## **Planting Along Ash Creek**

Luis Torres plants trees and shrubs along Ash Creek's riparian area near Talmadge Middle School on Thursday. He and others from D. Franco Contracting Inc. of Salem spent the day planting three to four native shrubs to each tree, 25 to 30 different species. The crew can plant 1,000 trees and shrubs in an eight-hour day, said Kristen Larson, **Luckiamute Watershed Council coordinator.** The trees and shrubs will take about five years to fully mature, though people should see a difference this spring, Larson said.



Spas will be on site for the

Rickreall Farm Supply will

have tractors and lawnmow-

ers on display for folks to get

ready to move serious dirt or

In addition to ideas and

things to spruce up a home

or garden, actual homes will

be on display. Jim Ash of The

Vintage Cottage Home will

demonstrate living in a small

area with 200- to 800-

"They will actually sit on a

trailer," Thomas said.

"They're complete homes.

They're on wheels, so they

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square-foot homes.

can be moved."

first time, Thomas said.

just keep the grass tidv.

The home can serve as

Plenty will be available for

those who do not own a

home, such as jewelry or

bath and body products,

cept for the model homes,"

"Everything is indoors ex-

Thomas said Saturday will

be a busy day with the poul-

try sale in the Arts and Crafts

Building. Though she doesn't

have chickens personally,

she said the backyard chick-

en events are really fun and

are well attended.

anything from a guest house

to a primary home, she

noted.

Thomas said.

she said.

West Valley Housing Authority will hold their

**Work Session Meeting on Wednesday February** 

25, 2015 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at 204 SW Wal-

nut in Dallas, Oregon. The Regular Meeting will

be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at

1:00 p.m. at 204 SW Walnut in Dallas, Oregon.

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**Agenda** for the meeting is posted on the Housing

Authority website at www.wvpha.org. The location

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# Weekend home, garden show set

**By Emily Mentzer** 

The Itemizer-Observer

RICKREALL — With an unusually warm and sunny February, it feels like the perfect time to start working on those gardening or redecorating projects.

The eighth annual Polk Home and Garden Show, "Get Inspired, Get Started," will help get the creative juices flowing, said Deb Thomas, event organizer.

The show kicks off Friday and runs through Sunday at the Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center.

"There will be all sorts of companies and local businesses that work with remodeling your home," she

Spring is the perfect time to clear away the mold and mildew in the house, or refinish the deck to get it ready for summertime relaxing. Seminars on both will be at the home and garden show, Thomas said.

"Everybody's starting to get ready to do those remodel projects," she said. "Hopefully, this will give people some good ideas on some

A plethora of ideas will be on display for outdoor living, from hardscape projects to model trains. Polk County Master Gardeners will have a booth staffed for most of the show, demonstrating early seed bed planting and answering questions on all things gardening, Thomas

Domenica Protheroe will return with a seminar on In-

### **Check It Out**

What: Eighth annual Polk Home and Garden

When: Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5

Where: Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center, 520 S. Pacific Highway (99W), Rickreall.

Admission: Free. Parking also is free.

Of note: Drawings will be held for \$100 gift certificate to halfpriceOregon.com. A second drawing for a Traeger Junior grill also will be held.

For more information: fiber.com.

pastime, Thomas said.

"She will be ... getting people started with their backvard chicken experi-

NW G Railroad Club will return with Trains in the Gar den display, she said.

"My son-in-law has a fabulous train around the fence line of his home," Thomas said. "He has a backvard train built with a working sawmill, trestles and bridges. Anything you can think of in a town, you can actually build in your backyard on a small scale."

Along with these returning

www.polkhomeandgardenshow.com or email polkproductions@minet-

troduction to Backyard Hens on Sunday a 2 p.m. Backyard chickens is an ever-popular

ence," Thomas said.

demonstrations, hot tubs and spas from Clearwater



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### **How to do Sudoku**

Fill in the grid so the numbers 1 through 9 appear just once in every column, row, and three-by-three square. See example above.

The Christian Science Monitor

# **Gun rights resolution** receives **BOC** support

**By Jolene Guzman** 

The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — Polk County has joined more than a dozen Oregon counties in approving a resolution supporting the Second Amendment and opposing restrictions on gun rights.

In a unanimous vote Feb. 11, the Polk County Board of Commissioners passed the resolution, which was brought to the board by Dallas resident and American Outdoors owner Micky

"I don't think there is anything more important than protecting our Constitution and Constitutional rights," Garus said following the Feb. 11 vote.

Garus said the resolution is in response to bills expected to come up for votes in the Oregon Legislature this session that would restrict gun rights.

"This will send a strong message to Salem and could possibly prevent any further legislation," Garus said during his presentation to the commissioners the day before they voted.

He said 12 counties have approved the resolution and three more would be addressing it in the near fu-

"Polk County supports the right of the people to lawfully bear arms as stated in the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and the Oregon Constitution and opposes any state or federal law that un-



restricts a citizen's right to b e a r arms," the last line of the resolution

read. Board Chairman Mike Ainsworth said he voted for the resolution because, even though he's never owned or fired a gun, he

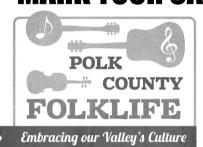
Amendment. "I know people abuse the right, but that's 1 percent (of gun owners) — 99 percent are good, law-abiding people," he said.

supports the Second

Garus said he's expecting more Oregon counties to approve the resolution.

"It's getting a lot of momentum," Garus said. "It's something that is going to sweep the nation. It was a definite victory for the Constitution and the county.'

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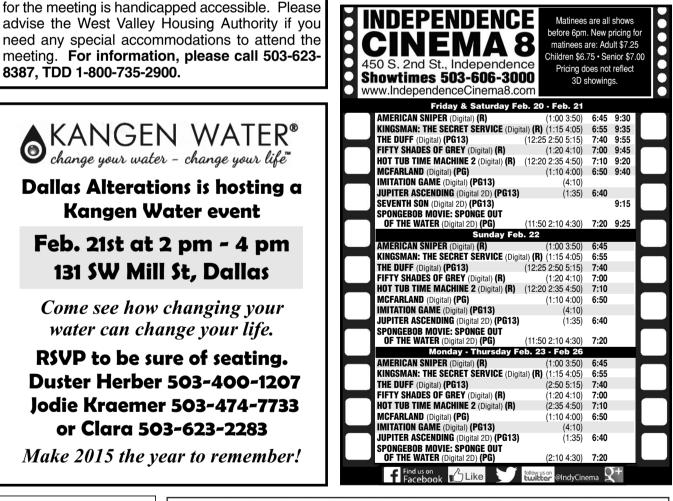
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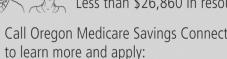
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