

## Safety concerns lead to tree removal near state hospital



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**TIMBER:** Elwood Newhouse, who owns Elwood's Tree Service in Salem, chops the trunk of a tree estimated to be 75 to 85 years old Thursday. Twenty trees around the Oregon State Hospital will be removed in the next two weeks, spokeswoman Patricia Feeny said. Arborists said the trees are unsafe and are in dangerous areas, near walkways and buildings. New trees will be planted.