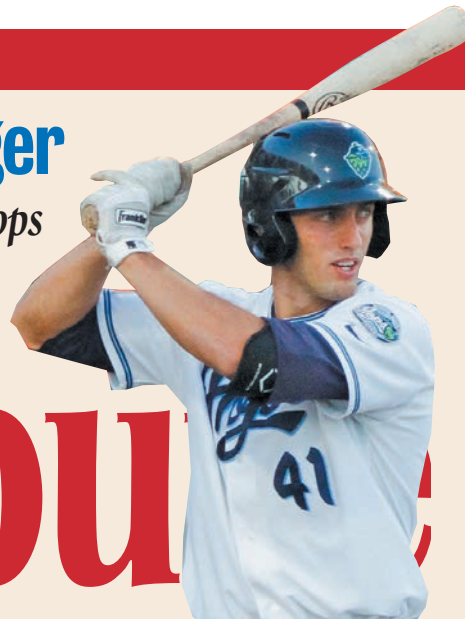




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Zach Esquerro blasts away for the Hops

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Will water flow from Willamette?

District mulls joint project for new Hillsboro water source

By JIM REDDEN
The Hillsboro Tribune

Hillsboro is celebrating 100 years of public water service in July. And by coincidence, the Tualatin Valley Water District is poised to help the city meet its water needs into the next century later this month.

The TVWD will consider an ordi-

nance on July 27 to formally commit to a joint project to tap the Willamette River near Wilsonville as an additional source of future water. The Hillsboro Utility Commission approved the plan in February. It is scheduled to consider increasing residential water rate on July 9 in part to help fund its share of the estimated \$800 million project (see sidebar).

The final vote of the TVWD board, which is scheduled in August, would commit the district as a partner in the project. The board is also expected to raise rates to help pay its share of the project.

“As they said in the Old West, whiskey is for drinking and water is for fighting.”

— Bill Gaff, executive director, Clean Water Services

Perhaps the most controversial provision in the TVWD ordinance is the repeal of a requirement that district voters approve the delivery of Willamette River water before it occurs. The board adopted that re-

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What’s on tap

The Hillsboro Utilities Commission will consider changing water rates at its next meeting, scheduled for 1:30 p.m. in Room 113 B of the Hillsboro Civic Center.

Commission staff is recommending a number of changes based on results of the first Comprehensive Water Rate Update

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COURTESY PHOTO

Holly and Sherri Vann of Cornelius count their original wedding day, a civil ceremony in Gresham on June 15, 2002, as their anniversary.

Rulings please local same-sex couples

Supporters rejoice after high court overturns Defense of Marriage Act

By NANCY TOWNSLEY
The Hillsboro Tribune

Stay-at-home mom Holly Vann called last week’s historic gay rights decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court “a huge deal” for her family.

“It’s a giant step,” said Vann, who married her partner, Sherri, in a civil ceremony in Gresham on June 15, 2002, a year to the day after their first kiss.

She predicted that the court’s dual June 26 rulings — which struck down the 17-year-old federal Defense of Marriage Act and nullified California’s Proposition 8 — could soon pave the way for legal same-sex marriage in Oregon.

“If not,” Holly said, “it might mean we’ll move.”

Coming on the heels of a national sea change in peoples’ attitudes about gay rights, the high court’s signaling of support for marriage equality means everything to Sherri and Holly, who share a home in Cornelius and are the parents of two young children.

Holly was artificially inseminated after she and Rae decided they wanted kids. They’ve gone to great lengths to ensure that their

daughters Jordan, 11, and Kendra, 9, will be provided for should something happen to one of them — not an easy task for same-sex partners.

The Vanns had to work hard to get legal paperwork that says if something happened to one of them, the remaining partner would retain guardianship of the girls. To that end, they married legally in Vancouver, B.C., in September 2003 and cemented a domestic partnership at the Washington County Court-

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HILLSBORO TRIBUNE PHOTO: DOUG BURKHARDT

A Portland & Western freight train idles in Banks at dusk after coming into the rail yard to reverse directions on its daily run between Portland and Albany. A new connecting track, about two-thirds of a mile long, will be built in Wilkesboro to eliminate the need for the reversing move at Banks.

On a BETTER TRACK

Rail project between Banks and North Plains will boost freight link

By DOUG BURKHARDT
The Hillsboro Tribune

It’s far from the scale of building the nation’s first transcontinental railroad in the 1860s, but even in 2013, every now and then crews lay down a new stretch of railroad track.

Between the communities of North Plains and Banks, the Portland & Western Railroad (P&W) plans to build a new connecting track that will make the passage of freight trains more efficient. As a side benefit, it should make it easier for Banks residents to get some restful sleep.

The P&W’s new track, which is being paid for with a substantial grant from the state of Oregon, will more efficiently link the rail line that pass-

es through North Plains on its way to and from Portland (and the railroad’s Astoria Line customers) with the route that runs between Banks and Hillsboro on its way into the Willamette Valley.

The new connection will join the two lines at Wilkesboro, which is just east of Banks.

“This is a partially state-funded ConnectOregon III project that will significantly improve the functional utility of P&W’s connection between the Astoria Line and the bulk of P&W’s rail system in the Willamette Valley,” explained Robert Melbo, state rail planner for the Oregon Department of Transportation.

The Oregon Legislature created the “Multi-modal Transportation Fund” in 2005 to allow the state to in-

vest in air, marine, rail and public transit infrastructure improvements. The legislation — which came to be known as the ConnectOregon program — was designed to provide grants and loans to non-highway transportation projects that promote economic development in Oregon.

The Wilkesboro connection will in effect serve as a Banks bypass, allowing

through trains to move without stopping on the segment between North Plains and Hillsboro. That eliminates the need to go into the rail yard at Banks and slices transit times on the railroad’s route between Portland (Linnton) and Albany.

The way the existing track is configured, trains coming in from Hillsboro or North Plains now have to go into Banks and essentially turn around to continue on. This lengthy process entails pulling the train into Banks, cutting off the locomotives, and then moving the locomotives to the other end of the train before going forward again.

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Lawmakers try again to help schools

Teacher Fund is new proposal; bill could halt teacher layoffs

By DOUG BURKHARDT
The Hillsboro Tribune

Although recent efforts to reform Gain Share legislation to channel more funding into school districts around

the state have not been successful, state Reps. Ben Unger and Joe Gallegos are not suspending their efforts to boost public education.

The two freshmen Democrats from Hillsboro are back with a bill that would keep public school teachers from being laid off in financially struggling school districts.

Gallegos and Unger are among several legislators co-

sponsoring House Bill 2009, which would allow school districts with budget deficits to apply for a supplemental grant to save the jobs of teachers if the district meets certain requirements.

The other sponsors of the bill include state Sen. Chris Edwards (D-Eugene); state Rep. Brian Clem (D-Salem); state

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Unger, Gallegos vote ‘No’ on K-12 budget

The Oregon Legislature voted Monday to provide \$6.55 billion to the state’s K-12 schools, and cuts to the Public Employee Retirement System will effectively serve to boost the amount to \$6.75 billion.

However, the two legisla-

tors who represent Hillsboro — Democrats Joe Gallegos and Ben Unger — both voted “no” on the budget.

“Joe and I were the only two Democrats who voted ‘no,’” Unger said Tuesday. “I was really torn about it.”

Unger explained he be-

lieves the new budget still leaves the Hillsboro School District short of funds.

“Right now, 28 teacher layoffs and five more days of school are scheduled to be cut off the year. The budget is just not enough,” Unger said.

— Doug Burkhardt

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North Bethany development on horizon

After 11 years, land-use watchdogs, others unsure costs will be covered

By JIM REDDEN
The Hillsboro Tribune

Work is scheduled to begin this summer on North Bethany, one of the most complicated and controversial suburban developments ever attempted in the region.

North Bethany is a 691-acre tract of former farms and wooded hillsides on the northern edge of the urban growth boundary (UGB) in unincorporated Washington County. When completely developed, it will accommodate between 3,800 and 4,700 homes and up to 10,000 new residents.

As the result of a lengthy county planning process, it is also designed to have a Main Street area, neighborhood commercial centers, several parks and a trail system.

Land-use watchdogs, including 1000 Friends of Oregon, opposed development in North Bethany, arguing it costs too much to build on the edge of the UGB where most residents will rely on automobiles to commute and run errands. Washington County Commissioner Greg Malinowski agrees with many of these concerns. He says he's especially worried that the county has not figured out how to pay for all the road improvements that will eventually be required to fully serve the development.

"I think the public will subsidize North Bethany too much and many people won't be able to afford to live there," said Malinowski, a farmer who represents District 2.

But Washington County Chairman Andy Duyck believes those concerns were addressed as much as possible in the planning process. Among other things, the North Bethany Concept Plan requires a mix of housing, and the North Bethany Funding Strategy requires developers to pay for most of the new residential roads in the property.

"If anything, I think we took



Undeveloped North Bethany property along Brugger Road sits adjacent to the Arbor Oaks subdivision, which is currently under construction. New homes will begin sprouting in the largely vacant 691-acre tract this summer.

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too long and got too far into the weeds by requiring where all the parks and different types of housing will be located," said Duyck, noting that 11 years have passed since the UGB was expanded to include North Bethany.

Inherent problems

Ethan Seltzer, a professor of urban studies and planning at Portland State University, praised the county for addressing the problems inherent in traditional suburban subdivisions, including their remoteness from commercial centers.

"They are not simply revisiting a bygone era. We need a mix of residential developments in the region to meet future needs. There's a large segment of the market now that wants to live in a more urban environment, but that doesn't mean they all have to live in cities," said Seltzer.

North Bethany is bordered by the Multnomah County boundary on the north and east, Springville Road on the south, and farmland and the Portland

Community College campus on the west. As the name implies, North Bethany is north of the earlier Bethany Community Plan area located north of Highway 26 in incorporated Washington County. It encompasses 1,935.7 acres, and planning on it was completed in 1983.

Successful development of North Bethany could pay benefits for local governments in the county. The property is currently assessed at \$26.3 million, and generated \$363,043 in property tax payments this year. The value is projected to increase to \$800 million when development is completed in 30 years, potentially generating nearly \$14 million a year in property taxes for the county, school districts, special service districts, Metro and the Port of Portland.

The start of construction had been threatened by a dispute between two developers in the area. K&R Holdings has accused West Hills Development of blocking construction of a sewer line to one of its potential subdivisions. Duyck was so concerned about the allegation that he threatened to block a \$2.3 million county loan for the first residential road into the property. But after meeting with the West Hills Development representatives and county staff in May, Duyck decided the dispute will not interfere with the county's detailed plans for the property.

"It could have been an issue, but it's not," said Duyck.

Work on the first 85-unit subdivision will begin this

summer. Called North Bethany Creek, it will be built by Arbor Custom Homes, an arm of West Hills Development. The company's chief operating officer, Brad Hosmar, expects it to appeal to employees of Intel,

"I think the public will subsidize North Bethany too much and many people won't be able to afford to live there."

— Greg Malinowski, county commissioner

Nike and similar companies in Beaverton and Hillsboro.

"It's been a long time coming, but we're excited to finally be getting started," said Hosmar. The planning process for North Bethany was long and contentious. Metro expanded the UGB to include it at the request of the county, and many of its property owners in 2002.

Despite the local support, many obstacles had to be overcome for planning to begin. The UGB decision was in litigation from 2002 to 2005, with legal challenges brought by some nearby property owners. Then Beaverton officials, who had originally intended to do the planning for the area, changed their minds. The property was just too far from the city limits to be practical.

That's when Washington County took over. At the time, land use regulations called for

agreements to be reached on who would provide urban services to such areas before they could be developed. The Washington County Commission concluded it was in the best position to coordinate the existing service providers — including Clean Water Services, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, and the Tualatin Valley Water District — to meet that requirement. Much of the planning work was funded by a "construction excise tax" imposed by Metro.

But the commissioners also realized more was needed to make the development a success. Among other things, a comprehensive transportation plan and funding strategy was needed to ensure additional traffic would not clog existing roads in the area. Springville Road is only two lanes wide along the southern border. Kaiser Road, which runs north from Springville to German-town Road past the northern border, is an even narrower two-lane road.

Developers pay for streets

The commission eventually approved an approximately \$69 million North Bethany Funding Strategy. Among other things, it calls for widening Springville and Kaiser roads, and for building a new east-west thoroughfare through the property called Road A. The plan is to be funded by a variety of sources, including up to \$10 million from the Washington County Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program, system development charges paid by homebuilders, and a North Bethany Community Service District for Roads approved by property owners. Developers will pay for most of the residential streets.

Malinowski says more money will eventually be required for all the necessary road improvements around and through the property, however.

TriMet is also promising to increase bus service to the area in its Westside Enhancement Plan.

To start construction this summer, the county has lent the service district \$2.3 million to build a new road north from Springville into the property. The loan will be repaid by the district as property values in North Bethany increase. The district is expected to ultimately generate \$13.35 million over 30 years.

Other elements of the North Bethany Concept Plan grew out of the lengthy public involvement process the county held. It included a stakeholder working group, a technical advisory committee and numerous open houses beginning in January 2007. Many of the recommendations were incorporated into the North Bethany Concept Plan and implementing ordinances approved by the commission.

Although state law prohibits the county from requiring affordable housing, the plan includes density bonuses for affordable lower-priced units.

"There were a lot of community concerns that needed to be addressed, both inside and outside of the North Bethany area," said Seltzer.

Since the UGB was expanded to include North Bethany, land use regulations have changed to require such developments to occur in cities, which will provide the urban services. That is what is happening in South Hillsboro, which will be annexed into Hillsboro after the city has finished planning for it.

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Horman family warns of phone scam

The family of missing Portland boy Kyron Horman claims that someone is cold-calling people and asking for donations to help support search efforts.

Kyron's family members said they would never make phone calls to raise money and are urging anyone who has received one of these phone calls to contact police.

The warning came just days after an Oregon judge granted Kyron's father, Kaine Horman, a renewed restraining order against Terri, his now-estranged wife.

Kyron was 7 years old when he disappeared from Skyline

Elementary School in outer northwest Portland. His step-mother, Terri, was the last person known to have seen him.

In his court petition, Kaine said his estranged wife poses "a substantial safety threat."

Terri's lawyer, Peter Bunch, told the court the petition allegations are "solely hearsay."

Kyron Horman disappeared on June 4, 2010. Friday's order prohibits Terri from having any contact with Kaine or their now 4-year-old daughter.

No arrests have been made in the search.

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Dozens buzz in for area bee memorial



Kent Adleman of Tigard, a third-generation beekeeper, addresses his concerns in front of about 100 people during a bee memorial at the parking lot at the Wilsonville Target store.

Organizer says similar event could come to Hillsboro

By JIM REDDEN
The Hillsboro Tribune

The organizer of a well-attended bee memorial in Wilsonville said he will put together a similar event in Hillsboro if it turns out those deaths could have been avoided, too.

Oregon Department of Agriculture officials said it may take months to determine what killed hundreds of bees in Hillsboro late last month. The city sprayed the trees where the bees died with "Safari" — the same pesticide that killed more than 50,000 bees in Wilsonville, according to agriculture officials.

More than 100 people braved scorching summer temperatures on Sunday to attend the memorial in the Wilsonville Target parking lot, where trees had been sprayed with Safari in early June.

"I thought maybe 10 or 15 friends of mine might show up, so I'm very pleased," said organizer Rozzell Medina, a self-described artist and education activist.

As Medina sees it, bees are essential to agriculture, and the deaths in Wilsonville were easily avoidable. Some of those who attended the memorial carried

signs calling for a different approach to insect control.

"Bee the change," read one placard.

"I felt compelled to organize the memorial when I heard about the deaths," explained Medina. "Bees are fascinating creatures and essential to the ecosystem. We couldn't have organic gardening and farming without them."

Jina Ronning, who participated in the memorial, agreed.

"I can't believe that a pesticide that can cause this kind of destruction isn't better regulated."

— Jina Ronning, citizen

just about bees; we're exposed to it, too," said Ronning, a mother and student.

Since determining the bees in Wilsonville were killed by Safari, the Oregon Department of Agriculture has temporarily restricted the use of Safari and 18 other pesticides that use the active ingredient "dinotefuran." Many of those at the Wilsonville memorial believe dinotefuran plays a role in the widespread "colony collapse disorder" phenomenon that has decimated bee populations around the world in recent years.

Rail: Cost is roughly \$3.1 million

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run to the rear end of the train, where the locomotive is reattached so the train can depart in the opposite direction, either to Hillsboro/Tigard or to the Astoria Line at Linnton," Melbo explained.

After making this "run around" move, the crew must also perform a test to be certain the train's brakes are working properly before departure.

"The big change for P&W will be that trains moving over Cornelius Pass from the Astoria Line to Tigard and vice versa will avoid the need to come into Banks and expend time there running around the train to effect a change in direction of travel as they do now," Melbo

said. "All of this time-consuming procedure will be eliminated by the new connection."

"Once the wye is put in, trains will save 45 minutes to two hours not dealing with the run-around," said P&W engineer Jan Zwerets.

A new at-grade road crossing will be built on Wilkesboro Road to accommodate the connecting track, which will be approximately two-thirds of a mile in length.

Todd Watkins, principal engineer with the Washington County Road Operations & Maintenance Department, said the new crossing on Wilkesboro Road will have gates and flashing lights.

"It will be a fully-controlled crossing," Watkins said. Watkins added that the rail-

road will pay to construct and install the railroad crossing, but the county will have some responsibilities after that.

"We'll be responsible for the pavement markings and the signs," he said.

The cost of the Wilkesboro rail project is roughly \$3.1 million, of which almost \$2.4 million will be covered by the ConnectOregon grant while the railroad pays the rest.

Once the new track is in place, Melbo said local residents are likely to appreciate the change.

"I would point out that this (switching) activity now occurs largely at night and next to a subdivision," he explained. "Once the new track is built, the nighttime activity in Banks will be substantially reduced."

LIBRARYEVENTS

JULY 5

The North Plains Library will screen their First Friday Flick, a PG-rated film based on the popular "Wizard of Oz" books by L. Frank Baum. Seating is limited. Refreshments will be served. 6 p.m.

JULY 10

Children's Librarian Kay will lead themed storytime, "Pockets and Kangaroos," at 11:30 a.m., North Plains Library.

Rock 'n' Roll Kindy with Mo Philips, an interactive rock 'n' roll show, will play at the Jessie Mays Community Center in North Plains at 1 p.m.

Buster the Clown will present "A Fool's Tools" at the Cornelius Public Library at 3 p.m.

The Hillsboro Main Library hosts a variety of programs for kids, including fingerplay camp for toddlers, nursery time for kids younger than 2, storytime, bilingual book clubs, a specially-trained dog and classes. Call 503-615-6500 for schedule.

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EDUCATION

It's a girls' summer of science at Hilhi

By DOUG BURKHARDT
The Hillsboro Tribune

It's summer, and high school girls' thoughts turn to ... science camp.

For the third year in a row, a popular program called "Girls Get It Science Camp" will be held at Hillsboro High School, and it's open to girls in seventh grade through 12th grade.

Camp founder Savannah Loberger said she wants to make it easier for girls to get involved in science, technology, engineering and mathematics — the "STEM" curriculum.

"I've been a huge STEM advocate for awhile," explained Loberger, who graduated from Hillsboro High School in June. "The camp is just one thing I can do to help out."

Loberger has a passion for science and engineering, and plans to pursue a career in the field. She will be attending Oregon State University in the fall, majoring in mechanical engineering.

Last year, Loberger served on a STEM Task Force set up by the governor's office and she spoke at the Oregon Business Leadership Summit on how important STEM is — so her interest in the topic is much more than a summer fancy.

"This started off as my Gold Award program for the Girl Scouts," she said. "I started the camp there in the summer of 2011, and it went so well that last year we ran three camps. We teach a little bit of everything: soldering projects, programming robots, creating electronic components, creating video games, you name it."

This year there will be two sessions.



LOBERGER

The first one runs July 8-12, and the second one is July 15-19. Each session can take as many as 40 girls, but the spaces are filling up fast.

Camp is popular, but it doesn't come cheap: Loberger said she needs to do a lot of fundraising to pay for all that is offered.

"The girls are charged \$40, but for us to run the camp, it costs \$300 per girl," she pointed out. "It's a lot of money to raise, but it's worth it so girls can have the opportunity. It's important to keep costs low so girls can afford it. We have a lot of low-income families in the area."

Most of the donations for the science camp come from businesses, including Tri-Quint and Intel.

"They've been a big support," she said.

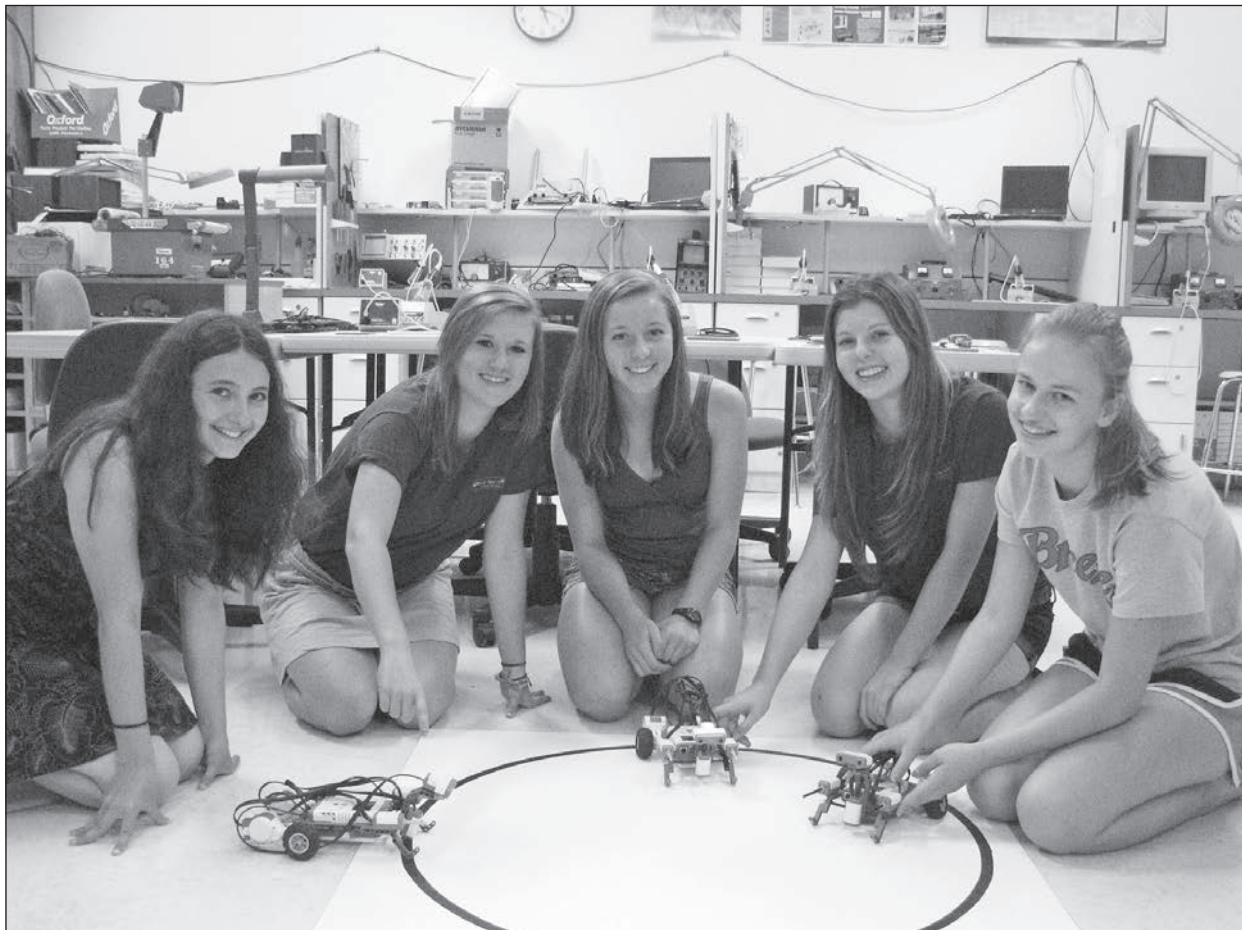
Another major contributor is the Hillsboro School District, which donates access to Hillsboro High School to give girls a forum for advanced learning.

Loberger said the camp is held at Hilhi because the school offers access to valuable facilities and equipment.

"The school has computer labs, a laser-cutter and a 3-D printer. And the Hillsboro School District donates the space," she said.

Loberger added that the program is "girls teaching girls."

"It's not a teacher standing in front lecturing girls. It's a very supportive and positive environment," she said.



COURTESY PHOTO

Students created "waddlebots" and programmed them during last year's "Girls Get It Science Camp" at Hillsboro High School. Left to right are: Alexa Pupillo, Erika Goonan, Mary Catherine Morgan, Ashley Loberger and Josie Thomas.

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Schools: Legislators seek to avoid cuts

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Rep. Shemia Fagan (D-Clackamas); and state Rep. Brent Barton (D-Clackamas County).

Unger said the group of legislators jointly wrote the bill, dubbed the "Teacher Fund," with "lots of advice about how to set it up from a whole host of legislators and the Department of Education."

"The bill is written so new dollars must be used for keeping teachers and saving school days," said Unger.

Unger explained that if HB 2009 is passed into law, school districts that still have budget holes at the currently proposed \$6.75 billion budget level (such as Hillsboro) would be able to apply for a grant to fill that district's respective budget deficit.

HB 2009 would allow eligible school districts to apply for one-time grants for the 2013-15 biennium, and the grants would be allocated to small school districts based on their weighted average daily membership (student enrollment).

"School districts throughout Oregon are facing steep cuts," said Gallegos. "We cannot afford any more laid-off teachers or cut days. This bill addresses Oregon's school funding problem in a targeted and responsible way."

Unger pointed out that in exchange for the financial help, school districts would need to meet transparency and accountability requirements, including making all funds and

accounts public and available electronically.

"This includes savings and reserve accounts, all of them — and making sure reserve accounts are not increasing with these dollars," said Unger. "This way, we know for sure there's no hiding the ball with dollars that would mean we're unintentionally super-subsidizing some school districts."

"The key accountability piece is that if you choose to get the subsidy, you can't increase your reserve fund."

Unger believes the legislation would put a halt to teacher layoffs, at least for a short period, and the bill's authors claimed the fund would have a direct and significant impact. Proponents said HB 2009 would provide about \$3 million for Eugene, which faces a \$12 million deficit for 2013-14; \$4 million for Hillsboro (a \$7 million deficit); \$8 million for Salem/Keizer (\$18 million deficit); and it would fully close a \$2.8 million deficit for North Clackamas.

"In many districts, it would eliminate layoffs," Unger said.



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"In Hillsboro, it would eliminate almost all of our layoffs. If you combine those resources with Gain Share and some other cost-saving bills I'm working on, we could finally get the 'no cuts budget' we deserve."

Unger added, however, there's no grant funding yet set up.

"The money would have to come from a source of money not yet identified," said Unger. "It's unclear if we're going to get a grand bargain or a small bargain. If we get a small bargain, this might be the one."

Unger conceded it's not likely the bill will gain much traction as the current legislative session winds down.

On Monday, the Legislature passed a new K-12 schools budget that would provide \$6.75 billion for 2013-15, but it took no action on HB 2009.

"To be honest, until the Senate decides to do something or nothing on revenue/PERS (Public Employee Retirement System), we're not going to get much action on anything else," said Unger.



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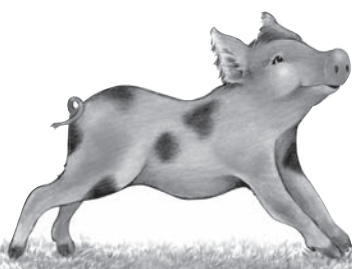
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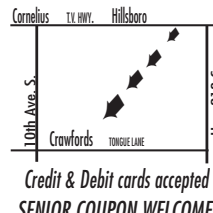
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COMMENTARY

Gain Share changes off the table — for now

As appealing as it was to think Washington County schools could get a needed funding boost from an unexpected source, there was good reason to be cautious about now-defunct efforts to have the Oregon Legislature direct Gain Share dollars to schools.

The Gain Share program, which has been the topic of much debate in recent weeks, provides a way for the state to reimburse cities and counties for revenues they lose when they defer property taxes for new or expanding industries. In simple terms, the state calculates what it is gaining in new income taxes from people working in these new or expanded industries, and then shares half of those income taxes with the city or county that has deferred property taxes through the Strategic Investment Program.

Because Hillsboro and Washington County have been so successful in attracting new industrial investments, the funds being shared locally are increasing and are expected to exceed \$50 million in the next biennium.

This growing pot of money was a tempting source of revenue for legislators who want to see more dollars for schools. State Reps. Joe Gallegos and Ben Unger have suggested that 40 percent of Gain Share funds be reallocated to Washington County school districts instead of being returned to cities and the county government.

In theory, we would support almost anything that improves the school-funding outlook for the next two years. In practice, though, proposed changes in the Gain Share program could have backfired on Washington County, causing dollars to be redirected from this area to other school districts around Oregon.

For more than two decades now, Oregon has allocated school funding equally across the state. No matter where school taxes are collected, they are redistributed on a more or less equitable basis. The only permanent exception to this practice is the local-option levy, which allows communities to vote to tax themselves, within limits, beyond the level of basic school support.

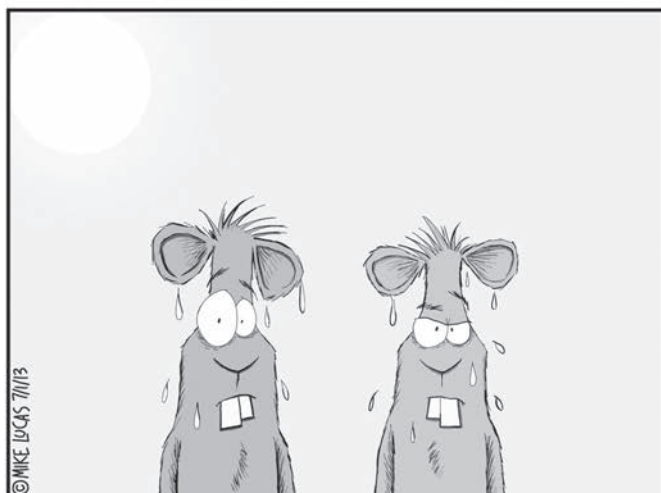
Otherwise, there is scant precedent to support the state collecting and then shipping additional dollars to a specific school district or districts. That would violate the idea of school-funding equalization. There are examples, however, of cities or counties — as opposed to the state — stepping up, often on a temporary basis, to help school districts in distress.

Because of Oregon's school funding practices, the recent attempts to restructure Gain Share at the state level could have been fraught with peril for Washington County. If the Legislature decided to change the program to require that a portion of the money go to K-12 education, it would be bound by precedent to put those dollars not directly into Washington County schools, but into the statewide school funding formula. That means Washington County schools would have realized only a small portion of the windfall.

Now that state Sen. Ginny Burdick and others have wisely decided against trying to formulate a legislative change in the Gain Share program this year, a proposal by Hillsboro Mayor Jerry Willey and Washington County Board of Commissioners Chairman Andy Duyck looks quite appealing for schools. Willey and Duyck have voluntarily offered to give Washington County school districts \$10 million in Gain Share proceeds for the next two years to help schools with facility needs.

Legislators and school advocates can quibble with the mayor and county chairman about the amount of money to be shared and the limitations on its use, but the approach taken by these two officials is the safer route for those who want to see Washington County schools — as opposed to all Oregon schools — benefit from tax dollars generated close to home.

It would be far preferable to work out an agreement among a handful of local officials than to hammer this out among 90 lawmakers in Salem who, of course, all will want a piece of the action for their own schools and communities.



Yellow balloons tell tale of student debt

A few weeks ago, I stopped by Portland State University to talk with students about the cost of a college education and the debt that is weighing down our students. I walked in to find a room full of students holding yellow balloons with numbers on them that depict the amount of student debt they are expecting to have upon graduation.

The numbers written on those balloons, anywhere from \$18,000 to \$90,000, were staggering — and a clear demonstration that the price of higher education is much too high.

Our college students face higher costs and greater debt at the same time that it is more imperative to get a good education to succeed in the work force. In Oregon today, the average debt upon college graduation is over \$24,000, with many students in debt \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Making college affordable is one of the best investments we can make to grow our economy. We should do everything we can to make America a magnet for jobs, ensure our workers have the skills they need to compete, and help Americans get ahead.

If we are to succeed in the 21st century, we need to ensure that our kids can af-

CAPITOL REPORT

Jeff Merkley



ford the best education possible. But Congress is failing to tackle this issue. A vote to keep student loan rates at 3.4 percent, rather than letting rates double to 6.8 percent on July 1, was defeated by a minority filibuster. This double-digit increase will impact every Oregon student securing a new Stafford loan. This is unacceptable.

No one should believe that keeping student loan rates low is unaffordable. The U.S. government will make a profit of over \$50 billion on student loans this coming year. Running up big profits at the expense of our students is just wrong.

Moreover, affordable financing is an issue of setting national priorities. We are spending \$120 billion this year in Afghanistan. We must end that war. And as we do, we should invest a big share of those resources in education. Indeed, we should pass the "Bank on Student Loans Fairness Act" that would give students the

same rock-bottom interest rates big banks get from the Fed. The biggest banks in the country pay less than 1 percent on funds they borrow from the government. Why should our students pay nine times as much?

Higher education is the surest path to middle-class success and economic opportunity. The last thing we should do at a time when Americans owe more on student loans than credit cards is to make student loans more expensive. That's why I'll continue fighting to pass the Bank on Student Loans Fairness Act, and help reduce the numbers on those yellow balloons.

Our students deserve the opportunity to get the best education in the world without ending up with debt the size of a home mortgage.

It's clear from my recent visit with those Portland State students that we've got a lot of talent here in Oregon. Let's make sure our talented students can afford a college education to realize their dreams and potential and help build the future economy.

U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), was elected in 2008. He was born in Myrtle Creek and now resides in Portland.

The 'great wave' of Mexican immigration

No other nation has more citizens living in the United State than Mexico. Their continuing migration, greatest across a land border in history, is part of a global flow from developing countries to industrialized nations and is a controversial issue, cutting across party lines and ideologies. As Congress again tackles immigration "reform" in a national debate, a review of Mexican migration and policy responses could help avoid repeating previous mistakes in legislation and enforcement.

Mexican immigration began as a trickle after the United States-Mexican War (1847-48) when the Southwestern states were ceded in the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. There was little migration until railroads came in the 1890s, linking Mexico City with El Paso and other border towns, giving labor contractors access to Mexican cities to recruit workers for development of the American Southwest.

The Mexican Revolution (1910-1917) ended the dictatorial Diaz regime and tore the country apart, sending thousands or refugees northward. Demand for labor during World War I swelled the stream of immigrants, who kept coming during the "Roaring Twenties." Border security became an issue, and the U.S. Border Patrol was formed in 1924. Its first mission: curbing Chinese immigrant smuggling from Mexico and bootleg Canadian liquor.

The Great Depression hit like a sledgehammer in 1929-30. Financial markets collapsed, unemployment skyrocketed and demand for labor disappeared like rich Plains topsoil in a dust storm.

GUEST COMMENT

Sig Unander



Under pressure from labor unions, the Roosevelt administration conducted massive sweeps and forcible deportations that reduced the Mexican population in the U.S. by 41 percent by 1937.

World War II ended the Depression as orders for war materiel triggered a massive industrial buildup. Suddenly, growers needed more workers than they could hire; the hostility toward Mexicans of the Depression years was lost in the exigency of the war effort. Congress responded by creating the Bracero Program, and thousands of hastily recruited Braceros arrived in time for the fall harvest in 1942. In Washington County, hundreds of Mexican farmhands harvested crops in fields around Hillsboro and Forest Grove and toiled in the Cornelius flax plants.

The wartime program employed about 168,000 agricultural workers and 75,000 railroad workers. A larger number of undocumented workers came too, hired by unscrupulous growers happy to pay below-legal wages. It was the first large-scale guest worker program — and controversial. It institutionalized illegal immigration by establishing a relationship between growers and undocumented workers that was interdependent and, increasingly, independent of both governments.

Illegal hiring escalated after the war, depressing wages, displacing Mexican-American citizens and triggering complaints by Latino rights groups about the "avalanche of illegal Mexican labor." Public perception grew that the government had lost control of the border.

By the mid-1970s, a long expansion of Mexico's economy faltered: currency devaluation, capital flight and political unrest triggered mass unemployment. When world oil prices tanked, the economy collapsed. The result was a massive migration of displaced farmworkers from rural provinces to Mexican cities, and when those became saturated, to the United States.

The effect of this exodus was a dramatic increase in illegal immigration. As large numbers of immigrants competed with Americans for low-wage jobs in the midst of a recession, their presence became an issue. Undocumented workers now were a visible presence in cities, consuming social services and straining local government resources. As public tolerance deteriorated, pressure mounted on Congress for a "secure border" and "immigration reform." The result was comprehensive legislation designed to end illegal immigration and bring 3 million "out of the shadows" by granting amnesty. That legislation was dubbed IRCA — the Immigration Reform and Control Act.

(Part Two will appear next week.)

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BUSINESS

Nonprofit yields safe homes, clothed kids

By VICTORIA HART
The Hillsboro Tribune

Employees at Protection 1 in Portland filled a large donation box bound for Hillsboro non-profit Foster Closet twice in two weeks. "It's a big box," said Missy Wolfe, a foster parent who volunteers for the organization. "I could put my kid in it." She guessed that 6-year-old Kyle, a Jamaican boy she and her husband adopted three years ago, could play in the 4-foot-tall donation box that held a bike, a kids' couch, baby supplies and new clothes and toys.

Protection 1 temporarily joined the network of Foster Closet drop-off sites, three of which are in Hillsboro, as part of the nationwide home security company's first annual "All For 1 Day," when employees at its 70-plus locations across the United States volunteered in their communities.

Operations manager Don Wolfe, Missy's husband, and technician Eric Jacobson have 15 years of foster parenting among them, and know the hardships of providing for children who are not only growing, but relocating. Amy Mevis became a foster



Missy Wolfe (left) and Tiffany Grenfell serve on the Foster Closet board and work in the shop, where families can take home clothes, toys and baby supplies for free. Wolfe, who has been a foster parent for eight years, helped move Foster Closet from its garage startup to the storefront.

parent seven years ago, and soon realized the need for

clean, appropriate and low-cost kids' clothing. Oregon had stopped its clothing voucher program for foster parents, so Mevis set up Foster Closet in her garage.

Foster parents and kids from Washington County picked clothes, shoes and other items from a Rubbermaid bin outside her house at no cost. Soon word spread, and the all-volunteer organization moved to a donated storefront off the Tualatin Valley Highway in 2010.

"It looks like a resale shop, but everything is free," Mevis said of the store.

Families associated with Foster Care in Oregon browse racks and toy bins full of merchandise without price tags from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursdays. Newly-placed foster kids

receive new socks and underwear purchased by the organization and delivered in a durable cloth bag.

Need for donations

Mevis said the shop is always in need of donations — regardless of season, size or style. Although the non-profit struggled at first, Wolfe said she is pleased with a recent upturn in volunteers and donations.

"The last year has been really good to Foster Closet," she said. "At first, we weren't sure we could keep the doors open for six months."

Area churches and businesses have pitched in to run the shop and coordinate donations. The organization's board grew from its original four to nine committed volun-

teers, including a leader of a satellite location in Tillamook.

Shane Hyland, general manager of Protection 1 in Portland, emphasized the value of supporting a grassroots cause in Washington County.

"As a business, you're giving back directly to the community, to a truly local organization," Hyland said.

Hyland and Wolfe agreed on Foster Closet as the branch's "All for 1" charity after brainstorming more mainstream ideas.

"You know, homeless shelters or park cleanups; the typical stuff," said Hyland.

Hyland believes the event connected employees to a Hillsboro cause, and envisions the partnership continuing.

"I'm hoping it opened em-

Drop-off sites for Foster Closet

■ Foster Closet, 1635 S.E. Tualatin Valley Highway, Units 2 & 3, Hillsboro; check website for current days/hours & holiday closures: foster-closet.org, phone: 503-389-4012;

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ployees' eyes to this organization — it definitely did mine," he said.

Wolfe, on the other hand, sees its benefits under his own roof in the many children who've come and gone since he and Missy became foster parents eight years ago. Don guessed they'd fostered at least 15 kids in that time.

"There's a wall in our family room with a photo of every kid who's stayed here — for a day or for years," he said. "I can tell you that wall is full of pictures, just full."

More than his house has filled since becoming a foster parent.

"I have a 2003 Suburban that I love dearly that is always full of donated clothes," said Wolfe.

But he added that his wife's passion for children in foster care is incredible, and the hours she and other volunteers contribute make Foster Closet's mission a success every day.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

New auto care shop opens in Aloha

Honest-1 Auto Care, a full-service auto repair and maintenance franchise that claims to be "100 percent eco-friendly," will open its newest shop in Aloha on July 5. The facility will be at 20745 S.W. TV Highway, Suite 150.

Owner Steve Grimes, who served for 25 years in the Oregon Army National Guard and reached the rank of lieutenant colonel, opened his first Honest-1 location in Portland in September 2007 and will now own five Honest-1 shops in the Portland metropolitan area.

"I'm looking forward to working closely in Aloha and bring quality auto-care to a new community," said Grimes.

"Honest-1 has prided itself on its commitment to the community it serves and we're very excited to bring eco-friendly car repair to Aloha," said Rissy Sutherland, chief operating officer of Honest-1. "Through our partnership with Steve, we're able to bring awareness and genuine customer service that is both family and female-friendly, as well as the highest quality auto care to the community."

Honest-1 offers several eco-friendly initiatives, including strict recycling of automotive materials, pollution prevention and resource conservation.

Transportation Commission gives area projects a boost

The Oregon Transportation Commission has approved more than \$2 million in Immediate Opportunity Funds for four projects in the Portland metro area.


The projects include \$1 million to the city of Hillsboro to assist with the expansion of Intel's Ronler Acres Campus.

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Cloverdayle will rock the audience gathered at Shute Park in Hillsboro Thursday, July 18. COURTESY PHOTO

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From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., locals are invited to bring their blankets, low-back lawn chairs and picnics to Hillsboro's Shute Park for free summer concerts.

The season kicks off with Stone in Love, a Journey tribute band, on Thursday, July 11.

This year, "we're really thinking of the community as a whole," said Iris Smith of the Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Department. "It's definitely a cool thing for the city because

it's the only free park concert series in Hillsboro. The music is modern and contemporary, and we're marketing to all ages."

While audience members have their ears glued to the stage, three food vendors will be set up to delight the taste buds — Duke's BBQ, Whole Foods and North Shore Bento will sell their specialties to hungry listeners at Hillsboro's oldest park.

Restless kids can blow off some steam on the newly renovated playground while parents enjoy the band.

No alcohol is allowed and dogs must be on a leash.

The Shute Park Library parking lot is closed due to construction. Parking is available at the neighboring senior center and on the street.

Shute Park is located at 799 S.E. 10th Ave.

Cloverdayle, a modern country band, will play July 18; Bobby Torres Ensemble will bring salsa music July 25; Patrick Lamb, a master of rhythm and blues, will perform Aug. 1; Design will bring both 1950s and modern hits to life Aug. 8; Norman Sylvester will perform Aug. 15; and Edna Vasquez will live things up with mariachi music Aug. 22.

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- WRITING WORKSHOP** | Play-Write, Inc. staff work to develop characters, hone descriptive skills, and write a play with young writers. Performances in collaboration with Bienestar at 7 p.m. Walters Cultural Arts Center, 527 E. Main St. Free.
- JULY 9**
- POETRY NIGHT** | A fun, informal gathering of poetry-lovers. Walters Cultural Arts Center. 7 p.m.
- WRITING WORKSHOP** | Join Marie Buckley for the first in a series of three workshops. Attendees will assemble pieces in various genres. Hillsboro Main Library, 2850 N.E. Brookwood Parkway. 6 p.m.
- JULY 10**
- FOR THE BIRDS** | Inspired by William Finley's photographs, listen to bird calls and examine beak shapes and housing. Ages 8 to 12. Washington County Museum. 1 to 2 p.m. \$6 for adults; \$4 for youth, seniors, students and active military.
- JULY 11**
- EXHIBIT TOUR** | Head to the Washington County Museum for a 30-minute guided tour of the summer exhibits: "Put a Bird on It: Nature Photography of William L. Finely 1876-1953" and "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." \$6 for adults; \$4 for youth, seniors, students and active military. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- JULY 11**
- PHOTO CLUB** | The Orenco Photo Club is for those with an interest in photography, from point-and-shooters to professionals. 7 p.m. at Cornell Estates Retirement & Assisted Living in Hillsboro, 1005 N.E. 17th Ave.

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- JULY 12**
- FILM** | Head to Cornell Estates in Hillsboro for a screening of a historical film about the legendary "Aztec Eagle" fighter pilots of Fighter Squadron 201. 2 p.m.
- FILM CLUB** | The F.I.L.M. club meets the second Friday of the month at the Hillsboro Main Library. Call 503-615-6500 for this month's movie title. 5:45 p.m.
- JULY 12-13**
- CLASSIC MOVIES** | The Venetian, 253 E. Main St. in Hillsboro, screens classic films every weekend at 7 p.m. This weekend "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre" starring Humphrey Bogart is playing.
- JULY 12-14**
- LAVENDER FESTIVAL** | Celebrate this tasty, aromatic and beautiful plant for three days. Visit oregonlavenderdestinations.com/festival for a map of participating lavender farms.
- JULY 13**
- SIGNING** | Gaston author Ken Bilderback presents his new book written with Kris Bilderback, "Fire in a Small Town: How Volunteers Civilized the Rural West," at Jacobsen's Books. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Hillsboro theater company taps Mueller

Nationally recognized dancer joins Bag&Baggage

By NANCY TOWNSLEY
The Hillsboro Tribune

Anne Mueller is “kind of a big deal.”

So says Bag&Baggage Productions’ Scott Palmer, who announced Monday that Mueller — who is no stranger to Bag&Baggage Productions audiences — has accepted a new role as the theater company’s first full-time managing director.

The company’s board of directors voted unanimously to hire her June 27.

“This is going to cause a pretty big buzz in the arts and culture community,” Palmer said in an interview with the Hillsboro Tribune Friday. “Anne is hugely loved in the wider dance community.”

In the summer of 2012, Mueller made her post-ballet-retirement stage debut as Lavinia in the Hillsboro theater company’s critically acclaimed “Kabuki Titus,” stunning audiences with her portrayal of Shakespeare’s tragic heroine.

Now, Mueller is getting set to impress an even broader audience of theater fans in western Washington County.

“I cannot tell you how excited we are,” said Palmer, Bag&Baggage’s founding artistic director. “The choice Anne is making to come out to Hillsboro and work with a small and growing theater company is going to send ripples through the Portland area arts and culture community.”

Mueller most recently worked as the interim artistic director for Oregon Ballet Theatre and previously had worked as artistic coordinator for the company after finish-



About the company

Bag&Baggage Productions brings interpretations of classical works of American and English drama to the stage in Hillsboro. The company is the resident in-house performing arts group at the historic Venetian Theatre in downtown Hillsboro. For information, visit bagandbaggage.org.

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Mueller will oversee the day-to-day operations of Hillsboro’s only professional theater and assist with expanding the com-

pany’s earned and contributed income. The position begins in August. “This is a huge step for us,” said Palmer. “Not only will we now have year-round, full-time leadership, but we will have that in the form of Anne Mueller, one of Portland’s best known and most respected cultural leaders.”

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COURTESY PHOTOS

Bag&Baggage Artistic Director Scott Palmer (left) first met newly-named Managing Director Anne Mueller when a former Oregon Ballet Theatre director suggested her for the role of Lavinia in the Hillsboro company’s production of “Kabuki Titus” in 2012 (above).

years, including receiving a number of grants to support capacity-building steps, such as hiring full-time leadership.

“We are growing and growing quickly,” said Kevin Hoover, chairman of the Bag&Baggage board.

The first order of business for Mueller is preparing for Bag&Baggage’s annual Gala Dinner and Auction July 13.

“This will be the first time that patrons and supporters of Bag&Baggage will have a chance to meet me in my new role as managing director and not as a performer,” said Mueller. “The annual gala is an incredibly important event for the company and I am excited to be there helping to raise money to support Bag&Baggage and our future together.”

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Leaf, Glacier Bay National Monument, Alaska, Portfolio Four: What Majestic Word, In Memory of Russell Varian (1940-63), 1963. Photograph by Ansel Adams

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‘Human’ Lincoln hits the stage

One-man, two-act play comes to HART Theatre

By MOLLY JONES
The Hillsboro Tribune

To Americans, “Abraham Lincoln” is not just one person. Rather, that name represents a number of characters we’ve adopted into our collective mythology.

There’s the fabled Honest Abe, the valiant leader eulogized in Walt Whitman’s “O Captain! My Captain,” or the log-cabin Lincoln who rose from humble beginnings to become one of the most respected presidents in American history and a symbol of the American dream itself.

The many faces of our 16th president are familiar enough that they were recently parodied in the downright ridiculous “Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter.”

But in his two-act, one-man play at HART Theatre this

weekend, actor Steve Holgate hopes to embody a side of the heroic figure that’s often missing from these incarnations: Lincoln as a human being.

“The ideas we have of Lincoln in popular imagination I think are pretty accurate, as they go: a man of great integrity, a very soulful man who suffered a great deal, a man with a great sense of humor. But he was even more complex than that, and I try to bring some of that complexity out,” explains Holgate, who wrote the 90-minute play himself.

A Civil War buff since childhood, Holgate has been portraying Abraham Lincoln onstage, in classrooms, and in other public venues for over 13 years. The play, “A. Lincoln,” shows the former president’s evolution on matters of race and as a leader, honestly portraying not only Lincoln’s greatness, but also some of his earlier, more controversial views.

Holgate breathes life into Lincoln’s character in various ways, such as reading or writ-

See the show

“A. Lincoln” plays at HART Theatre Friday, July 5, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, July 6 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online via hart-theatre.org or by calling the box office at 503-693-7815.

ing letters, interacting with imagined characters onstage, giving speeches, and telling jokes. But Holgate says that despite Lincoln’s notorious sense of humor, he doesn’t represent Lincoln as a “folksy” character.

“It’s not a lighthearted thing — he was a very serious guy. He was often depressed. His humor, I think, he used sometimes as a defense mechanism to keep from showing his true feelings,” Holgate notes. “He would read jokes and make himself laugh, but there was a lot of suffering going on there.”

“At one point, he says something like, ‘If I didn’t tell these stories I would die.’”

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Larry D. Hill

Services have been held for Larry Don Hill, 64, of Hillsboro, who died Tuesday, June 25, 2013.

He was born Aug. 30, 1948, in Monterey, Calif., to Joseph and Fern (Messick) Hill, where he was raised and educated, graduating from Monterey High School in 1966. Upon his graduation, he attended college for two years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Fern Hill.

Survivors include his son, Larry D. Hill Jr. of California; brothers, Allan Howard, of Hillsboro and Larry "Butch" Hill of Monterey, Calif.; sisters, Karen DeGroat of Florida and Pamela Hill of Washington; and many nieces and nephews.

Henry J. Drexel

Services have been held for Henry Joseph "Hank" Drexel, Jr., a former longtime resident of North Plains, late of Hillsboro, who died Wednesday, June 26, 2013.

He was born July 4, 1920, in New Orleans, La., to Henry J. Drexel and Edith Nelson Drexel.

He married Elsie A. Hudec in 1944.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Edith Drexel, and son, Mark Drexel.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie A. Drexel; two daughters, Diana Strom and Judy Jones; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brothers, Frank Drexel of La Place, La. and Ralph Drexel of La Porte, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

Linda L. Peckham

Linda Louise Peckham, 64, of Aloha, died June 25, 2013.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. July 13, at 10058 Lakeview Dr. in Birkenfeld, Ore.

She was born Nov. 11, 1948, in St. Louis, Miss., to Seymour and Doris Rowley.

She married Steven L. Peckham in 2012 in Aloha. Prior to her marriage, she resided at Fishhawk Lake, near Birkenfeld. Following their marriage, they lived in Aloha.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband, Steven L. Peckham of the family home in Aloha;

mother-in-law, Beverly Peckham of Dilley; children, Jason Rinehart and Jeremy Rinehart of Vancouver, Wash.; step-son, Connor Peckham of Vancouver, Wash. and step-daughter, Kendall Peckham of Aloha, brother, Daniel Rowley of Seattle, Wash.; and her granddaughter.

Sundance F. Orman

Sundance Fay Orman, 65, of Hillsboro, died Saturday, June 29, 2013.

She was born Sept. 26, 1947, in Toledo, Ohio, and lived with Ford and Agnes Jean Sanderson.

She married John Leo Orman in 1992. They later divorced and she moved to Hillsboro in 2009, where she has resided since.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ford and Agnes Jean Sanderson, and her brother, Kenneth Koester.

Survivors include her daughter, Tammy F. Baker-Siemon of Hillsboro; sisters Karol Smith of Turners Station, Ky., and Anne James, Brenda Caldwell and Diane Jesson of Ohio; former husband, John Orman of Hillsboro; two grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

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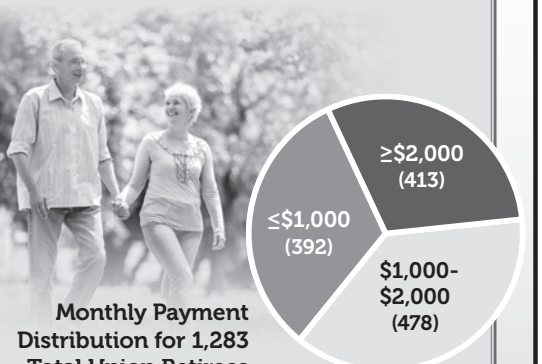
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Across

- 1 Hairstyle
- 5 Formation fliers
- 10 Comstock Lode state
- 16 Glide
- 21 Part of aka
- 22 Impressive display
- 23 Out of bed
- 24 Ancient Rome's port
- 25 Posterior
- 26 Ben, of "Bonanza"
- 27 Quarterback Dan --
- 28 Mr. Spock's father
- 29 Inferior (hyph.)
- 31 Rapper Dr. --

- 33 "Who's on --?"
- 35 Temper
- 36 Exclaimed over
- 37 Bought at a yard sale
- 40 -- tai cocktail
- 41 Franc's replacer
- 42 Apprehend a suspect
- 45 -- relief
- 46 "2001" computer
- 48 Sinbad's transport
- 50 "The Odd Couple" actor
- 52 Joined by treaty
- 54 Took a taxi
- 55 Dollop
- 57 Ex-Bruin Bobby --

- 58 Zen riddles
- 59 Baking ingredient
- 60 Go up in smoke
- 62 Himalayan country
- 66 They may be split
- 67 -- Mama (tropical rum drink)
- 69 Unnumbered
- 71 R&B's -- Braxton
- 72 Like donuts and crullers (hyph.)
- 74 Peace gesture
- 76 Vamoose
- 78 Not sm. or med.
- 79 Countess' husband

- 80 Turntable part
- 83 Plymouth Rock, e.g.
- 85 Demolish
- 88 Math figure
- 89 Dashboard features
- 90 Daddy's sisters
- 93 Sniffs out
- 95 Proofread
- 97 Mds.
- 98 TV weatherman Al --
- 100 A feast -- famine
- 101 Game birds
- 106 Cabinet dept.
- 108 This or that
- 110 Making a bet

- 112 Gossip, slangily
- 113 Batik workers
- 115 Tweety or Sylvester
- 116 Bell-shaped flower
- 117 Las Vegas show
- 118 German physicist
- 120 Exploding star
- 122 Iced-tea garnish
- 123 Strike out
- 124 Mississippi port
- 128 Down for the count
- 129 Limb
- 130 -- alai
- 131 Calgary Flames' org.
- 132 Somber evergreens

- 133 DDE's party
- 135 Catenwaul
- 137 Uncovered
- 139 Hosp. scan
- 140 Fought with (2 wds.)
- 142 Underwater shocker
- 144 Loses control (2 wds.)
- 148 Ship of 1492
- 150 Eaves hanger
- 153 "-- you coming?"
- 155 Clamp
- 156 Helga's husband
- 157 Virgil epic
- 158 Sibling's daughter
- 159 Castaway's refuge
- 160 Doze off
- 161 Weird and unsettling
- 162 Explained further
- 163 Any minute

- 65 Claims on property
- 67 Winty cry
- 68 Crotchet
- 69 Part of AMA
- 70 Lah-di --
- 73 Hindu rope-climber
- 75 Gain admission
- 77 Cal-length skirts
- 81 Opposite of "post-"
- 82 King's "Salem's --"
- 84 Fortress
- 85 Engaged in war
- 86 Not pale
- 87 Follow upon
- 91 Fair-hiring abbr.
- 92 Short play
- 93 "Only Sixteen" group
- 94 007's forte
- 95 Counting-rhyme start
- 96 Mr. Hammarskjold
- 99 Thames school
- 102 Knife handle
- 103 Phileas Fogg portrayer
- 104 Accuracy
- 105 Type of guitar
- 107 Gator cousins
- 109 Diplomat
- 111 "I cannot tell -- --!"
- 114 "Keep it down!"
- 117 Harness parts
- 119 MHz part
- 121 Commotion
- 122 Marseilles Ms.
- 123 Intimidated
- 124 Dryads
- 125 Kind of survey
- 126 Pang
- 127 Astrology chart
- 130 Bump along
- 134 Indiana cager
- 136 Overgrown
- 137 Let loose
- 138 Geena or Bette
- 140 Lamp-shade support
- 141 Fork prong
- 143 Superboy's girlfriend
- 145 Japanese soup
- 146 Fjord port
- 147 Razor-sharp
- 149 -- kwon do
- 151 Fair grade
- 152 Gloss target
- 154 Disencumber

Down

- 1 Jung or Sagan
- 2 Tub in the fridge
- 3 Witness' words
- 4 Skip
- 5 Round Table knight
- 6 Forms a gully
- 7 Blew it
- 8 -- Fernando Valley
- 9 Watched
- 10 Reputations
- 11 Epoch
- 12 Caesar's man
- 13 "Oh, sure!" (2 wds.)
- 14 Tough fabric
- 15 Hooded pullover
- 16 Break-even amount
- 17 She-bear, in Mexico
- 18 Skyhigh lobby
- 19 Mountain chain
- 20 Hire (2 wds.)
- 30 Chenille items
- 32 Wear the crown
- 34 Fodder storage
- 38 Unit of energy
- 39 Sound-system name
- 41 Majestic wader
- 42 Ready to streak
- 43 Solitary
- 44 Propeller arm
- 46 Rookie surfers
- 47 Not know from --
- 49 Golf links
- 51 Coffee dispenser
- 53 Examine
- 54 Architect Mies van der --
- 56 -- -a-brac
- 59 Leave the dock
- 61 DEA operative
- 63 Oktoberfest tune
- 64 Tree topper

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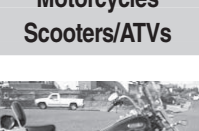


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A PROJECT with HEART

Jerralynn Ness (left), executive director of Community Action Partnership, takes the microphone after being introduced by Betty Atteberry, a member of the Washington County Museum Board of Directors and the former executive director of the Westside Economic Alliance.

Ness won this year's "Heart of Washington County" award for her efforts to help eliminate poverty in the area. The award, presented by museum officials during last Friday's Taste of Washington County event, is given annually to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the community.

Last year's winner was Tom Brian, former chairman of the Washington County Commission, who helped build transportation and economic development projects; and in 2011 it was Pat Reser, who with her late husband, Al, operated Reser's Fine Foods in Beaverton.

More than 150 people attended this year's festive celebration, held at Portland Community College's Rock Creek campus. Taste of Washington County showcases local foods and wines prepared by some of the region's best culinary talent and vintners.



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Hillsboro man arrested in sex crimes case

Washington County detectives are searching for additional sex abuse victims following the June 27 arrest of a Hillsboro man for sexual assault.



ABINACER

Detectives fear there may be additional victims that have not come forth, said Sgt. Bob Ray of the Washington County Sheriff's Office (WCSCO).

Rafael Abinacer, 41, is alleged to have had inappropriate sexual contact with a girl less than 14 years of age. This allegedly occurred with a known victim in Abinacer's Hillsboro residence. It was reported he sexually assaulted her on numerous occasions over an extended period of time.

Child abuse detectives with WCSCO began assisting with the investigation. Less than 12 hours after the crimes were reported, the Washington County Criminal Apprehension Team located and arrested Abinacer outside his residence without incident.

According to WCSCO detectives, Abinacer was a substitute instructional aide con-

tracted with the Hillsboro School District. He primarily assisted with special education classes at Lincoln Elementary School and occasionally assisted in more than 10 other schools. He had been employed with the school district since March 2013.

Abinacer, who is lodged in the Washington County Jail, was charged with first degree sex abuse, first degree sodomy and second degree sodomy, and is being held on \$250,000 bail. More charges could be filed as the investigation continues, Ray said.

Washington County Violent Crime Detectives believe there may be additional victims of unreported crimes committed by Abinacer.

Detectives are seeking the public's help in this case, and are asking anyone with any information to call the Washington County Sheriff's Office at 503-846-2500.

POLICELOG

JUNE 23

Police received a complaint of graffiti in Oreno. Officers also found a school in the area tagged.

Officers received a report of a window smashed at Macy's in the 2000 block of N.W. Allie Avenue. The suspects were gone within a few minutes and the case is still under investigation.

JUNE 24

Graffiti was applied to a community mailbox during the night in the 700 block of N.E. Rogahn Street.

In the 2000 block of N.W. Alcolek Drive, a man reported his brown 1979 Vespa T200 motor scooter, bearing Oregon license plates M275175, stolen.

An unknown suspect hit a mailbox and fled near the intersection of Brookwood Avenue and Cedar Street.

A Ford Taurus, with license plate 313EDR, was stolen from the 800 block of S.E. 25th Avenue.

JUNE 25

A vehicle was broken into in the 3500 block of N.E. Cornell

Road. Two bikes were stolen from the 900 block of S.E. 13th Avenue.

A 19-year-old woman was arrested for trespassing in the 200 block of S.W. Edgeway Drive.

Graffiti was located in the 3300 block of N.E. Jackson School Road and the 1500 block of N.E. Grant Street.

Near the intersection of S. First Avenue and S.E. Oak Street, a white man in his 40s stole a Honda generator that was left unattended outside of a fireworks stand.

Near the intersection of N.W. Edgeway Drive and N.W. Gateway Street, officers found Steven Weeks, 24, driving under the influence of intoxicants.

JUNE 26

In the 300 block of N.W. Dennis Street, painting equipment and a baby stroller were taken from a front porch.

JUNE 27

In the 2300 block of S.E. 55th Court, an unlocked vehicle was entered overnight and a GPS unit was stolen.

A bike was stolen from the

Man arrested in Forest Grove

Members of a Washington County Sheriff's Office team came to Forest Grove June 27 and arrested a 22-year-old Beaverton man on felony charges of second degree rape of a child and second degree child molestation.

Members of the county Criminal Apprehension Team came to Miguel Montes-Ramirez's workplace and led him away in handcuffs.

Law enforcement officials allege that Montes-Ramirez had sexual intercourse with

a young girl from September 2010 to June 2011.

The alleged crimes took place in the state of Washington, according to WCSCO spokesman Sgt. Bob Ray. Montes-Ramirez is being held at Washington County Jail until he can be transferred to Clark County. No bail has been set.

Ray said Montes-Ramirez is also on an "ICE hold," the term used for people detained by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency.

Someone stole speakers from a vehicle in the 300 block of S.W. 17th Avenue.

In the 2200 block of N.E. Jamie Drive, an unlocked vehicle was entered. There was minor damage to the stereo but nothing was found to be missing.

JUNE 28

In the 2000 block of S.E. 54th Avenue, a locked bike was stolen during the night.

Graffiti was found in the 2200 block of S.E. Bush Street.

In the 100 block of E. Main Street, a man reported his wallet stolen.

In the 1900 block of S.E. 55th Avenue, a woman reported that her glass front door was shattered.

JUNE 29

In the 20900 block of N.W. Amberwood Street, a public works barricade was tagged.

BIRTHS

March 12, 2013

Beckett Dale Frank
Denise and Joshua Frank of Hillsboro announce the birth of their son, Beckett.

March 13, 2013

Rhona Elizabeth Willmaser Josie Renee Willmaser
Mistina Willmaser of Hillsboro announces the births of her daughters, Rhona and Josie.

March 15, 2013

Korri Jai Farrimond
Cheri and Brian Farrimond of Hillsboro announce the birth of their daughter, Korri.

March 15, 2013

Jordan Alan Binsz
Alicia Lamon and Derek Binsz of Hillsboro announce the birth of their son, Jordon.

March 16, 2013

Benjamin Dale Frogley
Emily and David Frogley of Hillsboro announce the birth of their son, Benjamin.

March 17, 2013

Audrey Kay Nelson
Andrea Bailey and Ryan Nelson of Hillsboro announce the birth of their daughter, Audrey.

March 17, 2013

Mason Elias Knapp
Gizelle Money and Jeremiah Knapp of Hillsboro announce the birth of their son, Mason.

March 18, 2013

Lily Charlize Dearman
Kristie and Jeff Dearman of Hillsboro announce the birth of their daughter, Lily.

March 21, 2013

Hailey Zella Jackson
Brittany and Nathan Jackson of Hillsboro announce the birth of their daughter, Hailey.

March 23, 2013

Khloe Howard
Alhia and Erik Howard of Hillsboro announce the birth of their daughter, Khloe.

March 25, 2013

Cynthia Riscajche Rodriguez
Magnolia Rodriguez and Pedro Miguel Riscajche Xiap of Hillsboro announce the birth of their daughter, Cynthia.

March 25, 2013

Zachary James Johnson
Mary and Bill Johnson of Hillsboro announce the birth of their son, Zachary.

March 26, 2013

Erin Rae Myers
Vanessa Myers of Hillsboro announces the birth her daughter, Erin.

April 1, 2013

Mynllie Destiny Cossio
Rocio Soto Cossio of Hillsboro announces the birth of her daughter, Mynllie.

April 5, 2013

Samantha Paige McGauvran
Melissa and Zachary McGauvran of North Plains announce the birth of their daughter, Samantha.

April 6, 2013

Brooklyn Marie Northrup
Alishia Mortenson and Jerry Northrup of North Plains announce the birth of their daughter, Brooklyn.

April 7, 2013

Candice Jane Walden
Killaney and Mitchell Walden of Hillsboro announce the birth of their daughter, Candice.

April 7, 2013

Kate Isabelle Ferrell
Hannah and Steve Ferrell of Hillsboro announce the birth of their daughter, Kate.

April 7, 2013

Sophie Ann Dunn
Chloe Ann Dunn
Saray Perez and Garren Dunn of Hillsboro announce the birth of their daughters, Sophie and Chloe.

Arrest made in jogger attack

Aloha man faces several charges; officials seek other victims

A 46-year-old Aloha man is being held in the Washington County Jail after DNA evidence allegedly linked him to a Dec. 27, 2012, attack of a woman jogging in Aloha.

Thomas Alan Davis is charged with kidnapping, attempted sex abuse and fourth-degree assault and is currently being held on \$250,000 bail.

Detectives with the Washington County Sheriff's Office (WCSCO) believe there may be

additional sexual abuse victims of the suspect who have not come forward, said Sgt. Bob Ray, WCSCO spokesman.



DAVIS

The Washington County Criminal Apprehension Team arrested Davis on Monday morning as a result of DNA located on the gloves of the jogger.

The woman was reportedly jogging along Southwest Farmington Road near 209th Avenue in Aloha the morning of Dec. 27, when a man approached her from behind. The suspect reportedly

grabbed her and attempted to drag her into the bushes.

The woman broke free of his hold and ran for help, according to WCSCO officials. Deputies began a broad search for the suspect, but were not able to locate him at that time.

WCSCO violent crime detectives were called to assist with the investigation.

"The victim reported that during the struggle, she grabbed the man's face, causing her fingers to enter his mouth," Ray said. "Washington County crime scene technicians gathered evidence while detectives searched for additional information. The woman's gloves were sent to the Oregon State Crime Lab for DNA analysis."

On June 10, WCSCO detectives received a report from the crime lab identifying Davis as a match from the DNA located on the gloves, Ray said.

Davis' DNA was on file from a 2009 criminal conviction.

On June 17, a Washington County grand jury indicted Davis on numerous charges. However, investigators were forced to wait until Davis returned from his job out of state to arrest him.

He was arrested without further incident on June 24.

During an unrelated investigation by the Beaverton Police Department, WCSCO detectives learned Davis was also allegedly responsible for leaving violent, sexually explicit notes on the vehicles of various random females, according to Ray.

"These notes were left on vehicles while parked in shopping centers in Beaverton, Wilsonville and Sherwood," said Ray.

This new information prompted detectives to seek the public's help in locating any additional victims.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to call the Washington County Sheriff's Office at 503-846-2500.

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Dueling garlic festivals work things out

'It's chic to reek' is new theme of summertime event in North Plains

By **STEPHANIE HAUGEN**
The Hillsboro Tribune



The annual garlic festival in North Plains will bring in a variety of characters, garlic treats and activities for another year following the resolution of a kerfuffle between North Plains and Banks.

PAMPLIN MEDIA GROUP FILE PHOTO

The "Summer Fest and Garlic Out West" is the last garlic festival standing in western Washington County.

At a meeting last Thursday, June 27, North Plains Chamber of Commerce officials decided to cancel the "Elephant Garlic Festival," sponsored by the chamber but set for the third weekend of August this year in Banks, ostensibly bringing an end to the tale of the two battling garlic festivals.

The North Plains Chamber of Commerce has historically

sponsored the annual garlic festival, which has been held in North Plains for the last 15 years.

This year, however, North Plains chamber leaders decided

to hold the "Elephant Garlic Festival" in Banks during the city's annual barbecue and truck and tractor pull, Aug. 16-18, in conjunction with the Banks Sunset Park Association.

The North Plains Events Association planned "Summer Fest and Garlic Out West" to be held in North Plains the traditional second weekend of August.

The spark of the sparring festivals came last year at North Plains City Council meetings, when North Plains chamber members discussed passing the garlic torch to a different sponsor.

Although city officials never formally transferred control over to a different entity, they were working under the assumption that chamber officials, including then-president Dennis Brown, were no longer planning on organizing the event. A few months later, chamber leaders changed their minds and wanted to take back control of the event, but the North Plains Events Association had been formed by then — and members of the new group already had plans in the works.

After hours of discussion, the hiring of an intellectual property lawyer and a tug-of-war over the event name and slogan, the city of North Plains granted the necessary permits to the NPEA to hold the event in North Plains.

The chamber had already trademarked the "Elephant Garlic Festival" name, and slo-

gan, "Fun Stinks," however.

The decision to cancel the "Elephant Garlic Festival" in Banks was "made strictly on finances and lack of volunteers, which is the only logical conclusion in the matter. The risk going forward is too great and cancelling now will save costs," Russ Sheldon, who was elected North Plains chamber president in May, explained in a press release.

"Looking at the actual revenue earned and received by sponsors, and analyzing a multitude of financial considerations we were just unsure of, we decided it was the best option," Sheldon said.

Sheldon replaced Brown, who is still a chamber board member, as chamber president.

Wayne Holm, CEO of Oregon-Canadian Forest Products and North Plains' largest employer, agreed with the decision.

"I was concerned about the chamber's liability with the event taking place outside our community. After listening to their discussions over the past weeks, the board made the right decision based on the fiscal probabilities," said Holm, who became involved in the festival discussions two months ago.

Sheldon believes the decision to pass the garlic festival to another sponsor last year was made by the chamber leaders without input from members of the chamber of commerce, which is part of the reason he ran for chamber president — "to lead the chamber in a new direction and put the focus on North Plains businesses and the North Plains commu-

nity, not in another community."

He added that these events rely heavily on volunteers, many of which are already participating in the "Summer Fest and Garlic Out West," and may be reluctant to work garlic festivals two consecutive weekends.

"The cancellation was an amicable one with Sunset Park Association," Sheldon said.

"I'm sorry it didn't work out," said David Duyck, president of the Banks Sunset Park Association. "But with the turmoil going on in North Plains, we feel it may be better the barbecue and garlic festival are separate."

"We loved the idea of something new and different for the barbecue, but for this year we'll just keep the traditional schedule and each of us will do our own thing."

Organizers of the Banks barbecue will still welcome food, as well as arts and crafts vendors who signed up to participate in the "Elephant Garlic Festival."

Live music, food and craft vendors and the beer and wine garden will kick off the North Plains event Friday at noon. Fundraiser runs, pancake breakfasts, a parade down Main and Commercial streets, car shows and live music complete the weekend, where the new slogan says it all: "It's chic to reek."

For more information and a complete schedule of events at the 2013 North Plains Summer Fest & Garlic Out West Festival, visit garlicoutwest.org

— Reporter Jim Redden contributed to this story.

Water: Exact cost of project is unknown

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quirement in 2001. At that time, the city of Wilsonville was building a treatment plant along the Willamette to make the river its water source. TVWD was contributing some funding to purchase the option of drawing water from the Willamette in the future

According to TVWD community and intergovernmental relations manager Todd Heidgerken, some members of the public had concerns about the safety of Willamette River water in 2001. But, Heidgerken noted, Wilsonville residents have been drinking treated water from there for the past 11 years without any health problems. The city of Sherwood began providing water from the Wilsonville treatment plant to its residents more recently.

"The vote requirement was related to safety concerns, and we know a lot more about the safety of Willamette River water now than we did then," said Heidgerken.

The board can authorize the project without taking any action on the vote, Heidgerken pointed out, because it must only be held before the water is actually delivered. But the board needs to commit to the project soon for two reasons, he added.

First, Hillsboro needs to be assured that TVWD is a partner so it can proceed with planning its part of the project.

And second, some money can be saved if a portion of the pipeline from Wilsonville to Hillsboro is laid under a new road being planned in unincorporated Washington County. It will be an extension of Southwest 124th Avenue from Southwest Tualatin-Sherwood Road to Southwest Grahams Ferry Road. Burying a 1.5-mile section of the pipeline under the road during the construction would save having to tear the road up later, Heidgerken said.

The exact cost of the overall project will not be known until preliminary engineering work is completed. Heidgerken said TVWD's share will likely be

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study conducted since 2005.

Recommendations include increasing rates to retail customers, including residences, 6.3 percent, compared to 9 percent in recent years. Rates for wholesale customers, including Cornelius and Gaston, would decrease 15.3 percent. The changes would take effect on Oct. 1, 2013.

The report recommends continuing the retail rate increases for the next 13 years to cover cost increases, including the Willamette River project.

The commission will consider a separate request to raise water system development charges by 25 percent effective Feb. 1, 2014, at an upcoming meeting.

According to a staff report, even if the residential rate increase is approved, Hillsboro's water rates will continue to remain the lowest in the metropolitan region next year.

Under the new rates, the monthly water cost for a typical residential customer will increase by \$1.63 to a total of \$26.44. This compares to a monthly cost of \$28.06 for a residential customer in Forest Grove, the next lowest-cost community. The highest is Sherwood, with a monthly cost of \$53.03.

slightly higher than Hillsboro's, but those amounts could be reduced if other partners join. Tigard and Tualatin are considering becoming partners, and Washington County Chairman Andy Duyck

argues that Clean Water Services, the regional wastewater agency, could benefit by joining, too.

The need for the project was explained by representatives of the Hillsboro Water Commission, Tualatin Valley Water District and Clean Water Services during a presentation to the June 27 breakfast meeting of the Westside Economic Alliance.

Kevin Hanaway, the head of Hillsboro's water department, said the population of Washington County is expected to grow by 75 percent by 2050, resulting in the demand for water more than doubling. Greg DiLoreto, the TVWD director who retired last Friday, said studies showed the Willamette River was the least expensive and more reliable source of additional water for meeting that demand. And Bill Gaffi, executive director of Clean Water Services, praised the intergovernmental cooperation that was making the project possible.

"As they said in the Old West, whiskey is for drinking and water is for fighting," said Gaffi. "But in Washington County, we're proving we can work together to solve our water problems."

Originally, plans called for raising Scoggins Dam to create more capacity at Hagg Lake. But then a seismic study revealed that a severe earthquake could damage or even destroy the dam, threatening the major water supply for much of Washington County. The discovery prompted Hillsboro and TVWD to explore other options for additional water, which is how the Willamette River was chosen.

Now the Bureau of Reclamation, which owns the dam, is studying how to reinforce it. No final plan or budget has yet been approved, however.

Oregon's congressional delegation is pressing the Obama administration to complete that work and authorize funds for the repair. First District U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, who represents Hillsboro, recently went on a tour of the dam with Duyck.

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Couples: Hopes high for change to Oregon law

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house in February 2008. "We just kept trying to get it more legal," said Holly. "It's a never-ending process."

Sherri supports the family by working as a software engineer at TriQuint Semiconductor in Hillsboro, and they attend the United Church of Christ in Forest Grove.

Both military veterans — Sherri was in the Air Force and Holly was in the Army — the women nevertheless were denied a federal loan on their house because of their same-sex status.

"Only one of us can be on the title," Holly observed.

The end of DOMA could change all that by extending federal financial and tax benefits to same-sex couples that meet the litmus test of being legally married.

OFC decries 'wrong message'

Gov. John Kitzhaber last week called the high court's

DOMA ruling "a proud moment for the nation," and U.S. Rep Suzanne Bonamici chimed in with her approval, heralding the decision as "another leap toward equal rights for all Americans regardless of sexual orientation."

Officials of the Oregon Family Council, which supports DOMA and in 2004 formed the Defense of Marriage Coalition, expressed disappointment in the rulings, saying the Supreme Court "sends a wrong message" that is "less about what's best for children — which in general is having them raised by their married mothers and fathers — and more about the interests of romantically involved adults."

The rulings "leave in place the marriage amendments adopted by 30 states," pointed out Teresa Harke, OFC spokeswoman. "The definition of marriage enshrined by the citizens of Oregon through the passage of Measure 36 is still intact. The Supreme Court found no constitutional right to redefine

marriage." And Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum warned that last Wednesday's decision could have little effect here unless the state's constitutional ban on same-sex marriage is overturned.

Still, for gay couples and those who support them, the ruling was an undeniable victory.

'I was ecstatic'

Last Wednesday, Heather Nichelle-Peres set her alarm to ring at 6:30 a.m., a half-hour before she expected the Supreme Court to rule on the constitutionality of DOMA.

She sat down in front of her laptop, opened her Internet browser and waited to learn whether the nation's highest court would uphold or overturn the 1996 law that — among other things — denied federal benefits to legally married same-sex couples.

When she read the justices had ruled 5-4 that the federal act was unconstitutional, she began screaming and jumping up and down.

"I was ecstatic," said Nichelle-Peres, a recent Pacific University graduate who is in a committed relationship with Rae Nichelle-Peres. "I couldn't contain myself."

Since Oregon is one of more than 30 states that don't recognize gay marriage as legal, Rae and Heather are domestic partners in the eyes of the law. But the lesbian couple, who met 11 years ago and now live in Portland, long for something more — something last week's rulings could eventually bring them: federal recognition of their union and the same benefits married heterosexual couples enjoy.

The justices stopped short of requiring all states to recognize same sex unions and instead ruled that no one can deny federal marriage benefits to gay couples who are legally



Left: Together for 12 years, Sherri and Holly Vann were legally married in Canada in 2003 because Oregon does not recognize same-sex marriage. Here, they pose outdoors a day before Holly gave birth to their oldest daughter, Jordan. COURTESY PHOTO

Below: Rae and Heather Nichelle-Peres pause on the Pacific University campus in Forest Grove Friday, two days after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the federal Defense of Marriage Act. The Portland couple (Heather is a Pacific graduate; Rae graduated from Portland State University) hope the ruling will pave the way for legal same-sex marriage in Oregon. HILLSBORO TRIBUNE PHOTO: CHASE ALLGOOD

wed. "I was hoping for a broader ruling that would legalize (same-sex) marriage nationally," said Heather, who was a student leader for the Human Rights Campaign, anational gay-rights advocacy group, while a student at Pacific. She now works as a wedding officiant and vocalist.

"Then I thought, 'All our hard work is paying off. We're sort of winning the war.'"

Court nullifies Prop 8

In a separate opinion a week ago, the Supreme Court essentially nullified Proposition 8, which defines marriage in California as being between one man and one woman — as does Oregon's Measure 36, which still stands.

Jeana Frazzini, executive director of Basic Rights Oregon and Oregon United for Marriage, said the DOMA and Prop 8 decisions foreshadow a potential new era for equal rights in Oregon.

"This decision is monumental, but it also underscores the work to be done here," said Frazzini, whose groups are working to put an initiative to legalize same-sex marriage on the November 2014 ballot.

"Until it is legal for same-sex couples to marry in Oregon, federal relationship recognition will likely remain complicated, leaving Oregon's families in limbo."

Jennifer Yocum, pastor of the UCC in Forest Grove — one of the first Christian denominations to support marriage



equality in 2005 — looks at the evolution of same-sex equal rights through a spiritual lens.

As a lesbian, Yocum has "actively worked against" every anti-gay ballot measure since the original No on 9 campaign in Oregon in 1992.

But "I don't take anti-gay arguments personally," she added. "God's grace works on all of us in God's time."

Heather Nichelle-Peres thinks the time to take the next step in Oregon is now.

"With the Supreme Court decisions, people are really starting to think (marriage equality) is inevitable," Heather said. "This sets a really good legal precedent to toss out Measure 36. A lot of people are just tired of thinking about it when there are so many other, more important issues to tackle, like education, employment

and veterans' issues."

Last Wednesday evening, she and Rae went out to dinner at their favorite French restaurant to celebrate the court's rulings.

"We just celebrated 10 years together in March," said Heather. "My ultimate wish is that on the 10th anniversary of our first wedding, we can be legally married in Oregon."

The Vanns are a poster family for that dilemma. They feel the Supreme Court decisions will highlight "just how big a difference being able to legally marry can make to a couple and a family," Holly said.

While the immediate impact on her family is unclear, "the rulings will change lives, opinions and, hopefully, more laws," she said. "We are thrilled to see one more barrier fall."

How the high court ruled

Two landmark rulings came down from the U.S. Supreme Court June 26.

Justices decided 5-4 that the federal Defense of Marriage Act, which became law in 1996, was unconstitutional because it violated the Fifth Amendment right to equal protection.

The case was based on a New York case involving two women, Edith Windsor and Thea Spyer, who were legally married in Ontario, Canada, in 2007. After Spyer died in 2009, DOMA prevented Windsor from claiming the estate tax exemption for a surviving spouse. She paid the taxes and challenged the law in federal court.

Justice Anthony M. Ken-

nedy delivered the decision, which said the federal act limited the way states could recognize marriage or civil unions, creating unequal classes of people — some who were allowed civil unions but not the benefits of legal marriage.

In a second landmark ruling the same day, the high court also rejected an appeal of California's Proposition 8, which denied same-sex couples the right to marry.

That decision, based on a case called Hollingsworth v. Perry, effectively ended California's ban on same-sex marriage because it affirmed a previous federal court ruling overturning the ban.



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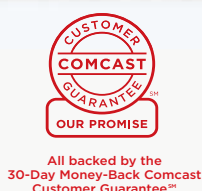
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**8 HOUR
MEGA SALE!**

**ONE DAY AD SALE!
Friday, July 12th Only!**

How it works:

From 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Friday, July 12th ONLY, our advertising representatives will take your calls to reserve ads for one or more issues in July and/or August. The sale will last only 8 hours and ends at 5:01 p.m.

Reserve your ads:

Please carefully consider the date(s) you wish to run your ad(s) and be prepared to reserve them when you call. Run dates are for July or August only. Your advertising representative will fax or email you a contract verifying your reservation that must be returned by the following Monday.

RUN DATES – JULY AND/OR AUGUST

60% OFF
Regular newspaper rates on full or half page ads

Savings available on Friday, July 12 ONLY – 9am-5pm

AD SIZES AVAILABLE

Half page - 6 col. (10.875") x 10" tall
Full page - 6 col. (10.875") x 21" tall

SPECIAL FULL COLOR RATES

Ask your sales representatives for special rates.

SPECIAL PORTLAND TRIBUNE RATES!

Reach an additional 180,000 readers.

Half page - \$895
Full page - \$1,495

Portland Tribune rates include full color.

BUY MULTIPLE NEWSPAPERS!

SAVE 60% on any other newspaper in our group.

Call your sales representative on Friday, July 12th!

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