

Oregon Bee Project holds two events in GP

By Jeff Duewel
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Do you eat food? Then you should be interested in the plight of bees, which help produce much of the food we eat, said Judi Maxwell, local master gardener. Two events are being held in Grants Pass next week by the Oregon Bee Project, which was started in 2016 to combat a decline in bee populations and to find ways to deal with the crisis.

At 7 p.m. Friday they will provide information about the bee project for anyone interested, at the Josephine County Extension Auditorium 215 Ringuette St.

For those who want to participate in the Oregon Bee Atlas Surveys, an all-day workshop will be held on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., also in the auditorium.

Maxwell said pollinators are in trouble, but data is lacking on the number and distribution of Oregon's bee species.

"Since one in every three bites of food is the product of animal pollination (mostly from bees), such information is essential," Maxwell said.

Maxwell, a retired entomologist and biologist, started the Insect Working Group with the OSU Extension in Grants Pass.

She said the Bee Project is a worthy cause.

"We just really need people in the field who are interested in what's going on out there, in the field and in their yards," Maxwell said. "Lay people can make a major contribution."

Bee Project leaders who are coming to Grants Pass are

Andony Melanthopolous, pollinator health specialist at OSU; and Sarah Kincaid, an entomologist with the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

OSU and the Department of Agriculture are launching several initiatives to increase pollinator habitat, protect pollinators from pesticide exposure, and increase awareness about Oregon bees.

The project started in 2016, and current activities are:

- Interviews, trapping and farming practice assessments at select farms.
- Advisory committee meetings with interested stakeholders.
- Workshops for bee enthusiasts to aid statewide survey efforts, to develop the Oregon Bee Atlas.
- Regular e-newsletter with updates about pollinator activities and projects around Oregon.

This project is funded in part by a USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant.

The Oregon Native Bee Atlas is an effort to identify the bee species in the state, with a goal of understanding health and abundance. Studies have shown that with a relatively small sampling effort, declines or increases in populations can be tracked.

For those willing and able to participate or lead a group, the project will provide training, supplies, an ongoing support.

For more information about the project, and the events, call Maxwell at 701-202-1521.

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Say 'Ahh': Dentist brothers open practice



Business Buzz
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If you drove up Hawthorne Avenue in northwest Grants Pass earlier this year, you may have wondered about the lodge-style building that was under construction near Gilbert Creek Park.

It's the new home of the brothers Johnston, dentists Matthew and Cory.

The building is full of natural light, beautiful views and state-of-the-art dental equipment. Matt Johnston said the building's design is a nod to the Pacific Northwest and the logging community, and some of its design elements were the brainchild of Cory.

Rogue River artist Stephanie Lee was commissioned to create original artwork for the building. One piece incorporates the property's history, which was once an airstrip.

The brand new equipment being used by the brothers includes a machine which utilizes computer-assisted design to make crowns and implants.

Images in 3D of a patient's mouth are displayed on a monitor, which calculates the size and shape of bones and teeth, and sends measurements to a milling machine. The machine, just a few feet away, fabricates the crowns and implants.

This has turned a sometimes weeks-long process of off-site dental labs crafting these pieces into a one-day procedure.

The dentists are helped by a staff of 14 — four hygienists, five assistants and five in the front office, who take care of a patient load that tops 3,000.

The new building has 12 "operatories," including four for cleanings, two for surgery, and two for treatment. They offer sedation dentistry, with general sedation

administered by anesthesiologist Dr. Todd Phillips.

Cory is left-handed and Matt is right-handed, so the surgical suites are laid out as exact opposites.

Off the lobby is the room called the Zen room, which Matt said is used for patients to either cool off or warm up, complete with a massage chair.

On the second floor, plans are in the works for a billiards/ping-pong room for staff.

The brothers grew up in Utah and attended the Temple University School of Dentistry in Philadelphia, now known as the Maurice H. Kornberg School of Dentistry.

They took over the practice of Dr. Jack Luce when he retired, and most of his patients have stuck around. The office was located at Outlook Avenue and Seventh Street.

"Those original patients are the rock of our practice," said Cory.

Matt said their mantra is to treat each patient individually.

"Our intention is one positive contact at a time," said Matt.

When the two brothers aren't working, they're busy with their families — Matt has six kids ages 6 to 16, and Cory has five kids ages 2 to 12.

Matt is a local leader in the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Cory is a marathon runner. The doctors' wives Erica and Mindy also help out around the practice, and Mindy made quilts for each room.

"We're not from here, but we've been welcomed into and adopted by this wonderful community," said Matt.

Johnston Dental is located at 1825 N.W. Hawthorne Ave., 541-479-6623; johnstondentalcare.com.

AVOID CYBERCRIME. A free presentation on cybercrime and fraud in today's business is set to take place Oct. 24 at 1 p.m. at RCC's Riverside Campus in Medford.

The panel of experts will include representatives from Sonicwall, Tekmanagement, Hart Insurance and auditors from local accounting firms.

Attendees will hear real-life examples of cybercrime, and be given tips on how to position your business now and protect your business in the future.

Structured around the needs for small- to mid-size business owners, the presentation is limited to the first 100 participants. It's in Room 132 of the RCC/SOU Higher Education Center, 101 S. Bartlett St.

To sign up visit tekmanagement.com or call Chris at 541-779-4777 to sign up.

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Buck For Kids Day raised more than \$400,000

Dutch Bros. Coffee reported it raised \$414,233 during its annual Buck For Kids Day held Sept. 29.

All 292 Dutch Bros. stands donated \$1 from each drink sold to the local children's organization of their choice, in honor of National Coffee Day.

Locations in Cave Junction, Grants Pass and Merlin raised over \$8,200 for the Boys & Girls Club of the Rogue Valley.

"National Coffee Day provides us an opportunity to

thank our customers for being so amazing," said Travis Boersma, CEO and co-founder of Dutch Bros., which is headquartered in Grants Pass.

Dutch Bros. has supported local youth organizations for the last decade through Buck for Kids Day. Two years ago, the day was moved to coincide with National Coffee Day.

To date, Dutch Bros. Bucks for Kids Day has raised more than \$1.75 million for local youth organizations.

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To calculate the amount of the kicker credit, taxpayers multiply their 2016 tax liability before any credits — line 24 on the 2016 Form OR-40 — by 6.3 percent.

Residents are eligible to claim the kicker if they filed a 2016 tax return and had tax due before credits. Low-income taxpayers who are not required to file a tax return for 2017 still must file a return if they want to claim their kicker. In those cases, the state will send low-income taxpayers a refund check.

The state will include kicker information in the 2017 Oregon personal income tax return instructions that it will issue.

The state may retain all or part of a taxpayer's kicker if the individual has unpaid taxes due from other years, child support, court fines or college loans, the state said.

The state's "What's My Kicker?" calculator will be active on the Department of Revenue's website for personal income tax filers when filing season opens in January. The agency's website is www.oregon.gov/dor.

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