



# Cedar Mill News

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## Featured Business

### Knowledge Points™ Affordable Tutoring™

by Joyce Trepus

Education is an under-appreciated privilege. It is neither a punishment nor a job.

Jill Braun, Director of Learning at Knowledge Points Affordable Tutoring™ has been an educator for more than four years. She is excited about the new summer learning programs available at her Cedar Mill office in the Triangle Center behind the Dairy Queen on Saltzman Road.

“The Beaverton School District doesn’t have a summer learning program this year,” she said “and we’re filling in that void with our programs.” The current reading and math tutoring afternoon schedule will continue with an additional morning schedule, the Summer Advantage program.



Jill Braun waits for her next student

The twelve-week Summer Advantage program (6/16/04-9/3/04) is being offered to all grade levels and is the most intensive session. Each student will receive instruction for a designated one-hour session per subject (math or/and reading) Monday through Friday between 9 am and 12 am. The eight-week Summer Advantage Program (6/16/04 – 8/6/04) will keep your student learning with time for a break before the regular school year begins.

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### Next Meeting

### Cedar Mill Business Association

Tuesday, May 18, 2004. 12 noon

Place: Cedar Mill Community Library

Topic: The Cedar Mill History Project

Speaker: Virginia Bruce, Cedar Mill News

Join us for lunch to find out about our wonderful history and how we can help preserve and promote it

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(bring your own beverage)

## Thompson-Saltzman intersection finally gets straightened out

The jog at the intersection of Saltzman and Thompson roads in northeast Cedar Mill will finally be remedied after much discussion and neighborhood involvement. The new alignment will cut a corner off the small dairy farm at the southwest corner of the intersection. Originally the project was to include the removal of the two 90-degree turns west of the Arbor development by routing traffic through the development, but this portion of the project is being deferred by Washington County until a later date. Local residents filed an appeal to the decision to limit the project, but the County hearings officer decided in favor of the county.

Construction is scheduled to begin later this month, and should be significantly completed by Labor Day to minimize impact on Findley Elementary. Work will be accomplished between

8 am and 5pm weekdays.

“Construction zone speed limit signs and warning signs will be posted, and lanes will be restricted, but there will never be a lane closure,” says Matthew Costigan, Project Engineer.

A new traffic signal will be installed, as well as new street lights, and there will be crosswalks at all four “legs” of the intersection.

Costigan says, “It’s going to be a construction zone, with dust, noise and delays, so please be patient. If there is a problem that I should be aware of, please contact me at 503-846-7825 or by email at [Matthew.Costigan@co.washington.or.us](mailto:Matthew.Costigan@co.washington.or.us)



realignment of Thompson-Saltzman intersection

## Cedar Mill International Film Festival!

Michelle Ritchie, Adult Services Reference Librarian at the Cedar Mill Community Library, has organized a monthly Film Club based on a selection of films from "Film Movement." This organization sends out award-winning films that wouldn't otherwise get wide distribution. After each film, viewers can participate in a short discussion group using questions that come with each movie.

Films are shown on the last Wednesday of each month at the library, from 6-8:30 pm. The library serves snacks and coffee, and encourages participants to bring their own snacks too.

The film for May is *Morlang*, "a chilling, psychological drama about jealousy, betrayal and revenge, based loosely on a true story." The movie was produced in The Netherlands.

Questions? Contact Michelle Ritchie: 503-644-0043 ext. 131

### Naturescaping Workshop

Learn about using native plants and natural methods to create a beautiful landscape that is wildlife- and river-friendly. This free workshop will be held on May 22, from 9 am to 1 pm and will include a tour of a local naturescaped yard. Pre-registration required, see [cedarmill.org/RCWP](http://cedarmill.org/RCWP), or email [naturescaping@yahoo.com](mailto:naturescaping@yahoo.com) or call 503-797-1842.

### Honoring Cedar Mill Principal

Mark Carlton, Cedar Mill School Principal, is retiring. Please join us for an evening to honor this teacher, principal, mentor, and friend on Saturday, May 22, 2004, 5:00pm - 7:00pm at Beaverton Christian Church, 13600 SW Allen Blvd. For more information, contact Jean Back at 503-796-2960.

#### The Cedar Mill News

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## Columbia Sportswear funds Cedar Mill School homework help

Thanks to a generous grant of \$10,000, Cedar Mill teachers will be able to continue their successful after-school homework help program at the Cedar Mill Crossing apartment complex on Barnes Road next year.

Teachers are available from 4-5:30 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year to help kids with their homework. The Cedar Mill Crossing Homework Club uses a room above the recreation area, donated by the apartment complex. "It's really helpful because a lot of these kids wouldn't have transportation to get home if they stayed late at the school," says Cedar Mill principal Mark Carlton.

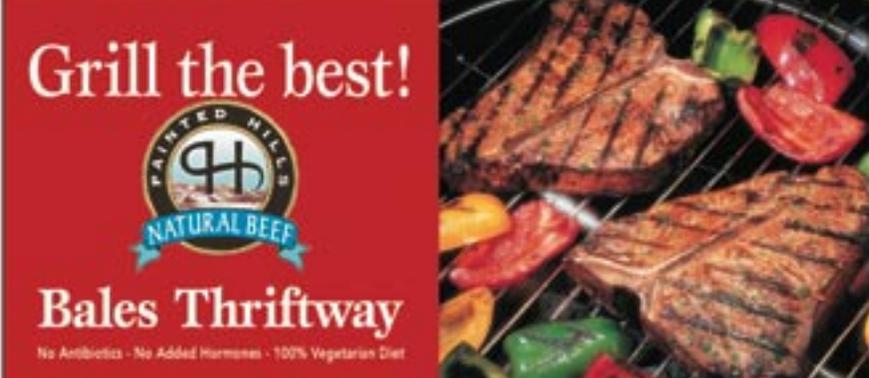
In the past, teachers have had to volunteer to help out, but the grant will allow them to be paid for their time. Janet Hogue of the Beaverton Education Foundation made the connection with Columbia.



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## Social Life in Early Cedar Mill

by Nancy Olson, co-author, *Cedar Mill History*

Long time residents of Cedar Mill recall a childhood of toil, eking out a self-sustaining existence while going to school, with little time for anything

object of this society shall be to develop the moral, intellectual and musical capacity of all to whom it's influence may extend; and to purchase and control an Organ ..." They met at the Union School House, rented out the organ for profit along with any entertainment and

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began in 1940 and ended around 1955. Monthly meetings were held at Leedy Grange and at Cedar Mill School. Members supported the formation of Wolf Creek Water District that brought Bull Run water to Cedar Mill and assisted the volunteer Cedar Mill Fire Patrol. During WWII members sold war bonds and raised money for the Red Cross. Community entertainment included operettas, strawberry festivals and plays.

One memorable night, the group offered, "Night in the Klondike," featuring legendary Kate Rockwell Matson, "Klondike Kate", the colorful queen of the Yukon dance halls. People dressed in parkas and snowshoes and ate a hearty meal while Kate danced and sang and discussed her golden days in



*Cedar Mill berry pickers circa 1930*

else. Yet social interactions and outlets were available.

Farm and household chores often became a form of social activity. Gertrude Walters Pearson recalled..."When it was time for haying, one field at a time would be mowed, after which the men worked together to shock it, with their pitchforks into mounds. Later it was loaded onto wagons to be hauled by horses to the barns. As children, we were allowed to ride on the wagons loaded with hay. The men worked together standing bundles of grain into shocks and later threshing it. Women would gather to prepare harvest meals with each family trying to outdo the previous one. The quantities of food were great..."

The earliest recorded social group was the Amateur Musical and Literary Society of Cedar Mill, founded in 1888. Articles of Incorporation stated: "The

exercises, and put the money back into the community.

For years, the Martin C. Larsen family of Bethany provided musical entertainment to Cedar Mill. They toured around the entire county, first by horse and springwagon and later by car. The parents were joined by six of their seven children, each instructed by Martin on a variety of instruments. On one occasion during WWI they appeared in a four-act play at Leedy Grange titled, "Her Friend the Enemy" with proceeds going to the Red Cross. They played square dance numbers in local barns; and jazz, waltzes and popular tunes at the Grange, but slowly began dissolving in 1922 when some of the older Larsen children left the household.

The Community Club of Cedar Mill



*Klondike Kate*

Alaska. She was living in Oregon at that time and died in Sweet Home in 1957 at the age of 76.

Schools, churches, and the Cedar Mill General Store were other outlets for social interaction. All of this provided surprisingly rich and varied social activities for the early community.

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The four-week Summer Advantage program, (8/9/04 - 9/3/04) allows even more time for summer activities.

If you register before May 31st, you will receive a free diagnostic assessment. Several financial assistance programs are available to those that qualify.

Braun decided to become a part of the one-on-one program when she was a classroom teacher. She found that she was unable to take the time in a full classroom to help individual students catch up. "It was so troubling to watch them fall behind and not be able to do much about it," she said.

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