

BUSINESS BRIEF

What started as a transplanted doctor moving to Oregon to start a clinic 10 years ago has grown to a north-west-wide business with 17 locations. Silver Falls Dermatology is celebrating its 10-year anniversary this month.

John Young, M.D., a

New Orleans, Louisiana, native, moved his family to Oregon following Hurricane Katrina. Upon landing in Oregon in 2006, Young founded Silver Falls Dermatology in a tiny Silverton office.

"It's been quite a ride," Young said.

The business now has

17 locations, including its newest in Farmington, New Mexico. The remaining locations are in Oregon and Washington.

Silver Falls Dermatology added an allergy department to the practice in 2015.

Despite the wide reach of its dozen-plus loca-

tions, administrative tasks are performed centrally at Silver Falls Dermatology's main office in Salem, at 1793 13th St SE.

Additional Oregon locations include Albany, Astoria, Corvallis, Gresham, Lincoln City, McMinnville, Medford (two locations), Newport,

and Woodburn. Washington locations include Aberdeen, Federal Way, Longview, Olympia and Port Angeles.

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Lake

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Despite a year that has seen near normal precipitation, Detroit Lake never reached its full conservation pool of 1563.5 feet because of an abnormally dry spring. The reservoir does the bulk of its filling during the spring.

Flood control is the primary purpose of Detroit Lake — the reservoir must maintain enough space during winter to absorb a "100 year storm event" like the floods of 1964 and 1996.

At the same time, since 2008, the Corps have been required to release a certain amount of water for threatened spring Chinook and winter steelhead in the Willamette Basin. The requirement for fish

Meeting about the future of Detroit Lake

Who: Federal and state agencies, along with lawmakers, will make a presentation on water levels at Detroit Lake. The public is invited to comment.

When: 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 20

Where: Gates Fire Hall, 101 E Sorbin St, Gates

More information: Email djwhite@wvi.com

Detroit Lake water levels on July 23

2000 — 1563 feet above sea level

2001 — 1487

2002 — 1562

2003 — 1558

2004 — 1561

2005 — 1561

2006 — 1562

2007 — 1556

2008 — 1563

2009 — 1558

2010 — 1561

2011 — 1561

2012 — 1563

2013 — 1559

2014 — 1559

2015 — 1488

2016 — 1544 (projected)

explains why the reservoir was dropping its level even before it reached a full pool this year.

"We have required flows that address the mi-

gration, spawning, incubation and rearing life cycles for fish," Ian Chane, fisheries biologist and program manager for the Corps, told the Statesman

Journal in May. "Historically, we didn't have these requirements, but they are now mandated."

Recreation, by contrast, isn't a top priority for the Corps.

"The frustration is understandable," said Michelle Helms, public affairs specialist for the Corps. "We've been very conservative with our releases, but we have to meet the minimum requirements for fish conservation."

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Safety

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crashes on these roadways, but they generally pertained to speed or failing to obey a traffic control device like a stop sign. That is why the mobile billboard will have several messages addressing driving behavior that results in injury or death.

Those billboards are part of the campaign. The partners have been collaborating over the year to determine effective ways to reach rural communities and travelers.

The campaign is designed to be mobile, hence available to areas where advertisement is not available.

The message is clear. "The danger comes with limited visibility and the size ratio of equipment vs. car," Baldrige stressed. "We ask motorists to slow down, be aware and if you are going to pass please make sure you have ample room to do so."

The sheriff's office will position mobile billboards along heavily traveled country roads throughout the summer to remind drivers to safely share the road with farm equipment. The mobile

display will also be stationed at a variety of events, such as the Oregon State Fair.

"Marion County Sheriff's Office is pleased to partner with Papé Machinery and (state agriculture proponents) to deliver this potentially life-saving message," said Sgt. Jason Hickam, the county's Community Resource Unit supervisor. "The billboard is a reminder for our residents and visitors to drive safely on our rural roadways, additionally the mobility of the banner gives us the opportunity to reach motorists where otherwise there are no means to ad-

vertise our safety message."

Additionally, farmers and ranchers are urged to visit Papé Machinery Ag & Turf locations and pick up signs to post on fence lines, reminding motorists to slowdown and drive cautiously when sharing the road with farm equipment.

Online: <http://oregonfb.org/farm-bureau-rural-road-safety-brochure-of-fers-tips-for-farmers-motorists>

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Ethics

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E Excavating was apparently limited to emails with Supt. Andy Bellando.

The other six board members were included in White's group emails to the superintendent, but joining the online conversation would've violated state law requiring such discussion to occur in public, said member Ron Valoff. He said he expected White to raise topic at this month's meeting and was shocked to learn a complaint had been filed June 15.

Valoff said White's call for transparency was "hypocritical," considering he didn't ever publicly air his complaint.

Board member Ervin Stadel went further, calling for White to be censured: "I think you are a liability to the district and to the school board," he said. "I don't want to be associated with this."

White filed the complaint after groundbreaking on the biggest project in the history of Silverton High School's booster club. The Silver Fox Foundation is installing a \$1 million artificial turf football field at McGinnis Field with the help of \$50,000 grant from USA Football and sizeable community donations.

Major donor K & E Excavating began work in early June, turf installation is scheduled to start this week, and the goal is to finish in time for the first home football game, said foundation president Rick Schmidt.

White said he grew concerned after a community member asked for fill dirt from the project. He learned some dump trucks had taken fill to Roth's property 2 miles away. Excavators on public and private projects often deliver dirt free of charge to the nearest available recipient. In this case, that recipient was a board member.

White didn't like it. "How come Tim gets all that dirt?" he said. "Just on the face of that, it doesn't look good ... I see the dirt as district property."

In emails to White, Bellando didn't agree. Because the turf project is a private venture, contractors didn't have to treat the dirt as "surplus property," and offer it to the general public, he said.

"This project is on a short timeline, Tim had property nearby, and he did the district a favor," added Wally Lierman, new board chair.

After the meeting, Roth commented, "The Fox Foundation needed a place to dispose of the dirt, and I had a place within 2 miles. It was nothing to do with me being a board member ... I was just trying to help out."

Rather than seeing the dirt as a "gift" — which Oregon law requires public officials to keep under \$50 per year if they're "from any single source that could reasonably be known to have a legislative or administrative interest" — a majority of board members said they see the dirt as a liability.

Tom Buchholz was the only board member to

give White's complaint any public merit. He said he expects nothing to come of the investigation but noted, "The public hates the thought of a good old' boy club running their school district, and this has the optics of that."

The fill dirt complaint is in "preliminary review," said Oregon Government Ethics Commission Ron Bersin. The decision whether or not to launch an investigation will occur at the commission's Aug. 12 meeting in Salem.

In other business at the July 11 meeting, the school board:

» Moved closer to purchasing a 1-acre parcel of property on Grant Street by authorizing Bellando to negotiate a price with the longtime owners' daughter, Lori Douglas. Adding the property to the high school campus could expand parking, board members noted.

» Heard from a new booster club, Silverton Friends of Music, formed to support and advocate for music education in Silverton's public schools. After sharing each school's music offering, President Sarah Weitzman asked the board to consider centralizing its music budget and mandating music at every school. In addition to Weitzman, the group's board of directors comprises Jon Fronza, Heather Pilkington, Lainie Piper and Amanda Petrik.

» Voted 5-2 to approve a memorandum of understanding with the teachers union that includes a "compensation opt-in model," an alternative pay structure.

specify whether he had to register as a sex offender, and a search for his name in Oregon's sex offender registry yielded no results. During his investigation, Boatner did not discover any other alleged victims. He encouraged anyone with information to contact the Silverton Police Department at 503-873-5326.

Following his arrest,

Stutzman's bail was set at \$100,000. He was released on bond July 5 and ordered to have no contact with the alleged victim. His next hearing is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. July 21 at the Marion County Circuit Court Annex.

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of probation, the conditions of which included orders to have no contact with minors, undergo sex offender treatments and stay away from areas frequented by children. Court documents did not

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