

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.



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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 Garus.

"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 future.

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 unconstitutionally restricts a citizen's right to bear 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 supports the Second Amendment.

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

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."



Garus

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 said.

Spring is the perfect time to clear away the mold and mildew in the house, or re-finish 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 things."

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 said.

Domenica Protheroe will return with a seminar on In-

Check It Out

What: Eighth annual Polk Home and Garden Show.

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

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: www.polkhomeandgardenshow.com or email polkproductions@minet-fiber.com.

troductio to Backyard Hens on Sunday a 2 p.m. Backyard chickens is an ever-popular pastime, Thomas said.

"She will be ... getting people started with their backyard chicken experience," Thomas said.

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

"My son-in-law has a fabulous train around the fence line of his home," Thomas said. "He has a backyard 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 demonstrations, hot tubs and spas from Clearwater

Spas will be on site for the first time, Thomas said.

Rickreall Farm Supply will have tractors and lawnmowers on display for folks to get ready to move serious dirt or just keep the grass tidy.

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-square-foot homes.

"They will actually sit on a trailer," Thomas said. "They're complete homes. They're on wheels, so they can be moved."

The home can serve as anything from a guest house to a primary home, she noted.

Plenty will be available for those who do not own a home, such as jewelry or bath and body products, Thomas said.

"Everything is indoors except for the model homes," she said.

Thomas said Saturday will be a busy day with the poultry sale in the Arts and Crafts Building. Though she doesn't have chickens personally, she said the backyard chicken events are really fun and are well attended.

West Valley Housing Authority will hold their Work Session Meeting on Wednesday February 25, 2015 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at 204 SW Walnut 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. An Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 will be held immediately following the Regular Meeting.

Agenda for the meeting is posted on the Housing Authority website at www.wvpha.org. The location for the meeting is handicapped accessible. Please advise the West Valley Housing Authority if you need any special accommodations to attend the meeting. **For information, please call 503-623-8387, TDD 1-800-735-2900.**

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Sudoku
Difficulty: ★★★★★

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Three-by-three square →

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Column ↓

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.