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In an effort to ensure that things are not, indeed, done the same way again, the state’s Pesticide Analytical Response Center (PARC), whose primary function is to “coordinate investigations and to collect and analyze information about reported incidents,” has issued new guidelines for how its eight member agencies should respond to pesticide incidents.

Member agencies of PARC are ODA, ODF, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Oregon Health Authority, the Oregon Poison Center, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Any member of the public with either a general concern, or concerns about a specific incident, should contact PARC toll free at 1-844-688-7272.

Mitchell, of PARC, points out that in fiscal year 2014 ODA conducted 400 to 500 investigative activities, either routine or complaint driven. Approximately 14 percent of those resulted in some degree of enforcement response.

The Oregonian reported that a 2011 federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) audit uncovered “extensive problems with Agriculture’s investigations.”

But more recently, Agriculture

has received grades of “excellent”. The 2014 EPA report states in part: “ODA has an excellent enforcement program. In fiscal year 2013, ODA continued to improve its pesticide enforcement program by implementing new procedures to address EPA’s recommendations in the past few years.”

And speaking for Forestry, Public Information Officer Nick Hennemann affirms, “There is clear law, monitoring, education, response, and an enforcement framework in place across the state and federal agencies to help protect people and the environment, and the Forest Practices Act’s adaptability allows it to incorporate up-to-date, sound science.”

But what can the public do to protect itself from even the possibility of being impacted by off-target or irresponsible spraying? Shouldn’t neighbors be notified in advance of spraying operations?

ODF does allow any member of the public who is concerned about possible nearby spray operations to sign up for email notifications in their geographic vicinity. There is a \$25 minimum yearly fee. But neither federal nor current state regulations currently require spray applicator companies to notify neighbors proactively, in advance of an operation.

Flowin’ Over Farmstead

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“Here in the Valley at this time we have the perfect opportunity to create a true empowered localized, self-sustaining community,” says local farmer James Kaiser. “We can be an example to the rest of the world to teach what the true meaning of economy is. Economy simply means to do more with less.”

Kaiser originally came to the area when he was in his early twenties and followed a girlfriend to Williams to be near her and her family. There he meet some old-time hippies who mentored him and showed him a new way of life.

Falling in love with Southern Oregon, Kaiser decided to stay and settled in the Illinois Valley because the land was cheap and the river was so wonderfully clean and refreshing. He knew no one here then, but the land drew him. Kaiser says that he has come to love the people here; their rawness and lack of pretense.

First settling in O’Brien in 2000, Kaiser then bought 5 acres of flat land off Westside Road 10 years later. From just a half acre garden, he grows an astounding amount of produce such as tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, melons and much more. In addition, Kaiser also raises animals, some of which are pigs, chickens, sheep, heritage pigs

and turkeys. He also raises an unusual breed of duck called Muscovy which are large ducks that are native to Mexico, Central and South America. Nut orchards are being planted on the farm, and Kaiser also grows herbs and flowers for cutting. Last year was a successful one for him, selling his produce mostly at the Farmer’s Market, and also at Cabin Chemistry and Diggin’ Livin’. He feels that one can have a good livelihood as a farmer in the Illinois Valley.

“Flowin’ Over Farmstead” is the name of Kaiser’s farm. He says, “I have always had a green thumb. It’s tough farming on mediocre land with poor soil, but I’ve been blessed with a good agricultural well on my farm and the excess magnesium in the serpentine soil makes my fruits flavorful.”

Born in Indiana and raised in California, Kaiser has worked with plants his entire life. Some of his best childhood memories are of his mom in her garden in the Redwoods along the Van Duzen River under an ornate totem pole in the sun. He explains, “My grandfather and great-grandfather were farmers and I knew I wanted to be one too when I was 17. Not because of family, but because I looked at the world and saw the turmoil, the pollution, the chances of getting lost out there. I saw organic farming as the answer. Clean, good, wholesome, hard work living. It is a livelihood to be

proud of.” Kaiser was raised by his single mom who was a social worker and real estate investor. His father is an artist in Portland and his one sibling, a brother, still lives in Indiana. He has never married and has no children.

Kaiser has a dream for the Illinois Valley. He says, “What if everyone in the Valley decided to keep chain stores out, decided to grow our food and livestock and develop cottage industries whereby we produce our own clothing, utensils and tool from our own resources. I believe that would be so intriguing to others elsewhere that it would bring folks here from far and wide to witness the phenomenon and to learn from us. We need to build upon the foundation laid down before us by the likes of It’s a Burl, Delbert Kauffman and the Farmer’s Market.

Kaiser can be found on most Friday afternoons from about 1:30 to dark; he sets up his produce stand at the vacant lot next to the Junction Inn, and he says that his fresh produce usually sells out fast.

Kaiser would like the community members to know, “I truly thank everyone who takes part in the Cave Junction Farmer’s Market. It is a cornerstone to our community. Come check it out when it opens this year at its new location at Jubilee Park!”



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR JOSEPHINE COUNTY
NORMAN LESLIE BERGER,
PETITIONER,
v.
BEVERLY J. BERGER,
RESPONDENT.
Case No.: 15DR00276
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TO: BEVERLY J. BERGER.

Your spouse has filed a Petition asking for dissolution of your marriage (and possibly related relief). If you do not file the appropriate legal papers with the court in the time required (see below), your spouse may ask the court for a judgment against you that orders the relief requested.

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Information required by ORCP 7(D)(6)(b):

(1) The object of this Complaint is the dissolution of the marriage between the above-referenced parties.

(2) Plaintiff’s demand for relief is the dissolution of the marriage between the above-referenced parties and other equitable relief.

(3) The date of first publication is February 25, 2015.

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