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## The Old Mill at Cedar Mill—1859-1892

By \*Hazel P. Young, as published by the Washington County Historical Society, date unknown.

The Jones Lumber Mill, which stood at the intersection of what is now known as 119th Street and Cornell Road, was built by Justus Jones and his son, John Halsey Jones. They operated the mill from approximately 1855 until 1879.

nished by a large “overshot” wheel (waterwheel), using the water from the creek (Cedar Mill Creek), which supplied water for the storage pond [the mill pond that can still be seen north of Cornell]. The water eventually fell over a natural waterfall, giving a 32-foot drop. The mill was a “muley,” i.e., the logs were guided by hand, a one-man operation, con-



The old mill in 1883. “Linc” Young stands in the center. The road leading off to the upper right is probably McDaniel (now 119th).

The Jones family, having prospered, went on to purchase three acres from the James Terwilliger Donation Land Claim, along the Willamette River, between Portland and Sellwood, on what today is known as Macadam Road. The new mill was organized by the sons John Halsey and Elibu Jones, as the (E.K.) Jones Lumber Company. This large mill in Portland operated for nearly a century before operations ceased in 1962.

The little mill on Cornell Road was sold to John Quincy Adams Young and partner William. H. Everson in 1869, and was operated by them for several years. Mr. Young, wishing to farm his large acreage and operate a store and post office, sold out to Everson. It seems as if the mill changed hands a few times between the Eversons, but later sold out to “Linc” and Jasper Young, sons of J. Q. A. Young. These two young men operated the mill until the timber supply was exhausted. The mill was dismantled in 1892.

Power for operating the saw in the early years of the mill was fur-

trary to the rigid saw method with a saw in a frame, as commonly used in those days in small mills.

[Ed. Note: this seems to confirm our suspicion that the mill was actually located on the north side of Cornell at 119<sup>th</sup>, adjacent to the mill pond!]

When water was plentiful, the mill was kept busy cutting timber, mostly cedar (hence the name Cedar Mill), and occasionally cut logs hauled in from other vicinities, such as oak from the Bethany area. Many of the homes in the northeast section of Portland were built and shingled from the products of this mill. A wharf on Lake Michigan was built from oak sawn at this mill. When the water was low, activity was more or less confined to cutting and hauling logs from the timber nearby to be stored in the pond, awaiting more water power.

Logging was done by oxen, and it was no uncommon sight to see a three-yoke of oxen hitched to a drag of logs, destined for the storage pond. Also, in slack water periods,

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## Cedar Mill Farmers Market 2016

May 7, 8 am-1 pm, corner of NW Murray Blvd. and NW Cornell Road in the Safeway parking lot

Opening Day of the 2016 Cedar Mill Farmers’ Market is coming soon! Come and visit us for local early-season veggies like asparagus, radishes, spinach, and a few others. Plus beautiful flowers, delicious baked goods, and the lovely work of local artisans! In addition, many wonderful plant starts to satisfy your Spring planting urge.

The Cedar Mill Farmers’ Market will be open every Saturday from May 7 - October 29, 2016, from 8 am - 1 pm with live music by the likes of locals Carley Baer, Jill Trenholm, Lauren Sheehan, and “Soulbake” Michael Baker from mid-morning to close.

Look for fresh flowers, wonderful vegetables and fruits including spectacular berries, organic and heirloom produce, fresh-roasted coffee beans, native and other plants, local organic meat, local eggs, fresh baked goods, free arts and crafts, free recipes, and free kids’ activities including balloon art and face painting every week!

Our new location will be just a few yards away from our old site.

We needed to move this year due to construction of the new shops along NW Cornell. Along with the new site we will be seeing two new Market Managers that will be bringing fresh ideas and several new vendors, along with many of your favorites



from past years. Several new events will be occurring through the market season along with our famous Blueberry Festival! As always, we will be showcasing many new and favorite musicians to enjoy while you stroll through the market.

Mark your calendars for May 7th and come join us to see our wonderful Mother’s Day flowers and enjoy the start of spring. See you there! Sponsored by THPRD and with sincere thanks to the Cedar Mill Safeway organization.

The market may be reached at [ourcmfm@gmail.com](mailto:ourcmfm@gmail.com) or 512-962-2115. And find us on Facebook: [Cedar Mill Farmers Market!](#)

## Washington County moves toward Saltzman Road improvements

After 12 years of organizing, research, and advocacy by community members, Citizen Participation Organizations (CPOs), and the group Saltzman Solutions, (now the Bethany Neighborhood Coalition—BNC), an agreement has been reached that should improve the dangerous section of Saltzman Road between Bayonne Lane and Laidlaw Road.

On March 15, Andy Duyck, the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners (BCC), signed a letter of intent that demonstrates the Board’s intent to spend approximately \$6.5 million improving this section of Saltzman

Road. The letter can be found as part of the [Board Agenda for March 15, 2016](#).

If the [Washington County Coordinating Committee \(WCCC\)](#) agrees, the county will provide \$1.2 million from the Bonny Slope West Transportation System Development Charges (paid by developers), and the remaining \$5.3 million may come from the county’s MSTIP 3e program (the next round of major county road projects, due to be finalized later this year). The county intends to recommend to WCCC that \$5.3 million be allocated for improvements to the Saltzman

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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](mailto:info@cedarmillnews.com)

## Cedar Mill clean up

Saturday, May 7, 7-9 am, at the Cornell Road "overlook" west of the Cut Above/Coldwell Seal office.

Come and enjoy the fresh spring morning and help us maintain the landscaping on our "main street." Coffee and treats provided.



The work is fun and the results are immediate! Cedar Mill will shine after just two hours with your help. Age 12 and over, please.

BRING: Gloves and your favorite rake, shovel and weeding tool.

SUPPLIED: Reflective vests ~ tools ~ morning treats, delicious coffee and water

Your [Cedar Mill Business Association](#) sponsors this event. See you there!

## Curvy Chic Four-Day Consignment Event!

Thursday 2-8 pm, Friday 10 am-9 pm, Saturday and Sunday 10 am-5 pm, 2505 NW Cornell Road

Pre-sale Thursday, April 28, 11 am (\$5 entry fee at the door); Fashion Show Friday, April 29, 7 pm

Although the recession has eased slightly, most people are still watching their dollars carefully. Even so, the arrival of spring also heralds in a feeling of "out with the old, in with the new", especially when it comes to our wardrobes! Thankfully, Curvy Chic Closet, the

largest plus size consignment event in North America, has answered our frugal prayers with their four-day, semi-annual Consignment Sales Event, allowing curvy women to indulge in a new wardrobe without even a smidge of guilt by trading in their own gently-used clothing for a massive selection of outfits and accessories from fellow attendees and more than 25 participating vendors.

If you want to consign your gently-used, size 14/XL-34 clothes, you should register at [curvychiccloset.com](http://curvychiccloset.com) to receive a consigner number and register for a drop-off appointment.

Attendees can treat themselves to a free fashion show, featuring designers such as ARTTwear, E.G.O.Boutique and Custom Designs, House of Solana, Rue21, and Sonshine Apparel, on Friday, April 29, at 7 pm at the same location as the event.

Curvy Chic Closet's founder, Becky Jarvis, states "I started Curvy Chic Closet after realizing that there were no plus size consignment events to help women buy beautiful gently used plus size clothing. 65% of American women wear a size 14 and above, yet we are left behind in the fashion industry at traditional brick and mortar stores. I am able to offer amazing shopping under one roof with over 20,000 consigned items (clothing, shoes, jewelry, purses, and accessories) for the plus size consumer.

This exciting extravaganza kicks off with a special pre-sale

event. Curvy Chic Closet is joining forces with Camions of Care, a nonprofit organization that supports menstrual hygiene management through the global distribution of feminine hygiene product care packages to women in need. Attendees can bring three non-food donations in exchange for FREE Presale Admission (\$5 value). Items needed (and accepted any day) include toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissues, feminine products, shampoo, conditioner, and soap.

For more information about Curvy Chic Closet, [visit them on Facebook!](#)

## Second Edition

Cathy Barber is the winner of the "Stacked Bricks" quilt raffled



off at Second Edition for the benefit of the Cedar Mill Libraries! When Cathy came into the shop the next day to claim her prize, she commented, "my quilting friends will be so envious!" The handmade quilt was donated to the library by an anonymous patron. The raffle ticket sales netted more than \$400 for the library.

## Village Gallery News

Featured Artist: Kalyani Pattani  
Opening Reception Sunday April 10, 2-4 pm

Kalyani's artwork is about depicting essential shapes and emotions. "I try to reduce the subject to basic shapes and introduce strong lighting effect with colors to emphasize the drama. I also love to explore different media and styles in my



work." Kalyani earned a B.F.A. from the University of Texas at Austin and M.A. in Studio Arts from Sam Houston State University. She has exhibited her art in Texas, London (UK), Coventry (UK) and Portland OR.

## Spring Shows

The Village Gallery April Show, which runs from April 2-May 1, is an Awards show. We are grateful to Blick Art Materials for supplying the award gift certificates, ranging from \$100 for first place to \$10 for honorable mentions. Please stop by during the month of April to see the award winning art and also featured artist Kalyani Pattani's paintings.

The Gallery's May Art Adoption Show is open May 2-May 28. In its seventh year, the show features 360 pieces of art created by local artists. Each 6" x 6" canvas is priced from \$20-\$50. The proceeds of our annual fundraising show go towards general gallery operating expenses. For over 50 years, this gallery is run on 100% volunteer staffing.

## New Class in April

April 5, 19, 26, May 3 and 17, 1-4 pm

Chris Keylock-Williams—Watercolor: Perseverance... Staying the Course and Perfecting Your Paintings: Spring is a wonderful time to continue and add to your watercolor skills. Bring in some of your paintings and Chris will help you critique and find solutions. She will also do a demo. Chris is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society and has taught at the Village Gallery for over 20 years.

For complete details on all classes please visit [villagegallery-arts.org](http://villagegallery-arts.org)



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## Bonny Slope Elementary artists shine!

Students from Bonny Slope Elementary submitted artwork to the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art at the University of Oregon. This is the ninth annual art show for K-12 kids. There were hundreds of entries, and the exhibit is currently on display in the south and north hallways of the Jordan Schnitzer Art Museum, through May 29. There will be a public reception in celebration of the young artists at JSMA on May 21, 11 am.

## Sunset High School News

Thursday, April 7, 7 pm, Westview High School

"Finding the Best Fit College and College Application Process," is a workshop open to all students and parents.

Thursday, April 28, 4:30, the "T" buildings at Sunset

Stop by the T-buildings for the IB art show. Talented students will be displaying their best work from the school year.

School News by Sydney McRae

## Eat Smart! Movie Series

Saturday, April 16, 7 pm at Leedy Grange Hall

This month we are screening short films that contrast large "corporate" pig farms with new young farmers starting sustainable farms. Altogether, these films total about one hour. Join us for this film series which you are unlikely to experience anywhere else. Seed swap after the films, so bring your garden seed. The films are free! Donations accepted.

## Sunset Service Day

Saturday April 23, 8 am-noon, Sunset High School

The community is invited to help at Sunset High School's annual Service Day! Major projects include painting the upper gym, some interior school doors and railings inside the school, and building shelves and organizing the "pole barn," an outside storage area. Plus, we'll be sprucing up the school grounds.

The baseball team will also hold their annual baseball pancake breakfast. If you can help in any way, from providing painting supplies and expertise, or lumber and shelf construction materials, to volunteering on service day itself, contact Jackie Garg at [jackie.garg@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.garg@gmail.com).

## Library News and Events

By Dawn Anderson

### Poem In Your Pocket

April 4 to April 23

Celebrate National Poetry Month. Discover new poems or re-read old favorites. Look for the special display in the Cedar Mill and Bethany Libraries.

### Social Media Workshops

Thursdays, April 7-21, 1-2:30 pm, Cedar Mill Library

Here's your chance to learn about social media. No reservations required. Stay afterwards to join the regular Thursday afternoon Open Lab to set up accounts or practice with existing ones. Facebook - April 7; Twitter - April 14; Instagram/Pinterest - April 21

### CALM

Monday, April 18, 6:30-8 pm

We'll be meeting on the third Monday of the month to color and listen to a short story. For teens 16+ and adults.

### Director's Happy Hour

Tuesday, April 19, 5-6 pm, Cedar Mill Library

You are invited to an informal gathering to learn about what's happening at the library, and you can also offer your thoughts and ideas. We will have light snacks, coffee, soft drinks and some adult beverages too. Please RSVP by April 18 to 503-644-0043 x 121 or email [cedarmill@wccls.org](mailto:cedarmill@wccls.org)

### Calling All Summer Volunteers

Have some time on your hands and want to help out? Are you interested in volunteering at the library on the Summer Reading Desk, or as a Summer Sales Associate at Second Edition? Pick up a summer volunteer application at the library or obtain one online. Applications due May 20. Contact Kevin 503-644-0043 ext. 111 or [kevinke@wccls.org](mailto:kevinke@wccls.org)

### Repair Fair

Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 11am – 2pm, Beaverton City Library, 12375 SW 5th St, Room B

Repair Fair is having a free community repair event near Cedar Mill! Repair Fairs are FREE, volunteer-driven events where people can get help fixing broken household items like small appliances, toys, bicycles, electronics or lamps.

For more information visit [RepairFair.org](http://RepairFair.org), or [find us on Facebook](#), or contact [RepairFairOregon@gmail.com](mailto:RepairFairOregon@gmail.com).

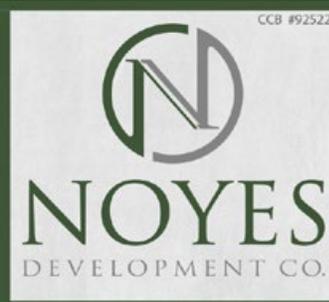


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## Pulmonaria is a good choice

By Margie Lachman

One of my favorites plants, Pulmonaria, is showing buds that will open any day. This is a favorite of hummingbirds and a great nectar source for bees!

It is an easy plant that comes up reliably every winter—even in a spot that is very wet at times from our heavy rain—yet it tolerates



dry areas also. The drier areas may cause dormancy in summer. The perfect spot would have rich well-draining soil but this lovely plant is not fussy about soil.

Add compost to the planting hole if your soil is heavy clay. A partial shade place is first choice although mine get plenty of sun and don't

seem to suffer from it. I planted a variety called Mrs. Moon years ago and every winter its silver-spotted hairy leaves appear in February. One of its charms is the slugs don't seem to be attracted to it. I have tried other silver spotted pulmonaria that were eaten by those ravenous critters. (The more silver the leaves, the more the slugs loved them!)

The flowers are bright pink when they open and turn blue as they age, making a lovely display for weeks. The first foliage is of modest size and can be removed after the plant blooms. New foliage will emerge that is twice as large, making a great ground cover to suppress weeds.

Pulmonaria is about 10 to 12 inches tall and will gently spread to about 24 inches. It is a perfect plant for edging a bed and is a reliable perennial that will last for years.

Questions? Email me at [mar-gierose@gmail.com](mailto:mar-gierose@gmail.com) or call 503-645-2994

## Future Palooza! predicts the Cedar Mill of 2026!

Saturday, April 9, 9:45 am-12 pm, Leedy Grange Hall 835 NW Saltzman Road

Terra Linda Conservation, Us and the Environment (CUE) and Leedy Grange will host a workshop on the future of Cedar Mill. This Future Palooza! workshop predicts how the Cedar Mill area will function in ten years. Participants will learn about the future of local transportation systems, water supply, waste management and urban growth. Participants are encouraged to bring questions as well as ideas for how to make Cedar Mill a more livable and sustainable community.

Metro Councilor Kathryn Harrington will deliver a keynote address, followed by a panel of experts who will dive into details about that future. Speakers include Chris Defebach (Washington County Land Use and Transportation), Marlys Mock (Willamette Water Supply), Thomas Eggleston (Washington County Waste and Recycling), and Beth St. Amand (Citizen Participation Organization). Jen Nelson, Outreach Coordinator with the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District, will facilitate the discussion.

"CUE is a neighborhood volun-

teer group dedicated to making the Terra Linda neighborhood more livable, healthy and environmentally friendly," explained Dean Moberg, CUE co-chair. "And the Future Palooza! is a great partnership, with Leedy Grange and many other local organizations and agencies."

The first 50 participants in Future Palooza! will receive a free native tree or shrub, courtesy of the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District. New Seasons Market will provide snacks. For more information, contact Dean Moberg at Terra Linda CUE, [terralindaconservation@gmail.com](mailto:terralindaconservation@gmail.com).

## Viva Village

Viva Village welcomes the public to participate in a field trip on April 22, to the Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens in Woodland, Washington. In addition to the outstanding lilac displays, this National Historic Site includes many exotic trees and shrubs, as well as providing an outstanding example of turn-of-the-century Victorian-era gardens. There is a \$3 entrance fee. For more information, including transportation arrangements, RSVP to Bonnie, [VivaVillageEvents@gmail.com](mailto:VivaVillageEvents@gmail.com).

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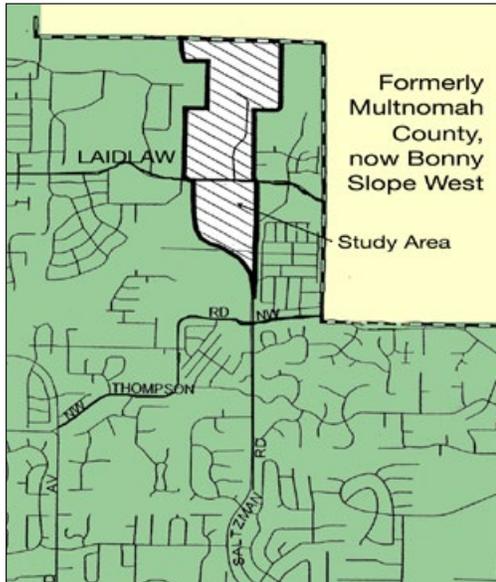
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**Sunset TIRE FACTORY**

Saltzman, continued from page 1 alignment, that an alternative alignment be studied, and that the project should be included on the MSTIP 3e list of projects.

The effort to improve this section of Saltzman Road goes all the way back to October 2004, when CPO 7 members along with Saltzman Road neighbors asked the county to create a study area for the eventual realignment of Saltzman

it difficult or impossible for the sidewalk to cross a small wetland just to the north of Findley Grade School. The majority of the length of sidewalk is 15 to 20 feet from the roadway (much safer) while the last 30 to 40 feet is adjacent to the roadway (not safe). The sidewalk that is separated from the roadway was planned by the landowner and contractor to be in the correct location for a future widening of Saltzman.



The Saltzman Road Extension Study, as far as we know, never progressed beyond this map!

Road. The BCC approved [Ordinance 626](#) to create the Saltzman Road Extension Study Area, and added it to the Washington County 2020 Transportation Plan. This ordinance discussed a realignment of Saltzman Road, as well as future connectivity of Saltzman Road to the north and west (potentially all the way to North Bethany and even beyond). It's unclear if a study was ever carried out, and last fall the county proposed a temporary fix to the current alignment.

In early 2014, with development proceeding rapidly and with no evident progress on Saltzman, the "Saltzman Solutions" group was formed to coordinate community involvement for promoting long-term improvements to Saltzman. The group met regularly and was partially responsible, along with other concerned citizens, for making sure a sidewalk was constructed from the new Findley Heights development to Findley Elementary School.

The sidewalk was recently completed. Unfortunately, Clean Water Services made

This long-range planning effort should be commended.

The group also testified at numerous county meetings and hearings about the need to realign Saltzman Road. In September of 2015, after the construction of Findley Heights commenced, more neighbors wanted to be involved in improving Saltzman Road, so a non-profit organization called the Bethany Neighborhood Coalition was formed, in part to fund the legal expenses required to file Land Use appeals. A LUBA (Oregon

Land Use Board of Appeals) appeal is one way the community can legally challenge the county's continued approval of developments without addressing much needed infrastructure such as roads, sidewalks, parks, and schools.

The BNC group filed two LUBA appeals in late 2015, both related to the first development application in Area 93 (Bonny Slope West). The BNC group hired the Garvey Schubert Barer law firm and Clemow Associates engineering firm to

facilitate the filings.

John Wickham, BNC director, says, "These appeals got the attention of the BCC and West Hills Development (Arbor Homes). It got us a place at the negotiating table and gave the community much-needed leverage and hope for the long term fix needed for Saltzman."

In December 2015, a rift occurred among the members of the Bethany Neighborhood Coalition. The conflict was over legal expenses and the county's initial offer for fixing the road. Some members, who left the group in December of 2015, felt the county's offer of \$3.8 million to improve Saltzman Road on its current alignment was the best the group would get. Those who remained in the group did not want to settle for that offer. The current letter of intent from the county, with the funding at \$6.5 million, was negotiated by the current board members of the BNC.

The BNC is now working with West Hills Development and the County Land Use and Transportation Department to evaluate bridge options (see February 2016 Cedar Mill News) that would best utilize the \$6.5 million that is expected to be available after the county approves the MSTIP 3e funds later in the year.

Wickham says, "This was an important step towards eventually improving a seriously substandard section of road. Hopefully, with more work from the BNC and other community members, the road will be straightened and connected to NW 130th Avenue, which will help decrease traffic congestion well into the future. We are actively investigating whether, once Saltzman is realigned, it will be easier for THPRD to develop the NE



With construction starting soon on Bonny Slope West developments, more of these large trucks will be using upper Saltzman

Neighborhood Park, which is located at the southeast corner of Laidlaw and Saltzman Roads. "BNC is committed to working with partner organizations such as CPO 7 and THPRD to facilitate future projects that benefit the community.

More information about the Bethany Neighborhood Coalition can be found at [bncoregon.org](http://bncoregon.org).

## Cedar Mill Community Garden plots available!

123rd Ave, just south of the Cedar Mill Bible Church

The Cedar Mill Community Garden serves the community by providing plots for local residents to rent for growing their own organic produce. The garden is now in its sixth year! With 44 raised beds, plus a flexible "community area" for growing extra produce, the garden provides not only a productive area for growing vegetables, but also an opportunity for socializing and for relaxing in a pleasant and peaceful environment.

The garden is on church property. One of its goals is to foster community and to help people connect. Gardeners work together to help maintain the property and to organize picnics or other events. Many donate their extra produce to the needy. Previous gardeners have built a greenhouse, and a sandbox for kids. They have also added a grapevine, raspberries, strawberries, and flowering plants to the community area.

Several gardening plots are available for this year. The rent is \$10 for the season, the plots are 4 x 8 feet, and the fee includes water, hoses, mulch, and the use of gardening tools. If you'd like a plot or more information, please contact the garden manager, Joanna Curran, at [cedarmillcg@gmail.com](mailto:cedarmillcg@gmail.com).



Near-misses with school buses are a daily occurrence

Mill, continued from page 1

the millhands cut shingles with a froe (a wedge-shaped tool for cleaving), making an up-and-down chop from rounds of cedar logs.

For many years the mill products were hauled to Portland through the canyons by oxen, and later by horses. The original route to Portland was via the “planked” road (our Canyon Road of today), however, Cornell Road and Barnes Road were also used, and sections of those roads were also “planked.”

In the early days Barnes Road was known as the “Portland to Hillsboro” road, being named Barnes in later years. Cornell Road, from McDaniel Road [now 119<sup>th</sup>] junction, east to Balch Creek, Multnomah County, was not cut through until February 1868. This section was referred to as the “Cornell Gap.” Previous to 1868, Cornell Road turned north at this junction and went up in and around the hills, exiting at Balch Creek.

There have been many stories written about the old Mill, but the writer feels that this is authentic, having been taken from family biographies of those who owned and worked in the mill, together with the above-cited Washington County Deed Records and County Surveyor’s Records.

[\*Hazel Young was the family historian for many years, and the mother of Bernie Young. This article was among a big box of historical documents donated to the Cedar Mill Historical Society—now a 501c(3) charitable organization—by Bernie’s widow, Mary Young of Cedar Mill. We can’t wait to share more of these treasures with you in the months to come!]

Transcribed by Elissa Ryan Morris.

## Recycling web tool

Washington County residents now have access to a NEW [Garbage and Recycling Day tool](#) for keeping track of garbage and recycling pick-up schedules. With the free tool you can: Receive collection-day reminders by phone, email or text, look up your garbage and recycling schedule, print your collection calendar at home, sync your collection schedule with your digital calendar, get notified about winter weather and holiday schedule changes, look up how to recycle or dispose items, and get information on your mobile devices through the Garbage and Recycling Day app (Apple and Android).

Learn more online or by calling 503-846-3605.

## Plan now for summer park activities

The official start of summer may still be a couple months away, but if you’re within the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District, planning for it begins now. Online and phone registration for THPRD summer classes, camps and activities will be open to in-district residents starting April 16 from 8 am to 6 pm. It will continue April 17 from noon to 4 pm and April 18-22 from 8:30 am to 6 pm.

Class descriptions and schedules, along with registration instructions and forms, are in THPRD’s 2016 summer activities guide. The book was mailed in late March to each household within park district boundaries, and is also available online at [thprd.org](http://thprd.org). Extra printed copies are at THPRD centers, the Administration Office, and certain community sites, including Beaverton-area libraries.

“We offer hundreds of classes and camps during the summer, and we serve everyone from toddlers to seniors,” said Sharon Hoffmeister, THPRD superintendent of Aquatics and registration coordinator. “Whether you’re interested in aquatics, sports, nature or recreation, we have something fun for you or your family.”

Patrons registering by computer for the first time must establish an online account in advance at [www.thprd.org/activities](http://www.thprd.org/activities). Those registering by phone should call 503-439-9400 April 16-22 (after April 22, call any park district center or the Administration Office at 503-645-6433). Registrants should have class information, a valid THPRD residency card, and a credit or debit card when they enroll. Questions can be directed in advance to 503-645-6433.

THPRD will again offer, on a limited basis, Spanish language assistance during phone-in registration for classes and programs. The service will be available April 16. For residents living outside the Tualatin Hills district, online and phone registration will begin April 18 at 8:30 am; registration in person or by mail begins the following day.

And mark your calendar now for the Party in the Park on Saturday, July 30, 11-5; and Groovin’ on the Grass, Saturday, August 20. The Cedar Mill Park Concert will rock our park on Thursday, August 11, 6-8 pm.

## West Haven neighbors win Metro grant for trail planning

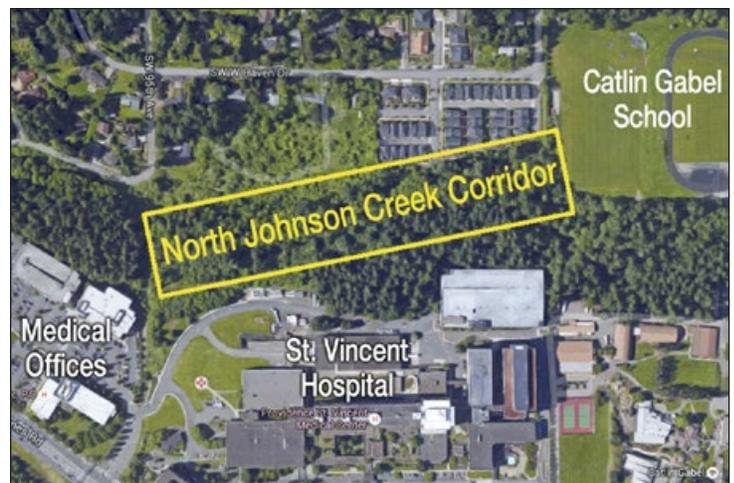
At the Metro Council meeting held on March 31 in Oregon City, Councilors unanimously voted to approve several significant resolutions supporting public access to natural resources, including the Willamette Falls Legacy Project, supporting redevelopment of the former Blue Heron Paper Mill in Oregon City, as well as the development of a Riverwalk; the Newell Creek Canyon Access Master Plan; and the 2016 [Nature In Neighborhoods \(NIN\) Regional Trails Grants](#). A total of nine trails grants were awarded to help fund community supported trails in natural areas and to enhance natural elements of the Regional Trail system.

One of the NIN trails grants was awarded to [Neighbors for Smart Growth \(NFSG\)](#) and project partners—West TV Elementary, Catlin Gabel, Westside Transportation

NFSG will be organizing and publicizing volunteer opportunities, with the volunteer hours counting toward the funding match.

The trail will connect to the 95th Ave Regional Trail and will provide the community with essential off-street pedestrian access to schools, medical facilities, and transit. In addition, the trail will enhance the natural experience of Regional Trail users as they pass alongside the stream corridor. Project goals include encouraging active recreation, protecting the riparian corridor, improving community health, and fostering a positive environmental ethic.

More information is available at the [NFSG website](#), including project updates and upcoming volunteer opportunities. Neighbors are encouraged to join in what will be a fun, educational, and rewarding project.



Alliance, [Tualatin River Watershed Council](#), Clean Water Services, Providence St. Vincent Hospital, Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District, and Washington County. The \$33,600 grant will help the group plan a soft-surface nature trail and perform riparian restoration along North Johnson Creek in the West Haven neighborhood, between SW 90th and SW 95th.

The new trail will run along the stream corridor on land owned by Catlin Gabel School and Providence St. Vincent Hospital, who are partners in the project. The exact route will be determined as a result of a study funded by the grant. The various partners will match the cash grant amount with in-kind contributions, including planning services, natural resources studies, and more.

NFSG member Jake Mintz explained that the group was successful in large part because of its great community partnerships. Along with Tualatin River Watershed Council, they will be working with local schools. Clean Water Services will provide native plants and Friends of Trees will lead an on-site educational habitat restoration event. THPRD and Washington County will review plans and advise to ensure the trail will be compatible with other District trails. “We have received excellent support from Washington County, and especially from our Commissioner Greg Malinowski,” Mintz said. “Our community has been interested in improving the local trail network for a long time, so we’re very excited to get to work!”

## OAW looks at HIO

By Miki Barnes, OAW

Oregon Aviation Watch (OAW) is a 501c(3) non-profit organization whose primary purpose is to research, educate and advocate aviation issues on behalf of the public interest and public welfare. Much of our work focuses on the ongoing growth and expansion at the Hillsboro Airport (HIO).

Over the past 84 years HIO has grown from a grassy airstrip to the largest general aviation airport in the state. Student and recreational pilots, along with corporate jets, now dominate the skies over much of the area, both in Hillsboro as well as in designated training areas within 20 miles of the airport. The Port of Portland assumed ownership of the facility more than 48 years ago, yet over the course of that time has never taken a “hard look” at the environmental impact by completing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Despite claims that the Hillsboro Airport is an economic asset to the community, the Port openly admits that this airport has never generated a profit. As a result, the Port relies on public money to keep the Hillsboro Airport afloat on behalf of the private businesses, flight training schools and recreational pilots who frequent this facility.

Current OAW projects include the following:

In 2014 OAW filed an appeal challenging the construction of a third runway at the Hillsboro Airport. Though the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has not yet set a hearing date, the Port of Portland built and began utilizing the runway in April 2015, without waiting for a court decision. The main purpose of this runway is to accommodate a private out-of-state flight

training business that primarily trains pilots from overseas. The runway, which has the potential to nearly double the capacity at this airport, was subsidized with public money. Four million dollars was allocated through the state Connect Oregon program. The bulk of the remainder came from the FAA. The State Department of Transportation also contributed. (OAW expects a hearing date to be set soon for their

Washington County Commissions, the City of Hillsboro and the FAA of community concerns. It can be accessed [here](#).

### Lead pollution

OAW is extremely concerned about the lead pollution at the Hillsboro Airport. We were honored to be invited to be part of a coalition, along with Friends of the Earth, EarthJustice, the Golden Gate

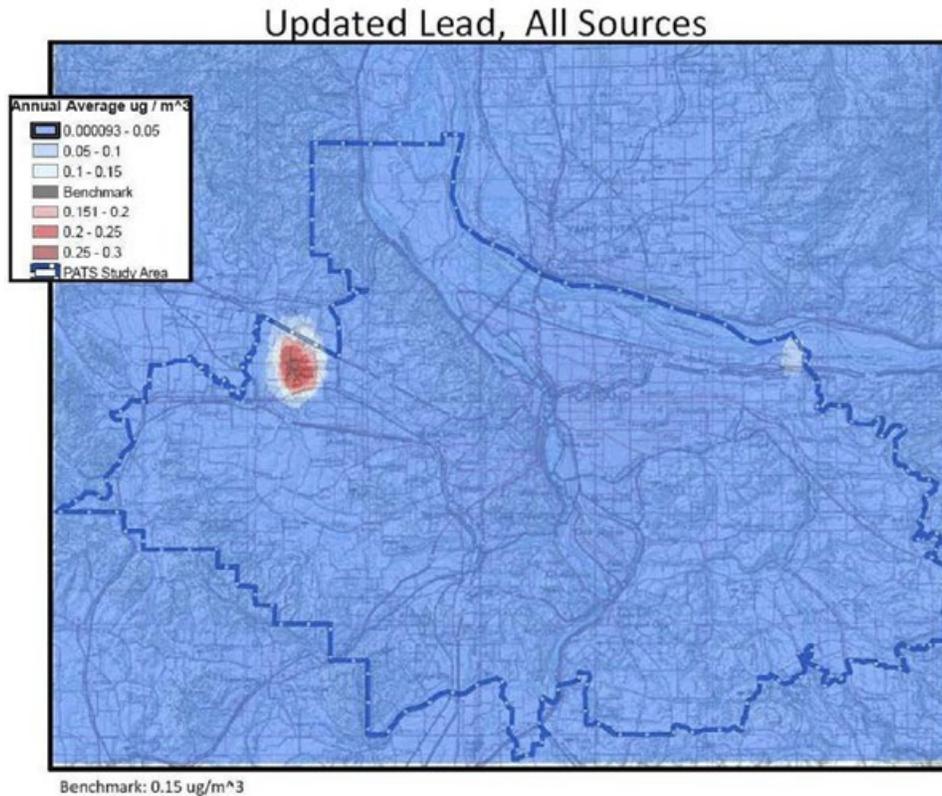
LTO lead emissions will increase to 0.9 tons by 2021. Additional lead is released during ground run-up engine checks and the cruise phase of flight. HIO is the number one facility source of lead in Oregon. It ranks 21st among nearly 20,000 airports nationwide in lead pollution.

HIO is a major facility source of an array of other air toxics as well. Per the 2011 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Emissions Inventory (NEI), HIO is the largest facility source of acrolein, 1,3 butadiene, ethyl benzene, and acetaldehyde in Washington County. All of these air toxics are listed in the DEQ Portland Air Toxics Solutions (PATS) study as exceeding benchmark levels. PATS recommended reducing these pollutants by 81-88% depending on the specific toxin. HIO is also the largest facility source of formaldehyde in Washington County, and it is also one of the 15 toxins identified in the PATS study as exceeding benchmark levels. PATS recommended reducing this pollutant by 10%. Notwithstanding the serious health risks associated with these air toxins, no efforts have been initiated by DEQ, the Port of Portland, or

the State of Oregon to protect the public from these emissions.

In addition, HIO generates a number of pollutants not included in the PATS study. In response to Clean Air Act requirements, the EPA established National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for six “criteria” pollutants determined to pose a danger to public health and the environment. These pollutants are lead, carbon monoxide, particulate matter (includes PM 2.5 and PM 10), ozone, nitrogen dioxide and sulfur dioxide. According to the 2011 EPA NEI, HIO is the largest facility source of elemental carbon particulate matter 2.5 and carbon monoxide and the second largest source of nitrous oxide, sulfur dioxide and particulate matter 2.5 emissions in Washington County.

Please note that when Port of Portland prepared its initial



*PATS 2005 Estimated Lead Concentrations*

appeal. Sign up for their informative newsletter if you would like updates.)

HIO and other airports in the region generate a great deal of noise throughout the day and night hours. OAW has established an on-line aviation noise complaint form that notifies the Port, DEQ,

University Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, and Physicians for Social Responsibility, in urging the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to issue an endangerment finding regarding the use of leaded aviation fuel. The EPA has not yet made a final decision on this issue. For additional information, [visit the EarthJustice site](#) for additional information.

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In 2007, the owner and operator of HIO, the Port of Portland (Port), estimated annual lead emissions of 0.7 tons per year during the landing and take-off (LTO) cycle of flight. The Port is now forecasting that



*Built in 2002, Nike's corporate hangar is aptly named Air Hangar 1 (a reference to their iconic [Air Force 1 shoe](#)) and can sustain flight operations to any of the six continents where the company's employees and subcontractors work.*

environmental assessment on the third runway proposal, it relied on readings from a DEQ monitor, located in Southeast Portland more than 16 miles from HIO, to predict these criteria pollutants, excepting lead which was *estimated*. The Port's failure to actually monitor these toxins within the vicinity of the airport is alarming.

Finally, another issue impacting Washington County residents is aerial pesticide spraying. OAW is not spearheading this effort. Beyond Toxins, a non-profit environmental organization, has recently proposed three ballot measures to address this issue. For additional details see [beyondtoxics.org/work/pesticide-reform/forestry-pesticide-project/3-proposed-ballot-initiatives-reform/](http://beyondtoxics.org/work/pesticide-reform/forestry-pesticide-project/3-proposed-ballot-initiatives-reform/).

The mission of OAW is to enhance and protect the quality of life for Oregon residents by eliminating the adverse impacts of aviation activity. Issues of concern include noise intrusions, environmental pollution, climate change, health risks, social injustice, property devaluation, safety hazards, security threats, land use restrictions, and fiscal inequities. Our vision is to achieve a transparent, accountable, and sustainable aviation system that neither disregards nor diminishes the environment, livability, health, or well-being of current and future generations of Oregon residents.

For more information, and to support our efforts, [visit our website](http://visitourwebsite.org), or contact us at [info@oregonaviationwatch.org](mailto:info@oregonaviationwatch.org)

## Join the Band!

John Wickham and his friends are putting together a community band. This band is about having fun and making music. It's a Concert Band—brass, woodwinds, percussion—not really an orchestral thing...strings will most likely be out of place in this group...but it's all new and experimental...so they are open to whatever.

Age requirement: 21 and over. If you have kids who want to be involved, they can only be involved if you, the parent or legal guardian, are also in the band and present for the practice, event or gig.

Practices are on the first Saturday of the month, 6-7:30 pm, at 12830 NW Laidlaw Road (Blueberry Hollow) Portland. The next practice will be on Saturday, May 7. Contact John Wickham Sr. at [john@imwick.com](mailto:john@imwick.com) if you're interested. Include what instrument you play.

## Boards and Commissions Vacancies Summer 2016

Application deadline: April 26, 2016 or open until filled

Applications may be obtained by visiting the [Boards and Commissions website](http://boardsandcommissionswebsite.org). Boards, committees and commissions advise the Board of Commissioners on matters of interest to people who live and work in Washington County. Committees themselves do not pass ordinances to establish policy; their purpose is to study issues and make recommendations. Commission members are volunteers appointed by the County Board of Commissioners. In many cases, members must be residents of Washington County. Serving on an appointed board or commission is a great way for Washington County residents to participate in decisions that affect them and to learn more about how local government works.

The Board of Property Tax Appeals—five terms expiring 06/30/16

Civil Service Commission – two terms expiring 05/31/16

EMS Advisory Council – current vacancy for a Municipal Representative

Farm Board of Review – one term expiring 06/30/16

Housing Advisory Committee – one current vacancy from Agricultural/Farm Worker/Community representative

Homeless Plan Advisory Committee (HPAC) – two current vacancies for a Business Representative and a Non Profit Housing Provider

Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) –six: three terms expiring 06/30/16; three current vacancies

Public Health Advisory Council –three current vacancies for a Business Community Representative, a Regulated Service Industry Representative, and an Underserved Minority Community Representative

Per Board of Commissioners procedures, the County Administrative Office solicits applications from individuals for a six-week period. Staff will keep the Commissioners apprised of applications received and of approaching deadlines. There will be an opportunity for the Board to discuss appointments at a work session prior to scheduling any formal action.

## Weed Watcher workshops

All sessions 6-8 pm:

Tuesday April 26, City of Tigard Auditorium

Thursday April 28, Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

Wednesday May 4, West Hills Unitarian Universalist church, 8470 SW Oleson Rd., Portland

Wednesday May 11, Tualatin Valley Water District, 1850 SW 170th Ave, Beaverton

Worried about invasive plants and other weeds? Our FREE Weed Watcher workshops will train you to identify the species of most concern now and report them. Meet these plants up close and personal in our Speed Dating round, and take home a free Weed ID guide. All workshops run from 6-8 pm and include a light snack. Please RSVP at [www.swcd.net/workshops-education/weed-watchers/](http://www.swcd.net/workshops-education/weed-watchers/) or via Facebook.

## Awesome Hour

Tuesday, April 19, 7-8 pm, Market of Choice in Cedar Mill

The official "office hour" of the Awesome Beaverton & Beyond Chapter of the Awesome Foundation will be held soon! Interested in applying for a grant? Meet the Trustees, network with other "doers of good" in your community and congratulate the spring \$1000 Awesome grant winner, and learn how YOU can help their project be realized!

Our spring Awesome grant winner is Alisa Stewart, artistic director of the Experience Theatre Project, and her "[The Magic of Immersive Summer Theatre Project](http://www.experiencetheatreproject.com)." (Click to read her project idea.)

You can even come early (6-7 pm) and attend the free Awesome Proposal Workshop and get help organizing YOUR idea into an Awesome proposal. For more information, visit [www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/Beaverton](http://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/Beaverton).

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April 11: Kevin Starrett, Oregon Firearms Federation—"Another Look at the Gun Issue"

April 18: Brad Avakian, Richard Devlin, Val Hoyle—"A look at the race for the Democratic Party Nomination for Secretary of State"

April 25: Bud Pierce, Bob Niemeyer, Allen Alley—"A look at the race for the Republican Nomination for Governor of Oregon"

May 2: TBA – Primary Election Races

For more information, visit [washingtoncountyforum.org/](http://washingtoncountyforum.org/)

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## THPRD works to improve accessible facilities and information

By Jennifer Hemmeyer

With lengthening light and burgeoning blossoms arrives the pull of the great outdoors and the enticement to explore our local trail system. Last September I wrote an article on Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District trail accessibility. The information on this has continued to grow. For an update, I contacted Bob Wayt, Director of Communications & Outreach at THPRD, to check in on the district's progress on both trail and facility access.

*The input provided on the Oak Trail at the Nature Park by Access Recreation is helpful. What is the plan with regard to similar input on the other trails?*

We have partnered with [Access Recreation](#). A look at their website shows they now have accessibility information on not only our Oak Trail in the Tualatin Hills Nature Park but also information on Cooper Mountain Nature Park, the Fanno Creek Trail, and Lowami Hart Woods Natural Area, all of which we own and/or manage. These are some of the larger sites in our district with trail routes, and they are near transit lines. We are happy to assist Access Recreation with additional information as needed to increase the number of THPRD locations on their website. You may also want to check with them directly:

*Are the trail maps available in large print as well as regular print?*

No, and one of the reasons is that we have never been asked for them. However, we do provide a PDF of our trail maps on our website. Users can download them, zoom in on specific areas, and print them. Go to [thprd.org/parks-and-trails/trails/](#) and click on the link titled, "Nature & Trails Map."

*Is there a person one could call to field specific questions regarding trail/facility accessibility? I tried yesterday to use the accessibility feature on the THPRD website, but it didn't seem to work. Is that still under development? Is it being designed to work with a screen reader?*

Users can call any of our centers or Administration Office. The re-

ceptionist will answer the question or direct it to another staff member who can. If you have a specific need at a facility, call that facility in advance and ask what we can do for you. For example, at our pools, we have lifts for users who need assistance getting into and out of the water. And some of the pools have aquatic wheelchairs that a guest can use instead of getting their own wheelchair wet. One of our staff would be happy to make arrangements for use.

We are sorry you had difficulty with our website when you visited, but we encourage you to try again. Go to [thprd.org/district-information/accessibility](#) for an overview of the district's commitment to increase ADA accessibility throughout its service area. Also, go to [thprd.org/parks-and-trails/find-park](#). Under "Filter by Feature(s)," click on "Accessibility." You'll see check boxes labeled "ADA Park," "ADA Restroom," and "ADA Trail." Check the one you want and click on "Find parks with selected features." Symbols will appear on the



*Paved trails such as this one in the Jordan Woods Natural Area enable users with physical disabilities to enjoy easier access to the recreational amenities provided by THPRD. Photo by Bob Wayt.*

map to the right. When you click on one, the name of the park will appear. Click on that name to see all the features of the park, including those that are ADA-related.

Your question about a screen reader is a good one. It is our understanding that a user would need special software on the computer to convert the info on the screen to audible messages. We would like to learn more about how it works and how we can be more helpful.

*Has the district considered a hotline with updated access info?*

No, we have not had enough

requests to justify a specific hotline for this. However, users are welcome to call any of our centers or the Administration Office. We would also encourage them to visit our website.

*Will the final accessibility information be available in alternate formats—large print, braille etc.?*

We do this by request. We simply ask that we be given adequate advance notice of the need for an alternate format. Usually five days is enough. We do offer Braille beside the doors inside our facilities and on many of our signs around the district.

*Does the District have designated people in each department who are watching out for ADA issues and opportunities? Or is there another way the district is addressing these issues?*

We continually work with our staff to be sensitive to ADA needs and concerns. Sometimes a request may need to be referred to a specific co-worker. For example, we have an Adaptive and Inclusion Recreation specialist. [Click here](#) for more information.

In addition, Lisa Novak, our superintendent of Programs & Special Activities, is our designated liaison for ADA issues.

In 2015, an independent organization did an extensive access audit of the facilities, parks and trails in our entire district. We are currently developing a transition plan based on that audit that will yield more accessibility in compliance with ADA standards. Our ADA Access Audit and Transition Plan will increase opportunities for individuals to play, learn and explore. It will include improvements such as new accessible benches, pathway repaving, and adjustments to play area features.

We anticipate presenting the plan to our board of directors later this year. Because of the costs of



*Bonnie Barksdale uses the ADA lift at Sunset Swim Center on NW Science Park Drive (directly north of Home Depot) to raise herself from the water. Swimmers can operate the lift themselves with the handheld control unit or request assistance from THPRD staff. Photo by Bob Wayt.*

implementation, it will be a multi-year plan."

Over the past eight months, Access Recreation has collected information on three more trails in the district. The information regarding trail and facility access continues to expand. THPRD welcomes input and invites requests for material in alternate formats.

### Advise the Sheriff

Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District (ESPD) provides enhanced patrol response to over 210,000 residents of the urban areas of the county, outside the cities. There are 130 Sheriff's Deputies serving the citizens in the district.

The Sheriff's Office of Washington County is accepting applications for citizens to serve on the ESPD Citizens' Advisory Committee. The Committee works with the Sheriff and other officials from the Sheriff's Office to review and offer recommendations on the level and type of police service in ESPD. The Committee advises the Sheriff on strategic goals and direction for the district. Future considerations will be to review other long-range opportunities for enhanced law enforcement and community collaboration.

Committee members serve a three-year term. Applicants must pass a criminal background check and live in the district. Applications can be obtained online at [WC-Sheriff-OR.com](#), in person at the Sheriff's Office, by contacting Lori Larson at 503-846-2694 or [lori\\_larson@co.washington.or.us](#). The deadline to submit your application is Friday, May 20, at 5 pm.

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## Back Pain Relief Center

13305 NW Cornell Road in Suite E, next to the GoHealth Urgent Care.

HealthSource of Cedar Mill is changing its name to Back Pain Relief Center. Dr. Stephen Besser has been serving the Cedar Mill community since 2011. He is currently evolving his business under the new name of "Back Pain Relief Center" to provide people with a progressive brand of chiropractic. They specialize in short-term chiropractic care for your neck and back pain and of course walk-ins are always welcome. Beyond chiropractic care they offer massage therapy and same-day sports physicals. If you have experienced any injury or you want to get rid of chronic pain, they can help. Call 503) 746-5085 for information.

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## Vision Fun Run

Saturday, May 7 from 10-1 at Bonny Slope Elementary

You were first introduced to Ella Osborne in the September 2014 issue, when she held the National American Miss Oregon Princess Queen title. In an interview, Ella was asked if she was going to continue advocacy for children's vision and that was answered emphatically, "yes!" Now she's making good on that promise.

Through volunteering to provide free eye tests to children, she learned that, on average, about 20% of kids screened have an undiagnosed vision problem. Most often, these families don't have insurance or the financial means to support eye care, so they never go in for that appointment. "That made me very sad, and I wanted to do something to help," Ella shared.

Her mom did some research and found the KEX Kids Fund, which is a non-profit organization that for twenty years has provided everything from screenings to glasses and hearing aids for kids across the state. But how would she raise awareness and funds for these kids?

As an active seven year old with a lot of energy and a love for running, she came up with the Vision Fun Run. The money raised at the Vision Fun Run could help over 1000 kids in Oregon! This family friendly event will include music and lots of fun things to do. Special guest and master of ceremonies, Paul Linnman, will be cheering runners to the finish line.

You can register to participate or volunteer at [www.visionfunrun.com](http://www.visionfunrun.com). You can also follow the event on Facebook. Another important

piece is local businesses that would like to sponsor this fantastic event by way of donations or raffle items. For more information, please contact via email at [visionfunrun@gmail.com](mailto:visionfunrun@gmail.com).

## History of Multnomah

Tuesday, April 12, 7 pm, Elsie Stuhr Senior Center, 5550 SW Hall Blvd., free

This Beaverton Historical Society presentation explores the history of Multnomah, from the Native Americans to the present, with an emphasis on early development. Historian Tim Lyma, the president of the Multnomah Historical Association, will present. He specializes in early twentieth century automobile travel and tourism. For more information on the event visit [HistoricBeaverton.org](http://HistoricBeaverton.org) or call 503-430-0106. Donations will be accepted!

## Bicycle Adventure Summer Camp

Registration is open for the Bicycle Adventure Summer Camp! There will be four one-week camps for youth ages 9-14 in the Hillsboro, Tigard and Beaverton area.

July 11- 15, Ages 9-11 in Hillsboro; July 18- 22, Ages 9-11 in Tigard; July 25-29, Ages 9-11 in Beaverton; August 1-5, Ages 12-14 in Hillsboro

To register or find out more information visit: [washcobtc.org/home/camp](http://washcobtc.org/home/camp).

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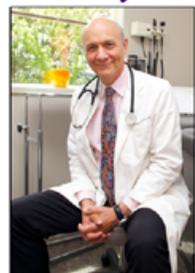
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