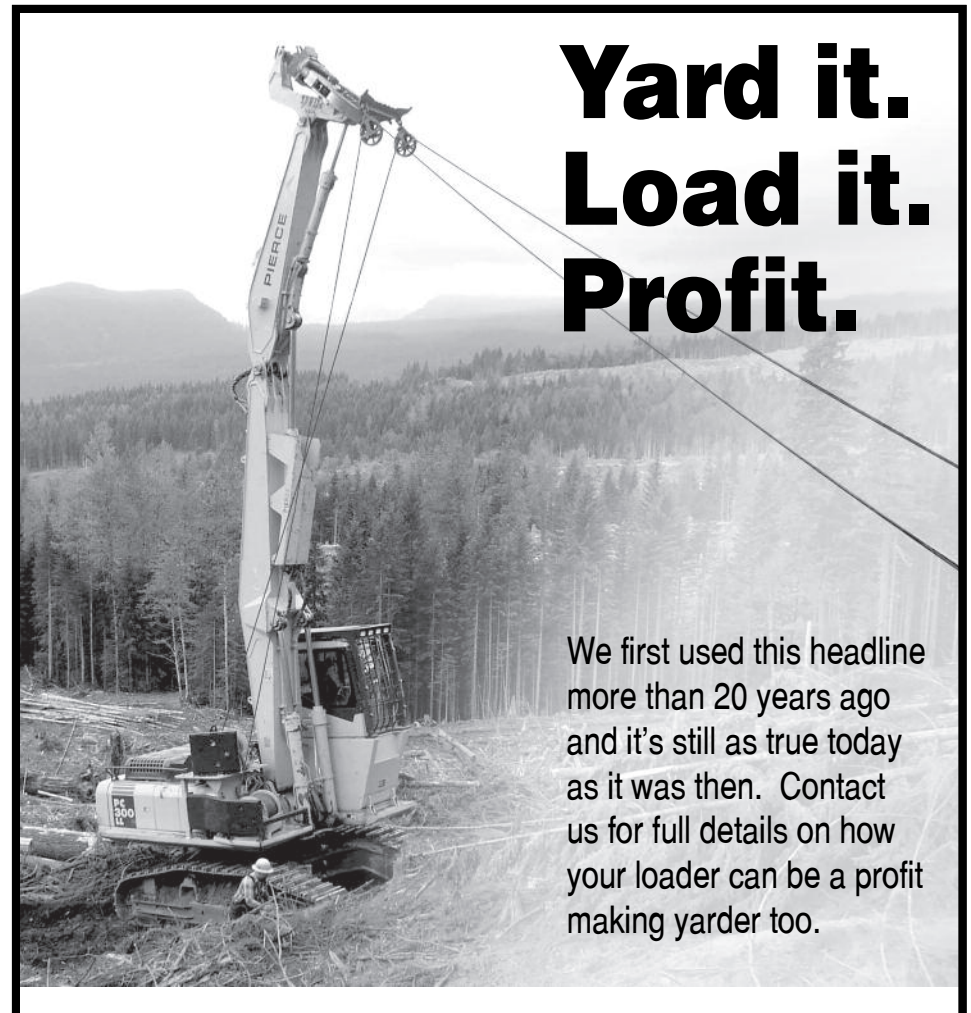
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AFTER A DAY'S WORK, Anthony Jones and Tony Hansen pose for this photo in front of Hansen's 1992 John Deere 648E Skidder on the Hansen Logging jobsite near Colville, Wash. Jones runs a 320C CAT with a LogMax 9000 processor.



RESIDING IN CHEWELAH, Tony spends time with his wife, Sue, and granddaughter Dakota. Hansen also enjoys hunting and helping his father Ed out on the family farm. "I just like being out there working in the woods around this country," Tony said.

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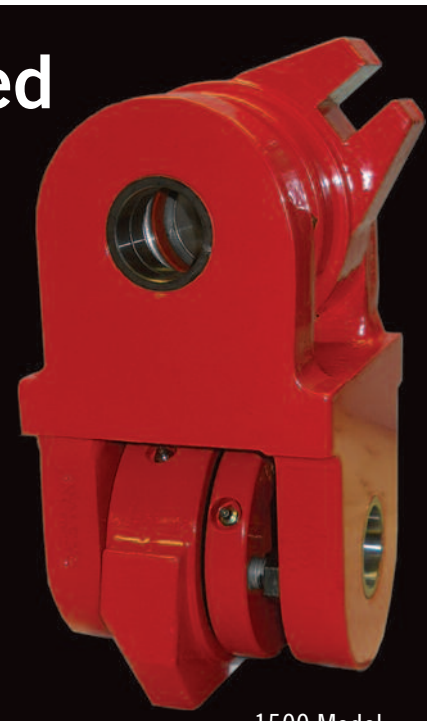


THE HANSEN FAMILY has certainly grown throughout the years, while not the whole crew, a big group of Hansens gathered for Christmas Day breakfast in 2014. (L to R) Chris Hansen, Rob Hansen, Theresa Wilkerson, Sue Hansen, Sherri Hansen, JoAnne Hansen, John Hansen, Alissa Hansen, Christine Chalmers, Eric Chalmers, (up front) Jacob Chalmers, Kaden Chalmers and Emily Chalmers pose for this photo for Loggers World. The Chewelah Chamber of Commerce honored John and Sherri as the city's Honored Citizens of 2013 after reccomendations from 28 people.

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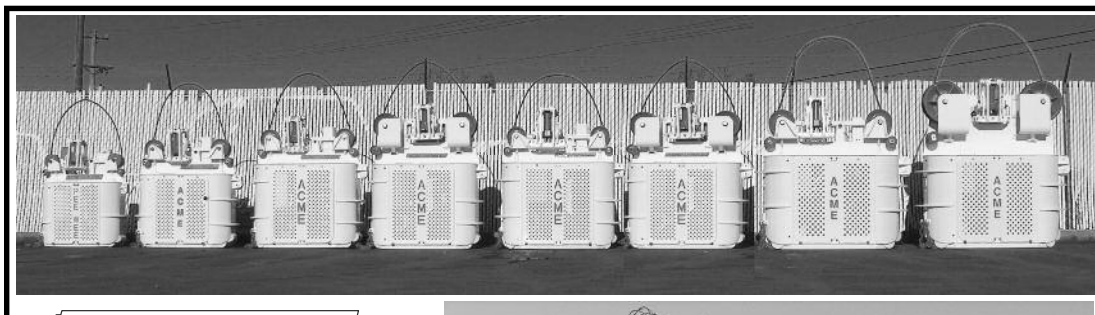
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Hansen Logging's Ed Knoles operates a 1992 John Deere 648E skidder with a Esco 212C Grapple out on the jobsite near Colville, Wash. Ed has been with Hansen Logging for ten years and currently resides in Priest River. "I like to run equipment, it's nice being out here most of the time," Knoles said.



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Chewelah, Wash. Ed moved into logging full time.

"After that it seemed like I never got my feet out it," he said.

When his oldest son, John graduated from high school in 1971, he began working in a Chewelah tire shop before they offered him a manager job. He turned them down.

"I didn't want to deal with the public," John said.

Instead, John borrowed some money from relatives to buy a John Deere 440 skidder and worked as a subcontractor for Pat Davidson Logging.

"He got a skidder and I thought he was crazy," Ed, who admits to turning away when he would see one of his boys driving a skidder down a particularly steep skid trail, said.

In 1974, John bought another skidder and had his brother Tony, recently graduated from high school, run the machine for Ed. In 1975, when John was subcontracting for Bob Haynes out of Kettle Falls he rolled his skidder seven times and ended up in the hospital. While he was in the hospital, Tony also rolled his skidder.

"It was not a good week," John said.

While recovering for weeks from his rollover, John located a burnt out skidder in Oregon and set about rebuilding it. John went back to work for his father Ed that same year and around the same time, longtime Hansen Logging employee Keith Justice also joined the crew.

"A big operation at the time was 6-7 people but boy did the company ever grow after that," Ed said.

Mark Hansen began working for Hansen Logging in 1976 and did everything from running chainsaw, falling timber and running equipment. He even served as a hooker for a high lead machine for some time.

"We had good times, some bad, always scared the crap out of you when someone would say a skidder tipped over, especially when two of my brothers operated them," Mark said. "The most enjoyable job I had was operating the track mount loader, or using the backhoe attachment to build roads."

Mark would go on to work for Alcoa in 1994 and when they closed their plant in Addy, Wash. he moved with his family to Anderson, Indiana to help start up a magnesium recycle plant. Mark worked there as a supervisor until 2007 when he moved to South Carolina and now works for Century Aluminum. He is now a technician on the pot line where they make aluminum from alumina processed in an electromagnetic pot. His wife Kelly and him have four daughters: Brianna, Lyndsie, Madisen and Caitlyn.

Despite the distance, his family still makes the trip back to Chewelah to visit family.

A year after Mark began working for Hansen Logging, In 1977, John took over the operation and Ed moved into Barko 250 loader.

"We were a skidding show," John said. "I had two skidders, and Tony and I were skidding, someone running the crawler, a couple of fallers, a bucker, and dad running the shovel."

It was around this time that John purchased the first swing grapple for his John Deere 540A skidder. It was the first swing grapple on a skidder in the area. The impact was immediately felt as John discovered it was much more productive than using cables.

"I figured at first it was

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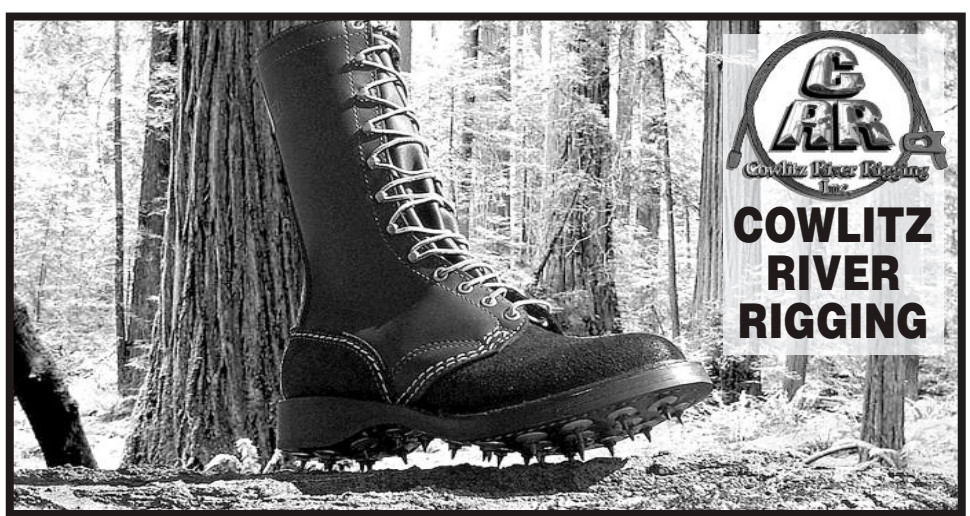




Andy McArthur Jr. operates a 1998 200LC Hitachi Loader out on the Hansen Logging jobsite near Colville, Wash.

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faster to do a job we had with big wood with cables," John said. "It didn't take me very long to see I was wrong. We never did that again and went to grapples full time."

John's brother Tony, now a skidder operator for over 40 years, noticed the difference in productivity as well with the grapples.

"We transitioned from skidding log length to skidding whole trees," Tony said. "You'd get more volume that way and the bucker was on the landing instead of out in the brush."

Sometimes when downhill terrain allowed, the skidders would use their winch line and grapple to bring in even more on a drag.

John also added a grapple to Keith Justice's Cat and every skidder in the company to save time and make conditions safer for the operator since they could stay in the machine.

"We used to have a hell of an advantage over everyone," he said.

Hansen Logging grew to two logging sides in 1978 and in 1979, John bought his first log truck and had friend Ceaser Antoine be the company's first driver. Hansen Logging then purchased another truck and had Ron Christian haul with it. This was also the same time John began dating his wife Sherri. Sherri would become an important part of the company, helping manage and operate the ever-growing enterprise.

"I could always go get the work and manage all that," John said. "But the bank and business stuff was all Sherri."

Sherri would go on to represent the Chewelah/Colville chapter of the Washington State Contract Loggers Association and helped them start up a credit union. She served as the president of the board for a year and also has involved Hansen Logging into the Log A Load for Kids fundraiser (www.logaload.org) for the past 30 years to help raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. The CMN helps parents pay for care for sick children. Sherri is also on the board for the Chewelah Scholarship Foundation Dollars For Scholars gives opportunity to local kids looking to further their education.

John and Sherri had two children, Christine and Christopher, and have three grandchildren. Christine married Eric Chalmers, who works for Hansen Logging constructing roads.

At the beginning of the 1980s, Hansen Logging bought a shop just outside of Chewelah near the old Magnesium Plant. It had originally been used as a place where boards were cut for furniture.

When John's youngest brother Rob graduated from high school, he went to Spokane Community College for diesel tech and is now the main mechanic for the company, keeping equipment operating out in the woods. He currently resides out in Deer Park with his wife JoAnne. They have two kids, Daniel and Alissa.

"I learned wrenching on the farm," Rob told Loggers World in 2000. "and the diesel mechanic program in Spokane.

As the company has grown through the years, Hansen Logging has moved to being completely mechanized.

"The chainsaw is kind of almost obsolete," Tony said. "Everything is mechanized, you're using processors for bucking instead of hand buckers and cutters. That's probably the biggest change to the industry is when the processors took over."

By the 1980s, the company had grown to three sides and four trucks, and the company ran a Skagit SK4 swing yarder for a

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few years during the decade but moved to skidders completely by 1986.

"Part of the problem was in finding a crew capable and willing to work on the tower," John said. "We had plenty of work and we could get so much more done with the skidder sides."

"Over in this area in eastern Washington, that's the most economical way to move the wood is to use our skidders," Tony said.

In 1986, the company also bought a Cat D7 and a John Deere 790 excavator and moved into building roads full time. Terry Chalmers joined the company for the road side which has since swelled to two D-7 Cats, three road graders, 6 excavators and 3 dump trucks.

"He diversified to keep people busy and got into the rock business," Ed said. "It's all been okay."

Hansen Logging now has onsite rock crushing and building site prep. That goes along with two quarries for rock and topsoil. The road side can build new driveways, roads, recondition existing roads, install bridges, fish pipes and culverts.

The company has since increased their trucking fleet from two in 1979 to 16 trucks in 2015. The growth was rapid, as John bought two brand new Peterbilts in 1988, two more new trucks in 1990, two in 1991, one in 1992 and three in 1998.

"The first truck I'd bought, I had put a lot of money in that first year," John said. "I figured I may as well spend a bit more and spend new."

Through the years the company has hauled from as far away as Belgrade, Mont. and has currently operates in a large area of Eastern Washington from Omak, Wash. to just east of Chewelah. While the great recession was a rough patch for the timber industry as a whole, Hansen Logging survived the uncertainty and currently works for Hancock Timber Resource Group, Potlach, Vaagen Brothers Lumber, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and Boise-Cascade.

"You try to keep close to home but sometimes you have to deal with the distance," John said.

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"It used to be that an hour and half was a long commute," Tony said. "And if it got over that, we'd make camp. Now we'll commute two hours before we'll go try to camp."

Working on the Colville Reservation is a new development as Hansen Logging began doing jobs for them just two years prior after the tribe began operating a mill in Omak, Wash.

"It's become more of world economy and it can change if things are cheaper in places like Australia," Hansen said. "There's also more corporate mills. Before you'd have something like two brothers trying to keep a saw mill running."

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"It's definitely gotten easier in a sense since you're in a machine but on the same token you have to put a lot more in terms of money for equipment," Rob Hansen said.

Depending on the time of year and weather conditions, Hansen Logging can have up to four sides in the woods and the road building crew. Keith Justice has retired, but John, Tony, Terry Metlow and Paul Kreis will manage logging sides while Terry Chalmers looks after the road-building side.

Hansen Logging has since moved their offices from downtown Chewelah to out near their equipment and truck shop. They also run Beacon RV and Mini Storage on the same property as well. Hansen Logging was named the Western Region U.S. Logging Company of the Year in 2000. Hansen Logging also has Washington Master Logger Certification, and is a member of both the American Loggers Council and the Washington Contract Loggers Association.

As for Ed, who the ever growing pool of grandkids and great grandkids know as grandpa, he operated a hydraulic loader up until the early 1990s before he started marking skid trails.

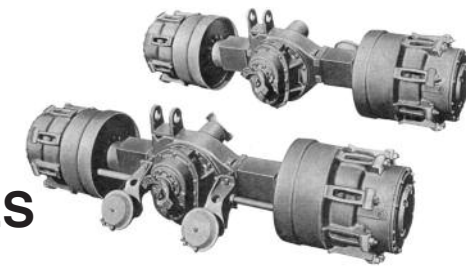
"Walking in the woods again, it kind of took me a while to get my legs back in shape," he said with a laugh. Ed did that until about 2003 but has continued his work on the farm with Carole. John, Tony and Rob are still going strong for the company. Tony lives with his wife, Susan outside of Chewelah and spend plenty of time with their granddaughter, Dakota.

"I just like being out there

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working in the woods around this country," Tony said. "Although, they keep making us do more and more paperwork."

"They all liked being out in the woods, it wasn't a pushy thing from me they just liked going out there," Ed said. "John liked it, Mark liked it, Rob did and so did Tony."

And so the topic of logging will still come up around the family dining table. Because after all, it's a way of life right?



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Summary Judgment....

Ronald Reagan on the Wars on Coal

by William Perry Pendley

With President Obama's war on coal underway, it is worth reviewing how the nation came to rely on coal and what some perceive of as the first war on coal—that waged by President Jimmy Carter—and President Ronald Reagan's response.

In April of 1977, President Carter, saying "we are now running out of gas and oil," set a goal of producing a billions tons of coal annually by 1985; but, in October of 1979, Governor Reagan, noting, "We have an estimated one-half of all the known coal reserves in the world," asked "[W]hy aren't we mining more?" The answer was Carter was schizophrenic about coal. He wanted to increase production, but he also espoused policies that hampered its mining.

For Eastern states, their inability to mine more coal was caused by a new federal law mandating reclamation of coal lands, prohibiting certain mining techniques, and barring mining of some lands. Carter officials imposed the law with a vengeance through 500 pages of top-down, command and control, recipe-book regulations that left little flexibility for states to develop regulatory programs that reflected "diversity in terrain, climate, biologic, chemical, and other physical conditions in areas subject to mining operations," as intended by Congress.

For Western states—because their coal is primarily federally owned—their challenge was due to a moratorium on leasing federal coal, litigation by environmental groups, and ever-changing federal laws on leasing and mining federal coal. Carter officials refused to appeal a judge's ruling that an environmental statute required central planning, "toyed with the idea of hiring a U.S. specialist in Soviet economic planning to look at the federal leasing program," and imposed the vague, vaporous visions of central planners on the coal leasing program.

In Reagan's view, Carter's policies violated two core values. The first was federalism—states are sovereign and must be allowed to run their affairs, especially when Congress mandates that result. The second was respect for the marketplace—the United States, as a landowner, must not act as a monopolist but must make its resources available to the American public. Restoring those values was one of Reagan's top priorities. He returned jurisdiction over coal reclamation to the states and leased coal in the west, which, thanks to bipartisan regulatory changes adopted at his direction, today produces most of the nation's coal. In 1990, U.S. coal production hit a billion tons.

Most Americans are aware of Obama's promised war on coal, including the EPA's "cap and trade" regulations, its trifecta of power plant killing regulations, and its unprecedented veto of a permit issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a coal mine in Logan County, West Virginia. It is not just the EPA, however; another agency moved to overturn a federal rule—five years and 40,000 comments in the making—that will cost up to 220,000 jobs and $14 to $20 billion in coal production in Appalachia. Now an environmental group, hoping for yet another unilateral edict from President Obama and arguing that the federal government is not getting "fair market value" for its coal, demands an end to federal coal leasing.

President Reagan confronted that charge in a radio address he drafted: "Now voices are being raised on the Hill saying that a moratorium should be put on the leasing of all coal bearing government lands. Totally forgotten is the fact that the American people as customers will end up paying for that coal. Included in the price will be the cost of the lease and even that 12-1/2% royalty [paid to the federal government].... It seems to me [the lease sale] not only protected the government interests, [it showed] consideration for the ultimate consumer – you and me."

With the power grid's long-term reliability at risk, with electricity prices to skyrocket nationwide, and with the layoffs from and closing of coal mines across American reverberating throughout communities, Reagan's consideration for American citizens is refreshing.

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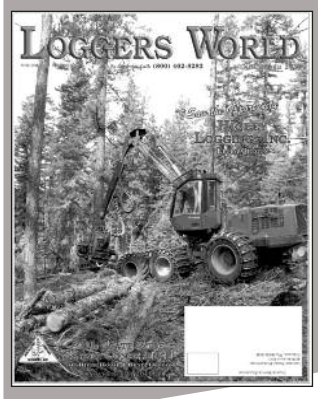
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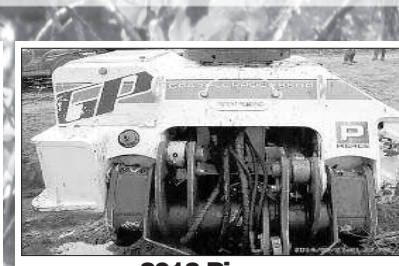
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How many of you know that the U.S. military has done its own logging and sawmilling in theaters of operation during WWII? In my book collection I have a U.S. Army manual on logging/sawmilling. This photo shows a group of American servicemen in non-combat uniforms loading some nice hardwood logs. A simple hoist and stiff leg loading boom are mounted on a 2 ½ ton truck, and it looks like a sister truck is getting a nice overload in the process. Let's hope that those old style "grave digger" tires on that truck get the load where it needs to go. *(This war-time photo is from the Quinn J. Murk collection.)*

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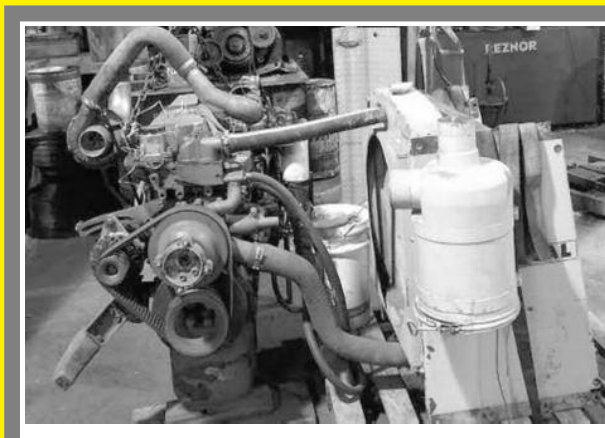
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Operating in one of the most dangerous industries in the country forces any good business managers to closely watch all business practice that adds to their overall liability. Any business in the Timber Harvesting industry should be a Corporation, LLC or some other structure that would limit an owner's personal liability. If your business is not classified in this manner, it would be well worth your while to look into making a change. If you use subcontractors for falling timber, hauling logs or other activities then a well thought out and legally binding Subcontractor Agreement must be in place. If your Insurance companies have not already talked to you about this then I would contact them or your State Association for more information on the subject.

Understanding the legalities of a subcontractor's role in your business is very important information, and at the end of the day, knowledge and the associated response are the things that separate a successful business from the others. A subcontractor is not privileged to the benefits that your company may give to employees such as health care, retirement, your workman's compensation coverage or coverage under your liability insurance policy. A subcontractor is told where to do the work but not how to do it, and must possess the necessary tools required for the job. Ignoring the legality of this responsibility may in the short term provide an advantage in securing work, in the long run when the lawyers, insurance companies and injured third parties have their day in court, I for one would not want to hide behind ignorance of the law as my defense.

A fair bid process is one that would put cost control and production as the primary factors that dictate the outcome; however that is not always the case. Understanding the law and the liability associated with having subcontractors working for you is critical. As a business owner you cannot provide tools to a subcontractor to perform a service and at the same time enjoy the benefits of a subcontractor relationship, the same is true for the entity you may work for.

As the need for fiber increases, and we all hope it does, the path to get our products to consumers will be an interesting one. Laws have been put in place and continue to govern us as a country however some businesses tend to operate with comfort in the grey area. As an industry it seems the timber harvesting community has always put their heads down and worked harder and there is absolutely nothing wrong with that, assuming they are compensated appropriately. Fiber supply and consuming businesses are operated for a profit, just as we the producers do, some do it legally and some operate in the grey area.

Business practices are merely decisions that are made by individuals and if your business is run in the most ethical way you know, then you can look yourself in the mirror every day and be proud of what you've accomplished. I like to believe that in most cases, the CEOs of the companies that operate in the grey area are not completely aware of what is going on under them. One can only hope that these people that cannot look in the mirror with pride will be replaced with managers that can. Unethical business practices are not a sustainable business model. If we are to succeed as an industry it will be due to our character, the trust we have established and positive working relationships.



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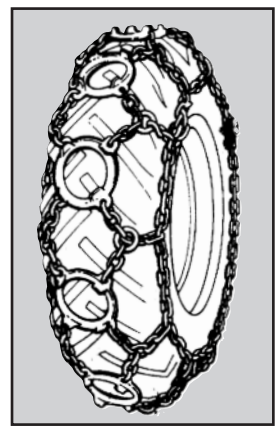
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