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Featured Business

Marion Acres raises pastured meats

by Virginia Bruce

In 2012, two families began a big adventure by starting small. John and Rachele Mathia wanted to buy a small farm so they could feed their family good clean food. John asked his friends Geoff and Amy Scott if they were interested.

“We shared a love for the natural farm life, poultry and being outdoors. We teamed up for the perfect partnership and formed Marion Acres, named after the original land which

“In 2016, we added beef, pork, turkey, eggs & Buying Clubs,” John explains. In 2017, John quit his desk job to become a full-time farmer.

Geoff is planning to do the same this spring as well. They began offering chickens to chefs and restaurants all over Portland. He adds, “This year, we plan to continue the process of building our own poultry processing facility and farm market on our new 47 acre plot of land.”

In 2011, [Friends of Family Farmers](#) championed legislation that allows small farms in Oregon to grow and process up to 1,000 birds on the farm. “That was HUGE for us,” Geoff says. “The work that FoFF did to get that legislation passed meant we could start very, very small. If the bill hadn’t passed, we would have had to build a processing facility, which is not cheap, or used a licensed processor. We just can’t say how important the work that FoFF did was. That legislation is



Chilled chickens ready for pickup are shrink-wrapped and labeled.

was in Marion County.”

They started with 32 broiler chicks using the rotational, pastured, “chicken tractor” methods created and [popularized by Joel Salatin](#).

“While we’ve never met him, he’s been a real inspiration to us through his books, videos, and articles. We did see him speak several years back down in Salem. We also draw inspiration from Allan Savory, Allan Nation, Wendell Berry, and all our customers!” says Geoff.

Shortly after their first harvest, they got the chance to move to a larger piece of land in the Helvetia area, near the intersection of Helvetia Rd. and West Union. They formed an LLC and sold out their next harvest of 500 chickens.



still in place and helps small farms all over Oregon get a start in growing chickens.”

With more people embracing

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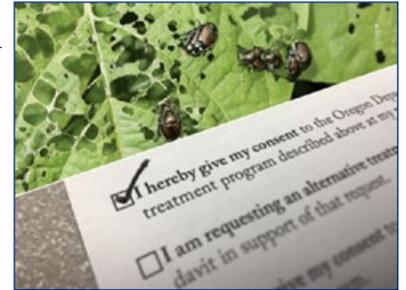
Don’t let these beetles eat Oregon!

Return your permission postcard or [go to the website NOW](#) to protect everyone’s plants!

If you’re new to the area or to the Cedar Mill News, you may not have heard that we are [ground zero for a very serious infestation of a horrible pest](#)—the Japanese beetle. They have devastated crops and destroyed gardens in the eastern and southern US. So far, they’ve been kept out of Oregon, where they have the potential to disrupt whole segments of our agricultural industries, to say nothing of the havoc they can wreak in home gardens.

It’s entirely up to us to help Oregon Department of Agriculture

protect the state. ODA is seeking your permission to sprinkle a larvicide on the grass in everyone’s yard within the affected area. Acelepryn is a granular insecticide that will kill the larvae that hatch from



beetle’s life cycle, it didn’t prevent the hatching of the beetles whose eggs were laid the summer before.

JB Open House
Monday, March 5, 5:15-7:15 pm,
Cedar Mill Library

If you have questions or concerns about the application of insecticide to prevent the beetle infestation, please attend!

By the end of summer 2017, ODA had trapped more than 23,000 beetles.

The beetles hatch in mid-summer, and lay their eggs in the late summer in irrigated turf—lawns. Most of the eggs those beetles laid will be affected

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Still vacant after all these years

by Virginia Bruce

Everyone’s getting used to seeing a big vacant lot at the corner of Murray and Cornell. But that doesn’t mean that nothing is happening there.

The long-planned affordable housing development is still on track. The project is being coordinated by [Community Partners for Affordable Housing](#) (CPAH), a non-profit that has developed and manages similar projects around Washington County.

Briefly, the county found itself owning what was left of that corner after they completed work on the

[Murray/Cornell intersection](#). The lot was put up for auction in 2013, but [no developer came forward](#) to bid. The county [formed a team](#) to come up with a creative use for the



small property, and finally selected [CPAH’s proposal](#) in the summer of 2016.

The [original proposal](#) included a retail food court, to be designed and operated by Bethany developer Roy Kim, to satisfy the county’s desire for “a more active, pedestrian-friendly town center.”

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Cedar Mill Business Roundup

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

Edited by Sarah Fahmy

New dispensary opening in former Java Lounge location

Western Oregon Dispensaries purchased the former Java Lounge location and is working to remodel the building, planning to open in July.

Washington County had previously approved their application for a marijuana dispensary next door, on Dale Ave., but when the building at the corner of Dale and Cornell became available, WOD felt it would be a better fit.

Clearing the Clutter

Wednesday, March 14, 6:30-7:45 pm, Beaverton City Library Room B, 12375 SW 5th

Learn how to overcome the clutter that often invades our living spaces, and discover your own personal organizing style with Beth Giles of NW Organizing Solutions. Free and open to the public; no registration required.

New local pickup location for Love Farm CSA

A CSA (Consumer Supported Agriculture) is a business model where the member pays the farmer in advance for a whole season of fresh, locally-grown produce. You pick up your box of produce each week during the season, at a local drop site.

Love Farm has been providing delicious, nutrient-rich fruits and vegetables since 2005, gradually expanding their offerings and pickup locations to serve their growing membership. We wrote about [Love Farm](#) last March.

Amy Love says, "On the Farm,

the winter rest from growing holds space for sharing time with family, our land, and hopefully reflective insight on the connection we have with each other and the world around us. We attend conferences and events for Farmers, reinvigorating our mission to farm.

"We also keep on task with all that encompasses a new growing year on the farm. We have been ordering our seeds, planning out the fields, plots and greenhouses, and building the planting plan. We are constantly reminded of why we do what we do—for the love of good food and the internal core value that food is medicine. In other words, healthy fruits and vegetables, grown without harmful chemical inputs, in soil that's alive, picked at the peak of ripeness the day of or before they make it to our table, can in fact be a nourishing tonic to our physical system and our state of mind. We believe in this, and feel honored and blessed to get to do this work for YOU, our beloved Members."

If you want to get some of that goodness for your own family, Lauretta Young is offering her home as a local pickup spot. She's located near the corner of West Union and Bethany. Pickup for your weekly CSA share will be Thursday afternoons, starting in June.

Learn more on the [Love Farm website](#). Sign-up is easy on-line or you can mail a check. Just click on the Join page, and select the Koa Court location, or whichever location is most convenient to you.

Members paid in full by March 4 will receive a full flat of organic berries for free. Members paid in full by April 10 will receive a half-flat of organic berries for Free!

Pharmaca explores "Natural Allergy Relief"

Sat., March 10, 2-6 pm, 240 NW Lost Springs Terrace, Beaverton, OR

Explore herbal, homeopathic, and OTC products that can offer effective allergy relief. Take home samples and a free Boiron Sabadil with \$70 purchase

(while supplies last!). Get up to \$20 in coupons and earn Feel Better Rewards before the quarter ends! Call Patrick Healey 503-596-3552 for more information.

Village Gallery of Arts Events

All events (unless otherwise noted) are at the Gallery, 12505 NW Cornell, next to the Cedar Mill Library. Open Mon.-Sat., 10-4; Sun. 12-4. Contact: www.villagegalleryarts.org, 503-644-8001.

March Show

Sun., March 11, 2-4pm, free.

Invitation To Participate In Art Challenge

Sat., March 3

You are invited to participate in creating art for our annual fundraiser. Our May show will feature hundreds of 6" by 6" canvases, all priced at \$40 each. Register to participate and pick up your canvas at VGA. Each canvas is \$5.

Classes in March

Mary Burgess—Watercolor, Working in Series
Wed., March 14, 21, 28, 9:30-12:30 pm or 6-9 pm

Some watercolor experience helpful. Working in a series is a great way for artists to produce a cohesive body of work. Students will learn various ways to accomplish this from conception to completion.

Rebecca Benoit—Cell Phonography: From So-so To So Fabulous
Sat., March 17, 1-4 pm

Bring your fully charged cell phone and/or tablet with Snapseed app installed. This class will explore tools in your camera you probably didn't even know it had—such as adjusting focus, exposure, burst mode, white balance and using HDR. We will also cover fundamental such as composition, exposure, focus and lighting and how to use the tools in your phone to make the most of these variables.

Wine Cellar Parent and Child Cooking Class

Thurs., March 8, 2 pm, 525 NW Saltzman, Portland, \$35 per person

Join Chef DeeAnna's cooking class and learn how to make lasagna roll ups, fresh salsa, roasted yam slices, mini cocoa cupcakes, and coconut crusted yogurt bananas. All ingredients included. Class appropriate for children up to age 13. To sign up, call the Wine Cellar 503-643-5655.

New Collection at Les Couleurs de Provence

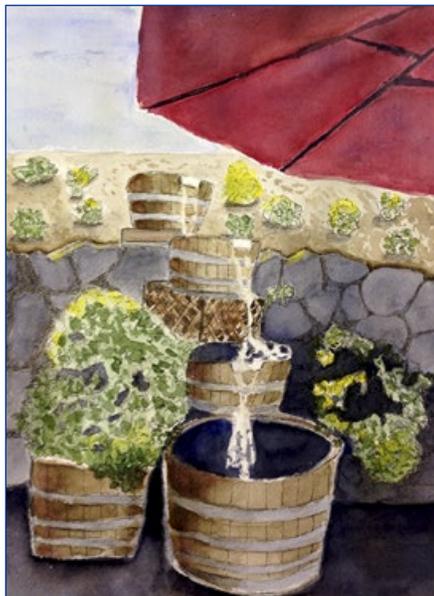
New fabrics, prints, and styles of tablecloths and kitchen linens are now available from Les Couleurs de Provence! This new collection is a combination of elegance, convenience and the chic-ness of France for your home. Call Mireille at 503-679-1681 to visit the studio. You will also receive 10% off when mentioning this article.

Oregon's only independent gifted school relocates to Bethany area

The Altair School has opened its doors in Bethany and is now located at: 15188 NW Central Drive Suite 202 in Bethany. Altair is an inquiry-based K-5 school serving gifted children. The school was previously located in Beaverton. In September 2017, Altair students began the school year at a new location in Bethany Village.

While some school districts throughout the state offer programs for talented and gifted students, Altair is the only independent school in the state devoted entirely to serving gifted children. The multi-age classes are capped at 15 students allowing for individualized learning. Altair also offers a flexible study

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"Buckets of Waterfall, by Chris Kondrat

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North Bethany Main Street plans presented



A recent Open House to present plans for the North Bethany Main Street development drew a good-size crowd to the gym at Springville K-8. If you missed the event, all the posters and more information are available on the [Project Website](#).



Main Street Elements - Overview

Meet the candidates at CPO 1

Tuesday, March 13, 7 pm, Leedy Grange Hall, 835 NW Saltzman

Here in unincorporated Washington County (yes, we have no city!) the five-member County Commission is our only local government. Come and meet the two candidates for District 2 Commissioner, which includes Cedar Mill. Incumbent and organic farmer [Greg Malinowski](#), and Westside Economic Alliance Executive Director [Pam Treece](#) will talk about why they are running, and take questions about their priorities

We'll also hear from the two candidates who have filed to represent our area on the Metro Council: [Juan Carlos Gonzalez](#), and [Dana Carstensen](#). Find out about their visions for improving our regional government organization.

There are several forums scheduled around the area for the various candidates (see the list on page 4), but this is your chance to bring our specific Cedar Mill issues to the candidates. Growth? Flooding? Transportation? Economic development? Anything else that is on your mind—here's your chance to bring our issues to the attention of the candidates and get a better idea of who you'd like to represent us.

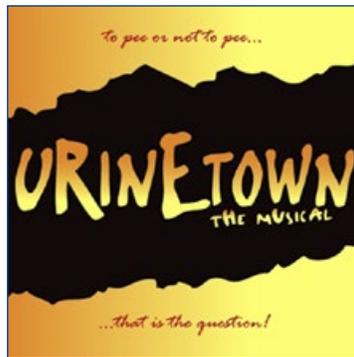
CPO meetings are open to everyone.

Sunset High School Presents Urinetown

March 8-10, 15-17, 7:30 pm, Sunset High Auditorium, 13840 NW Cornell

Urinetown satirizes the legal system, capitalism, social irresponsibility, populism, bureaucracy, corporate mismanagement, and municipal politics. The show also

parodies musicals such as The Threepenny Opera, The Cradle Will Rock and Les Misérables, and the Broadway musical itself as a form.



Tickets are General admission: \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, students and youth. Reserved seats are \$15 adults, \$10 seniors, students and youth. Tickets can be purchased online at the [Sunset High School Theatre website](#) or at the door.

Thanks to supporting sponsor, Pacific Office Automation. For more information, please visit the Sunset High School Theatre website or call the school at 503-356-2960.

Library News

Writers' Mill – Special Guest Speaker

Sun., March 18, 1-3 pm, Cedar Mill Library

Whether you're hoping for publication, planning to self-publish, or writing just for fun, join us for a hands-on inspiring gathering of people who love to write. Newcomers welcome! Portland novelist, teacher and editor Teri Brown will discuss the intersection of plot and character. She will also facilitate a Q&A on the topic of getting an agent to expedite self-publishing.

The following three presentations

are part of the Parent Information Series. All are free, with no registration required. Adults only please.

Face Time: Parenting in an Age of Digital Attachment
Tues., March 6, 6:30-8:30 pm, upstairs meeting room, Cedar Mill Library, Free.

Presented by Doreen Dodgen-Magee, Psy. D. Technology is here to stay and is a part of all of our lives. Come for a far-from-anti-technology talk geared toward what your child is facing and how to help them face it with their health and wellbeing intact. Information on how technology impacts physiology, brain function, relationships, and sense of self will be center stage.

Let Our Daughters Be Funny (and Feisty!)

Wed., March 14, 7-8 pm, upstairs meeting room, Cedar Mill Library, Free.

Presented by Jen Mann. Geared towards parents and teens, this is a funny/serious talk about how teaching/allowing/encouraging our daughters to be funny will result in strong, smart, confident young women. Parents are invited to bring their teens to this session.

Mindfulness for Parents of Tweens & Teens

Wed., March 21, 7-8 pm, upstairs meeting room, Cedar Mill Library,

Presented by Denise Gour. Mindfulness practices offer a way to connect with our best intentions, and approach discipline and communication from a place of love and wisdom. You'll learn about brain science regarding teen cognition and development and stress reduction tools. Experience a sampling of science-based mindfulness practices that will help you and your tween/teen reduce daily stress.

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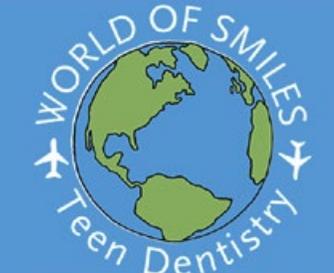


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10,626 babies

by Heather Jarman, LDS Church Public Affairs Council

When San Diego native Donald G. Bair completed his OB/GYN residency at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, he hoped to settle into private practice closer to home in California. Opportunities in Scottsdale, Arizona; Henderson, Nevada; and La Jolla, California beckoned.

His only caveat? Not Portland, Oregon. Though he had enjoyed his years at the University of Oregon Medical School (now OHSU), the Southern California boy wasn't keen to return his family to the cold rainy winters of the Pacific Northwest. As

he contemplated his options with wife Linda, he turned to God for direction by asking his father for a blessing to provide guidance, which is common in his faith as a Christian and member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In the blessing he was counseled to consider his chosen vocation a call to serve where he would be most useful. The answer to the prayers of both husband and wife left no doubt: the Portland Oregon metro area should be his field of labor.

Decades later, on the cusp of retirement from his practice at St. Vincent's Hospital in Cedar Mill, Dr. Bair contemplates his legacy of service, both as a physician and a lay leader in the Church. That he has delivered approximately 10,626 babies over 41 years is no small accomplishment. And yet, after his many years in medicine, he still marvels at the experience of attending and assisting in a child's birth. "Birth is new every time," he says with a smile. "Babies are unique. Mothers are different—emotional capacity and circumstances change. I have been in a delivery room with as many as 29 people and have been with single mothers with no support. Most people may experience 1-2 births in a lifetime. To participate in so many is a gift."

As Dr. Bair further explains in

a letter written to his patients to announce his retirement, "A day has not gone by that I have not been enriched through my association with you. You have taught me a great deal about how to live life with compassion, love, commitment and humor."

Many of those who know Dr.

Bair feel that they have learned how to better live their lives by associating with him.

A long-time patient and colleague from his years of Church service, Pam Nielsen, shared her perspective in receiving care and in working with Dr. Bair to care for others spiritually, emotionally, and temporally. "There were problems in my pregnancies

and I ended up losing two boys to stillbirths. I remember how grateful I was for the true kindness and understanding that Dr. Bair had at this difficult time. Dr. Bair made me feel like I was his only patient."

Dr. Bair approaches his retirement with the same faith he exercised in his youth. "I just want to give," Bair stated when asked about his future plans. After much deserved respite in warm and sunny St George, Utah, Dr. Bair and his wife will serve a medical/humanitarian mission for the Church in Florida. He is already preparing for the 2019 assignment by starting continuing education classes in primary care. "My hope is that when we are out on a mission for the Church that we can just help people in the communities where we are called."

Colleagues of Dr.

Bair say that they will remember just how much time and attention he gave to his patients. They express that he has set a standard for patient care that other physicians can follow. One recalled that after every delivery he would go and get a warm blanket for the new mom.



Considering his lifetime of service, Bair confidently states that his only regret is that it has gone by too fast. "If I could, I would continue." Indeed, his life exists as a towering example to others of always being ready to serve and to put others first. Brooks Johnson, born several weeks ago, was baby number 10,626.

Washington County Museum events

Free Family Morning: Women's History

Sat., March 10, 10-1, Washington County Museum, 17677 NW Springville Rd.

Arts and crafts for the whole family. Parking is free on Saturdays. [More info.](#)

Local Story: Elizabeth Harlan-Ferlo

Thurs. March 15, 6-7:30 pm, Hillsboro Brookwood Library,

A facilitated discussion exploring religious difference in Oregon. [More info.](#)

Ed Edmo visits Beaverton Historical Society

Tues., March 13, doors open at 6:30, event at 7 pm, \$5 donation at door, Elsie Stuh Center, 5550 SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton.

Please join us for an exciting evening with Ed Edmo, a Shoshone-Bannock poet and traditional storyteller. Refreshments will be provided.

More info on Ed Edmo: I'm a Shoshone-Bannock poet, playwright, performer, traditional storyteller, tour guide and lecturer

on Northwest tribal culture. I offer guided tours to the She Who Watches petroglyphs on the Columbia Gorge, as well as to the Warm Springs Indian Reservation in central Oregon's high desert country. I enjoy working with both children



and adults in educational or other settings. I am a published short story writer, poet and playwright, and I serve as a consultant to the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian.

For more information, call 503-430-0106, or visit Historicbeaverton.org

Be prepared to vote in May

An extremely important primary election is coming up on May 15, 2018. For those of us in unincorporated Washington County (all of Cedar Mill, Bethany, Bonny Slope and Cedar Hills) our only local government is the Washington County Board of Commissioners (BCC). The five members of the BCC make decisions that affect everything from where and how new development will occur, how Clean Water Services provides its sewer and stormwater services (they are also the Board for CWS), where roads will go and how they'll be paid for, how to fund Human Services, and much more.

Andy Duyck has served as a Commissioner since 1994, and has been re-elected countywide as Chair since 2011. He is not running this year, leaving the position up to the voters to take the county in a new direction or continue in his footsteps. Four candidates are currently running (Lou Ogden has withdrawn): Kathryn A Harrington, Shabba Woodley, Bob Terry, and Ryan Deckert.

The Chair is elected by all the voters of Washington County. In addition, the county is divided into four Commission Districts. We live in District 2, and our incumbent Commissioner, Greg Malinowski, is running for his third term, against challenger Pam Treece, who has served as Executive Director of the business group Westside Economic Alliance.

In addition, the regional government in the Portland area, Metro, is electing a Chair and also a new Councilor for District 4, our Metro District. Lynn Peterson is the only candidate who has filed for Chair. Dana Carstensen and Juan Gonzalez are running for District 4 Councilor.

If any candidate in the primary receives more than 50% of the votes, they will be elected. Otherwise, the top two candidates will proceed to the November election. Vote by Mail ballots and Voter Pamphlets will be delivered around May 1.

You'll no doubt be receiving mailers, visits from candidates canvassing, and likely plenty of online and other media messages eager to influence your vote (hopefully none from Russia!). But really, the best way to become educated about these candidates is to encounter them in a public forum where they

can debate issues and priorities with their fellow candidates.

Here's a list of some nearby fora (yes, I took Latin). Please try to find the time to attend one or more of these. The future of our county really does depend on you!
Monday, March 12, 7-9 pm, Bethany Presbyterian Church, 15505 NW Springville Rd.,

CPO 7 sponsors County Board of Commissioners District 4 — Meet your candidates - Greg Malinowski and Pam Treece. Find out how they stand on the issues that matter most to you. Voters will decide in May.
Tuesday, March 13, 7-9, Leedy Grange Hall, 835 NW Saltzman Rd.,

CPO 1 sponsors Washington County Board of Commissioners District 2 & Metro Council District 4; District 4 Candidates: Greg Malinowski, Pam Treece; Metro Candidates: Dana Carstensen and Juan Carlos Gonzalez
Monday, March 19, 7-9 pm. Leedy Grange Hall, 835 NW Saltzman

Candidates Forum Co-Sponsored by Washington County Resistance & Indivisible Cedar Mill

Washington County Commission Chair: Ryan Deckert, Kathryn Harrington, Shabba Woodley; District 2: Greg Malinowski (Incumbent), Pam Treece; Metro District 4: Dana Carstensen, Juan Carlos Gonzalez

Additional candidates for Metro President and County and Metro Auditor have expressed a desire to attend, but have not yet been confirmed. The candidates will have a chance to introduce themselves to our members and make their case for how they can best serve us as constituents. This will be followed by a moderated, respectful question and answer period.

Wednesday, April 12, 6:30-8:30 pm, Sunset High School Cafeteria, 13840 NW Cornell

Forum for County Chair hosted by the Committee for Community Involvement and the CPO Program

Candidates Kathryn A Harrington, Shabba Woodley, Bob Terry, and Ryan Deckert.

Friday, April 20, 7:30 -9 am, Tigard Public Library

Sponsored by Washington County Thrives: Public forum to introduce the nine candidates for the County Board of Commissioners three open seats. Come hear their perspectives on Thrives' priorities including: 1) Affordable Housing, 2) Workforce Training, and 3) Early Learning.



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Officers from the Beaverton Police Department will be on hand. So will Peter Rabbit.

For more information, call 503-629-6340

THPRD Park Restoration work parties

Saturday, March 10, Lost Park, in Cedar Mill

Sunday, March 11 & Saturday, March 17, NE Park, near NW Saltzman Road & Laidlaw Road

Join us as we cut, dig, and pull to improve local natural areas this spring!

Garden work parties in the Tualatin Hills Nature Park native plant demonstration garden start up on March 17. Come help out the Friends of Tualatin Hills Nature Park in the garden!

[Sign up on the website.](#)

For more information, contact Melissa Marcum, mmarcum@thprd.org, 503-619-3941.

Thank you Sunset High School Grad Party Donors!

The Sunset Grad Party is an annual event planned by parents for the newest graduating class at Sunset High School. The all-night party offers graduates a drug-free, alcohol-free, safe, and fun way to celebrate the end of their high school years. Usually, about 300 graduates attend the party that is held the same day as commencement. This year's festivities will be on Sat., June 9th.

Help from the community

means that all students can attend the event, regardless of ability to pay, and ensures that there are activities that appeal to a wide range of student interests. The parent volunteers planning the 2018 Sunset High School Grad Party thank the following businesses for their support of this years event:

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Washington County Sustainability: Drive It and Drop It

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Our presenter, Alan Bates, is the Market Manager for ReachNow Portland. Alan has more than two decades of project management and marketing experience, with senior leadership and business develop-

Beetles, continued from page 1
by last year's Acelepryn application, but it only takes a few beetles to start the cycle over again. This is a five-year project, and this is year two. Even if you gave permission last year, you need to do so again. Also, based on last summer's trapping, some additional area has been added to the project. Treatment is scheduled for April and May 2018.

According to Chris Hedstrom of ODA, "We're entering the final weeks of gathering consent forms from residents for our Japanese beetle eradication program. As of today, we've received consent from 4,613 residents allowing ODA to treat their property. While this is an amazing show of support and cooperation from the communities involved, we still have not heard from over 1000 residences in our proposed treatment area, despite three mailings, and notices delivered directly to front doors."

Many of us try to garden without pesticides, but if these beetles are allowed to take hold here, our nurseries, vineyards, and other agricultural industries will be forced to apply vastly more chemicals if they are to continue. And you will too, if you like your roses, blueberries, grapes, apples, and more.

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ment roles in transportation, consumer goods and market research industries. Alan is passionate about alternative transportation and is currently a Level 2 Oregonian.

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However, since the owner of the property that used to house the tattoo parlor was unwilling to sell for affordable housing, they have had to scale back the plan several times. The latest design increases the number of family-size two and three bedroom apartments, and still has a public plaza area where there will be hookups for a high-end food cart "pod." It also still has a meeting room that will be available for local residents' public use.

Because Beaverton annexed the roads along with their below-ground utilities, they required the property to be annexed into

With the decrease in the Federal Tax rate for corporations, the demand for tax credits declined, leading to a decline in the price of those credits. We are so lucky to have such support from the City and the County in this project that we don't foresee a funding gap at this time."

They have applied to the county for Federal Block Grant funding. In addition, Felton says, "We will apply for the 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credits April 16, and we should hear which applications were awarded credits one or two months after. The next step will be finalizing the architectural design and applying for permits, which



The latest design for the affordable housing development, looking to the southwest.

the city, which was completed in March 2017.

Funding has been the challenge. CPAH's Housing Development Director, Jillian Saurage Felton, says, "This is a problem facing all affordable housing developers at this time. Most affordable housing is built with some form of tax credit financing, which is purchased by institutional investors to mitigate their federal or state tax obligation.

Washington County Forum

Mondays at noon, Golden Valley Restaurant & Brew Pub, Beaverton, 1520 NW Bethany Blvd.

Doors open at 11:30 am, speakers start at noon. Lunch is available to order from the menu.

Mon., March 5

Cassandra Ulven, Public Affairs Chief, Tualatin Fire & Rescue, on the state of TVF&R and Upcoming Ballot Measure. Also Lois O'Halloran, Board Chair, Family Promise of Beaverton on The Family Promise Story: A Community Comes Together.

Mon. March 12

Lee Dobrowski, Chief of Police, Hillsboro, on Washington County's Family Justice Center **March 19, March 26 and April 2**

We will feature important candidate races in Washington County for the May Primary. Check the

website at www.washingtoncountyforum.org/speaker-schedule. It will be updated after nominations close in the first week of March.

should take about 6 to 9 months. Construction, therefore, should begin sometime in early to mid-2019 with a construction time of about 12 months."

The location is good for affordable "workforce" housing because of its relative proximity to transit and shopping. This type of development is just one way to address the lack of affordable housing in the county. We look forward to further exploration on the part of county leaders.

Coffee with a Cop comes to Cedar Mill

Thursday, March 22, 10 am-noon, Bales Cedar Mill Marketplace

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For questions, contact Doreen Rivera, Community Outreach Specialist, Washington County Sheriff's Office, 503-846-5578 or Doreen_rivera@co.washington.or.us



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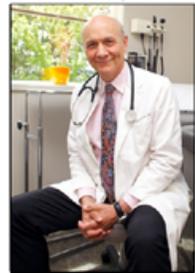


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for learning," says Rebecca Taylor,
Altair's Board President.

Altair also holds public commu-
nity game days, usually on the second
Sunday of the month. The next event
is Sunday, March 11 at 2:30 pm.

More information about Altair,
including details about the applica-
tion process and community events,
can be found at altairschool.org

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What are the Differences Between Traditional and Roth IRAs?

by *Sunset Credit Union*

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tirement. There are two main types
of IRAs: Traditional and Roth. One
key difference between Roth and
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tions are taxed. Here's how they
compare:

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The Smart Sprinkler experiment

We are a LEGO robotics team, called the Robotic Animals. This year's Lego challenge is hydro-dynamics. We looked at many problems that are related to water and researched our household water use. The topic we decided to pursue was gardening with less water. We chose this topic because we looked at our water bills and noticed that in the summer our water usage almost triples.

In the [January issue](#), we shared our findings about some methods that increase plant growth with less water. This month we'll share what we discovered



about the problems with standard lawn sprinklers and our solutions.

One of the problems with sprinklers is that one is only able to control a whole sprinkler zone at a time. If some number of sprinkler heads are in the shade and some are in the sun, we know that the plants in the shade will need less water and that the plants in the sun will need more. If we timed the sprinkler to shut down right after the plants in the shade were sufficiently watered, the plants in the sun would not get enough water. And if we timed the sprinkler to turn off after the plants in the sun were sufficiently watered, there would be pools of water in the garden and there would be lots of runoff.

Many gardens in our area have slopes. Imagine we have a slope in our garden, and we have sprinkler heads all along the slope. We can time the all of the sprinklers to stop after about 10 minutes. If we do that, all of the water at the top of the slope will flow down. Then, that excess water will become runoff water. Slope of land should be considered while choosing the sprinklers location.

We came up with a solution to help us prevent runoff. A smart sprinkler will allow you to control one sprinkler head at a time. That way you can time each one according to their environment.

To control individual sprin-

klers, we connected a water sensor and a valve at each sprinkler head. We attached a water sensor to the valve which was connected to the sprinkler. The water sensor would tell us if the soil was wet or dry. If it was dry, it would tell the sprinkler head to turn on. If the soil was wet, then the sensor would tell the sprinkler head to turn off.

We bought a soil moisture sensor for \$2. To use that, we bought a kit called Arduino. That cost \$30. But, you only need to buy one Arduino kit to use any number of sensors. The

moisture sensor basically looks like a two tined fork.

Water Sensors

We came up with three types of water sensors. The first one we decided to use was a basin that will detect the weight of the rainwater. Then, when enough water is in the basin, the irrigation system turns off. Our second solution was to place two electrodes in the basin and when the water reaches a certain height, it closes the circuit and shuts off the irrigation system. Our third solution was to place an inflatable tube inside the basin that will expand when it gets wet. So then, as it is raining, the tube will expand until it flicks a switch and turns the irrigation system off. We decided to use our second solution to help us with our problem.

Our smart sprinkler is one of our ideas. We built it as an experiment, but you can use the solutions we offered in the January article—Mycorrhizal fungi or terracotta pots. Our Mycorrhizal fungi and terracotta pot solutions can be used for both indoor and outdoor plants. Mycorrhizal fungi can be purchased online from several different vendors.

Water is a precious resource, and it is our responsibility to use it wisely. We have to be open minded to adopt new ideas. We need to work together to solve this world-wide problem.

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Marion Acres, continued from page 1 the value of eating local food, there's pressure on state and local governments to adopt policies and regulations that encourage small food producers. Many of the regulations related to food processing are aimed at large growers and farmers. Food processing has become centralized in part because of the cost of meeting those regulations, so the "1000 bird" law was big news.

"Things are changing, though." John says, "[Oregon Department of Agriculture](#) really supports small farms, and have been a huge help." Oregon State University sponsors the [Small Farms Conference and several other programs](#) for small farmers.

"None of us grew up on a farm... that would have been so much eas-

ier... maybe not as much fun though! We've learned what we know through books (lots of books), YouTube videos (lots of videos), other farmers in the area who've really been a great help, and trial and error," explains Geoff.

He adds, "We belong to several organizations that have been

great sources of information, like the American Pastured Poultry Producers Association."

"We're also participating in an [Ecotrust](#) program here in Portland for small farms." John adds, "They invited us to be part of the Accelerator Program that helps small food producers grow to be medium sized food producers. That is the only way we can make a decent living and ensure we are financially sustainable for decades to come. Ecotrust understands this and is committed to unlocking the mystery of the 'missing middle' of food production."

Some of [Portland's best restaurants](#) serve your products. How do you satisfy them and still have enough to sell to the public? Is that a challenge?

John responds, "That is THE challenge! We've tried to balance our production with the demand, and fortunately, we have been able to have enough to sell into restaurants as well as to the public, which is very important to us. We don't want to be removed from the person that's eating our products. We want to have a relationship with our customers."

"We've noticed that here in Portland, people buying our chicken want to have a relationship with us too! They want to know where their food comes from and who is raising



Large walk-in coolers were installed as part of the Market and processing building. Concrete was being poured on March 1.

it. That's why we have farm tours and an open door policy. People should know where their food comes from. Producers like us should be held accountable for the products they send to market. It's been so great and rewarding and we've been able to meet and become friends with so many people all over Portland."



They are raising 25 pigs this year in addition to thousands of chickens. All the animals in a pastured system either consume or provide food for each other.

Geoff says, "The Buying Clubs are something we do to extend our market. We're happy to take our products to different drop points around the Portland area because we know it's not always easy to get across town to the farm. It's honestly just a lot of fun too, being able to work with all those other customers that we would never be able to meet if we didn't do the Buying Clubs."

Part of their growth plan for this year is a new, much larger brooder, where the newly hatched chicks grow out their feathers for about

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three weeks, so they are ready to live outside on the pasture.

John explains, "We don't hatch in the brooder... that's a real science and best left to the hatchery. We



John and Geoff with two of their feathered friends. We don't know if either one is named Colin.

purchase day-old chicks from Jenks Hatchery down near Corvallis. Aaron Jenks has just taken over the day-to-day operation of the business, and is great to work with. He's become a great supporter of what we're doing, and a great example of how we have really tried to keep things local."

They are also building a new processing facility right on the farm, which will let them increase the number of chickens they can sell. "We hit that 1,000 bird limit several years back and started turning away customers. That's a bad feeling—turning away people—because we can't grow more than 1,000 birds. So we took the dive and went all-in. Processing our own birds is really important to us. People should know that we take our stewardship very seriously. We want to be responsible for the animals through the whole process. We feel it's our duty to make sure the animals are treated well, and the processing is done humanely and with respect for the bird," Geoff says.

To get the chickens to the restaurants, they work with a distributor in Portland, Wilder Land & Sea. "They're a bunch of guys who tipped into the whole local food thing here in Portland just like us. They have a real passion for what they do. They deliver inside of Portland, and we take care of deliveries outside of Portland," explains John.

In addition to the brooder and the processing facility, they're building a Farm Store to serve as a food hub for the area, collecting all the great produce, and dairy, and other [agricultural products produced in the Helvetia area](#). They hope to open that mid-summer.

I see that part of the delay in opening the processing facility was due to Washington County regulations. Do you feel that the county could do a better job encouraging local food production?

"We have had a long process working with the County. But we found out

Washington County has no other processing facility like what we're building. That's not the County's fault! That's a sign that we as a society want our food produced outside of the area. We are working very hard to change that, and our customers are as excited as we are to have food production back in the community."

"While the County might be able to do a better job encouraging local food production, it's really up to all of us to encourage it. As members of our community, we should be seeking out local producers and giving them our food dollars. Nothing talks like money, and each time someone buys a chicken from us, or carrots from Stoneboat, or strawberries from Helvetia Strawberries, or milk from Schoch Dairy, those dollars are screaming for local food production. As a producer, we're ready to meet the demand!" says Geoff.

Your place is in the Rural Reserve



The "chicken tractors" are moved to a fresh patch of grass every day

of Washington County. Are you concerned about the proximity to the Urban Reserve areas?

"It's important to grow where you're planted." Geoff answers. "Through a crazy series of events, we've found ourselves planted on the corner of West Union and Helvetia Road. So we'll focus on doing the best we can with what we've been given, and if the land use laws of Oregon present us challenges down the road, we'll meet them with all the energy we can muster."

John adds "We can't have local food if there's no room for farms. So we hope that, with where we've been



Turkey harvest is timed for Thanksgiving, of course. We can testify that they are delicious!

planted, we can play our part in ensuring that farmlands are preserved, and utilized for the benefit of the community they're in."

Marion Acres chickens and other meats are not cheap. But is cheap food really a good idea? Many of us have been saddened to learn how cheap chicken is produced. And if it means eating a bit less chicken and other meats, or spending more of your income on really good food, that might not be a bad thing.

Plus, pastured chicken just tastes amazing! It can take a little while to get used to cooking birds that run around all their lives, but you'll feel good about eating them, and boiling down the bones (they even sell feet!) to get every bit of goodness.

For now, you can order chicken, beef, pork, turkey, eggs, chicken parts and more to pick up at the farm or at one of their Buying Club locations. When the Farm Store opens, they'll have regular hours.

Anything else you want us to know about?

"Yes!" they both exclaim. "Know your farmer. Stop by

and meet us! We want to meet as many people as we can in the community, even if you don't buy anything from us. If you want to stay up on all that we're doing, sign up for our email list on our website, [MarionAcres.com](#). You can also follow us [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) for frequent updates. Finally, if you're skeptical about our production methods, or if you think our products are too expensive... basically if you aren't convinced... stop by! Give us a chance to convince you. We'll show you what we're doing, and we'd love the opportunity to tell our story. We are also on several websites like [LocalHarvest](#) and [EatWild](#) where we get a lot of customers who are just searching the web for a local source of quality meat."

Read much more about their philosophy, methods and plans on their website, and sign up to get some chicken!

Skyline Garage Sale

Fri., March 9, 9-7, and Sat., March 10, 9-5; Skyline Grange, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd.

Join us for the Spring Garage Sale "Everything BUT the Kitchen Sink." With a unique Skyline favor, this sale includes zany to practical donations from over 30 local residences. There are items for all sections of a household and items useful for semi-rural living. We strive to offer clean, functioning items at great prices.

Please note, restrooms are accessible by stairs only. Carpooling is encouraged due to limited parking during the wet season.

Skyline Grange also hosts plant sales and free presentations. For a complete list of events, please visit: [srnpxd.org](#).

Starting a Vegetable Garden

Monday, March 12, 7-8 pm, Beaverton Library

Master Gardener Sal Bianco will walk attendees through the process of starting a vegetable garden. Often, new vegetable gardeners, dreaming of lush, productive gardens, are frustrated with their lack of success. Don't let that be you! Mr. Bianco will talk about site selection, soil preparation, planting times, and water and fertilization needs, as well as general garden maintenance.

This program is presented with Washington County Master Gardeners, and is free and open to the public; no registration is required. For more information, visit [BeavertonLibrary.org](#) or call 503-644-2197.

Please return your completed Japanese beetle consent forms!



Japanese beetles destroy roses and many other plants. Photo: Melissa Schreiner

Japanese beetle, a destructive and invasive pest of lawns, ornamental plants and food crops, was detected in Washington County in 2016. The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) is conducting a multi-year project to eradicate this pest.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture proposes to treat an area of Washington County with an EPA-designated "reduced risk" granular larvicide in April or May of 2018 to prevent Japanese beetle from establishing in Oregon.

The service is provided at no cost. For most residences, the single application will take 5-10 minutes to complete. For information about the larvicide, visit <http://oda.fyi/jbhealth>

Over 3700 residents have sent in their consent forms! Thank you!

If you haven't yet returned yours, please send it in right away!

If you live within the treatment area, you have received a notice from ODA with details about the project and a consent form. **Even if you consented last year, we need consent to treat properties each year.** If the deadline on your notice has passed, you can still return your form.

**Please attend our open house event:
March 5 2018 - Cedar Mill Community Library
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