

Marion County wants recycling to go into trash

17-year-old program scales back on items it will accept

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Shredded paper, egg cartons, milk boxes and most plastic containers are all about to be banned from Marion County's blue bins.

The county's 17-year-old curbside recycling program is scaling way back on items it will accept, in response to China's refusal to take most recyclable materials from the West.

Beginning Monday, those items and more should be thrown in the trash, said Brian May, the county's Environmental Services Division manager.

"It's going to be huge," May said. "Residents of Marion County are very big recyclers. We know it's going to be a huge change to our nature."

On Jan. 1, China stopped allowing many materials to be imported for recycling, saying contamination levels were too high. China was the world's largest importer of recycled paper and plastic, and took most of Oregon's recycling.

About half of Marion County's recycling goes to Salem's Garten Services, with the rest heading to Pioneer Recycling Services in Portland.

Both recyclers are among 16 statewide that have received special permission from the Oregon Department of



Recycling sorters pull non-recyclables off a conveyor belt at Garten Services in Salem in January. ANNA REED/STATESMAN JOURNAL

Environmental Quality to send recyclable materials to the landfill.

"Our warehouse was filled up to the point where it was unsafe. We ended up having to stick some stuff outside. We

didn't have a choice," said Will Posegate, Garten's chief operations officer. "But the stuff doesn't stop coming in."

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IN BRIEF

‘Treasures from the Attic’ at Lunaria Gallery

Lunaria Gallery is inviting art-lovers to visit an eclectic show featuring works curated from the attics of its member artists. They have combed through their collections to find their best pieces to share.

Shows run through April 2. The gallery, at 113 N. Water St., is open daily 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

— Christena Brooks

‘Silverton Salon’ now open at Borland Art Gallery

Historically, a salon was a place where

artists could exhibit their most controversial works. The Silverton Art Association's Borland Art Gallery, at 303 Coolidge Street, once again is sponsoring a "Silverton Salon."

A variety of artwork in various mediums and subject matter, including tasteful nudes, will be exhibited. The exhibit is open to the public weekdays, 9 a.m. to noon, and weekends, noon to 4 p.m., through April 1.

Victor Point Chili Feed is March 15

Victor Point School's annual Chili Feed will be Thursday, March 15, from 5 to 8 p.m.

A long-standing tradition as this rural

K-8 school, the evening features dinner, dessert, a huge raffle, a silent auction and a cakewalk. After last summer's extensive seismic upgrades, this year's theme is "New Look, Old Traditions."

All proceeds support kids at Victor Point. A meal ticket is \$5. A family pass is \$25. Raffle tickets are \$1 apiece. Prices for silent auction items vary. Buy tickets ahead of time or at the door. Winners need not be present. For more info, call 503-873-8048.

— Christena Brooks

Outdoor

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GDP was larger than that of utilities (\$287 billion); mining, including the extraction of oil and gas (\$260 billion); but less than transportation and warehousing (\$562 billion); and construction (\$792 billion).

And the industry is expanding. In 2016, it grew 3.8 percent, compared to the overall economy's growth of 2.8 percent.

The report was released by U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis on Feb. 14.

"The public will no doubt be surprised at the economic importance of this industry as we release prototype statistics measuring the impact of activities like boating, fishing, RVing, hunting, camping, hiking, and more," said U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross in a news release.

Unlike other reports analyzing the outdoor recreation industry's economic footprint, this is the first one not con-

ducted by a private industry association such as the Outdoor Industry Association.

According to the Department of Commerce report, the outdoor recreation industry employed 4,280 people in 2016, up 2.9 percent in a year and up 6.5 percent from 2012.

Earnings for those workers grew even quicker. Compensation for those employees totaled \$203.5 billion, a 5.2 percent increase from the previous year and up 18.5 percent from 2012.

While the BEA study is unique nationally, the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office commissioned and published its own economic study in 2016.

That analysis found that outdoor recreation resulted in \$21.6 billion dollars in annual expenditures in Washington and created roughly 200,000 jobs. The Washington study was the first of its kind in the state.

"Now we know it's a huge driver to our economy as well," said Kaleen Cottingham, the director of the Recreation and Conservation Office. "We have known that intuitively. But we didn't

have the data to back that up."

That information can be useful when advocating for conservation or trying to change policy, Cottingham said.

Although the Department of Commerce analysis was more narrowly focused, Cottingham said the federal findings aligned with the state report.

The Recreation and Conservation Office is in charge of distributing and making grants. Having economic data "helps to justify our investments as part of the bigger economic engine," Cottingham said.

Similarly, Sam Mace, the Inland Northwest Director for Save Our Wild Salmon, said the potential economic benefit of conservation has long been a key plank in Save Our Wild Salmon's platform and something they've considered and highlighted on the Lower Snake River.

"Often that is the bottom line way you can protect these resources, by showing the economic driver that they are," she said.

The federal report will be a useful advocacy tool, said Katherine Hollis the conservation and advocacy director for

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ton, which she closed to be a new mom and take a fellowship in obstetrics at Truman Medical Center, Lakewood in Kansas City. Before that, she attended Oregon State University and OHSU. Now she's taking on the financial side of this new practice, along with seeing patients.

Hupp, 29, grew up in Silverton, getting her first work experience on her family's Christmas tree farm and as a lifeguard at the city pool. Her bachelor's degree in nursing is from the University of Portland, and she earned master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Washington in nursing and nursing practice, respectively.

Her residency was at the Center of Excellence in Primary Care at the Puget Sound Veterans Administration, and she also volunteered on a medical mission bus to underserved patients in Washington. A broad array of cases provided Hupp with experience in gynecological, geriatric and general family care. Along with seeing patients, she will oversee human resources at the new Silverton practice.

Bay, Houts and Hupp became friends while working together for Family Medical Group of Silverton. Bay was there eight years, Houts for 10, and Hupp for four.

Theirs will be the first local practice to use Epic, the electronic health records program recently unveiled at Legacy Silverton Medical Center, Bay said. It's used by all Providence and Legacy hospitals, OHSU and Salem Hospital.

Silver Creek Family Medicine will host a soft opening in the evening on May 4. Located at 111 West C Street, its regular hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays; and 8 a.m. to noon, Saturdays. Until the office opens, its website the best point of contact: www.silvercreekfamilymedicine.com.

“It’s such a cool experience to find such wonderful doctors to work with – doctors who care about patients as much as these two do.”

Kelsey Hupp, Family Nurse Practitioner

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