



# Cedar Mill News

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## Featured Business

### Figaro's Pizza

Andrea LeGare and Brice Dick have successful careers, Andrea at Intel and Brice with his own promotional products business (BrandAid, LLC). But they both realized that something was missing in their lives. Examining their personal goals, they realized they wanted to have more flexibility in their lives, to work for worthy causes within a community and with youth. And the answer was pizza!

They began to explore the options for pizza franchises and were most impressed with the Figaro's chain, which began in 1981 in Salem. Ron Berger had been at the helm of the organization for three years, and Andrea and Jim were inspired by his vision for the company. They knew they had found a great location when they looked at a space in the Safeway shopping center between Blockbuster and the liquor store.

As Andrea and Brice became more involved with the project, their good friends Jim and Brenda Knapp got excited too and wanted to get involved. Jim also works at Intel, and Brenda is a teacher at Terra Linda. Now the four partners run the Cedar Mill Figaro's together. They celebrated their first year in business last December. Each of



them spends time every week either in the store or doing the various operational tasks required when owning a business. "It's really working fabulously," Andrea says. "We all have unique skills that complement each other, and we're more successful as a result."

Andrea says their biggest challenge is the number of choices available for pizza in this community. They've just launched delivery service for customers within a five-minute

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## Next Meeting

### Cedar Mill Business Association

Tuesday, March 16, 2004. 12 noon

Place: Cedar Mill Community Library

Topic: Update on the Cornell/Barnes road improvement project.

Join us for lunch to find out how the planned construction will affect us.

FREE soup & sandwiches, courtesy of Safeway  
(bring your own beverage)

## History in the News

### The Leedy Grange

by Nancy Olson and Virginia Bruce

If you've noticed the unassuming gray building in the heart of Cedar Mill, just north of the intersection of Cornell and Saltzman, you may have read the legend "Leedy Grange, Number 339" on a sign above the door. And if you're like me, you may have wondered – what is a grange?

The dictionary declares it: *An association of farmers, designed to further their interests, and particularly to bring producers and consumers, farmers and manufacturers, into direct commercial relations, without intervention of middlemen or traders. The first grange was organized in 1867.*

The Grange is a fraternal organization similar to the Masons, but unlike many it has emphasized the full participation of women from the beginning. Like other fraternal organizations, there are rituals and ceremonies, and degrees to be attained. But for most members the social and community aspects of the group are most highly valued.

Leedy Grange #339 has remained active in the area since 1903. Named after B.G. Leedy, then president of the Oregon State Grange, its charter membership consisted of 29 local men and women. Initially they met in homes, schools and churches until 1913 when they purchased a two-story building along Saltzman Road from The Modern

Woodmen who had constructed it in 1901.

It became the center for many community functions; in addition to Grange activities, other groups such as the American Red Cross Society, the Community Club of Cedar Mill and the Cedar Mill Garden Club were permitted use. By 1928 the Grange had a membership of 48. In 1929, The Beaver-



Leedy Grange, 1908. H. Ross Findley, top left  
(Courtesy Findley family descendants)

ton Enterprise newspaper reported, "Wear overalls and gingham and have a real good old fashioned time, given by the home economics committee of Cedar Mill Grange, Saturday night May the 18th at Cedar Mill Grange Hall, admission 25 cents."

Dances were held upstairs on a polished floor. Dancers recall the building's swaying and vibrating on especially lively evenings. Frequently Larsen's Orchestra of Bethany and the Bud Knowland Orchestra played

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## Cornell and Barnes Road construction update

by Virginia Bruce

The first phase of the Cedar Mill Town Center Plan entails widening and reconfiguration of Cornell Road between Saltzman and Murray, and of Barnes Road from near the Teufel property up to Cornell. The originally estimated date for this project to be put out for bidding was January 2004.

Several factors have caused a delay in this process, according to Russell Knoebel, Principal Engineer in Washington County's Department of Land Use and Transportation. Due to the complexity of combining accesses and reconfiguring parking lots, especially along Cornell Road, property acquisition has taken longer than originally planned. Also, the design was recently amended to require utilities to go underground (no more ugly utility poles-yay!) and utility companies and project designers need extra time to work out efficient solutions to underground utility conflicts. If all these issues are resolved as expected, the County will put the project out to bid sometime around April, and it will be May or June before any construction begins.

Construction is expected to take up to two years until everything's finished. During this period, the County will do all it can to mitigate effects on businesses and commuters, but we can certainly expect some delays and inconvenience. It's that old omelet thing again.

Mitigation plans include signs to be provided for each affected business indicating how customers can get to them. One lane will be open in each direction except for brief delays. These lane closures will be limited to the hours between 9 am and 3:30 pm to minimize impact on commuters.

The County is anxious to keep lines of communication open with business owners. The Project Manager, Alex Sander, will join us at the March 16 meeting of the CMBA. He and Project Engineer Wayne Selander will meet weekly with the contractors throughout the construction process, and they invite business people to attend the last half-hour of any of their meetings to discuss concerns. They will attend several more CMBA meetings to keep us informed of developments as construction nears.

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radius. Their "we bake, or you bake" policy offers customers a convenient choice. But they feel their greatest competitive edge is the quality and taste of their pizzas. "It's all 100% fresh food, with no fillers, no MSG, and high-quality fresh vegetables," Andrea mentions. Menu offerings include lasagna, calzones, salad and chicken strips.

### Pizza as diet food?

The Figaro's corporation has developed a genuine low-carb pizza. The 8" Low-Carb Personal Pizza contains less than 12 grams of net carbs per pizza. And it's delicious – I tried the Creamy Garlic Chicken and had to share it because it's so filling, dense with toppings. Figaro's CEO Berger drove the development of this offering. "As a low-carb diet advocate,



My low-carb garlic chicken pizza going into the oven –yum!

for months I've been seeking an alternative to scraping off pizza toppings with a fork," he said. Made with a wheat-flour base, the crust is thin but robust enough to let you pick up a slice and eat it normally, and it adds a pleasant crunch to each bite.

### Community supporters

"We chose the location because it was right on two main arteries, but we have since grown to really love this community. All the owners have developed special relationships with their customers," Andrea tells me. "We all believe that if you do everything with high integrity and honesty, it's going to come back to you. We invest in worthy causes and actively raise funds for those in need."

Their bulletin board is filled with certificates of appreciation from a wide variety of groups. For some causes they have agreed to donate a percentage of a day's sales. Just after they opened last year, they agreed to donate 100% of a day's proceeds to help Sgt. Damon Coates, the state trooper who was shot in the head during a traffic stop. "We were able to

### Pajama Game, sock hop at Sunset High

Student dramatists will present "The Pajama Game" at Sunset High on March 4-6, and March 11-13. The show will begin at 7:30 pm each night except March 6, when it will begin at 6 pm to be followed by a benefit Sock Hop to the music of Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts. Regular ticket price is \$8, and \$10 will get you the play and the Sock Hop. Call 503-259-5076 for more information.

donate over \$6000 to Damon and his family. The community really supported the effort – we had people lined up out the door to buy pizza and contribute," Andrea exclaims, "and it was cold, it was January!"

Another benefit raised money in remembrance of a schizophrenic woman who took her own life. The daughter of one of Andrea's Intel colleagues, the young woman became distressed when her support was cut with the passage of Measure 28. Proceeds of that fundraiser support the mentally ill in crisis because of cuts to state mental health benefits, through NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill). Brochures about the fund are available at Figaro's.

In keeping with their desire to work with youth, most of Figaro's employees are students of Sunset High School, right across the street. Casey Knapp, the store manager, is the son of partners Jim and Brenda. They love to host school groups for informative tours or as a reward. They even make special kids pizzas with pepperoni smiles.

Come in for lunch or dinner, or call to order takeout, or call for delivery. However you do it, give Figaro's a try. And we want to thank them for becoming our newest members of the Cedar Mill Business Association. You will be able to find The Cedar Mill News there every month, to read while you munch your pie.

**Figaro's, 13567 NW Cornell, 503-626-7099**

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for dances and other events. Longtime local resident Ted Blatter recalls getting into trouble as a kid for spying on the dancers from the limbs of the huge oak that stood where Bales' parking lot is now.

In 1925, the group passed a motion to install electrical lights. In 1929, \$5,000 was invested to renovate the building. The

classrooms were being constructed. The Leedy Grange hall has continued to support the social needs of the community. Squaredancers held their dances there for many years, and when the Grange was in danger of closing for lack of membership, many of the dancers joined the Grange and kept it going. Local resident Barbara Getty remembers attending squaredancing lessons

a refundable \$25 cleaning/key deposit and a rental fee of \$15 per hour. Contact Overseer Floyd Rye at 503-645-3931 about rentals.

Benefits of Grange membership include affordable insurance and access to many other discount services through both state and national organizations. Today, the Leedy Grange has a membership of 59 and continues to be a social gathering place and a forum for its members' concerns. They welcome new members, and you don't have to be involved in agriculture! Anyone interested in finding out more about Leedy Grange is invited to contact the current Master, Bob Welter at 503-524-7957.



The Leedy Grange today

structure was converted to a single story and a stage and kitchen were added as well as a new shake siding to the exterior. During the renovation the group met in the home of "Master" Burton B. Reeves, who had owned the Cedar Mill General Store from 1903-1913. [See article in February '04 CM News]

According to the Hillsboro Argus newspaper the remodeling was provided by "volunteer labor, and funds raised through entertainments, plays and donations." Pie socials, card parties, and dances were often organized to include the entire community. Just like in the musical, young women would prepare basket lunches which the young men would bid on.

Grange members continued to conduct their activities which included discussion and action on legislative and agricultural issues of current interest. Around the country granges established county extension agencies, supported the establishment of rural free delivery mail service and enhanced the political rights of women. Here in Cedar Mill in 1920 a committee was formed by the Grange to lobby for the paving of Cornell. They continue to lobby state and county government over issues of concern to the membership.

In 1938, Cedar Mill students attended classes in the Grange Hall while two new

in the 1960's. Many locals recall going to flea markets, bake sales and craft shows in the 1970's and 1980's.

A number of groups and several commercial enterprises use the hall currently, including Jazzercise and ABC Driving School. Rock Creek Watershed Partners is renting the hall in May for a Naturescaping for Clean Rivers workshop. When Saltzman is widened, the building will lose its front porch and the entrance will be moved to the north side. The basic configuration will remain, consisting of a large hall with a stage, and a big kitchen and a dining area. There's

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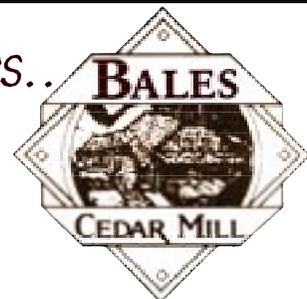
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## The Nature of Cedar Mill

### Native Lilies in our woods

Kyle Spinks, biologist with Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

The Pacific Northwest is home to numerous native wildflowers in the Lily family, and the West Hills of Portland bloom with these beauties from early spring through late summer. One of the earliest to bloom is the Western Trillium, also called the Giant Wake-robin because it appears when the robins return to start their families each Spring. This forest bloom is distinguished by a three-petaled flower, which turns pinkish over the summer, on a stalk above three large, oval leaves, all on a single stem up to a foot tall. A close relation, but rarer in this area, is the Sessile Trillium which also boasts three petals, but which are narrower and are not stalked above the three purplish-mottled leaves. The seeds of both of these lilies have small oil appendages that are tasty to ants. They carry the seeds back to their nests, dine on the appendages, then discard

the seeds, thereby distributing them across the forest floor.

Around Easter the forest floor may burst with delicate white, six-petaled Oregon Fawn Lilies (also called Easter Lilies or Trout Lilies). The single flower nods on a 6-10-inch stem that rises from two purple-mottled leaves tight against the ground.

In Oak wetland forests it's common to find Camas Lilies, the underground bulbs of which are famous as a food source for the local Native Americans. Rising about two feet tall, the flower stalk may have numerous lavender, six-petaled (technically, tepaled) flowers. The two common species are distinguished by how the tepals wither at the end of the blooming season: the withered tepals of the Great Camas (or Leichtlin's Camas) twist together over the expanding fruit whereas the tepals of the Common Camas do not. The Native Americans knew to avoid the poisonous Death Camas, identified by its white tepals.

Two of our tallest lilies are the Indian Hellebore and the California False Hellebore. Found in forest wetlands, they grow up to 7 feet tall, have long spikes of dense, greenish-white flowers branching from

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a single stem, and have numerous large, oval leaves up to a foot long. The first has spikes which droop whereas the second has upright spikes. Indian Hellebore is one of the most violently poisonous plants in the area, a fact well-known by the local Native Americans.

One of our most spectacular lilies is the Tiger Lily (or Columbia Lily), so-named because of its bright orange petals dotted with purple toward the center. This spectacular lily is often seen with several nodding flowers on a single stem rising up to three feet tall in open forests. The Tiger Lily blooms starting in June and the seed pods expand and drop their seeds by late summer.

Other lilies you might see include Hooker's Fairybells, Smith's Fairybells, Queen's Cup, False Lily-Of-The-Valley, False Solomon's Seal, Starry Solomon's Seal, Rosy Twisted-stalk, and Clasp Twisted-stalk. A great reference for Northwest flowers (and trees, shrubs, grasses, lichens, mosses, and ferns!) is *Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast, Washington, Oregon, British Columbia, and Alaska*, edited by Jim Pojar and Andy MacKinnon.



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