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Featured Business

South Africa comes to Cedar Mill

Twinkle Twinkle Little Store is bringing a splash of Cape Town, South Africa to the Saltzman Village shopping center (the triangle) in Cedar Mill. This new children's clothing store for infants to 12-year-olds held its grand opening last month, and has created a buzz about town already. Twinkle Twinkle is the only store in Oregon carrying the exclusive Keedo Kids clothing line of hand designed, hand made, high quality cotton clothing.

"We've had calls from as far away as Bend," says shop owner Coleen Suminski. "These clothes are not made in sweatshops, and have unique designs that cannot be found at any other mall or store," she continues.



Her husband Steve also helps with the store. "My wife and I were visiting California when Coleen saw the Keedo line and fell in love with it. She immediately wanted to open a store in Portland. It took her weeks to track down the supplier, but now we are one of only five stores in the nation that carry Keedo clothes, so it was worth it," says Steve.

Twinkle Twinkle's customers agree. Noreen Hussain placed a big order for school clothes for her two children. She comments, "It's fun to discover something new. Other mothers are always complimenting me on my kid's clothes, and they always want to know where I got them. The Keedo clothes are fun and colorful, and the color holds up well to washings."

Twinkle Twinkle Little Store is open Monday-Friday from 10-6, and Saturday 11-6. They can be reached at 503-641-4154, or at twinklestore@yahoo.com.

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Next Meeting

Cedar Mill Business Association

Tuesday, November 16, 2004. 12 noon

Place: Cedar Mill Community Library

Topic: Town Center: How do we get there from here? (rescheduled from Oct.)

Speaker: Andy Back, Principal Planner, Wa. Cty Land Use & Transportation

Join us for lunch to gain a better understanding of the vision for the Town Center and the means for achieving it

FREE lunch—bring your own beverage

History in the News

James Flippin, a determined Cedar Mill pioneer

By Nancy Olson, co-author, Cedar Mill History

James A. Flippin endured two unfortunate trips from Tennessee to the Oregon Territory before he came to settle in Cedar Mill. Flippin's first trip was made during 1845 when he came with his uncle, Colonel Robert Hull, on the ill-fated Stephen Meek wagon train. Along the way, the young man worked as a cattle driver with his friend, Ben Cornelius, together herding over 100 head of stock.

The train became lost and guide Meek abandoned the group. As the immigrants searched for the Columbia River, many pioneers and their livestock died, even though most of the animals driven by Flippin and Cornelius survived. The two men eventually reached the Tualatin Valley and made their living the first winter splitting fence rails at Wapato Lake, southwest of Forest Grove.

In 1849, Flippin joined the gold rush to California where he successfully worked a placer mine. After several years, he booked passage and sailed from San Francisco around the Horn to New Orleans, returning to Tennessee where he married Jane A. Patton. The couple persuaded their parents to resettle with them in Oregon, and in 1852 they all started west.

Soon after leaving, the couple's first child and all four parents died of cholera, along with half the wagon train. The determined Flippins returned to St. Louis, outfitted another train of their own and in 1853 started for Oregon. This time they made it and claimed 320 acres of land divided by upper NW Saltzman Road and NW Burton Road. Flippin built a cabin near NW 135th, where 11 children were born.

About half the original claim, including property east of Saltzman, was sold in 1864 to

Justus Jones, owner of the cedar mill on Cornell. Flippin continued to farm his remaining acres. Tax records for the year 1882 show Flippin holding about 100 acres valued at \$2,200 and that he owned two horses worth \$60, two cows at \$40, and five pigs totaling \$10.

Flippin was an active member of the community. For 17 years, he was clerk of the Union School District. He was county assessor for four years, worked as the Beaverdam precinct enumerator (collector of census information), and acted as justice of the peace for several years.

Flippin's last 100 acres were sold in 1885, when he and his family relocated 22 miles northwest of Hillsboro. Years later, son Thomas J. Flippin of Clatskanie prospered in the lumber industry and in 1899 commissioned



The Flippin Castle in Clatskanie

Markwell & Sons to build the "Flippin Castle" which is currently a National Historic Site in Clatskanie. The Castle was restored 81 years later and is now owned and maintained by the Clatskanie Senior Citizens where it serves as the group's headquarters and houses a museum. Daily tours are available at \$3.00. See <http://www.twrps.com/ccor/castle.html>



Heavy metal music, anyone? Vic Focht, a retired machinist, refurbishes old lawn mowers in his home workshop. What he can't repair, he turns into the most hilarious bunch of musicians you'll ever see! They line his driveway on Cornell just east of Cedar Hills Boulevard.

Chiquitos School Festival

On November 20, from 3-6 pm, Chiquitos School, a private Spanish language immersion school serving toddlers through 4th grade, will host a "Seasonal Delights" community event for parents and children at the school.

Activities include arts and crafts, games, cookie decorating, face painting, performances, and story time in Spanish. Refreshments provided. The school is located just south of the Sunset Highway west of Cedar Hills Blvd at 11675 SW Butner Rd.

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Renaissance Homes Begins Ambitious Peterkort Project

If you've been around Cedar Hills Boulevard north of Barnes Road lately, you will have noticed a lot of earth moving going on. Renaissance Homes has begun infrastructure development on one of its most ambitious residential neighborhoods to date, the \$100 million Renaissance at Peterkort Woods. This development will mark only the second time the company has built a "town homes" neighborhood and company officials are touting it as "the first large scale alternative to the Pearl District for higher-density urban living style."



The 223-home neighborhood is being compared to Forest Heights, John's Landing/Lair Hill, the Pearl and NW 23rd areas, "but not with rank and file row or town homes," said Randy Sebastian, Renaissance president. "We've set the exterior and interior finish levels so they rival the finish level of the highest priced Pearl District units," he says.

The "Village" units will be located in the center of the slightly more than 20 acre development. Sebastian describes these units as "similar to traditional row-houses, yet having the feel of lodge living thanks to the architectural treatments of the buildings."

Around the perimeter will be "Forest" homes with "architecture that resembles large lodge style homes, running 1,930 square feet to more than 2,700 square feet." They will be slightly more luxurious than the village units. Prices are expected to run from the low \$200,000's to around \$450,000.

Inspiration for Peterkort Wood's village look came from Whistler in Vancouver, B.C. Sebastian says it will be unique to Portland. "We did an extensive survey of town home projects on the west coast and were really impressed with the way Whistler works and looks," Sebastian

said.

The homes were designed by architect Sandie Hume-Tharp, who also designed Renaissance's 2003 Street of Dreams "Best of Show" winner, "Nature's Door."

Encircling the property, which is one of the last remaining parcels in the large Peterkort Master Planned Community, is a forested "green belt" which company officials say "creates the feeling of an island of privacy even though you're just minutes from town and shopping." A two-story clubhouse and pool will

add another amenity to walking trails and the fitness center available in Peterkort. Current plans call

for a special water feature "which we hope will actually be spectacular enough to become a signature feature," he said. Several parks are planned, including one large active park with a basketball court and a doggy park.

Sales will begin early next year.

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Bales grocery business sale pending

by Virginia Bruce, editor

At press time, a group of locally-based investors was close to purchasing the Bales for Food, Inc. grocery business, which includes Bales Cedar Mill and Farmington Thriftway stores. According to *The Oregonian* the buyers include Bob Miller, former chief executive of the Fred Meyer and Rite-Aid chains. The buyers have reportedly expressed their intention to retain current employees.

Ken Findley, stepson of founder Odus Bales, says that the family-owned business will continue to operate the real estate operation, which includes shopping centers and adjacent properties around the two stores. "We're not going anywhere," he says.

This is good news for Cedar Mill. The Bales family has shaped our community in good

ways, including enabling the Community Library to expand on Bales-owned land, and helping to extend Saltzman road to Barnes.

Bales has been stymied lately on one move to improve traffic circulation in the area. One



of the proposals for the Town Center road work was to extend Barnes Road north past Cornell along the west side of the Bales Thriftway lot to join up with Dogwood Street to the north. This would ease traffic on Filbert as well as improving access into the grocery lot.

Bales offered a very attractive land swap to Shell Oil to facilitate the change, but so far Shell has basically thumbed its corporate nose at our community. "It's been very frustrating," says Findley.



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