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Featured Business

The Wine Cellar

by Virginia Bruce

Erin Palmer's Wine Cellar is a favorite destination for many of her

regular customers, who stop in every week or so to replenish their cellars, discover new favorites, and spend some time tasting wine and laughing and chatting with Erin and other customers.

But there are still a lot of folks who haven't discovered the shop, tucked away as it is behind Mazatlan Restaurant in the Cedar Mill Place center at 13486 A NW Cornell. If you like wine and want to learn more about it, you should definitely make the effort to find this shop.

Erin says that the favorite part of her job is teaching classes and hosting tastings. The tastings are a great deal for just \$10 per person, especially since it is free if you make a purchase. Tastings are held almost every Friday from 4-7 pm, and she often has a casual tasting on Saturday as well.



get stressed because there's so much to learn, but really everyone's taste is different, and I want people to have confidence in expressing their perceptions and preferences," she

explains. The class also covers the basics of what makes different varietals unique, along with principles of food and wine pairing, wine making techniques, and regional influence.

Other class topics include "Understanding Pinot Noir," "Ports of Portland," "Low Tannin Reds," and occasional special events like a Valentine's Day Date Night. Classes typically run \$39 per person and are 90 minutes long. The more specific classes let Erin impart her knowledge of the history of the particular type of winemaking, viticulture (grape-growing), production, and one of Erin's favorite subjects,



Erin Palmer pours a sample of a local red for some of her fans

The most popular class is "Seven Things Everyone Should Know About Wine," which is the basic class that imparts an understanding of the terminology of wine and the etiquette of tasting. "I want people to feel comfortable with wine—ordering and buying it, talking about it, enjoying it. I think many people

pairing wine with foods.

Class descriptions and schedules are on the shop's newly redesigned website, portlandwinecellar.com. She sends out a weekly newsletter by email, and she also has a recently-launched Facebook page—Erin's Wine Cellar—that she keeps

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Shell expansion approved, appeal planned

The Washington County Current Planning Services division of the Land Use & Transportation Department approved Jackson Oil/PacWest Energy LLC's application to expand their facility on Cornell on February 27, 2012. Despite receiving 19 letters of comment from concerned locals, the staff apparently feels that requiring Jackson Oil/PacWest Energy to meet Town Center requirements regarding sidewalk width, road circulation, driveway distances and other aspects would put too much of a financial burden on them and would not be proportional to the proposed expansion.

Ever since Cedar Mill was designated as a Town Center in 1995, it has been considered critical to improve "the grid." Well-functioning

town centers have an alternate system of roads that take some of the pressure off arterials and provide access for cars and pedestrians to get around and reach businesses in the area. Cornell is an arterial, but there are few north-south streets or parallel streets to create such a grid.

Extending Barnes Road to the north to connect with Dogwood would provide an important element of that grid. Allowing Jackson to expand their convenience store in its present location would make it highly unlikely that Barnes would be extended for many decades. The county is afraid that requiring the redevelopment of the property to conform with Town Center needs would constitute a "taking" of the station's economic viability.

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Sunset News

State Swim Champs!

by Nicole Nagel, Sunset senior

Another banner will soon be hanging in the Sunset gym, thanks to the men's swim team. Their outstanding athleticism recently earned them a second consecutive State Championship title. The team consists of five juniors and three sophomores, so the same powerful lineup will fully return next year. Of these eight boys, Calder Dorn and Braden Esping are both seasonal swimmers, compared to the other six who are members of year-round clubs. Although these two may not have had as much practice, they became a major asset for the 200-meter Free Relay during the State competition. Calder Dorn commented, "It was my first year [at State]...it was a huge surprise because it's very difficult to make,

but I worked hard throughout the season. It was overwhelming to have made it so far."

Although swimming is an individual sport, Sunset's members have made their team into a true community. Jordan explains



Left to right: Jonathan C Zoucha, Josh Noll, Cole Hurwitz, Calder Dorn (in the back), Kasey Kwong, Braden Esping, Jordan Hurwitz, Cameron Stitt

their team's dynamic: "We support each other, no matter what. The points from individual races come together to create the entire school score. We cheer each other on, hoping to help our friends do their

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Cedar Mill Business News

Do you have news or events or know of something that you would like to see covered in the Cedar Mill News? Please write to Virginia Bruce at info@cedarmillnews.com.

Local photographer in Seventeen

Portrait photographer Sandy Sahagian received a call one day from a young lady asking her to take a portrait, with her car, in the next few days. Sandy had to juggle her schedule around a bit, but was able to help.

Sandy says, "We agreed on a good time of day when the light would be best, and we talked more about her project. Finally it was mentioned it was for a

magazine—then it turned out to be SEVENTEEN Magazine! I was so glad I did not just tell her I was too busy. Her compelling story just grabbed at my heartstrings! We had a wonderful time and even though SEVENTEEN had many tough requirements, it was great to get to know them as well, and we were able to meet all their standards with flying colors."

The article, concerning a very dramatic attempted carjacking, appeared in the March issue of the magazine with Sandy's portrait.

Virtue of the month: Justice

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—Linda Kavelin

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Local BBQ team gets promo gig

Burnt Ends BBQ has been appointed as BBQ Brand Ambassadors for the greater Portland area by a large national marketing company. This summer Burnt Ends BBQ will be making product demonstration appearances on behalf of Bulls Eye BBQ Sauce. They will be involved with several large-draw events such as the Rose Festival, the Waterfront Blues Festival, and the Rock'n'Roll half-marathon. They will also be making appearances at selected area grocery stores.

They'll be taking a break from that busy schedule to serve sandwiches and bulk meat at the Leedy Grange Spring Fair on April 21. Burnt Ends BBQ is available for bookings, catering, and custom cooked BBQ orders. For more information, call 503-641-6680 or visit their Facebook page.

Print Madness 2012

March Madness is a time of nail-biting games, Cinderella stories, upsets and underdogs overachieving. This year, The UPS Store is celebrating this great American tradition with 'Print Madness.' From March

1 to April 6, customers will have the opportunity to make color prints for just 25 cents and will receive a text code to enter a sweepstakes for the chance to win a four-person trip to the 2013 Final Four in Atlanta.

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Couples AND Singles Welcome!

The Leedy Grange has dancing every second and fourth Friday of the month. The Community Dance is for *everyone* and we need more singles to join us! Don't know how to dance? There's a lesson at 7 pm to get you started. Every week we focus on the basics of a different ballroom or swing dance and then help new dancers throughout the evening. General dancing from 8-10 pm. \$7/ adults; \$5/students. It's a great place to meet new people and connect with old friends.

Need some extra help with learning to dance? Michael and Cynthia Parent have new beginner classes starting soon or Give It a Whirl! with an Introduction to Dance: three 30 minute private lessons plus a dance for \$55.

Students welcome too! We have a small group of students from Sunset and ISB that regularly join us for dancing. They are looking for more interested high school age students to start a weekly class to learn Swing and Ballroom dancing.

For detailed information contact Cynthia Parent at 971-226-1119, danceteachers@aol.com. ImpressionsDanceClub.net

Wine classes and tastings

Tastings are open to everyone on Friday from 4-7 pm, or Saturday from 12-5pm. Tastings are \$10 each or free with purchase.

Seven Things Everyone Should Know About Wine, March 15, 6:30-8 pm. This class will walk you through important information like etiquette, food and wine pairing rules, history and pronunciation.

Each class features a minimum of a five-wine flight for you to enjoy.

The Wine Cellar is located at 13486-a NW Cornell Road, behind Mazatlan Restaurant. Call Laurie at 503-643-5655 to register, or visit them online at portlandwinecellar.com for more information.

Village Gallery News

The 3rd Annual Art Challenge application deadline is March 17. It is a non-juried show and you need not be a VGA member to enter. Information and application forms are on our website.

Our featured artist for March is the VGA instructor, Terri Gonzalez. She has taught Children's Art



"On the Lookout" by Terri Gonzalez

classes for 15 years at the VGA. Photography is her passion and Terri uses it as a platform for many of her watercolors. Please join her at an Artist Reception on Sunday, March 11, from 1-3 pm. Light refreshments will be provided.

This month Terri Gonzalez teaches her Children's Art Classes on Mondays from 3:45-4:45 pm. This is a wonderful class for children to learn the basic principles and concepts of various art media and techniques.

The Gallery is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10-4; Sunday noon-4 and closed on Mondays. The gallery is next to the Cedar Mill Library at 12505 NW Cornell Rd. Call 503-644-8001 or stop by to register for classes. We are updating our website and adding new information regularly. Visit us at villagegalleryarts.org.

New fabrics at Les Couleurs De Provence

Mireille Nett just received her new shipment of fabric from Provence, France. These include new runners, tablecloths and

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Grange News

Breakfast, fiddle tunes, photos Saturday

Leedy Grange will provide a hearty breakfast and rousing entertainment this Saturday, March 10 from 8 am to noon at the hall. Bring the family and enjoy the rousing tunes provided by The Old-time Fiddlers in the main hall, and our ever-fascinating collection of historical photos of Cedar Mill.

The photo exhibit is up in the hall permanently now, thanks to the scanning job provided by Nick Olson's Portland Vital Signs.



We've been putting the images into frames as we can. If you have any large frames sitting around in your garage or basement that you'd like to pass along, please bring them to the event.

Bethany rally

Oak Hills residents and others opposed to the current plan for Bethany Road widening are planning a rally on Sunday, March 11 from 3-4 pm at the intersection of Oak Hills Drive and Bethany Blvd. They invite those interested to "bring all family members (except pets), neighbors, friends, and allies. Stand on safe sidewalks, alongside neighbors, friends, and other citizen organizations in Washington County that support us."

Bethany Open House

Washington County's Engineering and Construction Services Division, along with its design consultants, WH Pacific and Parsons Brinckerhoff, invite you to attend the Bethany Open House on March 13 from 5-7:30 pm in order to view the upcoming transportation improvements scheduled for NW Bethany Blvd. The open house will occur at the Sunset Presbyterian Church at 14986 NW Cornell Road.

The upcoming project, which has been divided into two segments for design purposes, will widen NW Bethany Blvd, including the Highway 26 overpass, from NW Cornell Rd to NW West Union Rd, to improve multi-modal capacity while enhancing roadway geometry and intersection safety.

Later that day, at 2 pm, organic farmer and County Commissioner Greg Malinowski will talk about his farm-leasing program. He makes portions of his farm available to young farmers who want to grow food for farmers' markets and restaurants in the area where locally-

grown organic produce is valued. This program is free and open to anyone interested in learning more.

The hall now has a new kitchen sink. Our old one had sprung several leaks. In the "slippery-slope" tradition of improvement, the job morphed from a simple sink installation to a partial repair of the floor, a new water heater, and new pipes to replace some ancient and corroded ones. Thanks to our Steward Bruce Bartlett who supervised the work, and to Anctil Plumbing who carried it out.

We also installed hose bibbs to serve the front of the building, where we're planning to plant some native landscaping to enhance our wonderful mural. That should take place in the coming weeks. We have the plants, we just need to schedule a planting party, hopefully with some help from members of the Cedar Mill Garden Club.

Looking forward, plan to come and enjoy our Spring Fair during the Earth Day weekend of April 20-22. Art and craft vendors will display their wares, with an emphasis on items made from recycled materials. The dining hall will include information from many local organization about sustainable living. A plant sale in the parking lot, and a barbecue lunch from our good friends the Burnt Ends BBQ Team will round out the weekend. Contact us if you'd like to get involved.

Grange members help make all these decisions, man the spatulas, and carry out other activities to bring this wonderful old building to the community. Membership is only \$35 per year (\$65 for a family) and brings with it the satisfaction of helping the community, and the opportunity to learn new skills and make new friends. Ask for more information during the breakfast—you don't have to be a farmer to join the Grange!

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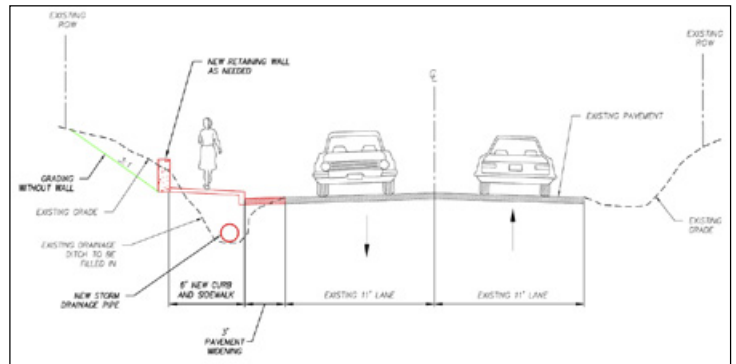
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119th sidewalk on schedule for summer construction

119th Avenue between NW Cornell and NW McDaniel currently lacks sidewalks in many stretches, resulting in pedestrians being

design-wise from the initial drawings that were shown at the open house last year. All the right-of-way (ROW) has been acquired. Brush and trees that are in the way of the



119th typical section (not to scale)

forced to walk in the roadway adjacent to narrow travel lanes. Due to its proximity to shopping, schools and transit facilities, there is an unusually high pedestrian volume. This project will add sidewalks to the west side of the road between Cornell and McDaniel and will also include minor street widening and storm drainage upgrades. In addition to this project, missing sections of sidewalk on the north side of Cornell Road between Saltzman and 119th will be constructed.

Project Manager Matt Costigan says, "Nothing has really changed

project need to be removed first. We want to take trees down before birds start nesting, so that should begin in the next few weeks. We are finalizing waterline relocation and construction plans now."

The tentative date to start soliciting construction bids for the project is Monday, April 16th, bid opening on May 2nd, to begin construction around June 1st. The county's project page has more information: www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/TransportationProjects/119th-ave-nue-sidewalk.cfm?page>About

Sunset Swim Center to close March 10-June 3

Thanks to THPRD's 2008 voter-approved bond measure, Sunset Swim Center is going to undergo structural improvements to make the center safer in the event of an earthquake. Additionally, several capital improvements will be made to the center, including resurfacing the pool tank; replacing windows in the spectator section and lower classroom; and resurfacing halls and dressing room floors with non-skid coating.

These projects will require THPRD to temporarily close the facility starting March 10. Reopening is scheduled for June 4. This is the second bond project at Sunset Swim Center since passage of the measure in November 2008.

The first project was completed in 2009 and repaired the air tunnel, which is located under the pool deck and encircles the pool. The tunnel, which had slowly deteriorated due to corrosion, has a new Fibreglas membrane shell. Plumbing, lighting and electrical fixtures

were re-installed, and the deck coating was resurfaced.

Another capital project planned for Sunset in 2013 will upgrade the parking lot to pervious concrete.

Garden Club meeting

"Shedding Light on the Shade Garden" will be presented by Stacie Palmer, Landscape Designer from 7 Dees Nursery at the March 21 meeting of the Cedar Mill Garden Club. The meeting will begin at 11:30 am at the Beaverton Community Center 12350 SW 5th, across from the Beaverton City Library. The presentation starts shortly before 1 pm, after the business and snack portion of the meeting. All interested gardeners and birdwatchers are welcome to attend the presentation and the meeting. For more information on the Cedar Mill Garden Club, contact Barbara Cushman 503-649-7741 or visit thecedarmillgardenclub.org.

Cornell trees—live, dead, missing in action

The widening and improvements to Cornell Road, completed in 2005, included street trees along both sides of the road from Saltzman to Murray. Recently people have noted that several of them were removed from in front of the commercial building at 13305 NW Cornell. According to Stephen Roberts of Washington County Land Use and Transportation, this was done with the county's blessing.

He says, "We were contacted by an arborist recently who noted they were having issues with the tree roots impacting the sidewalk. Current Planning staff advised that the trees could be replaced with another County-approved species less likely to create the sidewalk issue." Watch for new trees to be planted before long.

During the construction, though, a large tree in front of the Courtyard at Cedar Mill apart-

ments was slated for removal because it would be too close to the roadway. Joe Younkens, WC Capital Projects, recalls that the (then current, now former) property owner strongly opposed removal of the tree, so the project worked around it.

This resulted in a tree-well that may have been too small to allow enough water to the roots. Construction excavation may also have damaged the roots, according to Cedar Mill landscape architect Hal Beighley, who called our attention to the dying tree several months ago. He says the tree is a sequoia.

Norris & Stevens now owns the property. They were asking the county to do something about the dead tree, but Joe noted that he has recently talked with the property owner who now understands that the tree is his responsibility.

Look for it to be removed sometime this year. It is too bad, but it probably should have been taken out in the first place.



This dying tree could pose a hazard and will be removed. The process will likely affect traffic, but if the removal of the trees on Saltzman was any indication, the skilled teams that do this work can accomplish the feat quickly.

AARP safe driving class at CMCL

On March 16 and 23 from 9-noon, an AARP Driver Safety Program will be offered at the Cedar Mill Community Library. This six-hour classroom safe driving class, given in two sessions, typically qualifies drivers for an insurance discount if 55 and older. \$12 for AARP members, \$14 for non-AARP members. To register, visit aarp.org/drive or call (503) 286-9688.

Safe-driving instructors wanted

In addition, the program is looking for more instructors. Are you a safe driver? Can you teach others about safe driving? The AARP Driver Safety Program is in urgent need of volunteers to teach its classes to groups of 30 or less in Washington County. The commitment asked of an Instructor is to teach four classes per year at times and places mutually agreeable, and attend an annual meeting in the fall. Course Materials are provided. Training in teaching the material is

provided. Instructor expenses including mileage are reimbursed. For information contact: Tom Wilson, Washington County Coordinator, AARP Driver Safety Program, 503-286-9688, PDXCats@comcast.net.

Library News

by Dawn Anderson

Online event calendar

Check out our improved online event calendar at calendar.wccls.org/MasterCalendar/default.aspx. You can export events to Excel, get RSS feeds, or subscribe to the library's events by email or calendar feed.

Honey Dewdrops Concert

All the way from the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, The Honey Dewdrops will perform a free concert on Thursday, April 5, at 7 pm. Theirs are new songs from the southern mountains that ring with originality. Find out more about this duo at thehoneydewdrops.com

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Think Outside the Box—Try a Basket

Local Cedar Mill Mountain Man Nut & Fruit Co. distributor Joanne Hollister is offering gift baskets for all occasions year round. Joanne is starting her fifth year as a snack distributor and is finding that the gift basket market has changed. “There are not as many companies doing unique and quality baskets as in the past and I think there’s room out there for the Mountain Man Nut & Fruit Co. We carry fresh snacks ranging from nuts and dried fruits to Oregon jerkies and venison, as well as candies from Germany, Finland, Spain and the USA...the quality is superior.”

Easter is just a few weeks away, and the Mt. Man edible chocolate Easter baskets and chocolate eggs are unique and delicious. Each is filled with a variety of chocolates and tied with a beautiful colorful bow. Joanne will help you select the type of basket you want and make it perfect for any occasion. Baskets can be sent by UPS to just about anywhere in the U.S. For more information, call at Joanne 503-701-4005.

Kumon Math & Reading Center opens in Cedar Mill

Kumon, the world’s largest after-school math and reading enrichment program, has a new center in Cedar Mill, located at 13619 NW Cornell Rd., at the west end of the Safeway shopping center. This is the second Kumon Center operated by Kalla Anand. It opened January 2012. Her first center in Hillsboro

opened in 2004. Kalla’s passion for education and success, helping kids improve their math and reading skills, motivated her to open her second location here in Cedar Mill.

Kumon’s individualized approach helps children progress by ability rather than age or grade. In the U.S., 200,000 students from preschool to high school are developing their math and reading skills independently and gaining confidence through Kumon’s Method of Learning. Class hours are Tuesdays and Fridays from 3-6:30 pm. Students study for approximately a half-hour per subject and have short assignments to complete at home. For more information, or to schedule a free placement test, please call 503-446-9091, visit kumon.com/cedarmill, find them on Facebook at Kumon of Hillsboro & Cedar Mill, or email kallaanand@ikumon.com.

The Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce invites the public to attend the new business Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Event and to meet local educator and entrepreneur, Kalla Anand on Friday March 16, from 8-9:15 am.

Oregon College of Art & Craft events

Hoffman Gallery hosts “Invisible Cities and Hidden Landscapes,” a traveling exhibition of books & book-related artworks from March 1 through April 1. Devised as an opportunity to promote dialogue between teaching institutions in Britain and The United States, this

exhibition investigates the medium of artists’ books. Participants were invited to submit a book of their choice or make one in response to Italo Calvino’s poetic novel “Invisible Cities.”

The exhibition is diverse, including 3D books, altered found objects and textiles.The exhibition opened first in the UK before traveling here. The exhibition concludes at Kansas State University.

This not-to-be-missed exhibition features the work of OCAC Book Arts Department Chair, Barb Tetenbaum, and faculty member, Marilyn Zornado; current students Melanie Brauner, Ruth Bryant, Ava Goldberg, Ruby Kapka, Michelle Latham, Erin Mickelson, Elizabeth Rank, Gwen Stronach; and alumni Rachel Fish and Sue Selby. Free admission.

Another exhibition running concurrently is Craft In Context: Nike Design Atelier. Through this program, the College serves as a catalyst for Nike designers to engage in the making process with the materials and possibilities that OCAC offers as a creative center. This exhibition highlights the work created through this innovative partnership.

The Hoffmann Gallery is open 10 am-5 pm daily at 8245 SW Barnes Road. Phone 503-297-5544 or visit the website at ocac.edu for more information.

New broker at Lee Davies

Lee Davies Real Estate continues to grow, adding another new broker in February. Malia Premi

is passionate about Portland Real Estate. Upon moving here in 1997, she researched all neighborhoods within commuting distance of Nike, where she held a position as Senior Product Developer in Apparel Design/Marketing. Malia was drawn to Northwest Portland and ended up purchasing a home in Forest Heights. Soon after, she began investing in Real Estate intensely by researching Portland neighborhoods, evaluating schools, parks and services, while also considering costs such as county taxes and Association fees.

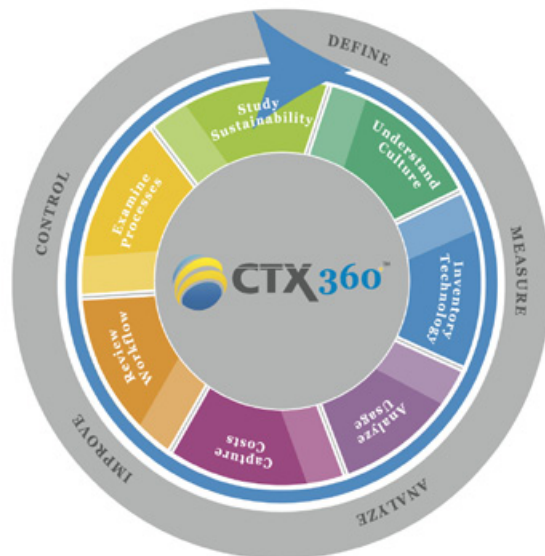
Malia considers it a privilege to serve customers in making important moves in their lives so in February, Malia made the move to Lee Davies Real Estate in order to further improve the level of service for her clients. She now offers her clients a team of three in every transaction she leads, significantly improving the quality and responsiveness of customer service.

Lee Davies Real Estate has enjoyed an average 34% annual growth in number of brokers since its inception in 2007. The beautifully remodeled home office is located at 9200 SW Barnes Rd. across from St. Vincent Medical Center. Phone: 503-292-1500; website leedavies.com

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together. The 6-week series of "play classes" helps parents and babies learn signs through theme-based songs, games, books, toys and activities. For more information or to register, contact Kimberly Pearson at 503-504-2329

Snail People Concert, Saturday March 24, 11-1, ages 4 to 6

Snail People is a multi-instrumental, multi-genre and multi-hairstyle touring music duo for kids and families. Re-imagined classics and creative originals encourage slowing down, being at home wherever you are, problem solving, and compassion. Snail People shows are interactive, with singing and dancing along and on-the-spot song

creation! The concert is \$15 per student (includes lunch).

Cooking 101, "If You Can Read, You Can Cook" Last Sunday Night of the month, 5 pm

Learn the fundamentals of getting around in the kitchen. This class will cover the basic cooking methods needed in making healthy and tasty meals; planning, tools, and skills. Every class ends with a seated dinner. February's focus is making healthy meals for busy families. This class is \$50 per student

Please contact mellisabenjamin@frontier.com or call/text 503-317-3229 for registration or information.



On February 7, more than 100 Terra Linda Elementary School third graders, successfully planted 300 bare-root native plants within the Cedar Mill Wetland Preserve along Barnes Road. The students were accompanied by parents and community volunteers along with the school's three third grade teachers, Jeff Axeman, Megan Craft and Ruth Miller.

The project was organized by Jennifer Wilson, Urban Land Steward with The Wetlands Conservancy (TWC), and Bill Triest, Cedar Mill resident and member of Washington County Small Woodlands Association. Students learned how to plant, explored the Wetland property led by the organizers, and played educational games providing environmental insight, while providing a benefit to their community through enhanced planting in the Cedar Mill Wetland.

Plants were supplied by Clean Water Services as part of their Tree for All program. The Wetland was created during the '90s to mitigate loss of wetland areas impacted by development. It is owned and managed by The Wetlands Conservancy (wetlandsconservancy.org). It is home to a variety of birds, amphibians and animals, and performs valuable services to clean water in the region.

Nan Olson hospitalized

Local historian Nan Olson suffered a cerebral aneurism in late February. Surgery successfully treated the aneurism but damaged some nerves, causing problems with walking and swallowing.

She is in a skilled care facility undergoing therapy to restore her abilities.

The family has created a page on Caring Bridge (caringbridge.com). Sign up to stay updated on her condition.

Nan is co-author of *Cedar Mill History*, an important book that documents our pioneer history. The book, out of print for several years, is available at the library.

Town Halls

Oregon Representatives Mitch Greenlick and Chris Harker, and State Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward will be at the Cedar Mill Community Library on March 10 at 2 pm for a town hall meeting. All are welcome to attend.

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best.” Calder adds, “We have pasta feeds, where we eat dinner, talk, and bond with our teammates.”

Calder said the highlight of the season was, “Everything! I look forward to everything and everyone. Our team is amazing and this experience has been amazing.” Jordan reflects on their improvements from last year with his standout moment: “It was very nice to win the 400 Free Relay at State this year! We got sixth last year, so it was a huge improvement, and I’m very proud.”

With so much talent also comes great aspirations. Calder remarked, “Next season I hope to make the times to be able to go into more events, such as the 50/100 Free.” Jordan has his mind set on a different competition: “Olympic trials are this year, so I really hope that I train hard enough to make the times for that competition.” Both, of course, would like to secure a third State title. For achieving these goals, they are not alone. Their success has reeled in many fans.

Soccer teams scrambling for fields

Milltown United Soccer Club provides recreational soccer play for over 1500 kids in the Cedar Mill area every year. But they’re getting to the point that they will have to limit their enrollment because of the lack of playing fields. They practice and play games on fields at schools, parks, churches, and on corporate campuses. Most of their fields are those managed by Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD).

Former Milltown president Eric Ufer says, “We cannot really grow much more. I think we will cap out around 1700 players with what we have available. Game scheduling is an issue for our league, especially for full-size fields that the older teams need. All clubs need access to turf fields because grass fields get rained out a lot. They get ruined when they’re played on during wet weather over time.”

Current Milltown president Kevin Fraczek says, “Field limitations definitely limit practice times. Most of the rec kids get one practice a week, where they share the field with one to three other teams.”

Tualatin Hills Junior Soccer League (THJSL, thjssl.org) is the parent league of all the THPRD clubs. They schedule all the available fields for the six recreational clubs and the two competitive clubs. The field-assignment program

Film Festival

Our young artistic visionaries will be displaying their projects at a special film festival organized by Sunset students. The Heliopolis Film Festival will be held on Friday, March 23rd at 7 pm. 11 films from IB Film students will be showcased, with each director planning to say a few words. There is a suggested \$5 donation, and food and drinks will be sold. All proceeds will go to Falling Whistles, a campaign for peace in Congo.

Oliver

Here’s a quick reminder that Sunset’s Spring Musical, “Oliver,” has begun. The entire cast has been working for months to deliver this outstanding performance, and it should not go unseen! The final show dates are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 8th, 9th, and 10th. The production begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Sunset auditorium. Tickets are sold at the door: \$10 for adults, \$7 for students, and \$6 for seniors.

is administered by Bill Kanable, THPRD Board member and President/Fields Coordinator of THJSL, and President of Westside Warriors Soccer Club and board member of Westside Metros classic club.

THPRD has tried to acquire more land for playing fields, but has not been very successful in our area. The latest fields built by THPRD were in other clubs’ areas. They hope that the eventual development of the recently-acquired land, that was formerly part of the Teufel Nursery on Miller Road, will ease the situation. They have also been talking to the Beaverton School District about developing fields on the site that was condemned for a school nearly ten years ago in the Timberland development, but apparently there are legal complications with that situation.

Registration for the short spring soccer season, with about 500 players signed up, is now closed for Milltown. Signups for the fall season will open soon, visit milltownunited.com for more info.

Milltown is starting a “Field of Dreams” fundraising campaign to help acquire, lease or otherwise help build additional fields for our community. Ufer says, “if folks want to donate land or money for it they can contact president@milltownunited.com.”

Great Amber Eyes

by Laretta Young

Owls have been associated with magical powers in many cultures' mythology and history. Their nocturnal secretive habits and their huge eyes simply look mysteriously different than other feathered creatures. Even people who don't identify as being particularly interested in birds have some understanding of owls. Owls are portrayed in popular culture, such as The Harry Potter series, or our own library's mascot. Science class may have covered that they have amazing neck vertebrae, which allow them to turn their heads further than any other animal! There are Audubon classes to learn more about these elusive and rarely seen night-birds. Some people can "call" owls by using various sounds

to which they respond. Other times we simply are in the right place at the right time in order to see them. Most often we simply hear them without ever catching a glimpse.

Great Horned Owls are among the earliest birds to nest in our area. The best time to scan for owls is before the trees leaf out, so get outside and look for large nests before spring and new leaves creates camouflage for owl babies. Great

Forum schedule

The Washington County Public Affairs Forum meets at the Tanasbourne Old Spaghetti Factory at 18925 NW Tanasbourne Drive, Hillsboro. Meetings are open to the public. Attendance is free, lunch options and beverage service are charged with lower amounts for Forum members. See washingtoncountyforum.org for more information.

March 5: "Two Alternative Transit Systems:" Ride Connection; Smart Transit.

March 12: "ODOT - Projects in our Area, Funding Forecast, and Future Strategies"

March 19: "The Fiscal Status of Trimet," with Neil McFarlane, TriMet General Manager.

March 26: "PCC - Rock Creek and the Job Market," David Rule - PCC President.

Horned Owls are particularly fond of using nests from hawks, eagles, crows or even abandoned squirrel nests.

My own personal experience with owls is limited, but when I see one I am truly awed. These are magnificently camouflaged creatures. This month's photo is from Fernhill Wetlands (just south of Forest Grove), where we were incredibly fortunate to see this bird



Great horned owl on nest at Fernhill Wetland, February 13, 2012. Photo © 2012 by Jeff Young

peeking over the nest. According to reputable sources, these birds mate for life and start producing offspring when they are about two years old. Both male and female share the duty of sitting on the eggs. There are typically two eggs, which take around 30 days to hatch, and then the baby owls take more time to develop feathers and leave the nest (technical term is fledging). So we look forward to watching this family grow over time. We did not see the other bird on this visit, but hope to later on. Given their camouflage, this will require careful scanning of trees and another dose of incredible luck.

I have heard Great Horned Owls in my back yard in Cedar Mill at night, so I know they nest in this area. Their "hoo hoo hoo hoo"—and maybe even one more note at times—

is loud and distinct. Once at dusk I saw one land in my back yard tree for a few moments. That was a real treat and the only time I have seen one in the 13 years I have lived in my home. I hear them a lot in January and February, and then when they start to nest they don't call.

My brother had an encounter with a Great Horned Owl as he was running in Forest Park with his small terrier dog. The owl apparently thought the dog would be tasty, and made a swoop at it. They will eat whatever is available including small dogs and cats. Mostly though, they eat rodents..

What mostly amazes me are their huge eyes, which can bring in lots of light to see in dim conditions. Birds have so many adaptations to specific habitats. Some of them have beaks for cracking open nuts, some drill holes in my trees for sap and insects, and owls have huge eyes to see at night. It reminds me of our human signature strengths. We don't all have to be alike, and being different and unique may allow us to thrive together.

I'm also fascinated by the variations in responses to owls in history. While these creatures are in fact hard to study due to their habits, this has not stopped fertile imaginations from interpretations. In many cultures, owls are revered for wisdom and are symbolic of fertility (such as being the companions of many ancient goddesses of fertility in recovered artwork—due to their association with the night maybe?). Other cultures have found

them to be symbolic of rather evil and dark things—harbingers of death and destruction.

Human beings are able to interpret the very same event or animal in markedly diverse and creative ways. To me the owls are intricately adapted to harsh conditions and are such a rare treat that I am transfixed. I think I watched this particular owl for about an hour and the time just melted. What awes you? Get outside and see.

Laretta Young is a retired chief of psychiatry at Kaiser in Portland and now teaches mind body medicine and leadership at OHSU, she also has a private custom bird touring business where she takes people in search of awe to Cedar Mill and beyond to enjoy birds, bird song and bird behavior—www.portlandbirdwatching.com

See more of her husband's photos posted at www.flickr.com/photos/youngbirders

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updated with recent arrivals, news about events and feedback and conversation with her clients. For the month of March if you like her page or check in when you're in the shop, she will donate \$1 to the Sunshine Pantry.

"Part of the reason that we're doing that is that we want to make sure people can keep track of us if we move the shop," she says. As we mentioned several months ago in the News, the building her shop is in was purchased by Walgreen's early last year. Erin has a few years left on her lease, but as a prudent businesswoman, she has been on the lookout for a good new location in the Cedar Mill area. "The majority of our clients live in the Cedar Mill and Beaverton area. We're looking forward to a resolution of the real estate issues, but either way, we're having great fun and great success with our business and have every intention of staying in the area. Not only do we value and enjoy our clients, but after a decade of building the brand in the area it would be crazy to start over somewhere else."

The shop carries many wines from Oregon, Washington and California, with a heavy focus on Oregon. "About twice a month our tasting features local winemakers," Erin explains. "We love that opportunity for our local small businesses to meet our neighbors. The only restriction we have is that we prefer not to sell wines that are available in the grocery store. We do that not as a criticism of the grocery stores, but rather because we know that in order to get people to make a special stop to see us, that we need to be different than what they see at their local grocer."

"We have amazing relationships with dozens of very-local wineries. In fact, we even have a "locals" holiday party with Thistle (of Gaston), Sol de Uco (made in Argentina and owned by a family that lives in Beaverton), and Seven Bridges out of downtown Portland. We value those relationships so much," she says. She also uses local food shops to provide snacks for some of their events, including Enchanted Cupcakes and The Libertine Deli.

The shop is licensed by the OLCC as a "bar" which allows them to offer casual tastings and classes.

Erin says, "OLCC rules are pretty easy to understand and to obey; generally I don't find we have too much interaction with them. They are certainly always on my mind, but I've never had a difficult relationship with them."

She explains that, "on Friday nights we do sell wines by the glass. Anytime that we're open people can purchase wines by the bottle and enjoy them at the shop. We serve our wines in Riedel glassware and have several comfortable places to sit and visit or read. Currently we don't offer any food; however, we do encourage our guests to bring "picnic" foods with them. The only restriction we have is that food shouldn't have a strong aroma that might interfere with the fragrances of the wine."

She began learning about food



and wine at an early age. "My mother has trained as a chef in many parts of the country and world, and my father is a collector of wine. Beginning at age 15 I was working in restaurants and retail and loving it. Despite going to college and trying a more mainstream corporate career path, I missed working with the public," she says, and so when she moved to Portland from Eugene, after getting her degree, she found a way to put her experience and knowledge together to start her own business.

She started about 12 years ago as a wine buyer and cellar manager for restaurants and businesses, such as attorneys and investment firms, that keep extensive cellars. She ran that business from her Rock Creek home, but eventually it got too invasive, and she found her present location and opened it as a shop in 2003. She still works with her restaurant clients, writing menu descriptions, suggesting wine pairings for new menu offerings, and wine buying, and buying and

the occasional cellar inventory for corporate clients.

The shop is a pleasant space that includes comfortable seating for classes and parties, where the walls are lined with wine cabinets that are well-labeled by type of wine with plenty of specific notes such as "Erin's favorite," "Fun & Funky whites," and suggested food pairings. Most of her wines are in the \$15-30 range, but as the recession eases, she is able to stock more high-end choices as well. She tries to have some wines for every taste and budget.

As everyone in retail knows, you have good weeks and bad. "The most challenging part of my job is anticipating the natural cycles of business. Even after a decade of doing this, I find myself panicking at an unusually slow week or worrying about a less-than-stellar event. It's hard to remind myself that not every event or every tasting will be amazing," she says. But she uses that stress to keep on improving the details of her shop, and that also keeps the business fresh and exciting for her.

In addition to spending time in the shop, she is in demand among her clients to provide wine for parties and weddings. She loves doing these, and sometimes does a "wine challenge" dinner party where the guests will bring dishes and she comes up with the perfect wine for each.

When she started out, she spent a lot of time going out to wineries and building relationships with her providers. Now, she says, "I find most of my wines by tasting wines that are brought to me. For example, I might notify the people who sell wine to me that I'm in need of three cabernets that sell for \$20-30, and they make appropriate recommendations. Also, some of my best placements in the shop have been a result of recommendations by clients."

"Of course, it would be silly to be right in the wine country and not

go do my own research," she continues. "I try to get out to visit a few wineries each month. That's a great way for me to better understand what makes a particular winery's selection special. Occasionally I can even parlay my "research" into a date night or weekend getaway with my fantastic husband."

She lives in Rock Creek with her two middle-school-age kids and her husband who works in data management for the Yahoo! facility in Hillsboro. Her parents plan to move to Portland eventually and she looks forward to them helping out at the shop.

She has two regular helpers. "Doug Jones is a retired physicist. He's worked at the shop for six years and is our "fill in guy." He's just the kindest guy you'd ever want to meet. He fills in when I'm gone for my kids' school activities and vacations."

"Laurie Elkjer is our office manager. She handles the website, classes and events, and general organization of the business. Laurie has been with us for five years and is also a part-time chicken farmer."

"One of the natural side-effects of having a small business is that everyone wants donations for their awesome charities," Erin says. "However, we are a tiny little business and can't afford to simply give everything away. What we came up with was to develop a program we call "Sip for Service." This allows us to say yes to many more non-profits by allowing them to host private wine tastings and sales at our shop. We donate the shop and the wine for tasting, and the non-profit sells tickets to the event. They keep 100% of the ticket sales, and we still get to sell some wine to their guests to take home. Our only real rule is that the group must be

an inclusive group who seeks to better our community through positive messaging and action."

They also host private parties at the shop.

"Our private events are ca-

tered to each group and are a blast! We've been doing private parties for ten years and love them. We theme them based on the group's needs. We've been hosting holiday parties, business functions, gourmet groups, birthdays and anniversary



Erin's labeling makes wines easy to choose

parties for years. Our focus on local wines has even landed us events with groups of tourists and international business travelers."

The Wine Cellar is located at 13486-a NW Cornell Road at the SW corner of Murray and Cornell, behind Mazatlan. Their website is portlandwinecellar.com, phone is 503-643-5655. Regular hours are Monday: 10:30-2:30; Tuesday-Thursday 10:30-6:30; Friday: 11-7pm (tastings: 4-7 pm) and Saturday: 10:30- 6:30.

Miller Paint solar roof

Late last fall, the Miller Paint store on Murray installed solar (photovoltaic) panels on their roof. We asked store manager Michael Coats about the project.

How did you get the idea to put solar on the roof? Being a Portland company, Miller Paint has always prided ourselves on being as environmentally responsible as possible. With the advancements in solar technology, we have been attempting to utilize this source of power whenever and wherever possible. Luckily the size of the Murray Road location allowed us to place a large number of panels and make a big impact on our energy footprint.

The idea came from corporate. The decisions came from way above my pay grade, but I guarantee there was a great deal of discussion. I heard about it a few days before the glass panels began showing up in the store.

How much of the power for the



business is generated by the panels? We have not seen the results at the height of summer yet, but through the last four months that they have been in operation we have cut our energy bill by more than a third.

Does the power also go to the pizza business? Yes, the panels run power through the entire building.

Do you also have a battery sys-

tem to store power? No, the panels

are a direct feed. As I understand it, there are small batteries to keep the transfer systems operating in case of failure, to transition to the main grid.

Details of the appeal and more information will be available in the April issue of the News.

Is it part of the smart grid, so excess power goes into the general system? No, as it was explained to me this is an enclosed system.

What did it cost? How long will it take for the energy savings to pay that off? The investment was substantial, but my understanding is that the tax incentives for installing clean energy systems—both federal and state—took a bit of the sting out of it. We will not be sure for a while what the overall annual savings will be, but we're hoping that we can make a big impact this summer when our energy usage really peaks.

Did you get assistance from Portland General? Anyone else? The tax incentives were huge; Portland General did the final inspections more from a safety standpoint.

During my time with the company, Miller Paint has been very conscious of the special privilege that we have

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CPO 1 will vote at its March 6 meeting whether to file an appeal to the decision. The deadline for the appeal is March 12. Each CPO gets one free land-use decision appeal. Local businesses will help pay for the services of expert consultants, including a land-use lawyer and a traffic engineer, to work up an effective appeal.

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