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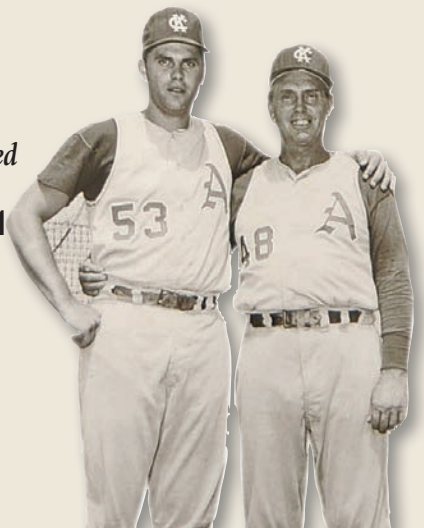
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Utility rates going up in July

By KARA HANSEN MURPHEY
The Review

The typical Lake Oswego resident will see utility fees increase by about \$8 per month starting in July.

The Lake Oswego City Council on Tuesday approved rate increases for water, wastewater, stormwater and street maintenance services.

Because the city bills utility customers on a bimonthly basis, the typical residential user will actually see bills grow by about \$16.

That figure stems from a 12.5 percent increase for water, a 3 percent increase for sewer, 7 percent rise for stormwater and 2.5 percent increase for streets.

Driving the biggest increase are efforts to upgrade and expand the city's drinking water system. In terms of water, rate changes will vary depending on whether you're a resident or business and, if you're a resident, whether you live in a house or multifamily housing, and how much water you use.

Lake Oswego uses tiered water rates to

encourage conservation. A report presented to the council noted that, last summer, the city government was flooded with complaints when the dry season pushed some customers into a different tier, leading to sticker shock.

Only one citizen testified about the rate increases at this week's meeting, which continued a discussion that began at a March 19 study session.

Jim Bolland said he opposed moving ahead with water rate increases "at this time" because the city is still engaged in a legal fight to defend tapping its full water rights on the Clackamas River, a move necessary for Lake Oswego to share water with Tigard. That case could eventually climb from the Oregon Court of Appeals to the state Supreme Court, Bolland said.

"No one ... can predict for you the outcome of the WaterWatch suit," he said, referring to the group challenging Lake Oswego's water rights. Bolland said the city shouldn't award \$250 million in project contracts when the lawsuit is still making its way through

the legal process.

The Lake Oswego-Tigard Water Partnership will rebuild and expand the drinking water system to upgrade Lake Oswego's infrastructure and to provide water to Tigard. The \$250 million effort involves projects in multiple cities, including a bigger water plant and pipeline in West Linn, a new water intake facility on the Clackamas River in Gladstone, a new reservoir in Lake Oswego and a new pump station in Tigard. Construction is now moving forward.

The council voted 6-1 in favor of the utility rate increases.

Councilor Karen Bowerman, the sole opponent, said she's concerned assumptions related to bonds will put the city in "a very fragile position," possibly with insufficient revenues to cover project costs, and that both cost and savings estimates seem to be volatile.

"I just feel there is enough inaccuracy here (and) it should be made accurate before

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Proposed plan change sparks debate

By KARA HANSEN MURPHEY
The Review

The city council is poised to change which topics are addressed in the updated version of the city's comprehensive plan, which has been undergoing a required periodic review over the past few years.

During a study session Tuesday, Council President Mike Kehoe made a motion to remove goals and policies on topics not directly related to land use and to instead draft a report that addresses those subjects — such as arts and culture and schools — in a different way.

The city is at least two years into the roughly three-year process to update the comp plan, a blueprint that guides where and how the city grows and develops in the next two decades. The city recently landed a national planning award for its public outreach efforts in working on the plan, including more than 75 outreach events and involving more than 2,500 community members.

City Manager Tom Coffee said some neighborhood asso-

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Homebuyers like what LO offers



Real estate agent Amy Munsey is smiling because of the big rise in people seeking to buy homes in Lake Oswego. One of the reasons is the outstanding public art, as exemplified by this statue in Millennium Plaza Park.
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Schools, public art, lifestyle cited as big reasons for rise to top of real estate rankings

By CLIFF NEWELL
The Review

The Lake Oswego area is now the top destination in Oregon for people buying new homes.

The Regional Multiple Listing Service reveals that Area 147 (covering Lake Oswego and West Linn) has the highest increase for homes sold in the entire state.

Realtor Amy Munsey brought this information to the attention of the Lake Oswego City Council

at a recent town hall meeting. An even more interesting fact is that 20 to 25 percent of the homebuyers are from out of the country.

"That is huge," said Munsey, herself a resident of Lake Oswego.

The rise of Lake Oswego and West Linn to the top seems to be the combination of two factors. One is that the Portland home sale market is remarkably tight. Second, Lake Oswego and West Linn offer outstanding schools and excellent lifestyle amenities. Besides, both are close to Port-

land.

Munsey noted that when potential homebuyers study Lake Oswego they find an awful lot to like. Even when they read the police log in the Lake Oswego Review they find that the list of crimes to be heavy on barking dogs and light on serious crimes. The number one attraction, though, is the high quality of education.

"Lake Oswego, Lakeridge and West Linn high

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Businesses say Sharing Spree hasn't paid them

Lake Oswego School District Foundation says Sharing Spree hasn't donated in months

By JILLIAN DALEY
The Review

Local business owners are saying the Portland branch of the Groupon-esque Sharing Spree LLC owes them thousands of dollars for failing to honor discount deals.

The Florida-based company has the standard social buying website format with shoppers signing up for daily emails announcing discounts on products or services available for purchase. Sharing Spree then divides the profits for the coupon sales with the business that offered the discount — but area business owners say Portland Sharing Spree didn't do that.

Sharing Spree's website claims it donates a portion of proceeds to local charities and nonprofit groups, such as Lake Oswego School District Foundation, transforming a shopping spree into a "sharing spree."

Foundation Executive Director Mary Puskas said her organization received several hundred dollars from Sharing Spree last school year but has gotten nothing in several months. Sharing Spree still lists the foundation as one of its partners on its website. The foundation's website no longer names Sharing Spree as a partner.

"We simply just stopped working with them as soon as we got wind of the fact that they weren't paying businesses," Puskas said.

The state attorney general's office has received three formal, written complaints against Sharing Spree from area businesses. One complaint states Sharing Spree Chief Executive Officer Ron Sapp indicated in an email that Sharing Spree had been purchased.

The region's Better Business Bureau has documented five complaints against the company, four of which originated in the Portland area. The BBB gives Sharing Spree an "F" rating on its website for failing to respond to two of the complaints. Some businesses are seeking legal action.

"The majority of complaints of Sharing Spree are coming from the Portland area, so that's an indication that something is going on in this particular market," said Kyle Kavvas, a BBB spokeswoman.

Sapp did not answer the phone for a scheduled phone interview with the Review on Monday. Sapp did not respond to subsequent calls or

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Lake Oswego police nab fugitive wanted in Oregon and Washington

By KARA HANSEN MURPHEY
The Review

Lake Oswego police arrested a woman wanted in Oregon and Washington after she allegedly escaped authorities by jumping from a second-story window and impersonated a man while on the run.

Shannon Hamilton, 26, a transient, was taken into custody Saturday morning at the Motel 6 in Tualatin, Lake Oswego Police Capt. Dale Jorgensen said.

Jorgensen said the case provides an example of police work at its best.

"It was a great case of officers knowing what to look for, being vigilant in finding it and going the extra



HAMILTON

Soon after, an off-duty Lake Oswego officer thought he spotted her in a local market. But by the time someone responded to his call, she had left the store.

Then, police received additional information about a car Hamilton might be connected to. An officer

found it at the Motel 6 and, in the very early morning hours of Saturday, confirmed Hamilton was checked in there. Police waited until daylight and knocked on the door, which someone else answered.

"We asked 'where is she,' and they said she's in the bathroom," Jorgensen said. "She had locked herself in there. We told her to come out and she did."

Jorgensen said Hamilton was arrested without incident and faces no local charges. One or two additional people were in the motel room but were not arrested, he said. Officers from Lake Oswego and Tualatin made the arrest. Lake Oswego police brought a K-9 unit but didn't release the dog.

Jorgensen said police did a good job of making all of the right connec-

tions "and being tenacious enough to stick with it."

According to the show "Washington's Most Wanted," Hamilton was wanted for skipping out on court, where she faced charges related to a stolen car, and for allegedly lying about her identity to police. According to the show, King County detectives at one point tracked her to a Lakewood, Wash., apartment but she jumped out of a window and escaped.

After her arrest, she was lodged at Clackamas County Jail.

Clackamas County Lt. Adam Phillips said Hamilton was no longer in county facilities as of Tuesday. She was wanted on warrants out of Washington and Clatsop County in Oregon.

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Lake Oswego School Board candidate wants change

Karen Delaney challenging John Wendland

(Editor's note: When the Review did short profiles on Lake Oswego School Board candidates earlier in the election cycle, Karen Delaney had not yet announced she was running for Position 3 on the board. The following is a profile on her.)



DELANEY

By JILLIAN DALEY
The Review

Summing up Karen Delaney as a mother and homemaker or a Cornell Law School graduate and former New York City Campaign Finance Board attorney wouldn't cover the dynamic community leader.

What may come closer is saying Delaney is a go-getter who wants change. When she heard John Wendland's position on the Lake Oswego School District board was up, she decided to challenge him because she disagrees with many of the board's recent decisions. Wendland's seat is one of two contested school board positions on the May ballot. A third open spot remains uncontested. Voters weigh in on all three positions.

A member of the district's consolidation committee in 2011, Delaney decried the majority's

final recommendation to the school board concerning closing Bryant, Palisades and Up-lands elementary schools. She agreed with the effort to address a budget shortfall but said the three schools were chosen based on how many students attend a school rather than how many students live in an area where a school is.

"That skewed the data," Delaney said in a recent interview.

Delaney, who has a bachelor's degree in economics from Wellesley College, said she could find better ways of addressing the school district's mounting budget woes. She said the school board should be negotiating employee contracts differently and said there should be more oversight of capital projects.

Delaney came to town in 2004 when her husband's job was relocated from Santa Clara, Calif. to Hillsboro. They settled in Lake Oswego because the city is in the best public school district in Oregon, she said. She has served on the school advisory committees at Westridge Elementary and Lakeridge High schools, where her children attend.

"Like other parents, I'm concerned that the district is heading in the wrong direction," said Delaney, 49.

Utility: Decision put off in December

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we vote on the rates," she said.

The city council usually considers utility rate increases along with other fees near the end of the calendar year, but in December 2012 officials punted the issue ahead to 2013. That gave council members who took their seats in January a chance to weigh in.

Councilor Jeff Gudman said he'd like to ensure the council goes back to its usual schedule of considering rate increases in late fall or early winter.

He also said he'd like to consider providing some utility rate relief for citizens but could wait to have that discussion until budget committee meetings later this spring.

Among other business Tuesday, the council:

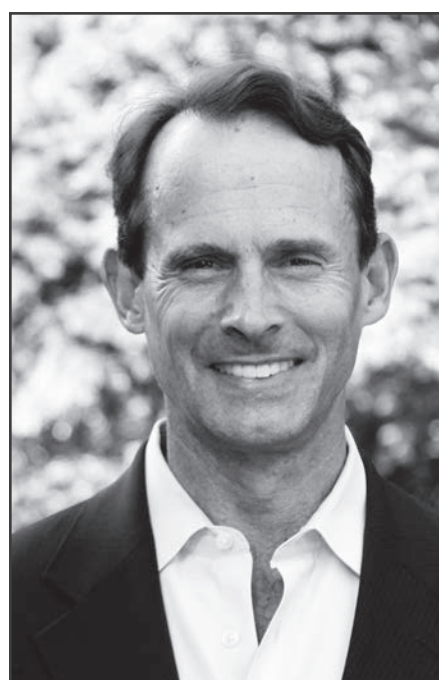
■ Proclaimed April 27 as WaterAfrica Day. The annual event raises awareness and helps to provide safe, clean water, sanitation and hygiene in Zambia.

■ Proclaimed Sunday through April 13 as Arbor Week. Arbor Day began in Nebraska in the 1870s and was first observed with the planting of a million trees in that state, according to the council's proclamation. Among the many benefits of trees, they provide a renewable resource, reduce erosion, lower homes' heating and cooling costs, clean the air and provide habitat for wildlife. They also increase property values and beautify the community, according to the city. Lake Oswego has been recognized with a Tree

City USA designation for the past 24 years.

■ Approved an amendment to a contract for water treatment plant design services. The change, of \$464,359, reflects additional design work needed to address concerns raised while the city was attempting to secure permits for a bigger water treatment plant in West Linn.

■ Voted 5-2 to suspend the process of mapping sensitive lands on properties outside of city limits when their owners request annexation. Councilors Donna Jordan and Jon Gustafson opposed the proposal, while Mayor Kent Studebaker, Council President Mike Kehoe and Councilors Skip O'Neill, Bowerman and Gudman supported it.



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Suspect in home invasion robbery arraigned

By KARA HANSEN MURPHEY
The Review

David Ray Taylor, one member of the trio accused of violently robbing a Lake Oswego man at gunpoint last year, was set to be arraigned in Clackamas County Circuit Court on Wednesday.

Taylor, 57, of Eugene, along with 25-year-old Spensir Lee Mourey of Portland and Milwaukie resident Toni Jean Baker, 34 when she was arrested, face charges related to the April 6 robbery of a home on Indian Creek Way, in the Bryant neighborhood.

Mourey and Taylor are accused of shouldering their way into the house, firing a gunshot into a wall and slamming resident George von Bothmer in the face with the butt of a handgun. Von Bothmer's daughter and her boyfriend were also at home at the time of the robbery but weren't harmed. Von Bothmer was treated at a hospital for injuries he suffered during the holdup.

Taylor was transported to Clackamas County from Lane County, where he faces murder charges in a separate case. He was incarcerated

for almost three decades for the murder of a Eugene gas station attendant in the 1970s. He's now also accused in the slaying death of a 22-year-old man who disappeared Aug. 3, months after the home-invasion robbery in Lake Oswego.

Baker and Mourey's trials have been pushed back a couple of times, most recently after Mourey's attorney filed a motion on his behalf that said more time was needed while he cooperated with the FBI in Eugene.

Prosecutor Bryan Brock of the Clackamas County District Attorney's Office said all three suspects are now scheduled for trial in May.

A February article in The Register-Guard newspaper noted that court documents indicate Eugene police focused on Taylor after a detective spoke with Lake Oswego police on Aug. 7 about the robbery of von Bothmer. Baker reportedly told investigators she had been a getaway driver for Taylor after a June bank robbery in Creswell.

Taylor's arraignment was scheduled for 1:30 p.m., after the Review's deadline. Check the website, lakeoswegoreview.com, or next week's edition for details.

Planning: Some concern about content

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ciation leaders have expressed concern about the "content of the updated plan," and the council is scheduled this year to review final drafts of plan sections advanced by a citizen advisory committee, the planning commission and previous city council.

Ron Bunch, acting planning and building services director, said some community members and groups remain particularly concerned with policies related to density and mixed uses that could have an impact on the character of existing residential neighborhoods.

He said the council is likely interested in whether the plan represents "a good tool by which council can provide direction, make policy, weigh and balance decisions against policies that are in the plan."

"Is it a tool you can use to effectively govern?" he asked.

Kehoe said his proposal was not "a rejection of three years of work" but would help the council wrap up the project and address some community members' lingering concerns.

"I think objectives have been raised

over the last couple of years ... in particular regarding density," he said. "I think that's because people like the community the way it is and don't want to see it pick up more density in their neighborhoods."

Councilor Jon Gustafson disagreed. "That motion scares the heck out of me; it ought to scare the citizens of this city," he said. "You may not think it's throwing out three years of process, but every one of these topics has gone through a 10-step public review process. To come along at this point in the game with such sweeping revisions and not give a similar review process to them ... does absolutely no justice to the idea that we want to involve citizens in the whole comprehensive plan process."

Bill Gaar, a longtime resident who is chairman of the city's planning commission and participated on a citizen advisory committee working on the comp plan, said he has shared concerns about density and brought those to the table during the update process.

"The idea there hasn't been outreach, that this has not been an inclusive process and that individual residential neighborhoods in Lake Oswego are not at the forefront of the (citizen

advisory committee) and planning commission and the people I talk to every day is contrary to what I'm hearing; it's contrary to what I see," he said.

Jim Johnson, a planning commissioner who works as a land-use planner for the state, said many of the topics now proposed for elimination from the comprehensive plan are "cross-cutting issues."

While not defined as land use, he said, "They're going to direct how you think on certain land-use policies" and have an influence on long-term quality of life issues.

Councilor Jeff Gudman, who as the council's liaison to the process is heading up the comp plan citizen advisory committee, said he supported waiting until the council's April 16 meeting to revisit the discussion. That would give time to citizens to testify along with notification that the council plans to vote on the issue.

"This is a big change," Gudman said.

The vote to delay making a decision passed 4-3, with Gudman, Gustafson and councilors Donna Jordan and Skip O'Neill in favor and Kehoe, Councilor Karen Bowerman and Mayor Kent Stuebaker opposed.

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Homes: Buyers find a lot to like

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schools are fantastic," Munsey said. "Parents see their child having a much better chance of preparing for college here. They are so impressed with the test scores."

That was exactly what Heidi Hopkins, one of Munsey's clients, was looking for when she, her husband, Jeff Fedrizzi, and three children decided to move from Wyoming to Oregon. The Lake Oswego adventure started for the family on Wednesday when Hopkins and the kids arrived at their new home and joined Fedrizzi, who has been working in Portland. Hopkins and Fedrizzi decided that what Lake Oswego schools have to offer was worth the longer commute.

"We were very impressed with the Lake Oswego school system compared to Portland," Hopkins said. "We thought we wanted to live closer to Portland, but once we did our homework we wanted to move here."

"They are a prime example of the people choosing Lake Oswego over the (rest of the) Portland metro area," Munsey said.

Another major attraction is the public art, which citizens and visitors can enjoy just by walking in downtown Lake Oswego. You can hardly go any distance without coming upon a statue. Munsey said this pushes the

city up to a special level of attraction for newcomers.

"Our public art is fantastic," Munsey said. "It's a direct reflection of Lake Oswego's priorities. It's an affluent community that cares about its environment. In other cities, art is on the backburner. Public art is directly connected to property values."

There is much more, too—Oswego Lake, George Rogers Park, Millennium Plaza Park, the flower baskets.

"People are saying, 'This is where I want to live,'" Munsey said. "There is beauty, art, coffee, dogs and one of the busiest, most used libraries in the state."

Portland is the top desired location for home seekers, but Munsey said, "The inventory is painfully low." Actually, it is unbelievably low. Recent listings by 3,000 real estate agencies show six new home listings for Northeast Portland. From mid-central Portland to 122nd Avenue the number is five. The demand is so great that people are looking in outlying areas.

However, a new breed of homebuyer has strong memories of the great real estate fiasco that struck in 2008, and they are extra cautious when it comes to acquiring a new home. This time they are doing lots of research and finding that Lake Oswego is an excellent alternative to Portland.

"They discover things like Lake Oswego being only six miles away from

Portland and that houses cost less per foot," Munsey said. "They're pulling together lumps of data and it's coming up Lake Oswego. Buyers can now see listings and price changes. They never asked me about that before, but now they're asking me about that all the time. They use that in their calculations."

As for sellers, the dire days of the real estate bust are over.

"If homes are priced appropriately, they will be selling with multiple offers," Munsey said. "It's definitely a seller's market. I can list a Lake Oswego home priced at \$530,000, which is not a low price, and one and a half hours later I'm getting calls on it. Eventually, million dollar homes will start to fly. This is one of the hottest real estate markets in the country. The last time the market was so good here was when Mountain Park was being built in the 1980s and people were lining up to buy homes."

As a real estate agent, Munsey is delighted to see Area 147 rise to the top of the market. She is also a big supporter of public art, so she has been urging community leaders to help Lake Oswego maintain its edge and continue what is working so well.

"If our ... Arts Council (of Lake Oswego) is not maintained, it's going to take away from what we have," Munsey said. "People come here and say, 'This is beautiful.'"

Sharing: No license listed for Sharing Spree

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emails.

A license is required to operate a business in Oregon, but there is no license registered on the secretary of state's website under the name Sharing Spree.

A search on the website came up with one related business with an active license under Sapp's name, and it is called Double S Holdings Inc. It lists a Wilsonville and a West Linn address. There is a license for the Florida-based parent company in that state.

The attorney general complaint from Tan Republic, which has Lake Oswego and West Linn locations, estimated that it lost \$3,500 to Sharing Spree.

"We write to you today to register a formal complaint against Sharing Spree and their unethical, dishonest business practices, and to report the PONZI scheme they have foisted on unwitting clients such as ourselves," states a complaint that Tan Republic-Portland Chief Financial Officer Joseph Alan signed in February.

Alan said in a recent interview that Tan Republic is pursuing legal action against Sharing Spree and a class action lawsuit "is the very least that should be

done against them."

Lake Oswego & Happy Valley Adventure Bootcamp posted a warning against Sharing Spree on its Facebook page: "This is VERY important, please read! We recently did a deal with Sharing Spree to promote our business and 2 months later they've officially violated our contract by not paying us the money owed. ... If you are a previous, current, potential merchant or a consumer, I highly suggest to avoid doing any business with Sharing Spree."

An attorney general complaint from the Ultimate Tan & Med Spa, which has several area locations, lists Sapp's address as in West Linn and claims Sharing Spree owes the business \$7,300 from a discount deal.

Sapp's October 2012 email in response to a request for payment is: "It should have been sent. I will make sure we get the payment to you."

It is the last email from Sapp that is included in the complaint.

The owner of M2P Marketing, doing business as www.Fox12DailyDeals.com, negotiated a deal during a promotion. M2P claims in an attorney general complaint that Sharing Spree owes \$35,000 between the deal and the merchants' share of the revenues.



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Cities get jump start on regional effort to cut pollution

Metro survey seeks input on ways to reduce driving

By **JIM REDDEN**
Pamplin Media Group

Many communities in the region have already undertaken projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as required by the state of Oregon in the future. They range from building transit systems in Portland to encouraging alternative transportation options in Lake Oswego and studying increased density in Forest Grove and Hillsboro.

These and other projects were discussed last week in a series of stories published in many Pamplin Media Group newspapers, including the Lake Oswego Review. The articles explained the Climate Smart Communities project being undertaken by Metro, the elected regional government, at the direction of the Oregon Legislature.

Metro is now conducting an online Opt In survey to gauge public opinions about possible new policies aiming to reduce driving even more. The policies under discussion include encouraging more mixed-use developments and increasing the costs of driving and parking.

To register and take the survey, visit climatesmartsurvey.com.

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The elected Metro Council will consider the results of the survey when finalizing its proposal for the 2015 Legislature. In the meantime, following are some of the projects from around the region discussed in last week's stories:

■ **Lake Oswego:** The city has a number of initiatives to encourage alternative forms of transportation. They include the second 100-mile Challenge that kicked off on March 25. It aims to reduce local car use, especially for trips within two miles of home. Participants who leave their cars behind and instead walk, cycle or ride the bus can log their miles and, if they count more than 100 miles' worth of car-free trips, qualify for prizes. All car-free trips to, from and within the city count.

During last year's event, which ran from July to December, 214 people logged more than 60,000 miles without cars, resulting in an estimated reduction in carbon dioxide emissions of just under 40,000 pounds and in 2,000 gallons of gasoline.

■ **West Linn:** The city is already pursuing a number of avenues to implement Metro's Climate Smart Communities objectives.

Early in 2012, the city council initiated a study for redevelopment along Highway 43 and Willamette Falls Drive. The study showed strong support for compact commercial and mixed-use centers that would be conveniently accessible by bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists.

This year, the city is moving forward with the redevelopment plans for the arch bridge area. According to West Linn Associate Planner Zach Pelz, creating more job opportunities in West Linn would reduce commute trips and cut down on greenhouse gas emission from vehicles.

West Linn's trail system master plan proposes major expansion of off-street bike and pedestrian trails.

■ **Clackamas County:** Created in 1980, the 819-acre Clackamas Town Center redevelopment called for improving transportation connections along Southeast 82nd Avenue. Connections to Interstate 205 and Sunnyside Road made it one of the region's fastest growing areas in the past three decades. Proposed projects included the construction of TriMet's MAX Green Line to the Clackamas Town Center mall. The plan has been modified over the years to reflect growth in Milwaukie and Happy Valley, the two cities surrounding the area, but it has maintained efforts to add local housing and improve traffic flow.

■ **Beaverton:** A manifestation of the city's comprehensive 2011 Civic Plan, the Beaverton Creekside District is a multifaceted redevelopment project encompassing 49 acres along busy Canyon Road. With funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the city and others, planners are working on a master plan to concentrate on redeveloping vacant lots in the area, improving safety and providing transportation, pedestrian and bicycling amenities.

Initial plans to route midtown bicycle traffic from Canyon Road to new "bikeways" on Broadway Street and Millikan Way — as well as improvements to Canyon Road to improve its safety, walkability and attractiveness to new development — will begin to take shape in the upcoming fiscal year.

■ **Forest Grove:** The city is developing a new transit system with help from Ride Connection that will encourage public transportation within the city. Planning commissioners and city councilors will also soon consider updates to the city's comprehensive plan that would encourage more walking than driving while helping to attract new businesses. One idea would increase the density of the downtown core, perhaps more than quadrupling it from 20 residential units

per acre to 90.

Planners are thinking about adding two more commercial centers to the city. To encourage more mixed-use development there, the allowable square footage of buildings would increase, perhaps up to 30,000 square feet. That's about the size of the New Seasons store at Orenco Station in Hillsboro.

■ **Hillsboro:** Sustainability and transportation alternatives are key features of the Hillsboro Intermodal Transit Facility, a joint project of the city, Tuality Healthcare and Pacific University at 775 SE Baseline. A sustainably designed building along the westside MAX line, it houses 794 parking spaces on five floors, 13 state-of-the-art electric vehicle charging stations and the region's first bicycle commuter station, Bike Park Hillsboro. The building also includes ground-floor retail space and is home to Portland Community College's Hillsboro Education Center. It has won a number of awards for design and sustainability.

The Hillsboro City Council has also prioritized encouraging alternative transportation options. The proposed GoPoint Mobility Hub system will allow residents and workers to more easily connect with short-term car and bike rental, carpools, vanpools and shuttle buses. The north-central part of town was selected for the first phase because it includes concentrated residential areas such as the rapidly growing Orenco neighborhood, big employers including Intel and the upcoming new Kaiser Permanente hospital, retail centers such as The Streets and the Tanasbourne Mall, and Portland Community College's Willow Creek campus. The area is also served by TriMet's westside MAX line.

■ **Portland:** The biggest city in the region is known for its alternative transportation policies and projects. They include the Portland Streetcar loop that is nearing completion around the urban core. Work is under way to connect it to TriMet's new Portland-to-Milwaukie MAX line near OMSI on the east side of the Willamette River and in the South Waterfront neighborhood on the west side.

The Portland City Council also approved the Portland Plan last year that calls for the creation of neighborhood centers throughout town where residents can walk to work and shopping areas within 20 minutes. The plan also calls for them to be connected with streets that are designed to encourage walking and biking.

Additional background on the Climate Smart Communities project is available at Metro's website at oregonmetro.gov/climate-scenarios.

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Take part in Metro's online survey to help drive decisions for the region on transportation

How much did you drive today? Where did you go? Could you have walked to some of those places? If your community changed its development process to create more walkable neighborhoods and business districts, would you drive less? Those are some of the questions facing regional planners who are tinkering with Portland-area development during the next few decades. As part of the process, those planners want to hear what you think.

Metro — the regional government responsible for most large-scale planning goals — and your local communities are in the midst of the Climate Smart Communities Scenario Project. The idea is to create development guidelines that cut the amount of miles we drive each year and establish neighborhoods, parks, recreation and business districts that reduce our carbon footprint.

By December 2014, Metro and its community partners hope to approve a plan that builds on the 2040 Growth Concept developed nearly two decades ago. That proposal helped shape the region we live in by focusing on healthy communities, safe and reliable transportation systems that move people to their jobs and goods to market, and protecting our air and water.

One other big part of the plan is the Legislature's requirement that the state reduce its greenhouse gas emissions significantly during the next two decades. Metro will develop a plan for the Portland area to do just that, and present it to the 2015 legislative session.

The 2007 Legislature approved a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the state to 75 percent of the 1990 level by 2050. The 2009 Legislature told Metro to help achieve that goal by reducing emissions from cars, light trucks and sport utility vehicles. The target eventually was set at 20 percent below 2005 levels by 2035.

Here's where you come in. To develop the plan, Metro needs people from across the region to be part of its Opt In survey. By joining the online survey (climatesmartsurvey.com), residents can voice their opinions about a range of options and help drive the planning process.

Some of the questions you can help answer are:

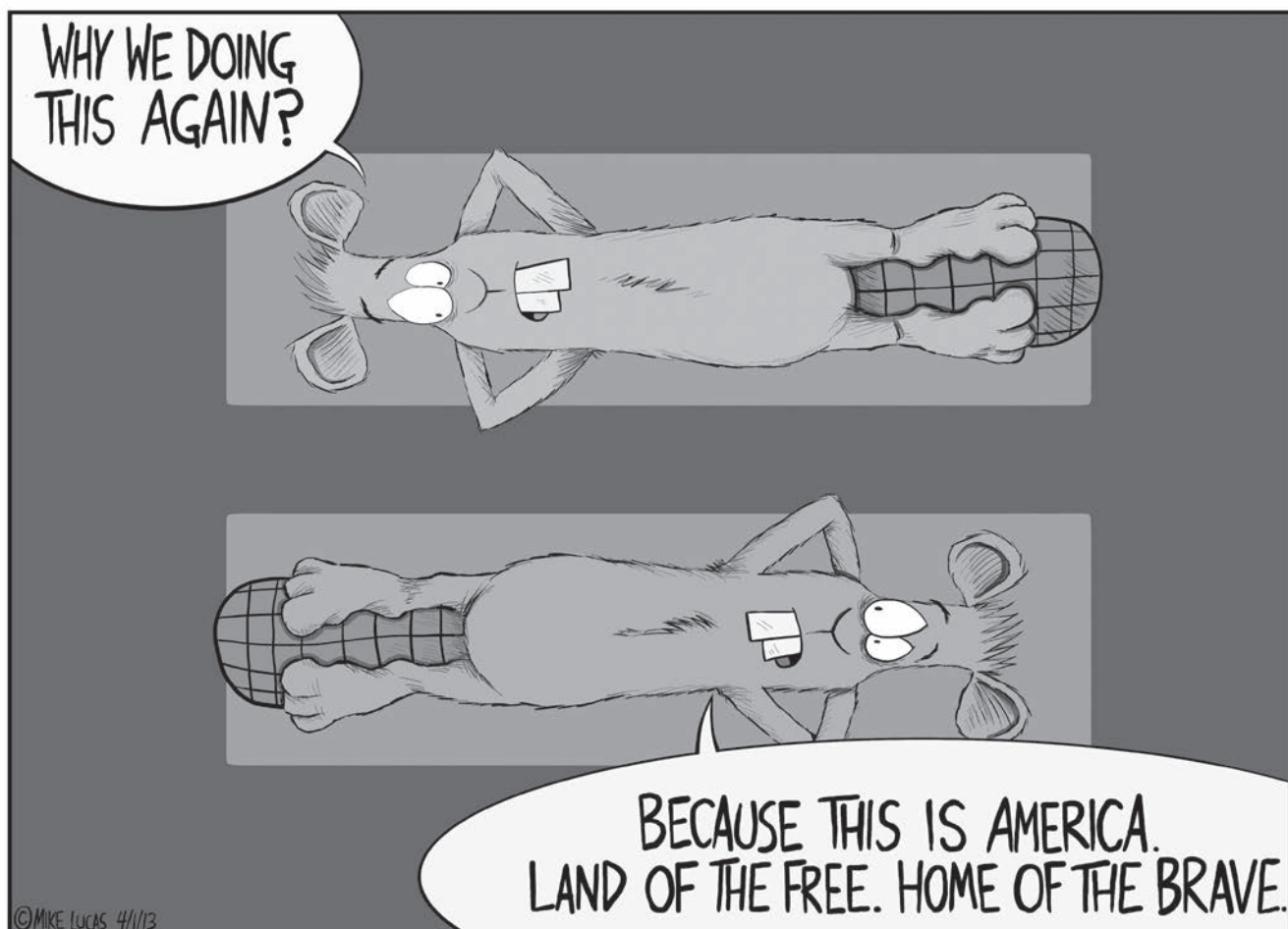
- How can the region support state and federal efforts to transition to clean fuels and technology?
- How do we pay for investments needed to realize our shared vision for walkable communities, job creation and affordable housing and transportation choices?
- How much frequent transit should the region provide and what areas should be a priority? What other investments are needed to complement this strategy?

As Metro Councilor Sam Chase said: "I want to live in a region that's doing everything it can to reduce global warming and make communities healthier and better places to live, and that's what the Climate Smart Communities project is all about."

There are examples of the types of things planners have considered in the climate smart process. They include infill housing in Portland neighborhoods, expansion of the Portland Streetcar and TriMet's MAX rail system, redevelopment of the South Waterfront area and higher density housing near transit to encourage ridership.

Metro will discuss the Climate Smart Communities research in May at two meetings with local officials. A recommendation will go to the Metro Council, which will decide where to focus the research. Make your voice heard.

What's at stake is continued smart growth of our neighborhoods, our cities and our counties. By guiding the planning today, our children — and their children — will live in a region that respects its environment, attracts good jobs and puts businesses and services within walking distance of most neighborhoods.



Bills target statewide strategy for facilities, investment

A decade ago, when Oregon faced one of its greatest-ever infrastructure challenges in replacing its failing bridges, state leaders knew exactly where to look to set priorities.

Today, we face a new challenge — our aging, and in some cases obsolete, school facilities are reaching the end of their useful lives, and only strategic investment will solve the problem.

The problem is, we don't know where to start.

When we replaced our bridges, we knew exactly what spans would get the greatest return on investment — what bridges were closest to failing, how much traffic they carried, how much it would cost to replace them. We set a master list of priorities statewide, and we continue to chip away at it.

Even though school facilities are a local concern, we need a statewide strategy to support school facility needs and capital investment planning.

There are two bills in the Legislature that would do that — HB 2916 and SB 540 would establish a statewide task force on Capital Improvement Planning, and direct the Department of Education to establish and maintain a public facility information database that includes energy use, seismic ratings, education performance, operations and maintenance costs, enrollment projections and technology upgrade status.

Think of it as an Oregon roadmap for our school buildings.

This kind of work is being promoted by the Community Investment Initiative, a group of public- and private-sector community leaders helping create jobs by looking for new answers for 21st century challenges. We've partnered with seven school districts in the Portland region to

CITIZEN'S VIEW

Joe Rodriguez



develop a school facilities analysis tool.

That tool assesses school conditions while also factoring in performance and demographic characteristics. The Data Resource Center at Metro, the regional government, has provided the technology to help create this web-based tool.

If it were used statewide, it could help the Oregon Department of Education, because it factors in all of the facility areas outlined in HB 2916 and SB 540, and includes additional student demographic analysis. The need to protect and enhance Oregonians' investment in public school facilities is critical as buildings age and the need for technology enhancements increases.

The initiative also believes that investing in infrastructure to support the creation of living-wage jobs is tied directly to supporting workforce development. This means fostering educational opportunities for all students, statewide, in fields with high employment potential is critical.

ECONorthwest analyzed Oregon's high school graduating class of 2006 and determined that the percentage of high school graduates who completed a college degree by 2011 in science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM, fields was only 2.5 percent.

Given the growth of technology-related companies in Oregon, and the need for workforce development, increasing STEM educational opportunities for Ore-

gon students will help provide greater employment opportunities, thereby increasing overall economic prosperity.

We've got plenty of jobs in STEM fields, and we'll have more in the future — but Oregon is not educating many students in STEM programs. Providing more STEM programs and making these opportunities more available, especially to underserved urban and rural communities, is imperative. If not, Oregon STEM employers will continue to hire from outside the state to meet their workforce needs.

Two legislative bills also being considered this session include SB 498, which will increase training opportunities in essential STEM employment fields, and HB 2636, which establishes STEM leadership and grants statewide.

In order to deliver and increase STEM programs in all educational settings, we must address classroom readiness, and using a statewide facility analysis tool will help determine capital improvement needs to provide such programs.

The initiative encourages support for these bills. Enhancing our investment in public school facilities statewide, and expanding STEM educational programs designed to increase human capital opportunities for all Oregon students, will directly benefit Oregon's economy for years to come.

For more, see communityinvestmentinitiative.org.

Joe Rodriguez is a member of the Community Investment Initiative's Leadership Council, and chairs the council's schools facilities committee. He is a former superintendent of the Hillsboro School District. In the interest of full disclosure, Mark Garber, president of Community Newspapers, is a member of the steering committee of the Community Investment Initiative.

READERS' LETTERS

Support offered for Kevin Robertson

We are pleased to support Kevin Robertson for the Lake Oswego School Board.

Kevin and his family were our neighbors when we moved to this community nine years ago, and we have seen firsthand his willingness to give generously of his time, talent and treasure to others, and, specifically, to the Lake Oswego public schools.

With his dedication to the LOSD Foundation and the formation of the en-

dowment fund, his proven years of experience in financial management, and his involvement with his daughters' education at the elementary, junior high and high school levels, Kevin is uniquely qualified to handle the ongoing budget challenges that our district is facing.

Kevin's wife, Pamela, has been a dedicated volunteer in their daughters' classrooms and schools, serving enthusiastically on the PTA, on auction committees and with the LOSD Foundation. Both Kevin and Pamela have shown leadership and discernment in advocating for our children, for our schools and, ultimately, for our community.

We trust Kevin to work diligently on the school board, and to use wisdom, creativity, thoughtfulness and compassion in making sound decisions for our schools. Please join us in voting for Kevin Robertson for school board.

George and Diane Vlaisavich
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Tuesday, April 9, 2013 – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, Lake Oswego City Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION
- 4.1 District Economic Outlook & Plans
- 4.2 Lake Oswego School Foundation
- 4.3 Local Option Levy
- 4.4 Demographic Study
- 4.5 Fields Master Plan
- 4.6 City Partnership with School District
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Hartman has plenty to offer school board

As a 12-year Lake Oswego school system parent, I've attended a lot of meetings and made a lot of suggestions. Some have been accepted, some have not, but there has been a process to maintain excellence and analyze the cost/benefit of a public education that serves all students.

In order to bring what I have learned closer to the decision-making process, I have filed for Position 4 of the Lake Oswego School Board. I want to help move the district forward. The district will be making key decisions including hiring a new superintendent and balancing enrollment, course offerings, student experiences and technology within our limited financial resources. These are the key challenges, which I believe I have relevant experience to help.

In addition to financial restrictions, I believe we need to consider scientific research on best education practices for a developing child. We may not always be able to incorporate those practices at our schools, but we must include that data in our decision-making process.

My priorities are for continued successful student outcomes. We will try to improve on a 95 percent graduation rate and encourage more than 92 percent of graduating seniors to seek higher education.

CITIZEN'S VIEW

Liz Hartman



One of the secrets of the success of the Lake Oswego School District is our community. We are an educated community. We value education. We historically have voted for a local option to provide extra school budget money beyond the state of Oregon allocation and both parents and community members have donated to the Lake Oswego Schools Foundation.

We have a parent community who volunteer in the classroom beginning in kindergarten so that students begin their education with a well-managed classroom. Parents volunteer throughout their child's years to help coaches, teachers and directors enrich student lives with extra-curricular activities.

We are a district that uses resources for students transferring in to bring those students up to speed when they come from a district that has not had the same preparation. We have parents who fill in the gaps with programs like art literacy and pay-

ments to parent club auctions and fundraisers for playground equipment, computers and classroom enhancements.

In my 12 years as a parent and volunteer for Lake Oswego schools, I have donated money and time. I have served as a parent club president twice (currently at Lak-eridge Pacer Parent Club), chaired two auctions, helped with numerous school fundraisers, and worked on and contributed to the foundation. I am serving as the captain of this year's Foundation Phonathon and school efforts to raise a minimum of \$1.5 million for teachers (Iosfoundation.org).

In addition to my work with schools, I am active in our community. I have served as chair of the Glenmorrie Neighborhood Association and attended nearly all the neighborhood chair meetings over the past four years. I am currently serving on the Comprehensive Plan citizen's advisory committee — planning for the next 25 years of Lake Oswego. I look forward to incorporating the knowledge I've gained to help make decisions for Lake Oswego schools that impact students today and plan for tomorrow's students.

Liz Hartman, Lake Oswego, is an unopposed candidate for Lake Oswego School Board Position 4 in the upcoming May 21 special election.

April is National Volunteer Month, so consider volunteering

As Wells Fargo's regional president for Oregon and Southwest Washington, whenever people see news like Wells Fargo contributing \$315.8 million to communities nationwide in 2012, they ask: What does that mean for this region and for me personally? My answer: A lot.

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Don Pearson

Some of my favorite places to volunteer in Oregon include Habitat for Humanity affiliates, which build affordable homes for low-income families; New Avenues for Youth in downtown Portland, which serves homeless youths; the Oregon Food Bank; and the Salvation Army's White Shield in Portland, a home and school for unwed teenage girls who are either pregnant or have already given birth.

Why do I volunteer so much? Volunteering helps local nonprofits extend their resources. The money Habitat for Humanity receives from Wells Fargo is great, but all that lumber and other supplies won't become homes unless volunteers pick up a hammer and build with them.

New Avenues for Youth is a similar situation. Sure, our contributions of money buy food but it only becomes meals for homeless youth when it's cooked by volunteers.

Whether your company is large or small, whether you're an individual or part of a large family, volunteering also builds teamwork and creates an environment for making new and often lasting friendships.

Volunteering certainly fills a place in my life and heart. When we volunteer at White Shield, we cook and serve a meal to teen-



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on what they like best about staying there. Among their favorites? Wells Fargo.

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age mothers who have no parents or family to care for them.

We ask the girls in advance to choose the menu, which has included ribs, hamburgers, pizza and apple pie. If the meal is near a holiday, we also bring related gifts. We've also brought along our pets for companionship, and built and donated picnic tables and pingpong tables.

But here's what affects me the most: Once a year, the girls at White Shield vote

and looking in the HandsOn Network section to find the HandsOn volunteer chapter near you.

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April is National Volunteer Month.

Don Pearson, Portland, is Wells Fargo's regional president for Oregon and Southwest Washington.

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The deadline for all three categories is 3 p.m. every Monday although residents are encouraged to send pieces in earlier.

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ties planned for the Lake Oswego-Tigard water plant are state of the art. A high rate clarification process will remove sediment and algae. Next, ozone treatment will remove undesirable taste- and odor-causing compounds, pathogens, algal toxins, disinfection by-products, pharmaceuticals and personal care products. And finally, filtration will remove the remaining particles and impurities.

Wouldn't these safe drinking water parameters also make the virtually unlimited water from the Willamette River (and wells along the river) drinkable year-round? If so, this would allow us to locate the water treatment plant within the city limits of Lake Oswego and save the \$9 million tunneling cost of another river crossing from the Clackamas River source, plus more funds for piping water through West Linn, and the \$5 million fee for inconveniencing West Linn residents.

Presently, Lake Oswego needs additional water from the new river crossing only to satisfy peak demand for a few summer days. In contrast, Tigard plans to replace its principal water source with this alternate water source. Lake Oswego justifies the huge costs and skyrocketing water rates of the partnership with Tigard by postulating a huge growth in water demand in the future. This projection requires a belief that the population of Lake Oswego will experience a large, continuing increase, which is predicated on a much denser population in a much faster-growing metropolitan area. Have we been suckered into a very costly, one-sided agreement?

William Barbat
Lake Oswego

Column's key points missed the mark

In (his column in) the March 21 edition, Mikel Kelly, the Pamplin Media Group associate editor, excoriated his auto insurance company for increasing his insurance premium after an accident (that) he admitted was his fault. In his comments he referred to the insurance companies to be as "expensive, as worthless and as cowardly as banks," etc.

Two principles come to mind: 1) that they apparently paid the claim, saving him about \$4,000 and 2) he didn't mention whether or not he shopped for a better rate at other insurers (there are more than 300 auto insurers licensed in Oregon).

As part of making his case about evil big businesses, Mr. Kelly also made the statement that oil companies "always report profits of something like 9,000 percent. Every year." 9,000 percent of what? Sales? In 2012, Exxon made approximately 9.5 percent on sales. Chevron was at about 4.5 percent. A company among the highest returns was Apple at roughly 27.5 percent! Maybe 9,000 percent of their net worth? I could find thousands of venture capitalists to invest in such a business in no time.

He then goes on to say that if the principles of government support of such industries were applied to his business (i.e., the newspaper), "then, like the insurance industry, we'd have a guaran-

teed income stream ..." Not quite the same because if I don't take a newspaper it won't affect anyone else's well-being. Unlike damaging their car or their person.

Mr. Kelly, you substantially ruined your case by revealing your ignorance of basic economics. I suggest you take a couple of courses in the discipline.

Bill Eaton
Lake Oswego

Re-elect Wendland to the school board

As a fellow LOJ and LOHS alumnus and a fellow parent of children who have successfully progressed through our superb Lake Oswego schools, I strongly endorse John Wendland's re-election to the Lake Oswego School Board.

I have known John for almost 40 years, and for all of these years I have found John to be a man of integrity, thoughtfulness, consensus-building, creativity and business acumen. Regardless of the situation, John is one to put community and family first.

Over these past four years I have been impressed that John, as a school board member and chair, has been a strong advocate for our community, schools and students in these times of unprecedented challenges. John has been a leader in making some very tough decisions. And as unpopular and unsettling as some of these decisions have been, I believe that his leadership in this discernment make him irreplaceable in leading us through these next four years as we select and orient a new superintendent, continue to deal with our funding challenges and continue to make Lake Oswego a desirable community to raise and educate our children.

Please join me in electing John Wendland to another term on our school board.

Troy Schmit
Lake Oswego

Support Sarah Howell for school board

I am a lifelong resident who strongly endorses Sarah Howell's candidacy for Position 2 on the Lake Oswego School Board because she has the proven capabilities and experience to guide our school district through the next four challenging years.

Sarah is a foundation board member now serving in her third year. She has regularly attended and participated in school board meetings for the last five years. I am impressed by her foresight, analysis, command of issues and excellent working relationships. She is an outstanding representative of this generation's informed parents who deserve the opportunity to manage the assets and shape the educational future of their students, just as previous generations have done.

Sarah uniquely bridges our school district and community, having been recognized as a Lake Oswego 2013 Unsung Hero.

Because we share that honor, I know that the thousands of volunteer hours required are testimony to her work ethic. She will apply the same

effort to stretching dollars and strengthening schools.

She welcomes your questions, concerns and ideas at SarahForLOSD.com. Please join me in voting for Sarah Howell.

Audrey Mattison
Lake Oswego

Keep our schools exceptional — elect John Wendland

Exceptional leaders build exceptional school districts. With two sons who have spent seven years in Lake Oswego schools and currently attend Stanford, we know that our circumstances might have been quite different without a fearless leadership, a gifted staff and a wonderful community.

It is our privilege to support John Wendland for the school board. In times of great uncertainty and financial hardship, John has shown outstanding leadership. He is unafraid to take hard decisions that are not always popular, but are always right for our schools and ultimately for students and their families.

Above all, John is a champion of our gifted and exceptional staff, always looking to find the best solutions for them within endless constraints. With all the changes planned for the next few years, continuity in the leadership of the school district is imperative. We need John's vision, dedication and unsurpassed loyalty to preserve the culture so special to Lake Oswego and to maintain an exceptional environment for our children.

We urge the community to re-elect John Wendland to the school board.

Mitu and Varun Bhargava
Lake Oswego

Wendland brings a good mix to the school board

The Lake Oswego School District needs John Wendland. John brings leadership, dedication and experience to the Lake Oswego School Board.

As current chair of the school board, John was able to reconfigure facilities while maintaining, and even adding to, school programming.

There are still many challenges ahead for our school district including the selection of a new superintendent. We need John's experience and solid leadership going forward to tackle these issues.

His passion, ability to listen and high expectations are key attributes that make him an essential member of the board.

Please vote for John Wendland, Lake Oswego School Board Position three.

Martin and Jamie Dana
Lake Oswego

Delaney is the right school board choice

I am a Lake Oswego parent of four children in grades one through three and I support Karen Delaney for Lake Oswego School District School Board Position 3. Karen brings the important perspective of the entire education spectrum having children in elementary school through high school. This is a crucial viewpoint that the current board members are obviously lacking. Karen understands that the issues of concern in our district need to be addressed by reviewing more than just one avenue. The importance of having an advocate for all levels of education is critical. Preserving the low teacher-student ratio and parity of course offerings at the high schools are intricate situations that call for someone with Karen's thorough understanding of the fiscal as well as logistical components.

The frustration caused over school closures and consolidation decisions should speak loudly enough for the need for someone with Karen's experience and commitment. Please join me in voting for Karen Delaney for LO School Board Position 3.

Michele Arluna
Lake Oswego

Wendland gets our vote for school board

We enthusiastically endorse John Wendland for re-election to the Lake Oswego School Board. John is our good friend of many years, who is a man of outstanding character. John's integrity, passion for our community and strong work ethic will continue to provide Lake Oswego schools with vital board leadership.

Our belief is this election is not about a single issue. Rather, school issues are remarkably complex and multifaceted with widely ranging opinions regarding process and solutions.

With his broad perspective of business skills, community service and school board experience, John's knowledge is critical as the schools undertake a superintendent succession process, along with strategically working through continued school funding issues. Because he deeply cares, diligently studies and deliberately works through sensitive topics with the full range of stakeholders, John provides seasoned leadership during these critical years.

We encourage support for John Wendland for Lake Oswego schools.

Diane and Alan Shiffer
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Pictured: Mary Puskas – Lake Oswego Schools Foundation Director, Chamber President Mark Birge – AKT LLP, Debbie Freepons Craig, Chuck O’Leary



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Pictured: Chuck O’Leary, Peter Journey and Dr. Bill Korach – Lake Oswego School Superintendent



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Pictured: James Ewing – Moonstruck Chocolate and Chamber President Mark Birge – AKT LLP



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Pictured: Jim Franceus – Summit Financial Advisors and Chamber President Mark Birge – AKT LLP



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Pictured: Jude Graham – Executive Director Oswego Heritage House, Stephen Dow Beckham – Professor Emeritus of History Lewis & Clark College, Chuck O’Leary



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Pictured: Andrew Edwards – Lakewood Center for the Arts Executive Director, Kay Vega - Lakewood Center for the Arts Executive Producer, Chuck O’Leary



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Pictured: Chuck O’Leary, Ruth Caldwell, Donald Caldwell of Delap, Nancy Nye – Lake Oswego Arts Council



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Lake Oswego Arbor Week set to kick off on Sunday

The Arbor Week kickoff festival in Lake Oswego will be held on Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. at Millennium Plaza Park.

There will be live music, a tree climbing demonstration, cake, prize wheel and booths hosted by local volunteers and community organizations to help promote urban forestry education and outreach.

Additionally, prior to the kickoff, a Heritage Tree bike ride will depart from the lower level of Millennium Plaza Park at 11:30 a.m. The ride covers 13 miles over some hilly terrain. To register, contact Laura Weigel by emailing lweigel@ci.oswego.or.us or calling 503-675-3730.

Other events planned during the week include:

- Right Tree in the Right Place workshop, Monday, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at

the West End Building

- A Heritage Tree dedication ceremony, Tuesday, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., at 208 Surham St.

- A Benefits of Tree Walk, Wednesday, noon, Lake Oswego City Hall

- A Tree City USA celebration and a Heritage Tree dedication, Thursday, noon, Jean Road Fire Station

- Tree planting event in Springbrook Park, Friday, 3 to 4 p.m. at Springbrook Park

- Penny's Puppet Productions, April 13, at 11 a.m., presents "Three Cheers for Trees," a sing-along show at the Lake Oswego Public Library

For a full slate of events, visit ci.oswego.or.us/planning/arbor-week-events or contact Andrea Christenson at 503-675-3990.

The city is offering a series of ur-

ban and community forestry workshops for the seventh consecutive year. All workshops are free and open to the public with preregistration and are held at the WEB. Topics include tree selection and planting, Monday; tree biology and structure, Thursday; landscapes to lower your energy bill, June 8; tree protection and removal permits, July 18; and invasive plants and trees, Aug. 10.

The city of Lake Oswego and Frog Pond Toys are sponsoring an Arbor Day art contest for kids in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. Official entries can be obtained at Frog Pond Toys (310 N. State St.), Lake Oswego City Hall (380 A Ave.), West End Building (4101 Kruse Way), or online at the Arbor Week site. Entries are due April 26 and the city council will award prizes on May 7.

'No question which of us is the Tory here'

Say goodbye to that false sense of equanimity, it's time once again for "Liberal Facts vs. Conservative Fallacies" here on the citizen's view. (Seriously? Again?)

Last week Noel Wolfe introduced us to perplexing sentences and today's topic: "Gun control — the hysterics of the Progressive political talking points."

Here is, in summary, Noel's letter addressing the matter of gun control: "Burl Ross ... writes in his typical cryptic style ... denigrating citizen (Mike) Hall for expressing his opinion ... never offers facts ... only wishes to fact-check other's opinions with his 'pesky progressive' slant. In bygone years, Burl would have been known as a Tory."

Firstly, kudos to Noel for acknowledging that gun control is all about me. Secondly, yes, I admit to a "cryptic" writing style, though I prefer "Faulknerian." Thirdly, I appreciate the fact that Noel doesn't believe in denigrating others for expressing their opinions, especially others like me who, in Noel's denigrating opinion, never offer facts. Fourthly, Tory? Noel, you do know that the Tories were the conservatives, right? They fought the liberal Whig patriots and used old-timey phrases like "in bygone years." There's no question which of us is the Tory here.

But enough name-calling, Benedict, let's get to our real purpose — fact-checking Noel's opinions with a pesky progressive slant.

1) "Current gun control mania (is) a Democrat Party platform agenda item." False — There is no "Democrat Party" in America. There's one in Thailand, however.

2) "The Obama presidency (is) the far left in American politics today." False — I'm the far left in American politics today. Obama is only just now glancing across the center in my direction.

3) "The Congressional Progressive Caucus (is) an admittedly socialist fac-

tion ..." Oh for God's sake — False. Stop parroting idiocies from Allen West.

Sorry, I can slog no further through Noel's first paragraph. Let's skip ahead to where he goes completely off the rails: "Wouldn't it be interesting to discover that the criminally insane that committed recent heinous acts of violence were liberals, nay Democrats, or even worked as staff members for

CITIZEN'S VIEW

Burl Ross

(Obama's) re-election campaign? Please, say it isn't so."

Um, OK, Noel — it isn't so. Gabby Gifford was not the criminally

insane shooter of herself. Newtown alleged killer Adam Lanza was not an Obama campaign staffer. Any other "interesting" delusions we can disabuse you of? Nay?

Interestingly, Noel's question was answered in the editor's note following the letter preceding his, explaining that the League of Women Voters of Clackamas County opted not to sign their gun-safety letter as individual board members "because of concerns ... about writers of gun-safety pieces sometimes encountering issues as a result." Are these feared "issues" coming from liberals? Hint: Nay.

So, should I post this letter anonymously? Maybe so, especially considering this sole reason Noel offers for his passionate defense of unregulated gun rights: All "in-country Vietnam combat veterans" like himself, he says, belong to a Constitutional "well-regulated militia," whether they "wish to accept this most noble moniker or not," and "should the need arise" are prepared to nobly overthrow the government of these United States. "Just as assuredly as that loosely associated group of rural farmers stood on a green in Colonial America and defied ... the most powerful military of its day," Noel vows, "so too will we."

No mention of guns for skeet shooting.

Again, who's the Tory?

Burl Ross is a resident of Lake Oswego.

CITYNOTES

SURVEY — The city's 2013 Community Attitudes Survey is under way. The survey, last conducted in 2010, aims to gauge public sentiment on the city, the services it provides and current issues. Input will be solicited via phone calls to citizens' landlines and cellphones. Survey results are expected in May.

PLANNING — The commission is scheduled to meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at city hall, 380 A Ave. The agenda includes findings related to resource conservation and protection designations on a Riverside Drive property and adjacent right of way, a public discussion of the proposed capital improvement plan for 2013-14 to 2017-18 and work sessions on city code streamlining and land-use policies and goals in the draft update of the comprehensive plan.

COUNCIL — The city council is tentatively scheduled to hold a joint meeting with the Lake Oswego School Board next week. The meeting is set to begin at 7 p.m. at city hall, 380 A Ave.

IT — The city said goodbye to a longtime employee last week. Chris Davey, a "key player" in the information technology department, decided to leave her post, according to the city, where she worked for more than 26 years.

CLEMATIS — The Friends of the Rogerson Clematis Collection received a \$300 grant from Hardy Plant Society to pay for trellis work in the orchard garden, located at the city's Luscher Farm.

SKATE PARK — The public, supervised skate park, available for skateboarders and in-line

skaters, is now open for the 2013 season, according to the city. Hours are 3 to 7 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and noon to 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The skate park is located at the corner of Willow Court and Pilkington Road.

WATER PARTNERSHIP — An appeal of permits granted to Lake Oswego for an expansion of its water treatment plant in West Linn is moving ahead. According to the city of Lake Oswego, a 12,000-page record of the land-use decision being printed will fill 12 binders. The decision is headed to Oregon's Land Use Board of Appeals.

TRANSPORTATION — City staff members are working with the transportation advisory board and other agencies on updating Lake Oswego's transportation system plan. Deficiencies in the network highlighted so far include traffic congestion on State Street, or Highway 43, along with Bryant Road between Boones Ferry Road and Lakeview Boulevard.

A committee including city staff and representatives of TriMet, the Oregon Department of Transportation, Metro and the state Department of Land Conservation and Development will decide whether specific projects will be included in the updated transportation plan to address anticipated problems, according to the city. An open house on the effort is tentatively planned for June. The city council is on track to adopt the new plan in about one year.

VOLUNTEER BOARD OPENINGS — Positions are open on multiple city advisory boards. Citizens interested in serving on the Lake Oswego Planning Commission have until April 15 to apply. April 30 is the deadline to apply for a seat on the city Historic Resources Advisory Board or the Natural Resources Advisory Board.

Information about the boards and applications are available online at www.ci.oswego.or.us/boc/boards-commissions-vacancies.

AutoTalk





by Vic and Mike Keeler

POWER STEERING LEAKS

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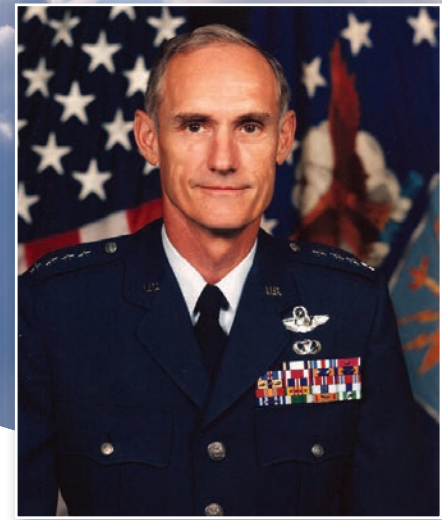
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EGG-ZACTLY perfect day



Children, ages 6 to 7 years old, were off on a mad dash looking for treasure eggs during the Hop at the Hunt Saturday. SUBMITTED PHOTO: JUJUBEAN PHOTOGRAPHY

More than 2,000 people of all ages came out Saturday to the Hop at the Hunt in Lake Oswego to search for 11,000 treasure eggs, ride a pony or just enjoy the beautiful venue on a sunny day.

"Katy Purdy and I attribute the growing success of this family-friendly event to broad collaboration between city, business and nonprofit leaders," said Pastor Keith Dickerson, Hope Community Church, one of the event's sponsors.



Katie Purdy shows off Otis the pony with his bunny ears to several area youngsters at the Hunt. SUBMITTED PHOTO: SEAN MINOGUE



Mary is supporting her master, Jesse Stommel, and his Marylhurst University students by promoting their new spine poetry website. Stommel wrote the pictured spine poem. SUBMITTED PHOTOS: JESSE STOMMEL

Give spine poetry a CHANCE

Library events offers traditional readers a first taste of electronic literature

By CLIFF NEWELL
The Review

Until recently, a pile of books was just a pile of books.

But now they are poetry. Spine poetry. Kathi Inman Berens and her colleagues from Marylhurst University introduced this new concept with a special event at the Lake Oswego Public Library March 28. It was deceptively simple. They set up a table in the middle of the library and piled books on it. Then they invited browsers to stack the books in any combination and write a poem based on the titles.

"You can use two books, three books, four books or 12 books," said Inman Berens, a resident of Lake Oswego and University of Southern California professor who teamed up with a Marylhurst teacher and students for the project.

Frankly, this might sound crazy at first. By writing spine poetry a reader is intro-

duced to not just reading but creating while they read, something that is demanded by electronic literature. They will never look at books the same way again.

At first, a traditional book lover must overcome the temptation to turn tail and run. However, confusion is normal when first confronted with spine poetry. But Inman Berens is irresistible, and thorough, in explaining it, and teacher Jesse Stommel and his Marylhurst students have such enthusiasm for their project that soon you find yourself catching the fever. They realize they must first convince a newcomer to try it.

Stommel, who had taught such traditional subjects as Shakespeare and famous monsters previously in his career, approached his digital literature class with the bravado of a swimmer plunging into a freezing lake.

"We had no plans," said Stommel. "We had no syllabus. We discovered

"We had no plans. We had no syllabus. We discovered everything together. There was no hierarchy between students and faculty."

— Jesse Stommel, Marylhurst professor

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Kenya Keys needs assistance to build rescue center in Kenya

Attend an informational session April 11 to learn about GlobalGiving fundraising

Kenya Keys, founded by Lake Oswego residents Brent and Rinda Hayes, is partnering with GlobalGiving, a fundraising website for non-profit organizations, to raise money to build a rescue center for girls in rural Kenya.

The organization has 30 days to raise \$5,000 from at least 40 donors to meet GlobalGiving's requirement. To inform the community about the project, Kenya Keys is holding an informational session April 11 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Oswego Heritage House, 398 Tenth St.

"Kenya Keys serves some of the most at-risk girls in the world," said Megan Wilcken, development director for Kenya Keys. "These girls start life full of hope, vivacity and big dreams. But life in rural Kenya is unbelievably hard — it does little to support the dreams of young girls."

"On a good day, these girls must handle heavy domestic workloads, gender bias within their families and communities, malnutrition or even starvation, disease (such as

malaria, HIV/AIDS, walking long distances to school and studying by the light of small, homemade kerosene lanterns."

Wilcken said the girls face greater risks, including sexual violence, being kidnapped and sold into the sex trade, having to prostitute themselves to pay school fees or help support their families, becoming pregnant, sold as child brides or being attacked by animals or men on their way to school.

Kenya Keys hopes to build the Usalama (Swahili for safety) Center, which would provide the girls with a shelter, mentoring in assertiveness, life skills and study habits; family counseling to help parents find alternative methods of support other than selling daughters for a bride price; a study hall with light, resource books and tutors; classes to help girls who become pregnant stay in school and business training to help girls become self-sufficient.

Kenya Keys is using the GlobalGiving fundraising website to reach the goal of



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Lake Oswego resident Rinda Hayes is a founder of Kenya Keys, a non-profit organization that serves some of the most at-risk girls in the world. The organization plans to build Usalama Center, which will be a rescue center for young girls. Kenya Keys needs assistance to build a rescue center in Kenya.

raising \$18,000 for the construction of the Usalama Center.

At the presentation April 11, Rinda Hayes will share pictures and video from Kenya along with unique insights about helping girls in the developing world, based

on her years of experience doing humanitarian work in Kenya.

All are invited to attend the session. For more information or to donate, visit kenyakeys.org and click on the Usalama Center link on the homepage.

Lake Corp. to consider tighter rules for paddlers

As the number of folks using kayaks, canoes and paddle boards on Oswego Lake has grown in recent years, the Lake Corporation has reviewed tightening rules aiming to keep them safe.

According to the Lake Corp.'s March newsletter, the board of directors will soon consider new rules requiring nonpowered watercraft to stay inside of the buoys set up to protect swimmers in the past.

Sailboats would be exempt from the new rules, and scull rowing craft would be allowed outside of the marked lines for an hour and a half after sunrise, so long as they flash LED warning strobes like the type bicyclists carry and stay close to the confined area.

If the new rules are approved, the only time most kay-

aks and canoes would be able to go outside of the buoys would be with a powerboat serving as an escort.

The Lake Corporation has long overseen water quality and safety on the lake on behalf of its shareholders, or lakefront homeowners, who pay hefty dues to keep the water clear of invasive species and algae blooms. Only residents who live on the lake or belong to easements, essentially private docks and beaches, have access to the water. City residents are also able to use a seasonal public swim park, and some have access to another swim park operated by the school district.

The corporation's directing board will consider the new safety rules at a meeting in May, according to its newsletter.

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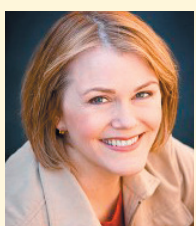


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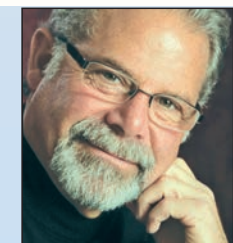
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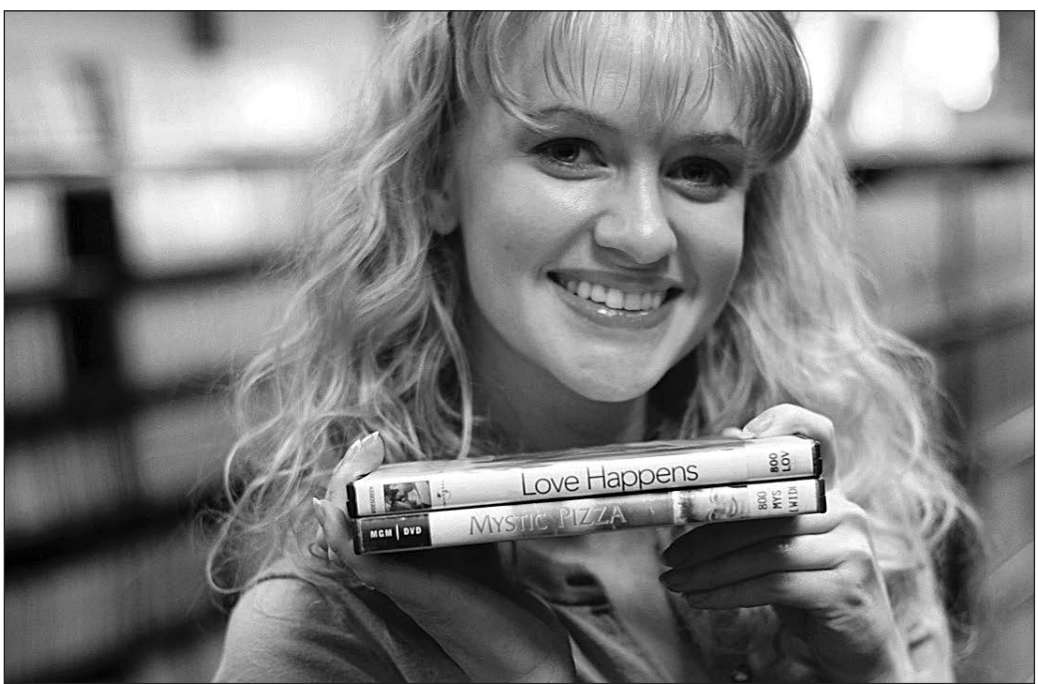
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SUBMITTED PHOTOS: JESSE STOMMEL
 Jessica Zisa shows how DVDs can be used to write spine poems. Zisa can even write spine poems from wine labels while shopping.

Spine: Exhibit opened Wednesday

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everything together. There was no hierarchy between students and faculty. Now we want to present bits and pieces and make it accessible to everyone else.”

Going along with Stommel on this journey were Marylhurst students Ken Schultz, Jessica Zisa and Lans Pacifico.

“The fun part when we started was that no one had any idea what electronic literature was,” Schultz said. “The format was awesome.”

“Electronic literature is booming right now,” said Zisa, who served as public relations coordinator for the project. “It was hard to find one definition for what it is.”

“We feel like we’re an icebreaker ship for a new idea,” said Pacifico, who reached out to high school students, one of multiple community segments the group tried to reach.

“Once people see what we’re doing they understand,” Stommel said. “At first they’re overwhelmed and stunned. They understand by doing this experiment with us.”

Their goal was to preserve the history of traditional reading but push forward into a new direction at the same time. A spine poetry project seemed like a great way to start. The response to their new website, spinepoetry.com, has shown that hundreds of people are ready to take the spine poetry challenge.

Inman Berens said readers who try spine poetry will never look at a book cover the same way again.

“Once you’ve pulled a book off a shelf and bought it, the purpose of the cover is over,” Inman Berens said. “With electronic literature, the container of a book can also tell a story.”

Inman Berens uses the example of F. Scott Fitzgerald’s classic novel, “The Great Gatsby,” to illustrate the power of electronic literature. Berens said that “Gatsby” is traditional literature in the best sense, and Fitzgerald meant it to be read from start to finish. Otherwise, it would be impossible to find out what was going on in the romantic mind of Jay Gatsby. But electronic literature turns that concept inside out.

“In electronic literature you have touch, hearing and mobility,” Inman Berens said. “Your attention is dispersed all around.”

Of course many children, who have no barriers from traditional learning to overcome, dig electronic literature right from the start. They still love to have mom read a storybook to them, but later they use electronic devices and not only read stories but also add their own creativity. That is what Inman Berens’ daughter and son have done: reading, then making parodies and basic animation. Helena Berens, 12, was inspired to write her own horror story, using her little brother and his friend as the main characters (a case of literary typecasting).

Fine spine poetry

- DEAR ZOE**
 My Lover’s Lover
 You Had Me At Goodbye
 The End of the Story
 I Just Want My Pants Back
 — Kiira Taylor
- ROMEO AND JULIET**
 Wedlocked
 Ceremony
 Illuminations
 — Jessica Rand
- THE TEMPEST**
 Maps
 Venetian Navigators
 Voyages and Discoveries
 Coasting
 The Levelling Sea
 — J.R. Alexander

Now their mom is planning to introduce location-based literature with a presentation of “Hansel and Gretel” at Tryon Creek State Natural Area by placing recordings in various trees of herself reading the fairy tale. Those attending should be wary if a witch invites them in for gingerbread.

Inman Berens offers excellent advice to people baffled by making the jump from traditional reading to electronic literature.

“You can’t go wrong by clicking and trying,” she said. “You get a sense of play and seeing what is happening.”

In fact, once people start writing spine poems there is the danger they will like it too much.

“It’s hard not to become super philosophical and just expand and expand,” Schultz said.


Zisa found that her spine poetry class was starting to extend outside the classroom.

“I went to shop for some wine and I started writing poetry from the various wine labels,” Zisa said. “Everything I saw went together.”

Inman Berens hopes to inspire a national outbreak of spine poetry and open the door for appreciation of a new kind of reading with her Electronic Literature Showcase that began on Wednesday at the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. It will be the first presentation on electronic literature ever staged at the library, which holds 35 million volumes. It will also be different because it will not be under glass, and the public will be encouraged to handle the books on display. She is delighted and super optimistic about this event set through Friday.

“We think the Library of Congress show will raise awareness,” Berens said.

For more information about spine poetry, visit spinepoetry.com. For more information about the Electronic Literature Showcase at the Library of Congress, go to kathiiberens.com.



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Crave's federal legal fight is real 'Cupcake Wars'

By KEVIN HARDEN
Pamplin Media Group

Sometimes cupcakes are sweet and tasty treats. Sometimes they're stuck in the messy middle of a trademark infringement fight.

Lake Oswego's Crave Bake Shop, a winner on the Food Network's "Cupcake Wars," has found itself in a legal tussle with a San Francisco bakery of the same name over which company has the rights to use "Crave" to sell gluten-free baked goods in the Northwest.

The Lake Oswego shop is suing San Francisco's Crave LLC in federal court to block what the local bakery says is a threatened lawsuit on trademark confusion. At the heart of the lawsuit is the question of who really owns the trademark on "Crave" when it applies to gluten-free baked goods, and whether the Lake Oswego bakery actually infringed on the San Francisco company's trademark.

The Lake Oswego bakery's attorney, Elizabeth Tedesco Milesnick of Miller Nash, is asking a federal judge to declare that the Oregon Crave bakery's trademark does not infringe on the San Francisco shop's rights to use the name. She also wants the court to block any future legal action by the San Francisco bakery against the tiny Lake Oswego

shop, which plans to stop using the name "Crave" sometime in the next several months.

"Crave LLC's repeated threats have created a reasonable apprehension of litigation and have brought into question the (Lake Oswego) bake shop's right to phase out use of its Crave Bake Shop mark on its own timeline and without liability for past damages to Crave LLC," wrote Milesnick in her eight-page complaint filed March 7.

Neither the San Francisco bakery owner nor the owner of the Lake Oswego bakery would comment on the lawsuit. No court date has been set to hear the lawsuit.

Phasing out the name

Since 2009, Crave Bake Shop founder Kyra Bussanich has been baking gluten-free goodies and selling them from the small storefront on Lake Oswego's Fifth Street.

Bussanich started the bakery after she was diagnosed at age 20 with an autoimmune disorder that meant she could no longer eat some processed foods. The small Lake Oswego shop earned much of its fame when it appeared on the Food Network's "Cupcake Wars" program in 2010, 2011 and 2012, winning the cooking competition in December 2011 and May 2012. Bussanich's shop also was the runner-up in the



Kyra Bussanich has been baking cupcakes and other gluten-free goodies in her Fifth Street bakery since 2009. REVIEW FILE PHOTO

June 2012 "Cupcake Champions" competition.

Bussanich's shop sells gluten-free cupcakes and baked goods with names like Velvet Elvis, Pumpkin Carmel Sin, Hawaii 5-0, Spicy Peach Bellini, Giada's Lemon Basil and Ice Storm.

In March 2011, Lake Oswego's Crave Bake Shop filed the paperwork to trademark its name with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The trademark was granted in October 2012, months after trademark officials sent a letter to the Lake Oswego shop saying its name and shop sign were not similar to other registered bakeries.

(A search of the Patent and Trademark Office listings for "Crave" turned up dozens of businesses using some variation of the name, including restaurants, food service companies and even a computer software firm's smart-

phone app.)

The legal fireworks began between the Lake Oswego Crave and Crave LLC in San Francisco shortly after the trademark was filed with federal officials. Attorneys representing Cameo Edwards, who started the San Francisco bakery in January 2003 to sell gluten-free baked goods, sent a letter to the Bussanich in May 2011 demanding that she change the name of her shop to avoid possible confusion.

In the past year, Edwards reached deals with distributors to expand her bakery's sales into Oregon and other parts of the Northwest. When Bussanich asserted her right

to use the name in Lake Oswego, the San Francisco bakery threatened legal action. At one point, the San Francisco company demanded that the Lake Oswego bakery pay it for the privilege of using the "Crave" name.

Bussanich's attorney wrote in the lawsuit that all the legal problems could be resolved in the next few months because of "changes in (Lake Oswego Crave's) business, it would be phasing out its use of the Crave Bake Shop mark."

Protecting the brand

At the same time the legal correspondence was flying back and forth between the two bakeries, Edwards' small company was in the middle of a similar federal lawsuit against two California food companies and Whole Foods Market Inc. in Austin, Texas. In mid-April 2012, attorneys representing Edwards sued Crave Foods LLC of Los Angeles, Tony's Fine Foods of Sacramento, H.E. Butt Grocery of San Antonio and Whole Foods for trademark infringement.

Edwards claimed the companies had used information

they gleaned from her company to break into the gluten-free bakery business on the West Coast. The lawsuit was eventually dismissed in October 2012 when Edwards reached a settlement agreement with the companies.

In a Feb. 28 blog post, Edwards wrote that she had to stop production at her bakery for nearly a year to focus on the legal battle in Texas.

"We have been building the Crave brand since 2003 — the first gluten-free bakery in San Francisco," Edwards wrote on her blog. "While we were somewhat flattered that other people feel that 'Crave' was a great name for a gluten-free business, we knew it was extremely important to protect the name and reputation we built."

Edwards said she would continue to fight to protect her company's brand because "strangely enough, we've found other companies have started gluten-free businesses with the word 'Crave' in their name."

"As a result, we have had to turn our attention and resources to protecting our brand and will continue to do so."

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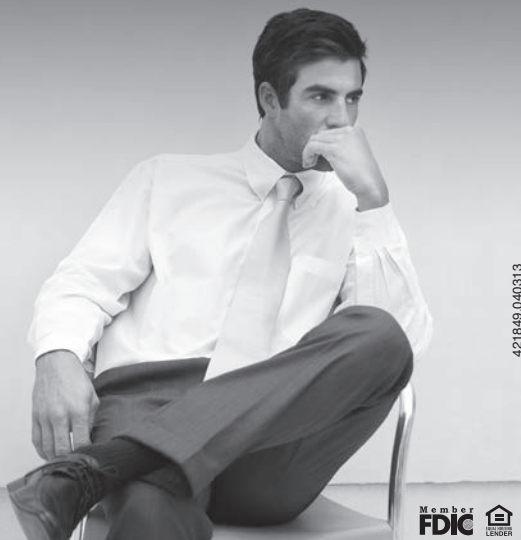
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By Eleanor Van Buren

If you're lost, you're found

After experiencing my fourth, and final, field studies at Riverdale High School, I've found it challenging to sum up what spending a week with your classmates and teachers outside of the classroom is like.

I embarked on new adventures with familiar friends; I felt uncomfortable but was later comforted; I learned new things that I will never forget; I laughed about things I will surely forget. As I begin to close my four years of high school, I realize that field studies reflect just what these years have meant to me.

Field studies at Riverdale are weeklong learning trips to locations around Oregon that have different focuses and themes. Each trip departs the week before spring break and involves a service learning aspect either before departure or during the week. Traditionally in their senior year, students sign up for a geological hiking trip in southeastern Oregon. This year, 20 seniors, myself included, traveled six hours by bus to Lake County's Summer Lake, more of a sprawling pond into a salt flat, no more than 15 feet at its deepest.

Situated at the bottom of a basin featuring mountains as walls we would later climb, the lake is a reminder of a much larger body of water that occupied the crater in the latest glacial melt. On the surrounding mountains, which went as far as the eye could see, were geological timelines — lines within the rock that captured where the water level was at one point in time.

On our first full day, we crossed a cattle ranch to hike up one of the nearby cliffs. We followed a natural ridge towards the top, a mix of climbing and crumbling as rock piles held one and then gave way to another. At 4,800 feet in elevation, we ate lunch overlooking the entire basin. It was the nicest day of the trip, with clear sunshine all around and the warm high desert air. Awaiting us after an afternoon of hiking, and the only incentive to leave such a beautiful view, were natural hot springs, which form at the edge of the lake. On the property where we were staying, a bathhouse, which circulates the spring water, became somewhat of a sanctuary, albeit a smelly one, from the dust and wind. It was sulphuric and lavish all at the same time.

Later that night, we bunked in tents out under the stars. We soon stopped romanticizing though, for Summer Lake showed us her infamous winds. Around three in the morning, we ran for the ranch house, dragging our sleeping pads and bags along to spend the remainder of the night inside. This experience was somewhat fortuitous though. Right when I stuck my head out from my tent during the wind fiasco, I saw the biggest, brightest shooting star that streaked gold and orange across the midnight sky, captivating the whole of my attention for three, still seconds. It amazes me how infinitely small the chances of me seeing the shooting star were, and I was sure to count it as lucky.

The next day, we took a bus to see two geological phenomena. First, we drove to Christmas Valley, the site of Crack in the Ground, an explorable fissure resembling its name. We scrambled, a mix of hiking and bouldering, through the cavernous walls, using each other for support during icy stretches. After lunch, we traveled to Fort Rock, appropriately named for its fortress-like appearance. Once again, we were blessed with good weather, which gave way to great attitudes as we approached the behemoth ahead of us. We hiked through its valley up to a peak on the left-side brim. Not much of a heights person, I would never have thought to climb to the highest point on Fort Rock, and I couldn't have done it without all the encouragement of those beside me.

The view was spectacular, an endless desert flat beneath us and the world at our feet. I couldn't help but feel like I was looking out beyond my future after Riverdale. Around me were those who helped me get there: teachers, study buddies, friends — a family. Like our unifying week at Summer Lake, we got to the top of every small boulder and tall peak together in high school: theory of knowledge discussions to rock identification quizzes, midterm exams to art project finals. As we posed for a group picture, I realized how grateful I am for my high school relationships.

Field studies allowed me to step back from the physicality of high school life: the building, doorways and lockers. Riverdale High School is not just a building or a name; it's knowing someone will pull you through icy stretches in a cavern and cheer for you as you brave new heights and challenges. By losing myself in "Oregon's outback," I found the family that's been with me through this amazing journey.

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Riverdale High School student Logan Rooper is teaching his own advanced science class.

REVIEW PHOTO: VERN UVETAKE

RIVERDALE TEEN TRANSFORMS PASSION INTO TEACHING GIG

Logan Rooper makes school history with project

By JILLIAN DALEY
The Review

Logan Rooper isn't just a Riverdale High School senior. Rooper is a Riverdale teacher. The 18-year-old isn't a student aide, nor is he covering light material. This trimester, the school began offering Rooper's advanced science class, the first student-created and student-led course at Riverdale. Called Exploratory Ventures, or XV, students implement laser-sharp technology to study the environment, kicking off the course by examining what plagues the sea:

"The oceans are a major piece to humanity's existence on earth, yet we only know very little about them."

— Logan Rooper, Riverdale High School senior

rising water levels, temperatures and toxicity levels. "The oceans are a major piece to humanity's existence on earth, yet we only know very little about them," Rooper said. "It's imperative that humans study the ocean, so why not start in high school?"

His class has two parts. His students hit the textbooks, absorbing information on physical oceanography, geology, marine biology and ecosystems, marine technology and an introduction to robotics and computer science. Students are applying what they're studying, but not with an ordinary lab. They're building modules that serve as tiny testing labs. On May 29, the students will troop over to Newport to put the modules into action. Attached to a 200-pound remote-operated vehicle, students will send them 120 feet down into the water.

Rooper said a friendly sea captain partially donated the use of his 45-foot deep-sea fishing boat. How long the ROV is submerged depends on how sick the students get while rocking on the boat, possibly two to four hours, Rooper said.

Riverdale senior Avi Berne said he hasn't chosen what his mini-lab will assess — it is week two of the class after all. So far, Berne, a friend of Rooper's, loves the class. "I think it's one of the greatest ideas to come to Riverdale," said Berne, 18.

XV sprung from the Near Space Venture project Rooper did for kicks last summer with his classmates, shooting a vehicle more than 70,000 feet into the sky and taking video of the view below.

In the wake of a successful launch, Rooper



Riverdale High School senior Logan Rooper offers individual instruction during his class from left Meg Scanlon, Patricia Torvalds and Hugh Halvorson.

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The spacecraft Near Space Venture used needed to be able to withstand temperatures as low as minus 60 degrees F, so it was tested it in a minus-110-degree freezer. Here, Logan Rooper places the spacecraft in the freezer.

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wanted to continue. A classmate's parent asked if he'd considered transforming the project into a class, he said. At first it seemed an overwhelming undertaking.

"I said no, there's no way I'm doing that," Rooper said. "But then I got sucked into it. It's been fantastic."

He decided he wanted to explore oceans this time and approached Riverdale Principal Paula Robinson with the idea. She approved and said Rooper has exhibited exemplary knowledge and character.

"He's demonstrated accuracy, motivation and

tenacity," Robinson said.

The only wrinkle has been funding. Rooper spent the first two trimesters planning curriculum, pushing through paperwork to allow the class and creating a funding plan. Riverdale had no spare cash for the class, but the community came through with \$4,800. This year's budget is \$4,298, according to course materials. Rooper said he will put any leftovers toward next year.

"I was very impressed with the level of interest and engagement in the community," he said.

Robinson said the school lacks the staffing to run XV, so another student will have to step up and take the reins to continue it. Rooper is optimistic that someone will.

"There are a lot of students in the class who are very, very talented," Rooper said.

He added that some of them helped him come up with ideas for his coursework. The class is full, and there's a waiting list, so the demand is there.

Rooper has applied to 11 colleges and said he is interested in computer science and environmental studies but doesn't yet know what his major will be. He's been accepted by schools including Duke University, landing a place in its engineering school.

A fan of the way things work since he was a child, he has gone from visits to Oregon Museum of Science and Industry to advanced science in a short period. Last year, he completed a research internship in cryptography and network security at Portland State University. The study of climate change is a passion of his that arose after seeing news stories and former Vice President Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth."

He's not sure where it will take him, but teaching his course has thrilled him.

"It's been fantastic," Rooper said. "People have been helping me along every step of the way."



Members of Near Space Venture included, from left: Anthony Micallef, Jeff Kohnstamm, Sevan Douzjian, Logan Rooper, Dillon Banker, David Demming, Drew Milligan, Toby Earley, Joshua Pelz, Noah McGraw, Chris Lull and Joseph Spector.

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COLLEGENOTES

Every few months, colleges and parents send the Review the names of hard-working students with roots in Lake Oswego who have made the dean's list at their school of choice.

Among the dean's list honorees, who earned a 3.5 grade point average or higher last fall are: Anuja Chandrana, Abigail Cramer, Courtney Goll, Austin Layton, Burke Livingston, Tarah Rodman and Brian Sheedy.

- Chandrana is a movement and sports sciences major at Purdue University.
- Cramer is an English major at Azusa Pacific University.
- Goll is a geology major at Wheaton College.
- Layton is a biology major at Azusa Pacific University.
- Livingston attends Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.
- Rodman is a psychology major at Azusa Pacific University.
- Sheedy attends Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Azusa Pacific University is an evangelical Christian university in Azusa, Calif.; Purdue University is a research university in Lafayette, Ind.; Rensselaer is a technological research university in Troy, New York; and Wheaton College is a liberal arts college in Wheaton, Ill.

If a college or parent does not send a press release or email with the name of a student who has made the list, the Review does not publish it.

For more information on College Notes, contact education reporter Jillian Daley at jdaley@lakeoswegoreview.com or 503-635-8811, Ext. 109.

Lakeridge student places at state snowboard championships

Teen takes third out of 84

By JILLIAN DALEY
The Review

A Lakeridge High School sophomore snagged a trophy during the Oregon Interscholastic Snowboard Association State Championships.

Graham Leib, 16, placed third out of 84 students in the Banked Slalom finals. Athletes race up, around or down berms - banked snow - to complete the curvy course. The contenders in the tournament last month were plucked from a pool of hundreds during tests throughout the season. "The two snowboarders who beat him were both seniors, which effectively makes him the fastest competing sophomore in the state," said his father, Paul Leib.

— Paul Leib, Graham Leib's father

The young man has been hitting the slopes since he was 5 years old. It's a family affair. His 11-year-old brother, Shaun Leib, slides over the snow on skies, and his mom and dad also snowboard.

"I followed in my father's footsteps," Graham Leib said. He said it feels amazing to be doing so well so early in his athletic career, competing against upperclassmen in the sport. He hopes to step into the top slot in the Banked Slalom Competition when he's a senior.

"In the years to come, I'll just keep getting better and better and better," he said. "It just really feels good." Pushing himself to improve, he spends most weekends on Mount Hood when it has a white top or there's a competition. He practices with his team on Thursdays at Mt. Hood Meadows ski resort from mid-December to mid-March.

Eating healthily is another way he fine-tunes his game. His mostly vegetarian parents serve a lot of salad and tofu at home, although he says he's more of an omnivore. Some of his game is mental, fighting through the weariness that dogs him during the season.

"I'm always tired," he said. To prepare for a race he gives the course a run-through while listening to hip-hop's Wu-Tang Clan or hits from late rapper Tupac Shakur. Graham Leib also visualizes his downward glide before he



SUBMITTED PHOTOS: HUDSON HENRY
Above, Graham Leib catches some air at Mt. Hood Meadows.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS: SCOTT MORRISON
Right, Leib and Paul Leib went back-country snowboarding in January in the Kootenay region of British Columbia with two guides.



faces off against the other snowboarders — and the clock. His best time was within less than a second of the first and second place winners during the state tournament, flying through the snowy obstacle course in 35.17 seconds.

"I just look forward to his junior and senior years," said David Young, head coach of the Lakeridge snowboard team. "I think he could move past his third place in state. I think he could win."

Young said in his 13 years coaching at Lakeridge he has only seen a few athletes show Leib's prowess as a sophomore. His humble nature and devotion to the sport also make him stand out.

"I don't see him in the lodge very much when everyone else is taking breaks and everything," Young said. "He's out there snowboarding." Graham Leib also is a member of the varsity baseball team and made Lakeridge's honor roll last semester. "We are very proud of him, to say the least," Paul Leib said.

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CARLY WOOD



Carly Wood is a seventh grader at Lakeridge Junior High. Carly plays soccer and enjoys a wide range of dances such as ballet, jazz, hip hop and tap. She enjoys all of her classes. Carly likes the teachers at her school and that she has more freedom than in elementary school. Her advice to other students is try to your best in everything you do and make sure what you are doing is something you want to do. She

has one older brother and one younger brother. She enjoys traveling and playing football with her family. Carly also likes to make up plays and dances.

CARTER LARRANCE



Carter Larrance is a sixth grader at Lakeridge Junior High. Carter plays basketball, and he plays pitcher and first base in baseball. He enjoys math and chess clubs. Carter's favorite classes are social studies and science. What he likes about his school, compared to elementary school, is having more freedom, more classes and his own locker. His advice to other students is to listen in class and stay on task. He

enjoys playing basketball with his little brother and with his friends.

MAJ WEHRMEISTER



Maj Wehrmeister is an eighth grader at Lakeridge Junior High. Maj is in cross country and track. Her favorite classes are language arts and science. What she likes about her school is that it is challenging and there are many opportunities. Her advice to other students is to work hard and do your best. She has a younger sister. With her parents, she likes playing soapbox derby, which

is racing gravity-powered cars. Maj enjoys hanging out with friends and writing and reading during her free time.



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SCHOOLNOTES

Lakeridge High holding benefit

Lakeridge High School students are hosting a garage sale this Saturday. The event benefits the school and Lake Oswego School District Foundation, a nonprofit group that supports teachers. The school is seeking community members willing to donate saleable items in good condition for the event, such as clothes, end tables and other light furniture, sporting equipment, household items and children's toys. Donations will be accepted from noon to 6 p.m. on Friday at Lakeridge, 1235 Overlook Drive. The garage sale will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the school gym. Items will not be delivered but must be picked up onsite. Anything that is not sold will be donated to Goodwill or the Salvation Army. To schedule a pickup, email Lakeridge-Classof2014@gmail.com with your address and a time when we can pick up your donation.

St. Mary's to laud local women

St. Mary's Academy will honor three accomplished alumnae at the 11th annual St. Mary's Academy Awards on Saturday — two with local connections. The ceremony recognizes Patricia Haslach, class of 1974, for Career Achievement; and Rita Vistica, class of 1951, for Excellence in Education. The St. Mary's Academy Awards will be in the rooftop commons at the school, 1615 SW Fifth Ave., Portland. Haslach is a former Lake Oswego resident now living in Arlington, Va. She serves as principal deputy assistant secretary in the Department of State's Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations. Haslach received degrees from Gonzaga University and Columbia University. Vistica, originally from Portland, graduated from Marylhurst University (Marylhurst College at the time). She earned her master's and doctorate degrees from Fordham University. She has dedicated her career to inspiring her students to love languages. She has taught at St. Mary's and Marylhurst.

School fundraiser set
Westridge Elementary School is launching a paver fundraiser for its playground improvement project. The Westridge parents group is selling personalized bricks to support the project. Construction on the \$467,652 project is scheduled to begin this summer. The bricks sold in the Pathway to Play campaign will be laid down to create paths. It costs \$125 for three lines of text on a 4-by-8-inch brick, \$250 for six lines of text on an 8-by-8-inch brick and \$500 to apply a child's art to an 8-by-8-inch brick. There's also a personalized and weather resistant bench available for \$2,000. The parent group's website states the initial brick sale ends April 15. The website states the playground

equipment is worn, growing enrollment from recent elementary school closures is putting a strain on existing playground equipment and inadequate drainage causes ground saturation during the wet season.

Phase I of the project, estimated to cost \$173,865, will include drainage repairs, black-top resurfacing, adding an outdoor amphitheater and installing new basketball hoops. Phase II's anticipated cost is \$293,787, and it will include replacing playground structures. For more information, visit westridgeparents.com/playground-project.html.

Oak Creek says farewell to leader

Oak Creek Elementary School Principal Karen Lachman has announced she will retire at the end of the school year.

In her eighth year with Lake Oswego School District, Lachman has served as principal of Uplands Elementary School for five years before transitioning to her current position three years ago.

Lachman, who started teaching in 1972, said she loves her job.

"I enjoy everything about being the principal, greeting the children in the morning and helping everyone do their best, planning all of the activities and helping choose next year's teachers," she said. She now plans to focus on other passions. She raises animals including horses, dogs, ducks and chickens on a farm near Newberg. She shows her American Saddlebred horses and takes her dogs to agility contests. Lachman looks forward to traveling, visiting her son at his home in Hawaii and going for daily walks with her husband, Don Lachman.

The school district administration will soon announce the process for choosing Lachman's successor, which will include an interview committee.

Community School offering spring and summer activities

Lake Oswego School District Community School has scads of athletic and academic activities planned this spring and summer.

Spring Term Math Gamers classes for second- to fifth-graders begin this month at Lake Grove and Oak Creek elementary schools. Girls Inc.: Operation SMART will kick off next week at River Grove Elementary School.

A driver's education program with 30 hours of classroom instruction and 12 hours of in-vehicle time is coming up. Sessions are June 17 to July 17 and June 25 to July 25 at Lake Oswego High School, 2501 Country Club Road.

Community School, which offers programs outside of school hours, aims to enhance the district's curriculum. The school also holds classes for adults such as financial planning and fitness programs.

For a full schedule, visit losdcommunityschool.com.

LOHS students help transform local park

Cross country and track teams pitch in

By JILLIAN DALEY
The Review

A more than three-year project to improve Springbrook Park's paths finishes this Friday.

Lake Oswego High School cross country and track team members are almost done laying gravel on 1.9 miles of paths in the 52-acre park. An Eagle Scout also earned his wings by naming the paths and constructing signs for them.

"It gives me a lot of confidence in our youth when these kids show up," said Paul Lyons, a co-founder of Friends of Springbrook Park.

Lake Oswego head track coach

Eric Lider asks his cross country students to help out in the fall and the track team to pitch in during a school's community service day in the spring.

Lider said the park is crucial to the teams' training. The cross country team high-tails it down the Springbrook paths during training, and the track team rushes past the hardwood trees, red cedars and Douglas firs in the spring.

The trees shade the students when the sun is beating down on them, and using the park paths is a better option than pounding the pavement along Country Club Road, Lider said.

"It's a way to get the kids off the street in a safe environment," he said.

LOHS senior Alex Tymchenko has been shoveling and hauling gravel for the entirety of the Springbrook Park project. Tymchenko said it makes sense to perform community service.

"We can't take advantage of all these resources that we are given to use," said Tymchenko, 17.

Lyons has taken tons of photos, and in many of them students are beaming, which senior Madi Egan said is not surprising, even though the work isn't easy.

"The whole team is there, and everyone is rallied around that central cause: I think it's easy to be upbeat about it," said Egan, 17.

Eagle Scout Connor Kelly said his



Submitted file photo
Lake Oswego High School volunteers, from left, Christy Wood, Olivia Anderson, Kevin Le and Josh Nudelman in April 2012 helped spread gravel at Springbrook Park. All students shown here but Le, who is a senior, graduated last year.

time on the track and cross country teams inspired him to focus on the park when he was seeking the the Boy Scouts of America's highest rank. Kelly also lives near Springbrook Park and frequents the trails with his family.

His youngest sister inspired him to name the trails after the plants that spring up around them, such as trillium, snowberry, cedar and white oak. His family and Boy Scout Troop 71 helped him soldier through the five-month project.

"I wanted to do something that would last," he said.

Lyons and three other area residents launched the effort to improve Springbrook Park 10 years ago. At the time, the park was blanketed in weeds and bereft of paths. The students helped him change that.

The city used to allocate about

\$5,000 per biennium for the park, and now it's about half that with most of the funding going toward plants and gravel, he said. It's difficult to round up a pack of volunteers as large as the crowd of students who readily offer assistance, making their services critical to park maintenance, Lyons added.

He expects the trails to last for five to 10 years, although they may need some patching. He doesn't want students to stop helping now that the paths are done because there's plenty to do, including yanking invasive ivy out of the earth and assisting with an upcoming watershed restoration project. But, whatever they're doing to help, the students boost his spirits.

"I really enjoy being around them, the energy, the camaraderie, the teamwork," Lyons said.

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Numbers up again for LO track program

Multiple district place-winners return for the Lake Oswego boys and girls teams

By **MATT SHERMAN**
The Review

The Lake Oswego track team has strong numbers again and features some of the top talent in the league this season.

The Laker boys team has a handful of returning district place-winners mixed in with a crop of young, new faces that should make the squad formidable this year.

The Lakers are particularly strong and deep in the sprints with Eric and David Soo returning and Yong Kim primed for a potential breakout season.

"He's a guy who could really turn a lot of heads this year," coach Eric Lider said.

That depth should also give Lake Oswego some very strong relay teams.

"I think our sprint corps is

probably where we're strongest this year at least in terms of numbers," Lider said.

Kyle Gazzigli is back in the 400 as well as two of the top hurdlers in the league.

Alex Tymchenko is a returning district champion and Connor Bracken should also compete for a berth at state this year.

Freshman Rocky Martin has also made noise for the team early in the season in both the 200 and the 400.

The team also returns high jumper Mason Collett, who posted a top-five finish at state last year. Dane Jones has also been strong in the high jump early in the season.

Lake Oswego is solid in the distance events as well led by Phil Kearns and Matt Agritelley although the team's top distance runner, Todd Macdonald, is still suffering from a foot injury he sustained late in the cross country season last fall.

In the throwing events, football linemen Noah and Kyle Peterson are both out for track for the first time and have been strong in the discus and shot put as well as Michael Di Re.



Lake Oswego's Connor Bracken returns as one of the league's best hurdlers, along with teammate Alex Tymchenko for a very strong boys squad.

REVIEW FILE PHOTO: VERN UVETAKE

In the jumps, the Lakers lack experience but Charlie Callen has been an early bright spot. "With what we have coming back, I'd think we'll be pretty

competitive this year," Lider said.

For the girls, Lake Oswego returns Riley Hatfield, who qualified for state in the 100 last

year as a freshman.

The Lakers also have a very strong returning hurdler in Mitra LeBuhn.

Lake Oswego's distance

crew, led by Shea Vallaire and Becca Miles should also rack up points in meets this season.

Erika Treske has had a strong start to the season in more than a handful of events. Treske is perhaps the team's most versatile athlete, competing in everything from the hurdles and pole vault to the long jump and shot put.

"We'll move her around a bit this year. She does a lot of heptathlon events for us," Lider said.

Emily Prasil will specialize in the long jump and triple jump this year and the Lakers also feature a pair of talented pole vaulters in Anna Peaslee and Marissa Taylor.

A freshman could also be a highlight for the team this year in Samarra Watson, who focuses on the middle distance events.

"There's not quite as much experience coming back on the girls side but it's a great group of kids and fun to coach," Lider said.

Lake Oswego's next event will be the Laker Classic at home this Friday featuring some top competition.

LOSC makes waves at Oregon 11-14 state meet

Over the weekend of Feb. 21-24, the Lake Oswego Swim Club participated in the Oregon Swimming 2013 Short Course 11-14 Age Group Swimming Championships. The meet was in Corvallis and a whopping 30 LOSC athletes, ages 11-14, qualified to swim at the meet. Ninety percent of them swam best times in their races and out of more than 40 teams sending swimmers to the state meet, LOSC took seventh place overall.

LOSC won multiple exciting events and they broke several team records.

Top individual female finishers included Gracie Marshall (11) - 50 breaststroke: 1st, 100 breaststroke: 4th; Alyssa Gustaff (12) - 1650 freestyle: 3rd (new team record 18:56.44), 1000 freestyle: 4th (new team record 11:23.78), 500 free: 4th, 200 freestyle: 5th, 100 freestyle: 6th; Mara Newman - 50 backstroke: 2nd, 200 freestyle: 3rd, 100 butterfly: 3rd, 100 backstroke: 4th, 50 butterfly: 2nd, 100 freestyle: 4th, Skye Buck - 1650 freestyle: 8th, 50 backstroke: 4th, 50 breaststroke: 5th; Madison Richardson - 100IM: 8th, 50 butterfly: 6th; Sahana Saravanan - 200IM: 5th; Kalea Tetsuka (13) - 1650 freestyle: 6th; Yifan Mao (14) - 50 freestyle: 5th. Top male finishers include Morne Wolmerans (11) - 50 breaststroke: 6th, 100 breaststroke 6th; Paul Dartu (13) - 200 backstroke: 3rd, 200IM: 3rd, 200 breaststroke: 2nd (new team record 2:18.11), 400IM: 3rd, 100 backstroke: 4th;



LOSC state swimmers Jordan Leis, Andrew Goodall, Paul Dartu and Kyle Vu pose at the recent Short Course swim championships.

and Edward Kang (14) - 100 butterfly: 1st (new team record 52.96), 200IM: 2nd, 100 backstroke: 2nd, 200 freestyle: 3rd, 200 butterfly: 1st (new team record 1:56.11), 100 freestyle 6th.

Other exciting swims at the state meet were the girls and boys relays. The girls took second place in each of their four relays: 11-12 girls 400 Medley Relay (Mara Newman, Skye Buck, Madison Richardson and Alyssa Gustaff), 11-12 girls 200 Freestyle Relay (Skye Buck, Alyssa Gustaff, Madison Richardson and Mara Newman), 11-12 girls 400 Freestyle Relay (Alyssa Gustaff, Sahana Saravanan, Madison Richardson and Mara Newman) and the 11-12 girls Medley Relay (Skye

Buck, Gracie Marshall, Mara Newman and Madison Richardson).

The 13-14 boys Relays also fared very well with the relay team of Kyle Vu, Paul Dartu, Edward Kang and Jordan Leis taking 6th in the 400 Medley Relay and 5th in the 200 Medley Relay.

LOSC head coach, Emily Melina adds that she is proud of all of LOSC's athletes swimming at this meet.

Her swimmers trained hard all season to go all out and swim fast at this year's SC state meet.

Next up for LOSC is their highly anticipated home meet at the LOSC community pool on April 12-14.

Golf: Team has room to improve

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Smith should also vie for varsity time.

In two league tournaments this year, the Lakers have finished third, behind West Linn and Canby.

However, the Lakers finished behind the Cougars by 36 strokes to open the season

and then by just nine in the second tournament and Shoff feels that the team will only get better this year.

"We're capable of shooting much better and I think it could be a whole different story later in the season," Shoff said.

The Lakers are in an early hole as they aspire to a top-two finish in league but it's one

they can quickly crawl out of.


"Just relaxing is the key. Their attitude is really good. We were shooting in the 360s last year and we've been in the 380s this year. I know the team has the talent to get better and hopefully we can make some noise," Shoff said.

Lake Oswego's next tournament will be played at Arrowhead.

14U team takes 2nd in Arizona




The Bat Company 14U Honey Badgers started the baseball season in Scottsdale, Ariz. by finishing second overall out of 16 teams in the Gold Division in the Triple Crown Spring Championship. The Bat Company was 5-1 overall, defeating teams from California and Colorado until losing in the championship game to the Colton Night Hawks from Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. The team includes Tommy Andrew, Kyle Beckley, Beau Bryant, Jake Dukart, Jason DuMont, AJ Hoggatt, Dawson Jaramillo, Brent Miller, Sam Nihill, John Scheerer, Tim Tawa and Brett Thomas and is managed by Scott Ackerman. Coaches are Derek Dukart and Jeff DuMont. The Bat Company facility is in West Linn.




LAKE OSWEGO LAKERS

TYLER COLEMAN




Coleman belted a home run and drove in three runs in the Lake Oswego baseball team's 8-5 win over Westview this week. Coleman was hitting in the 8-spot and had a big day for the team, which belted 13 hits in the contest.

STEPHANIE BELL




Bell posted the lowest score of her varsity career in the team's most recent tournament. Bell fired an 87 to pace a strong Lake Oswego golf team this year which looks to track down Canby for second place in the league this year.



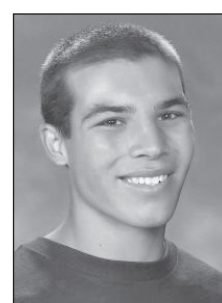
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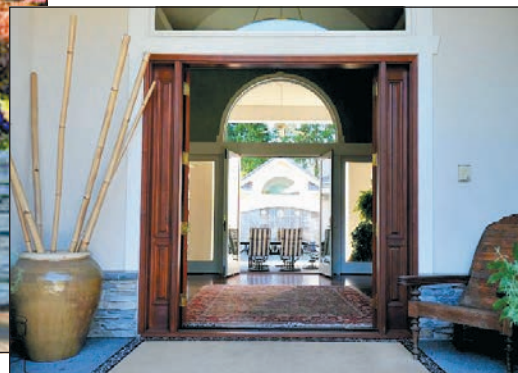
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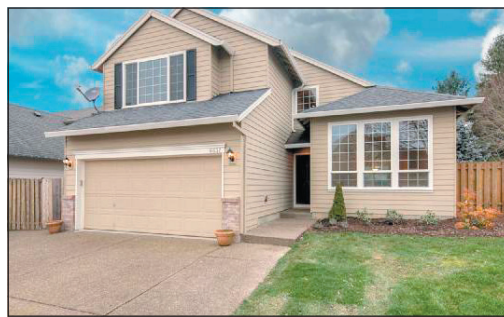


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WL's Ray Dahlgren fondly remembers a father who was baseball's 'mystery man'



Left, Ray Dahlgren's home in West Linn is filled with memorabilia of his dad's career with eight Major League teams. REVIEW, TIDINGS PHOTO: VERN UVETAKE

Far left, Lou Gehrig welcomed new teammate Babe Dahlgren to the New York Yankees in 1939. Their destinies would be forever intertwined. SUBMITTED PHOTO

The man who REPLACED LOU GEHRIG

Babe Dahlgren had to do the hardest task in baseball history: replace the great Lou Gehrig as the first baseman for the New York Yankees.

Then he had to do something even harder: Battle a false rumor that took bitter root and threatened his career.

He succeeded at the first task, but failed at the second. That was proven beyond a doubt with what happened to his son, Ray Dahlgren, when he was pursuing his own baseball career with the Houston Astros' farm club in Florida in the 1960s.

"One day my manager Joe Frazier took me aside and we walked down the left-field line," said Dahlgren, a resident of West Linn since 2006. "He said, 'I heard this thing about your dad smoking marijuana. You don't do that?'" I answered him, 'I don't do that and neither did my dad.' Joe apologized and said, 'The front office wanted me to ask you that.'"

The rumor that he smoked marijuana, a totally outrageous offense for a Major League Baseball player in the 1940s, was like a phantom that Babe Dahlgren could never grapple with because it never reached the surface of public knowledge. You could only tell it was there because every stop in his career was a short one, even though his awesome fielding ability was attested to by some of the greatest figures in the game and he slammed as many as 23 home runs in a season.

Baseball was the king of sports in that era and the baseball press picked up on the strange trajectory of Babe Dahlgren's career, with famed baseball writer Joe Williams calling him "something of a mystery man" and columnists asking questions like: Why was he dropped by the Yankees in 1941 when they did not have another first baseman on their roster? Why did the Chicago Cubs release him after he led them in runs batted in? Why did the Philadelphia Phillies let him go after he led the team in batting?

Shocked by this strange turn in his career, Babe Dahlgren asked, "What the hell is happening?" He did all he could to defeat the lie, even undergoing drug tests. Nothing worked. Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, baseball's commissioner, was quoted as saying that anyone spreading such a rumor deserved to be castrated. But Landis did nothing to help Dahlgren, and neither did any of the com-



The photo shows perhaps the most memorable day in baseball history, Lou Gehrig Day at Yankee Stadium in 1939, at which he called himself "the luckiest man on the face of the earth."

missioners who followed him.

At the end of his life, Dahlgren was still fighting to reclaim a reputation that had been so unfairly stained. He was gathering materials for a book until just before he died in 1996. That task was taken up by his grandson, Matt Dahlgren, and his book "Rumor in 'Town" was published in 2007.

This is still the subject of pain for Ray Dahlgren, once a pitching prospect, who still looks big and strong enough to fire a ball through a wall. He has nothing but the dearest memories of his beloved father. Babe Dahlgren was a heckuva baseball player and an even better man, even though fate threw a beanball at him.

The fortunate thing about Dahlgren's career is that the thing millions of old baseball fans remember about him involves baseball's most moving story — the day Lou Gehrig took himself out of the lineup on May 2, 1939, and wished luck to Babe Dahlgren. The action ended Gehrig's 2,130-consecutive-game streak and stunned a nation. The answer to this mystery was even more stunning — Gehrig had a disease that would not only end his baseball career but also end his life just two years later.

Ray Dahlgren's home in the Willamette Falls area has a room filled



REVIEW, TIDINGS PHOTO: VERN UVETAKE
Ray Dahlgren shows a photo of himself and his brother Don when they were prospects in the Oakland A's organization in the 1960s.

with memorabilia, with a big part of it devoted to that famous day. Photos show Gehrig and Babe Dahlgren sitting together.

"Dad begged Lou to go in there in

the seventh, eighth and ninth innings to keep his streak alive. He said, 'Lou, you've got to go in there,'" Ray Dahlgren said. "Lou just told him, 'You're doing fine.'"

Gehrig could not always keep up a brave front.

"In dad's interview with Keith Olbermann, he told about sitting next to Johnny Murphy, the relief pitcher and seeing Gehrig at the water fountain with his back to them. Dad told Murphy, 'Johnny, he's crying.' Johnny threw a towel that landed right on Lou's head and he used it to wipe his face."

Another of his photos shows his dad among the sad-faced players lined up as Gehrig gave his "Luckiest Man" speech before the most massive and emotional crowd ever seen at Yankee Stadium.

How well did Babe Dahlgren replace the immortal Gehrig? Pretty darn well. The 1939 Yankees had one of the most dominating seasons in baseball history, going 106-45 and flattening the hapless Cincinnati Reds in the World Series for their fourth consecutive championship. Babe Dahlgren batted only .234, but he provided punch at the plate with 15 home runs and 89 RBIs. In the World Series he ignited the Yankees

route by slamming a home run in Game 1.

But it was his fielding that really lifted the Yankees. Perhaps that is best illustrated by a story from the game's greatest hitter.

"At spring training Ted Williams came up to me and said, 'If there was anyone I wanted to beat with my bat it was your dad,'" Ray Dahlgren said. The Splendid Splinter explained, "It's too bad you never saw your dad play. He was unequivocally the greatest fielder I've ever seen in my life, because he took plenty of base hits from me."

"I would see your dad ready to field when I got up to bat, ready to battle me to the end. I said to him, 'You SOB, I'll drive the ball down your throat.' I never did."

Ray Dahlgren proudly displays photos that show his dad's fielding prowess, stretching, leaping and diving to spear line drives and errant throws or tagging out baserunners.

Unfortunately, it was a couple of errors that Dahlgren committed in the 1940 American League pennant race that laid the shaky basis for his downfall. The mighty Yankees lost, and their manager blamed Babe Dahlgren.

"His arms are too short," Joe McCarthy said.

This reason struck baseball insiders as ludicrous, because Dahlgren's greatness as a first baseman was universally acknowledged. Just a few of the premier personalities praising him were John Lardner, one of the greatest sportswriters who ever lived; Shirley Povich, who had the longest baseball writing career in history; and Joe DiMaggio. Joltin' Joe had been Dahlgren's friend since childhood and he raved that Dahlgren had "won more games with his fielding than most pitchers win. He's so good that our other infielders have become lazy."

Stung after making himself look ri-

"I would see your dad ready to field when I got up to bat, ready to battle me to the end. I said to him, 'You SOB, I'll drive the ball down your throat.' I never did."

— Baseball legend Ted Williams talking to Ray Dahlgren about his father, Babe Dahlgren



REVIEW, TIDINGS PHOTO: VERN UYETAKE
Ray Dahlgren gazes at a painting of Lou Gehrig taking a cut in Yankee Stadium. The West Linn man is a great source of oral history about baseball.

Dahlgren: Sell-out crowd at Yankee Stadium gave Ray, Diane a standing ovation in 2006

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diculous, McCarthy whispered another reason he had let Dahlgren go: He smoked marijuana.

From that moment on, Dahlgren was baseball's wandering first baseman, playing with the Boston Braves, St. Louis Browns, Chicago Cubs, Brooklyn Dodgers, Pittsburgh Pirates and Philadelphia Phillies. That averages out to six teams

in six years.

"He was a full-time dad. I had a tremendous upbringing."

— Ray Dahlgren

He later found out that one of the people most responsible for perpetuating the false rumor was Branch Rickey, legendary owner of the Dodgers.

Still, even with a shadow always hanging over him, Babe Dahlgren shaped a wonderful life. Ray Dahlgren gives vivid testimony to that. Any baseball fan visiting his home is in for a tremendous treat. First his dogs and cats shower you with affection. Then his wife, Diane Dahlgren, fixes you a delicious toasted cheese sandwich for lunch. Then Ray takes decades off of your life by telling baseball stories.

"He was a full-time dad. I had a tremendous upbringing."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

When Babe Dahlgren, right, first arrived in the Big Leagues in 1935 with the Boston Red Sox, one of the first players to greet him was his hero Lou Gehrig.

ing," Ray Dahlgren said.

Baseball fans still fondly remember Babe Dahlgren, and those memories are not tainted by any phony scandal.

Ray and Diane Dahlgren found that out when they visited Yankee Stadium and got the full VIP treatment from the Yankees' bombastic and controversial owner George Steinbrenner in 2006. The high point came when the massive

scoreboard flashed the message that Babe Dahlgren's son Ray and daughter-in-law Diane were special guests of the day. The sell-out crowd of 59,000 fans at Yankee Stadium stood up and cheered.

"It was just unbelievable," said Ray Dahlgren, misting up at the memory.

The baseball gods were finally smiling on Babe Dahlgren.

Soroptomists to honor two local women at event

Soroptomist International of Lake Oswego/West Linn, a volunteer organization for business and professional women, will present two special awards at a ceremony April 10.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Holy Names Heritage Center, 17425 Holy Names Drive in Lake Oswego. The public is invited to attend.

The club will give a \$500 Women's Opportunity Award to Sarah Tedrick, 29, of Canby, to improve her economic situation through additional education and training. Tedrick will use the award to fulfill her transfer requirements at Clackamas Community College, subsequently transferring to Marylhurst University while maintaining her psychology major and preparing for the masters in art therapy program. Once she completes her studies, Tedrick, a domestic abuse survivor and sole provider for her three children, plans to become a child therapist using art concepts to develop recognition, reconnection and life skills for troubled youth.

The Women's Opportunity Awards program is Soropt-

omist International of the Americas' major service project. The organization is dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world.

Tedrick will now advance to the Soroptomist Northwest Region level, where one recipient will receive \$5,000. The program culminates with three finalists receiving \$10,000 awards.

The Lake Oswego/West Linn Soroptomists chose Tedrick because of her determination and optimistic attitude, her 4.0 grade point average in college and the excellent recommendations she received.

Also at the awards ceremony Samantha Wong will receive the club's Violet Richardson Award, which honors young women for volunteer action. Wong, a 17-year-old Lake Oswego High School junior, will receive a \$250 cash award for her involvement with several organizations. She created a Red Cross youth club at LOHS and spearheaded a fundraiser for Superstorm Sandy. She coordinated fire safety presentations at four of the Lake Oswego elementary schools. Wong

volunteers as a tutor at Buckman Elementary School in Portland and created a program to teach clarinet and flute lessons after school by borrowing LOHS instruments to give students an opportunity they wouldn't have otherwise.

Wong is most passionate about her work with Catholic Charities at Kateri Park, a low-income apartment complex in Portland, which is home to refugees from Somalia who suffered tragedies in their homeland when civil war broke out in 1991. She is in charge of "Get Artsy," which allows young Somali children to express themselves by working with clay, feathers, glitter or just drawing using supplies donated by Catholic Charities.

Wong will now advance to the Soroptomist Northwest Regional level, where a \$1,000 Violet Richardson Award recipient will be selected. At that level, an additional \$1,000 will be contributed in honor of the recipient to her volunteer organization.

To learn more about Soroptomist International of Lake Oswego/West Linn, call club president Joanna Williams at 503-656-2107.

WEDDING

Brannon Halvorsen-Jennifer Rieser

Jennifer Rieser and Brannon Halvorsen were married Aug. 25, 2012 at Mount Hood Bed and Breakfast in Parkdale. Yehudah "Alan" Winter officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father, John Rieser. She wore an ivory Spanish lace mermaid-style gown with a sweetheart neckline. She created her bouquet of Patience and Shakespear heirloom roses, white and blue veronica with mint and rosemary sprigs.

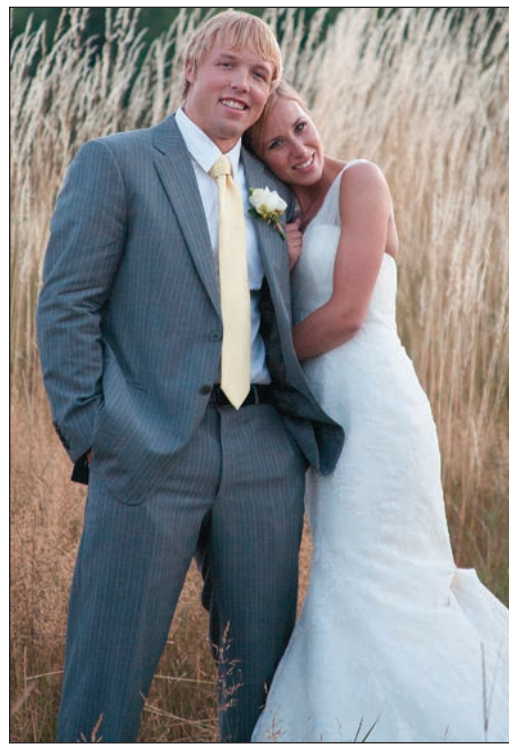
Matron of honor was the bride's sister, Jacqueline Crimes of Washington D.C. Bridal attendants include Melissa Jasko, Madison Zettle, Joanna Rieser, Alexandra Rieser, Ellie Halvorsen and Dianna Rieser. Laila, the bride's niece, and Dillion, her nephew, served as flower girl and ring bearer.

Serving as best man was the groom's brother, Spenser Halvorsen of Redondo Beach, Calif. Groomsmen included Lucas Zettle, Jordan Zettle, Stephen Bolen, John Duffy, Scott Miller, Trevor Resar and Patrick Mullen. Mitchell Halvorsen, the groom's cousin, and John Rieser and Michael Rieser, brothers of the bride, served as ushers.

Honored guests were the bride's grandmother, Anne Rieser of Dayton, Ohio; and the groom's grandparents, Norma and Bob Harper, Bend, and Karen Halvorsen, Bakersfield, Calif.

The bride is the daughter of John and Lynne Rieser, Palm Beach Shores, Fla. She graduated in 2003 from Western Reserve Academy in Hudson, Ohio, attended St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind., and graduated from University of Notre Dame in 2007. She is employed as a senior allocation analyst at Columbia Sportswear.

The groom is the son of Steve and Pam



Brannon and Jennifer Halvorsen

Halvorsen of Lake Oswego. He graduated from Lakeridge High School in 2003 and from University of Notre Dame in 2007. He is employed as a technology manager at Nike.

The couple honeymooned at La Blanc Resort in Cancun, Mexico. They are at home in Northwest Portland.

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Lucero shares family treasures of olives, oils

Visit the Bridgeport Village tasting room for a delicious adventure

It used to be we knew black olives and green olives. The black olives were special treats served at holiday meals; kids capped their fingers with them and ate them by the handful. The green ones got skewered with plastic swords and then plopped into martinis.

Yes, eventually Americans were introduced to Kalamata and other Greek olives. But olives are ancient fruits; why have we been so slow to come to appreciate them? Lucero California Olive Groves has given us the needed nudge.

Barb Randall



LIFTING THE FORK

For three generations, the Lucero family has been farming and producing olives in groves in Corning, California's olive capital. According to the Lucero website, grandfather Anthony Lucero pressed small batches of olive oil in a handmill as holiday gifts for years, and grandfather Pete Johnston has grown table olives nearly his whole life. When their grandson Dewey Lucero was laid off from his high tech job, he sat down with the family; they decided to take a risk and begin producing the family's extra virgin olive oil on a larger scale.

"My mom grew up with the Luceros, and Dewey came to us for financial backing to get the company started," said Eric Mann, Lake Oswego native and manager of the Bridgeport Village Lucero Olive Oil store. Lucky for us, the connection was made.

Eric spent six months learning about olives and olive oils from Dewey, who was named chief executive officer of the business, and other family members before opening the Bridgeport Village tasting room before Thanksgiving, and the rest, as the website says, is history.

Grown in the olive groves are multiple varieties: sevillano, manzanillo, mission, frantoio, arbequina, koroneiki, ascolano and Kalamata. These are used to produce both monovarietal extra-virgin olive oils and blended olive oils, crushed and infused olive oils and tapenades. Lucero also markets luscious balsamic vinegars and uniquely flavored Little Thief mustards.

"My favorites are ascolano extra-virgin olive oil, fruity olive oil, which



Lucero Olive Oil tasting bar has opened in Bridgeport Village. The shop sells olive oils, balsamic vinegar, olives, tapenade and mustard.

REVIEW PHOTO: BARB RANDALL

My favorites? I concur with Eric that the ascolano certified EVOO is heavenly. I loved the wild cherry balsamic vinegar and the tapenades and could probably eat a whole jar of any of the table olives in an evening.

is great for dressings and finishing proteins," Eric said. "Ascolano is the most awarded olive oil in North America. We are the most awarded olive oil company in the United States."

He invites all to come into the shop and sample oils at the tasting bar.

"Be sure to taste the Meyer lemon

and mandarin crushed extra virgin olive oils," he said. "We actually crush the fruit with the olives in the olive oil making process, so we are going to be able to extract the natural oils out of the rind of the fruit. These both make amazing zesty extra-virgin olive oils. I would say that fish, chicken and salad dressings are the best applications. And you can't

go home without our traditional balsamic! It is very viscous and is great for dipping bread and making salad dressings."

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I like the fact that you can purchase oils and vinegars in three sizes of containers and the prices are really reasonable.

Eric and his staff are extremely knowledgeable about olives and the processes used to create the products.

Book groups and others to encourage to arrange private tastings with him.

The shop is located next to California Pizza Kitchen at Bridgeport Village. You will be glad Dewey took the risk to share his family's treasures with the rest of the world.

The recipe today calls for Lucero's chocolate olive oil — delicious and different. Enjoy it in baked goods or over ice cream.

Bon appetite! Eat something wonderful!

Chocolate Olive Oil and Hazelnut Brownies

4 ounces bittersweet chocolate, at least 70 percent cocoa, chopped
1/3 cup Lucero chocolate olive oil
1/2 cup all purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon sea salt
2 large eggs, room temperature
3/4 cup superfine sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2/3 cup lightly toasted hazelnuts, chopped (optional)

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line an 8-inch square baking pan with a lightly floured piece of parchment paper.

Melt the chocolate on the stovetop or in the microwave and whisk in the oil. Let cool. Mix the flour and salt together in a small bowl. In a large bowl, beat the eggs and sugar until pale, thickened and billowy, about 5 minutes. Fold in the vanilla and the cooled chocolate mixture, and then fold in the flour and nuts, stirring just until everything is combined. Pour into the prepared pan.

Bake for 22 to 26 minutes. Cool completely, then cut into squares.

(Recipe from Lucero California Olive Oil, as adapted from "Adventures of an Italian food Lover" by Faith Heler Willinger)

Randall welcomes your food questions and research suggestions. She can be reached at 503-636-1281 Ext. 101 or by email at brandall@lakeoswegoreview.com.

14 of 52 Sunday Dinners

A super simple but super special Sunday dinner is "Lamb Chops with Lemon." Eric Mann, manager at Lucero Olive Oil, suggests that using Lucero's crushed Meyer lemon olive oil would produce amazing results in this dish.

Start marinating the lamb on Saturday and then grill the chops on Sunday. Carry the lemon theme through the meal by serving orzo mixed with lemon, garlic and fresh peas, grilled pita with fresh feta, and, for dessert, lemon bars or lemon sorbet with shortbread.

Lamb Chops with Lemon

Servings: 12. This recipe is easy to reduce or multiply, depending on the size of your crowd.

3 large shallots, minced
6 tablespoons chopped fresh mint
6 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano

6 large garlic cloves, minced
1 tablespoon sugar
24 lamb rib chops (from three 1 1/4- to 1 1/2-pound racks of lamb, cut between bones into individual chops)

6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon finely grated lemon peel
Fresh oregano sprigs, for garnish
Salt

Mix minced shallots, chopped mint, chopped oregano, minced garlic, sugar and 1 tablespoon salt in small bowl. Press 1 rounded teaspoon shallot-herb mixture onto eye of each lamb chop. Turn chops over onto large rimmed baking sheet. Press remaining shallot-herb mixture onto eye of each chop. Cover lamb chops with sheet of plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.

Whisk olive oil, lemon juice and lemon peel in small bowl until slightly thickened and well blended. Season lightly with salt and generously with freshly ground black pepper. Spoon oil mixture lightly over chops. Turn chops over and spoon remaining oil mixture over. Let stand at room temperature 1 hour.

Prepare barbecue (medium-high heat). Grill lamb chops to desired doneness, about 3 minutes per side for medium-rare. Transfer lamb chops to platter. Garnish with fresh oregano sprigs and serve. — BR (Recipe adapted from Bon Appetit, April 2011)



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Entertainment

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Oregon Children's Theater presents: 'GATHERING BLUE'

Lake Oswegan Stephanie Roessler stars as Kira

Oregon Children's Theatre and First Stage Children's Theater of Milwaukee, Wis., have collaborated to co-commission "Gathering Blue," a play based on Newbery award-winning author Lois Lowry's popular book in "The Giver" series.

"Gathering Blue" is the third world premiere collaboration between OCT and Lowry and continues in OCT's mission of new play development.

The play is adapted by nationally recognized playwright Eric Coble, who has previously worked with OCT to adapt original scripts for "Sacagawea," "The Giver" and "The Storm in the Barn."

Set in an apocalyptic landscape where children are kept like animals and human life is cheap, Kira, played by Lake Oswego actress Stephanie Roessler, learns the ugly truth about the powers controlling her world. A gifted weaver, her talent draws the attention of the Council of Guardians. Under their custody, she is tasked with

mending and embellishing the Singer's Robe — a precious ceremonial garment depicting the Council's version of the history of their world. As she becomes more entrenched she learns the horrifying secrets that keep them all hostage. As she weaves the story of the past, can she use her knowledge to help shape the future?

Included in the cast are Andres Alcalá as Jamison, Dennis Kelly as Singer, Cassie Greer as Katrina, Camille Cettina as Vandara, Steele Clevenger as Jo, Jeremy Howard as Thomas and Peyton Symes as Matt.

The creative team includes Stan Foote as director, Mark Haack in scenic design, Sarah Gahagan in costume design, Nat Bartos in lighting design, Drew Dannhorn in props and Cecil Averett in sound design and composition.

The show is recommended for children age 9 and older. It will run April 27 through May 19 with Saturday performances at 2 and 5 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18 to \$28 for adults and \$15 to \$24 for children. They can be ordered online at octe.org or by calling the box office at 503-228-9571.



Pictured from left are Stephanie Roessler as Kira and Steele Clevenger as Jo in the world premiere of "Gathering Blue," which will open April 27.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Justin Brill to present benefit cabaret concert

Enjoy an evening of Broadway songs, stories

By **BARB RANDALL**
The Review, Tidings

Direct from playing Boq on the first national tour of "Wicked," Justin Brill will present an evening of songs and stories tracing his path from Annapolis, Md., to Broadway and beyond.

This cabaret concert will be held April 15 at 7 p.m. on the Headlee Mainstage at Lakewood Center for the Arts.

The event is a benefit for LTC's Rising Stars program, which provides educational and perfor-

mance opportunities for emerging and established talent.

Admission is \$20 or \$40, which includes a post-performance reception with Brill.

"The show on April 15 will be a blast," said Brill from Tucson, Ariz., where he was performing "Wicked." "I'll be singing a collection of songs that I love, some pop tunes as well as musical theater standards. Selections range from Billy Joel and Elvis to Disney, Gershwin and Berlin. I'll also be sharing some life stories and Broadway experiences that

"I'll be singing a collection of songs that I love, some pop tunes as well as musical theater standards."

— Justin Brill

Prior to the concert, Brill will conduct a two-day intensive master class, geared toward actors interested in auditioning for productions, competitions, professional training and college or conservatory programs. Several of the master class participants will have the opportunity to perform with him

had an impact on my personal growth and career. Should be a really fun night."

Accompanying Brill will be Chris Hubbard, an accomplished Portland composer, performer and music director.

in the Monday performance.

This is Brill's second year leading master classes at LTC.

"When 'Wicked' was in Portland last year, Steve Knox reached out to our company to see if anyone was interested in teaching a master class at Lakewood," Brill said. "I've been interested in teaching for a few years now and jumped at the opportunity to work with the actors at Lakewood. We put together a master class geared around audition pieces and I gave individual as well as group feedback on acting and vocal performance."

Information about the master classes and tickets is online at Lakewood-center.org or by calling the box office at 503-635-3901.



Justin Brill will present a cabaret concert of favorite Broadway songs on April 15 at Lakewood Center for the Arts. The event is a benefit for the Rising Star program.

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LO Friends of Library donate \$23,000 to support programs

Booktique sales make gifts possible

The board of the Friends of the Lake Oswego Public Library recently approved \$23,000 to be given as grants to the library for the following programs:

■ Educational and cultural programs, \$2,000. This grant will be used to fund educational and cultural programs and events that are outside the scope of existing programs.

■ Storytelling Festival, \$5,000. The week-long Storytelling Festival is held in October. It includes workshops and local his-

tory presentations.

■ Adult summer reading prizes, \$1,000. This grant will provide incentives for adults to participate. Weekly drawings and a grand prize will create interest and encourage people to come to the library and check out books on a weekly basis.

■ Special shows for youth,

\$9,000. Special programs are popular and bring youths of all ages and their parents into the library. Shows such as music, puppets, clowns and magic will be presented through spring 2014.

■ Summer reading club for teens and children, \$3,500. The goal of this project is to fund

summer reading incentive book prizes. When readers reach their individual reading goals they may choose a free paperback book.

■ Books for Babies, \$1,000. Brightly colored bags are filled with books for newborns to foster a love of books and reading at an early age and helps educate

parents about the important role they play in the development of their children's literacy.

■ Program hospitality, \$1,500. This grant pays for refreshments served at many different programs throughout the year.

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Take in varied entertainment with options at Lewis & Clark

Several events are planned at Lewis & Clark College during the first week of April. The public is invited to attend and unless noted otherwise the events are free.

■ Senior Art Exhibition — April 5 to May 19 in the Hoffman Gallery. This is the capstone experience for graduating art majors. The exhibit is open Tuesday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. An opening reception will be held April 5 from 5 to 7 p.m.

■ Performance and screening of “Komora: To Heal” — April 7 at 3:30 p.m. in Evans Hall.

This is a benefit concert by Martin Zarzar of Pink Martini and Luciana Proano, Peruvian dancer and artist, dedicated to multidisciplinary and cross-cultural work. The concert will be followed by a reception hosted by students from Academic English Studies. Film screening of “Komora: To Heal,” co-directed by Dallaire Scholar Emmanuel Habamina and Natalie Ledford, follows the reception.

Suggested ticket price for the concert, reception and screening is \$20 for the general public, \$10 for students. All pro-

ceeds are used toward production costs of “Komora: To Heal.”

■ Symposium: “Power: Balance, Order and Flux” — April 8 to 10 at various times and locations. This is the 51st annual International Affairs Symposium. As technology pervades all aspects of life, it also increasingly embeds itself in warfare. The symposium asks, what are the implications of cyber attacks in the international community? Speakers include Barney Frank, Pauline Baker, David Tucker, Alexander Cooley and John Perkins. For a

complete list of events, call International Affairs at 503-768-7630.

■ Faculty Bookwarming featuring “The Rediscovery of the Wild,” co-edited by Patricia Hasbach, on April 9 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Templeton Campus Center. Coffee and cookies will be served.

■ Handel’s “Semele” — April 10 at 8 p.m. in Evans Hall. Lewis & Clark’s Opera Theatre class presents Handel’s “Semele,” directed by Sue McBerry. Admission is \$10; students and seniors are \$5; and free for L&C students with ID.

Christine Yvette gets push from LO friends on new CD

By CLIFF NEWELL
The Review, Tidings

For her first solo CD venture as a recording artist, Christine Yvette got a little help from her friends in Lake Oswego.

The singer-song writer who resides in Wilsonville didn’t have to go far to obtain help on the finishing touches of her new CD “Heartsong.” She lined up Howard Givens of Spotted Pecary Music NW to make the final mix and mastering of her music, and for the photography she called on the talented Bruce Lee of Alter Image Photography. Both are based in Lake Oswego.

Her judgment on their work: “Amazing!”

In fact, the entire album has a rich Oregon feel to it.

“I wanted a lot of Oregon musicians on it,” said Yvette, whose previous contributions to CDs were as a backup singer and songwriter. “It was like a tapestry with all of these musicians on all of the different songs.”

“Heartsong” is good listening. It has a light pop, easy going feeling with jazz and gospel influences. Yvette even brought in the famed gospel choir Chosen Generation. She was also accompanied by some world class musicians in guitarist Eddie Martinez and jazz sax player Patrick Lamb, who also served as co-writer on some of the songs. Besides doing the vocals, Yvette plays keyboards on her CD.

“I’ve been writing songs since I was a little girl growing up in a really small town in Minnesota,” Yvette said. “When I moved to Oregon I started getting jazz influences.”

“What I liked best about this record is that a lot of my friends played on it and that I got to meet a lot of new people,” Yvette said. “A neat accomplishment for myself is that I wrote or co-wrote all of the songs.”

For more about Christine Yvette and “Heartsong,” go to her web site at christineyvette.com. The video of her song “I Miss You” can be viewed on the website.



Christine Yvette presents her very own tapestry of Oregon music on “Heartsong,” her first solo CD. PHOTO BY BRUCE LEE / ALTER IMAGE PHOTOGRAPHY

Stumptown Stages announces new season

Stumptown Stages, under the artistic direction of Lake Oswego resident Kirk Mouser, has announced its 2013-14 season. The theater group specializes in musical theater.

The season opening production will be “9 to 5: The Musical” running from Oct. 24 to Nov. 10 with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton and book by Patricia Resnick.

Based on the 1980 hit movie of the same name, three female co-workers pushed to the limits by their boss concoct a plan to get even with the sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot. They conspire to take control of their company and learn there’s nothing they can’t do — even in a man’s world. This is a story of friendship and revenge.

“It’s a Wonderful Life” returns Nov. 22 through Dec. 22. Music and lyrics are by Portland talents Michael Allen Harrison, Alan Berg and Julianne R. Johnson-Weiss

with book by Janet Mouser. The musical is directed by Tony Award-winner Corey Brunish with choreography by Valarie Grudier Edwards. “It’s A Wonderful Life” is a holiday favorite for all ages. An angel helps a compassionate but despairingly frustrated businessman by showing what life would have been like if he never existed.

“Aida” runs Feb. 20 through March 9, 2014, with music by Elton John and lyrics by Tim Rice and book by Linda Woolverton, Robert Falls and David Henry Hwang. This show is directed by Mouser with choreography by Valarie Grudier Edwards. “Aida” is a contemporary musical take on the classic tale of the timeless bond between an enslaved Nubian princess and an Egyptian soldier. As forbidden love blossoms between them the young lovers are forced to face death or part forever. Together they set an example of true devo-

tion that ultimately transcends the cultural differences between their warring nations, heralding a time of unprecedented peace and prosperity.

“Ain’t Misbehavin’” closes out the season with a run scheduled for May 8 through 25, 2014. With music by Fats Waller, the musical was conceived by Murray Horwitz and Richard Maltby Jr. and features Johnson-Weiss. The musical soul of 1930s Harlem lives on in this revue that is still considered one of Broadway’s best. The inimitable Thomas “Fats” Waller rose to international fame during the golden age of the Cotton Club, honky tonk dives along Lenox Avenue, rent parties, stride piano plays and swing. Although not quite a biography, “Ain’t Misbehavin’” evokes the humor and energy of this American original.

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Windermere offers tool for perspective home

Windermere Real Estate is helping the public understand actual drive times from listed properties based on true traffic conditions by leveraging data from INRIX, an international provider of traffic information and driver services.

This will help home buyers evaluate commute times in traffic between their workplace and any home for sale.

The tool, named INRIX Drive Time, goes beyond other real estate sites that simply provide distance to work in miles, or travel times based on traveling the speed limit, to provide drive times based on real-time traffic information. It can be found online at Windermere.com.

"With time being one of our most valuable personal assets, a stressful commute is out of the question for many people these days," said Brian Allen, president and co-owner of Windermere Cronin & Caplan Realty Group Inc. "Too much guesswork about time should not be involved during one of

life's biggest decisions. We've eliminated this concern to hopefully provide a home-buying experience that goes above and beyond our clients' expectations."

According to the National Association of Realtors, 73 percent of all home buyers consider drive time to work a key buying criterion. Additionally, the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey found 88 percent of American commuters travel to work by car. Moreover, more than 600,000 of those drivers face commutes of at least 50 miles from home taking at least 90 minutes each way.

Windermere is offering INRIX Drive Time to all customers in the 10 states where it does business. To determine drive times using this new feature, potential home buyers simply enter their work address into a field directly on the property detail page at Windermere.com. The tool automatically generates an INRIX Drive Time to and from work, as well as a graph that

shows how that time varies by different departure times throughout the day.

INRIX Drive Time is powered by traffic information sourced from the INRIX Traffic Intelligence Platform, which analyzes data from various public and private sources ranging from government road sensors, official accident and incident reports to real-time traffic speeds crowd-sourced from a community of approximately 100 million vehicles and devices.

The INRIX Traffic Intelligence Platform factors in day of week, season, local holidays, current and forecasted weather, accidents and road construction to help drivers save time and fuel and avoid frustration. Real-time traffic information is updated by INRIX every minute and then analyzed and compiled into a historical database that is updated every 90 days, helping to ensure that Windermere Real Estate clients have the most up-to-date insight into actual commute times.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Seminars offered on buying investment property

Two seminars on buying investment property will be held April 10, the first from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and the second from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Home Builders Association, 15555 SW Bangy Road in Lake Oswego.

Industry experts will talk about financing, property management and other aspects of purchasing investment property.

The seminars are presented by Premier Mortgage Resources. To reserve a seat, call Stefanie Jackson at 503-603-3300 or email stefanie@preferred-lending.com.

Neil Kelly offers kitchen event on May 4

Neil Kelly Design Center will host a Kitchens! Kitchens! event May 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Information will be presented by Basco and Kohler/Ferguson. The event is free. For more information, visit neilkelly.com. The design center is located at 15573 SW Bangy Road, Suite 100 in Lake Oswego.

Be on the lookout for a pest that damages azaleas this spring

Gardeners should be on the lookout this spring for a relatively new pest in Oregon that damages azaleas and rhododendrons, according to experts with the Oregon State University Extension Service.

The azalea lace bug was first confirmed in Oregon in 2009 by OSU researchers after it was found in Washington in 2008.

The pest, known as Stephanitis pyrioides, can survive the winter and breed multiple generations each year, making it particularly worrisome.

It becomes active in mid- to

late May and early June, when it starts laying eggs. So, starting in mid-May, gardeners should keep an eye out for the eggs, which are partially embedded in the tissue underneath leaves.

With its piercing-sucking mouthparts, the bug feeds on plants such as rhododendron, azalea and pieris. Adult and immature bugs eat the leaves, leaving a yellow dot-like pattern on the surface and black fecal spots underneath. Large populations can cause azalea leaves to turn white. On rhododendrons, severe damage may look like iron chlorosis with yellow leaves and

green veins. Heavy feeding can kill plants. Monitoring for the pest, and dealing with it early in the season, is a gardener's best defense, she said.

Natural predators such as tree crickets, earwigs, green lacewings, minute pirate bugs and spiders kill and eat azalea lace bugs. These "good bugs" are more abundant in areas with a variety of trees, shrubs and understory plants.

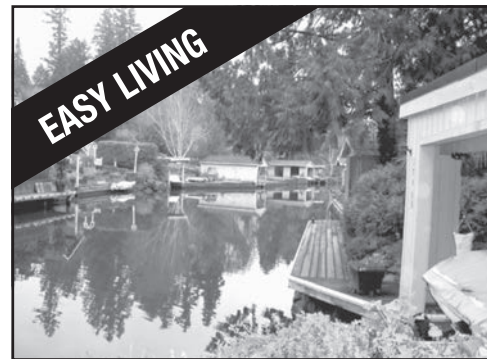
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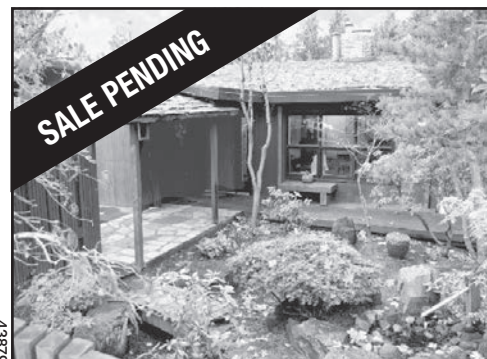
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