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Stockholders Okay Merger Of Three Banks

OUTLOOK - 7-2-64

Completion of merger plans of Gresham State Bank, Peoples Bank of Oregon and First State Bank of Oregon is expected in about a month, a spokesman said this week.

Only detail remaining is approval of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. All three banks involved in the merger are members of the FIDC.

Stockholders of the First State Bank voted approval of the proposal Monday night and stockholders of the Gresham State Bank and Peoples Bank ratified the merger plans last week.

J.F.M. Slade, state superintendent of banking, already has stamped his approval on the merger.

The combined banking organization will be known as First State Bank of Oregon, with headquarters in Milwaukie. Robert W. Franz, president of the existing First State Bank of Oregon and Peoples Bank of Oregon, will be president of the enlarged corporation.

The three banks operate a total of seven offices, serving a wide area of Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties. In addition to its head office in Milwaukie, First State Bank operates branches in Oak Grove, Estacada and the Southgate Shopping Center. Peoples Bank of Oregon has offices in Beaverton and Hillsboro. Gresham State Bank has a single office in Gresham.

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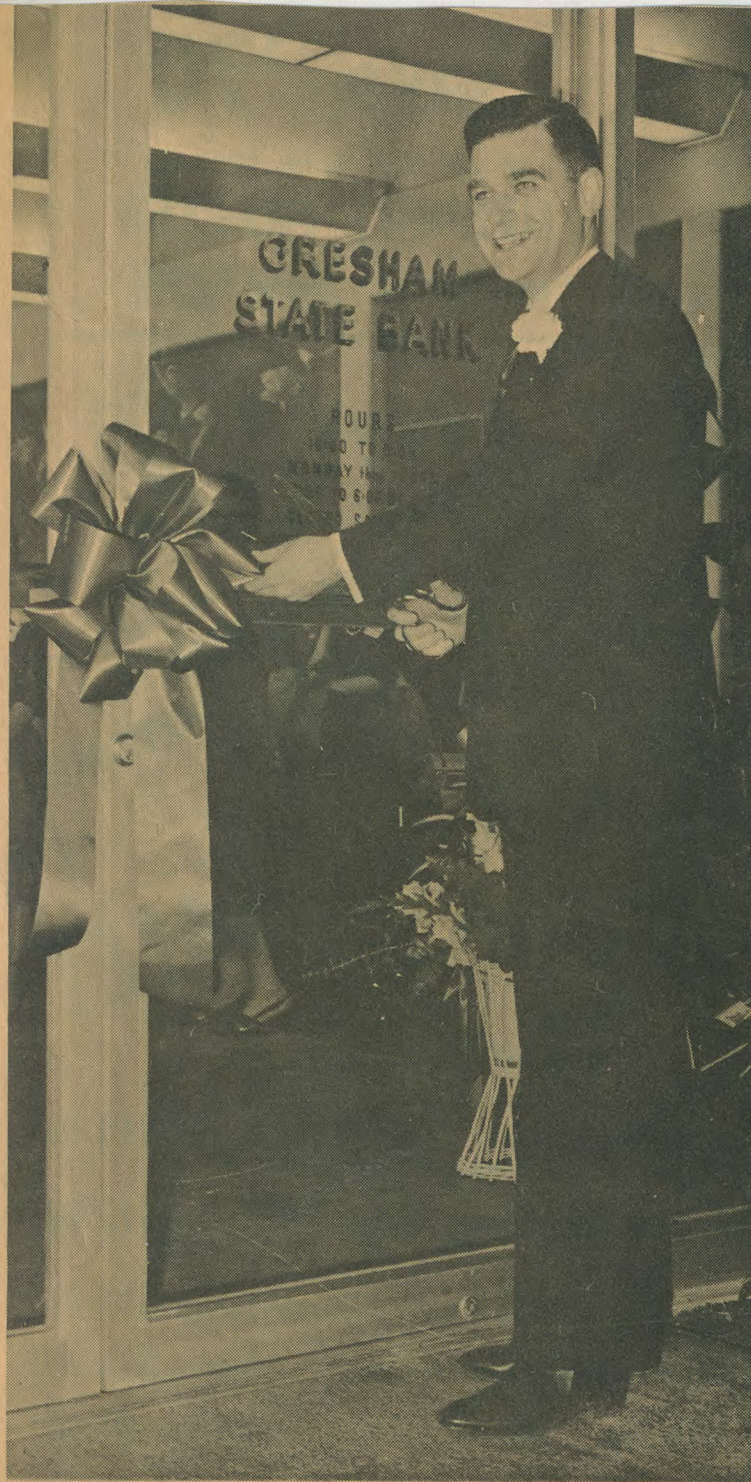
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Here, Gov. Hatfield cuts the ribbons at the official opening of the new Gresham State Bank office here. A sizable group was on hand for the opening and to hear the governor speak at a special Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Elks Club. (Outlook photo)

Crowds Jam Bank Debut

It happened in Gresham Tuesday.

An exciting new structure housing one of the city's prominent institutions was dedicated, a helicopter landed in a parking lot and Gov. Mark Hatfield came to town.

A tremendous crowd also turned out at the brand new Gresham Elks club to attend a luncheon honoring the governor and to hear him speak on the progressive development in our area and the state in general.

Opening Activities

All of these activities were incited by the formal grand opening of the new Gresham State Bank Bldg., at Third and Main Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. when Gov. Hatfield arrived by Helicopter to preside at ribbon cutting ceremonies.

After brief speeches to the listening and radio audience by the Governor and bank officials, residents began what turned out to be continuous stream of inspection of the new structure designed by Broome, Selig and Oringdulph. Contractor was John Schrag.

An estimated 1800 visitors inspected the bank Tuesday, according to F. J. Herman, executive vice president. Included in the visitors were Oregon bankers attending the Independent Bankers Conference at Lake Oswego Monday and Tuesday.

Dip for Treasure

Highlight of the first day's opening for three visitors was the opportunity to dip into the treasure chest and scoop out a sum of new coins.

A. L. Aylsworth, county commissioner, holding the first winning letters, brought forth \$26.50 in treasure. Mrs. Harry Park's handful totaled \$24.45 in charge and Austin Corlies retrieved \$26.90 from the chest.

Eastmont residents and others still have an opportunity to visit the open house this afternoon.

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OUTLOOK -

6-11-64

Bank Merger Plan Approved

J.F.M. Slade, state superintendent of banks, has approved a proposal to merge three banks in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties into a single corporation.

The banks are First State Bank of Oregon, headquarters in Milwaukie, with branch offices in Oak Grove, Estacada and the Southgate Shopping Center; Peoples Bank of Oregon, headquartered in Beaverton, with a branch office in Hillsboro; and Gresham State Bank of Gresham.

The boards of directors of the three banks previously had approved the merger.

OUTLOOK -
8-27-64

Bank Merger Gets Final FDIC Nod

Final approval has been given by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. for the merger of the Gresham State Bank with two other banks.

The banks are First State Bank of Oregon, headquartered in Milwaukie, with branch offices in Oak Grove, Estacada, and the Southgate Shopping Center; and the Peoples Bank of Oregon, headquartered in Beaverton, with branch office in Hillsboro.

Approval of the merger had previously been granted by the state superintendent of banks and the boards of directors and stockholders of the three banks. Effective date of the merger is Aug. 28, 1964 with the banks scheduled to begin operations as a single unit on Aug. 31.

Under the merger agreement all banks will operate under the name of First State Bank of Oregon, with headquarters in Milwaukie and six branch offices. According to Robert W. Franz, president of First State Bank of Oregon, combined assets of the three banks will exceed 37 million dollars. Lloyd Vietmeier has been named vice-president in charge of Washington county operations and F. J. Herman vice-president in charge of East Multnomah county operations.

Franz said, "Each of the seven offices in the combined operation will be able to draw on the \$37,000,000 resources of the organization, thus enabling each office to increase its lending limits to any one individual or company to a figure significantly higher than is possible under the present organizational structure. This will enable each office to assist in the growth of its area in an even greater capacity, and still maintain close personal relationship with customers."

All three banks involved in the merger are members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Merger Involves Gresham State Bank

Milwaukie Tie Planned

The Gresham State Bank plans to merge with the First State Bank of Oregon in Milwaukie. Fritz Herman, president of Gresham State Bank, said the merger will allow the Gresham Branch to provide increased services to its customers.

Herman will be a vice-president of the new bank in charge of the Gresham office.

The merger will also include offices of the People's Bank of Oregon with branches in Beaverton and Hillsboro.

President of the new bank will be Robert W. Franz, now the president of the Milwaukie bank. This bank has offices in Oak Grove, Escataca and at the Southgate Shopping Center as well as Milwaukie. Milwaukie will be the general headquarters for the new First State Bank. The Milwaukie bank was formed in 1909.

Franz is presently a director of Gresham State Bank. He acquired the interest of Charles E. Shrawder about ten years ago.

Shrawder came to Gresham from the middle west, and with a group of Gresham businessmen headed by the late Dr. H. H. Hughes, organized Gresham State in 1949. Dr. Hughes was the first president of the bank. He retired from this post several years ago, and Herman was elected president.

The new combined banking organization will have total resources of over \$37,000,000. Gresham State resources are in excess of \$5,000,000.

Herman said a merger agreement has been adopted by the boards of directors of the three corporations. The agreement is pending before the State Superintendent of Banks in Salem.

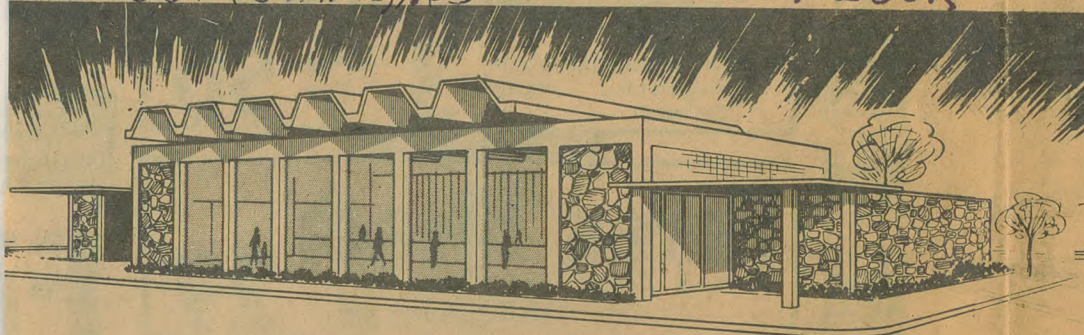
Herman said he expects the State Superintendent to act upon the merger application soon. A stockholders' meeting then will be called by each of the three corporations to consider the proposed merger. The merger actually will not become effective until approved by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. All three banks involved in the merger are members of the FDIC.

Herman said:

"The office in Gresham will be able to draw on the \$37,000,000 resources of the combined operation, thus enabling the Gresham office to increase its loaning limits to any one individual or corporation to a figure significantly higher than is possible under the present organizational structure. This will enable us to assist in the growth of Gresham in an even greater capacity, and still maintain our close personal relationship with our customers."

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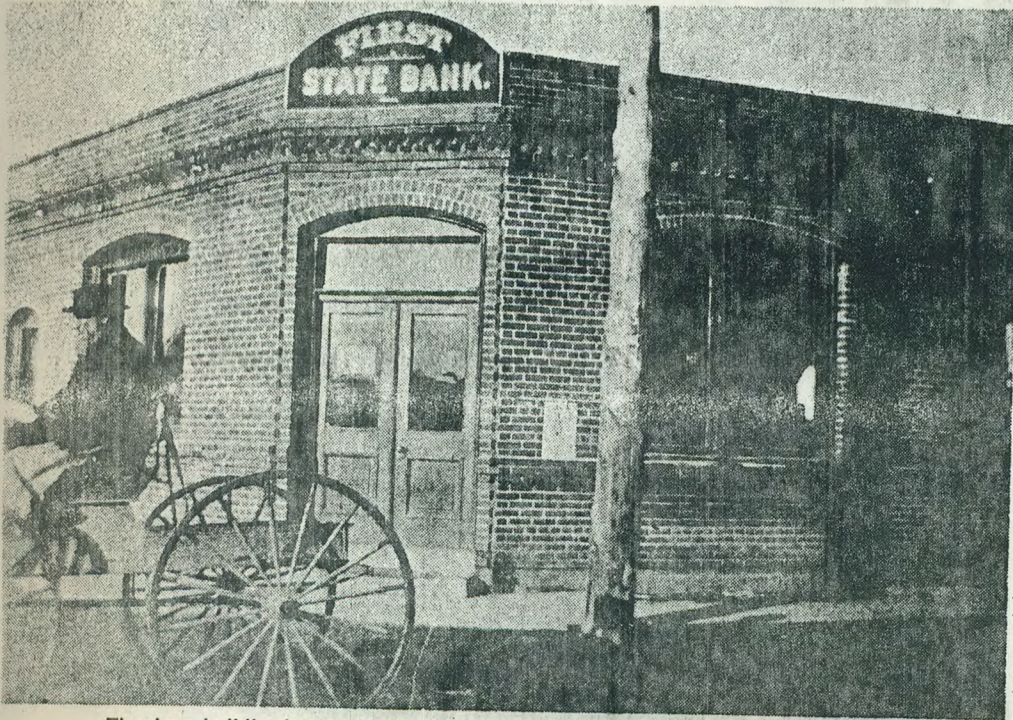


Gresham's most striking building at 3rd and Main is the new home of Gresham State Bank. The modern design is a reflection of modern trends in local, independent banking that Gresham State offers to the public. In addition to individual and commercial accounts, the bank offers many other services, such as personal and mortgage loans, safe deposit boxes, and drive-in banking. Speedy service at teller windows makes a waiting line here a real rarity.

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GRESHAM STATION OWNER SEEKS TO SELL RETAIL COMPLEX

TUES, 3-15-2010

Owner Westlake Realty plans to focus on California holdings

By SHANNON O. WELLS
The Outlook

Westlake Realty Group Inc., owner of the Gresham Station retail complex since 2002, is seeking a buyer for the 300,000-square foot outdoor shopping mall in the heart of Gresham.

A high-level Westlake representative and Nick Kassab, director of HFF commercial real estate's Portland office, both confirmed with The Outlook that Gresham Station and part of the adjacent Gresham North property that includes L.A. Fitness on Burnside Street and Civic Drive, was placed on the market about 12 days ago.

The San Francisco-based Westlake, whose holdings are mostly office- and residential-oriented properties in California, wants to divest the property at a time when local market conditions are favorable to concentrate more on the company's core mission, the company official told The Outlook in an email on Thursday, March 10.

"The ownership feels that it is the right time to sell after an extended holding period," said the spokesperson, who asked that his name not be used. "Also, there is a high demand for open-air centers due to a limited supply of this (type of complex)."

The Westlake official declined to share the asking price for



San Francisco-based Westlake Realty is looking to sell Gresham Station mall, which it has owned since 2002.

OUTLOOK PHOTO: JOSH KULLA

Gresham Station or how many potential buyers have come forward at this point. However, Nick Kassab, a director at the Portland office of HFF, which is

working with Westlake in the sale process, indicated the complex has generated strong interest in the short time it's been listed.

"We're receiving a lot of attention right now from groups who buy retail (properties)," Kassab said, noting the focus of institutional capital in the Pacific

Northwest. "In Portland in general, maybe a few deals come available of this size every year. Groups that are under allocated in retail — in the Northwest and

Portland — have very few opportunities to grow their portfolio, or enter into the market if you

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Station: Offers roll in for popular retail complex

■ From Page 1

don't have a presence up here. Opportunities of this scale are few and far between."

Anchored by a Best Buy, Gresham Station, bounded by Civic Drive to the west and Eastman Parkway to the east, occupies the wide swath of blocks between Northeast Division and Burnside streets with more than 50 stores and eateries. In addition to popular mall handbags such as Old Navy, Bed Bath & Beyond, Hallmark and Dress Barn, Gresham Station includes the Cost Plus World Market store and popular restaurants and cafes including Panera Bread, Ted Robin, Sushiville and Starbucks.

The latter is in the process of converting to an "evening store" format to include a broader food menu along with wine and craft beer offerings.

Gresham Station, Kassab noted, is one of Westlake's few major retail properties and its "only major interest" in the Portland area.

"It has a stellar lineup of tenants, and for the most part, those tenants perform very well," he said. "It's a good mix, and it has great curb appeal."

Westlake and potential buyers like what Kassab calls the "growth story" in Gresham, where the base demographic is blue collar but is broadening as the recent uptick of Portland gentrification is sending more residents and retailers

"We're receiving a lot of attention right now from groups who buy retail (properties)."

— Nick Kassab, director of HFF real commercial real estate's Portland office

toward East Multnomah County. Calling Gresham Station and Gresham Station North "profitable" properties, the representative from Westlake said the owner company believes the proposed sale will "be a positive" for current tenants and the complex's management team.

"We believe the (new) owner would be an institutional investor with deeper and broader relationships in the retail industry," he noted. "They would be able to attract more national and regional retailers to the center, which would result in increased retail traffic and sales for the current tenants."

The Westgate official praised Gresham Station's longtime management team, which includes longtime General Manager Barbara Bushell.

They "have done an excellent job in leasing and managing the property," he said. "Any prospective buyer would seriously consider retaining the incumbent team to continue management of the property."



Gresham Station has a base of solid retailers, according to owner Westlake Realty, including Old Navy and Bed, Bath and Beyond, shown above.

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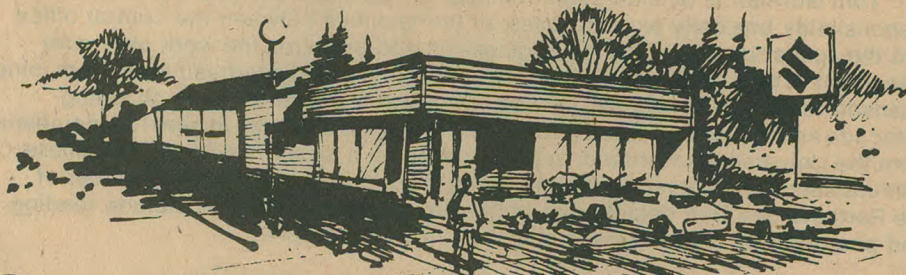
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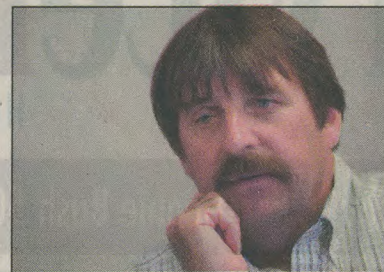


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Gresham Toyota-Scion upgrades near completion



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SHANNON O. WELLS
The Outlook 8. 11-15

One might assume the combination of one of the hottest summers on record and a major remodeling project that forces sales staff to work out of a trailer would have a negative effect on car sales.

At Gresham Toyota-Scion, 950 N.E. Hogan Drive, however, the mix of intense heat and makeshift office space translating to brisk business.

"It hasn't hurt us," said Ken Cornelison, general manager of Gresham Toyota since 2012, of the disruptions. "It hasn't really slowed down. We're breaking records here in the trailer."

Cornelison can't do much about the heat, but he's confident the approximately \$3 million expansion project expected to wrap up in a couple of weeks will impress customers both new and loyal.

The work, which began in November, is ahead of schedule. The remodeling encloses the previously open-air service department and nearly doubles its space.

The colorfully tiled floor of the show room also is greatly expanded, while the waiting room is being upgraded to a "Loyalty Lounge" with high-tech features such as big-screen TVs, iPads to assist customers with service questions, charging stations for digital devices and a laptop bar.

"We've almost doubled our waiting area," he said. "The (service area) will be warmer, and the waiting room will be more comfortable. We'll have plug-in chargers, two big-screen TVs and a Loyalty Lounge where we can serve cookies (and refreshments)."

Many of the improvements, Cornelison noted, have been a long time coming for the dealership, which the



OUTLOOK PHOTOS: JOSH KULLA

Above: The Gresham Toyota-Scion dealership, 950 N.E. Hogan Drive, is undergoing a large expansion, complete with an expanded service center, shown above.

Top: Ken Cornelison, Gresham Toyota-Scion general manager, says business has not slowed down at the dealership during the expansion.

Gresham Toyota-Scion

WHERE: 950 N.E. Hogan Drive, Gresham

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Cheney family first established in the 1970s.

"(The dealership's) been talking about it since '05 or '06," Cornelison said, citing fluctuations in the economy and an ownership change with delays in the plan.

The New York-based Summit Automotive Group purchased the dealership from the Cheney family in November 2012, when former general manager Mike Cheney retired. Summit has dealerships across the U.S. with a Northwest presence in Kennewick and Pasco, Wash.

The dealership retained close to 95 percent of Gresham Toyota's workforce, Cornelison noted, and to accompany the physical expansion, is



The Gresham Toyota-Scion dealership is nearing completion of a large expansion project.

in the process of adding about a dozen new employees to its staff of about 85 employees.

Perhaps surprisingly, filling those positions, which are listed on Gresham Toyota-Scion's website, has so far proved challenging.

"It has not been easy," he said, adding "I don't know why. The economy must be pretty good."

Other improvements coming down the pike at Gresham Toyota-Scion include an inventory expansion, constructing a new certified used-car center at the south end of the dealer-

ship property, and a program partnering with Mt. Hood Community College on internships and educational incentives.

Overall, Cornelison said the remodeling project and related digital upgrades will create a more efficient, streamlined experience for customers as well as sales, service and administrative staff.

"I think this will really speed up the (car-buying) process," he said. "It'll increase business. Our staff is well prepared. We're all looking forward to it."

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Gresham Toyota-Scion dealership changes hands

Longtime family-owned dealership under new ownership and management

By ANNE ENDICOTT
The Outlook

After nearly 30 years as a family-run business, Gresham Toyota-Scion has a new owner.

And while devoted owners and buyers of Toyota and Scion vehicles won't see a change in the commitment to customer satisfaction or the dealership's services, new general Manager Ken Cornelison said "big plans" are coming.

"We will begin a full remodel starting in April," Cornelison said. "We intend to put between \$2.5 million and \$3 million into the building, which will include expansion of our service area and showroom and a new façade. We're also expanding our Express Lube area to be more convenient for customers."

The New York-based Summit Automotive Group finalized purchase of the dealership from the Cheney family in November, when former GM Mike Cheney retired. Summit is no stranger to the car dealer industry, with dealerships across



New car inventory at Gresham Toyota-Scion will include Toyota's release of seven new body styles this year, said General Manager Ken Cornelison.

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JIM CLARK

the United States, with a Northwest presence in Kennewick and Pasco Washington. The dealership retained close to 95 percent of Gresham Toyota's workforce, Cornelison said, and currently employs about 65 people.

What enticed the group to Gresham and East County was the legacy established by the former owners, Cornelison said.

"Gresham Toyota had a good reputation," he added. "We don't want to change that. We want to complement that. We are looking forward to growing our business

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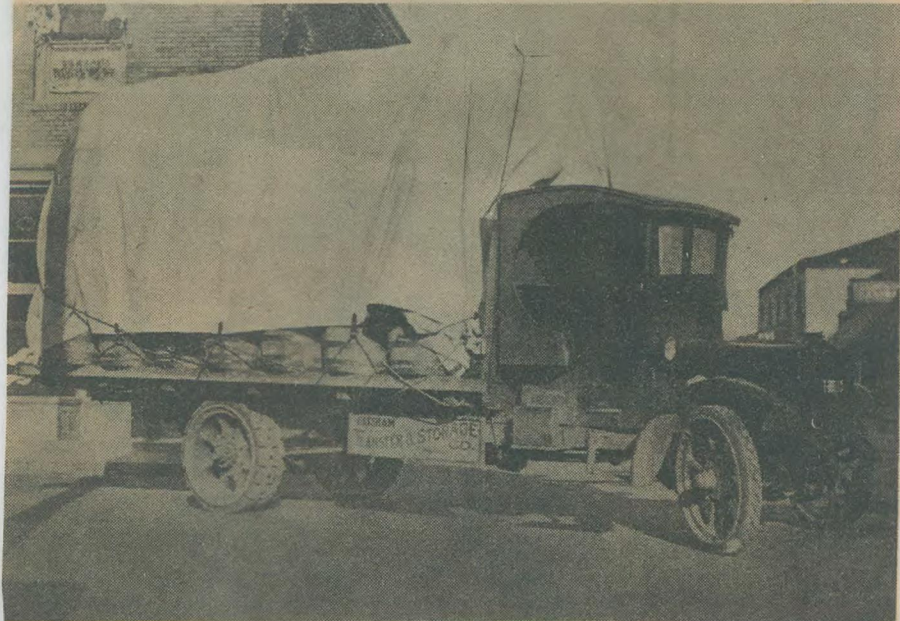
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Business

Garden center closes Damascus shop, moves to Gresham

CHRISTINE BIERMAN
The Outlook staff

Damascus lost a garden supplier when Gresham gained a larger one. The Gro-land Garden Center closed its Damascus store this fall.

Gro-land Garden Center owners Bernice and Lawrence Gadbaugh cite lack of business as the reason for closing the 3-year-old store Sept. 1 at 20318 S.E. Highway 212 in Damascus.

They have moved one employee and almost all of the inventory from

Damascus to their newer store at 22566 S.E. Stark St. in Gresham. That employee switched from full-time to half-time in the process, Bernice said.

"It really has been a poor area," she said about the Damascus loca-

tion. Damascus residents taking their business to Gresham and Clackamas Town Center hurt the most, Bernice said.

"I have a lot of customers from Damascus that come out here," she says. The Gresham store has outdone

Damascus since it opened last February, despite not being listed in the telephone book.

The Damascus store needed just one employee, she said, while the Gresham store hired five at the season's peak. One worker was the Gadbaughs' son-in-law, Jerry Hardin, a school teacher.

"Our full intentions were to have two places," Bernice said.

Plans changed when profit-and-loss statements showed that, "This place (Gresham) is keeping that one in business."

She says that Gro-Land is the only outlet in Gresham specializing in house and bedding plants, roses, trees and shrubs, along with fresh produce and gift items.

Next spring, the store plans to add bulk seed to its inventory as customers of the former Harris Seeds look for a new outlet of floral seeds, Bernice said.



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Harris Seeds has retained its salesman who had been calling on area farmers even after its Gresham store closed last month, she said. Harris Seeds referred its customers to Gro-land for bedding plants and fall vegetables.

The Gresham Gro-land will be enclosing its breezeway where fertilizer and chemicals will be stored. The Damascus store had about 50 percent more covered space.

Gro-land buys its shrubs and trees from Dykeside Nursery Inc., Portland, and other local nurserymen, she said. Her brother, Larry GrosJacques, owns Dykeside.

As for a future, second store, the Gadbaughs say they prefer to improve the three-acre location of their Gresham outlet instead of starting anew somewhere else.

Bethausser Nursery & Landscaping previously occupied the Gro-land location.

New shop targets younger skaters

Owners started business when they couldn't find gear for children

BY KELLY MOYER-WADE
staff writer

Troy Moore, owner of the new downtown Gresham business Gromshop, grew up with a skateboard attached to his feet.

When he became a dad, it was only natural that Moore wanted to teach his sons how to conquer a board. Finding gear in their tiny sizes, however, was a problem.

"They wanted the same stuff as the big kids, but it was hard to find," says Stacy Moore, Troy's wife.

"We'd go online, and Zumies had a rack for kids, but you couldn't get everything for kids at one spot," Troy says.

The couple's friends — fellow Gen Xers who were into extreme sports — were all having children, and the Moores started fantasizing about opening a store that carried youth sizes in clothing, gear and accessories for edgy sports like skateboarding, snowboarding, wakeboarding and surfing.

"We talked about this on our porch in Boring for six years," Stacy says.

Finally, with the help of a few good friends, and the support of each other, the couple launched an online store, Gromshop.com, and offered exactly what they'd dreamed about — extreme sports gear and clothing for children and teens.

Now the couple is living their real dream.

They opened a retail site in the former Central Cafe location, next to Amitron Furniture on Main Avenue in downtown Gresham, in early August and have already stocked the place with skate decks, snowboards, T-shirts in baby through adult sizes, skate shoes, accessories, videos, music and more.

"We're like the opposite of Zumies," Troy says. "We have one small rack of adult sizes and the rest is for kids."

The shop carries well known brands like DC Skates, World Industries, Blind, Volcom, Hurley, Rebel Skates, O'Neill and Adeline. They've got skateboard decks by companies like Independent, Toy Machine, Almost, Enjoi and Natural Koncept (a company partially owned by local pro skater Caz Helmstetter).

As the parents of three boys, Taylor, 12, Troy, 6, and Raiden, 3, the Moores know the horrors of buying inexpensive outerwear for snowboarding adventures.

"So many places just sell inexpensive stuff," Troy says.

"And they get soaked," Stacy adds.

The couple plans to find high-end outerwear (coats, gloves, hats) for snowboarding that won't soak a child within minutes.

"We have some snowboards in now, but we'll change with the seasons," Troy says.

And they'll get some less-expensive clothes and gear for parents of growing children.

"We know how quickly they grow out of things," Stacy says.

The Moores said they always knew they'd put their shop in Gresham.

"We needed a core skate shop here," Troy says.

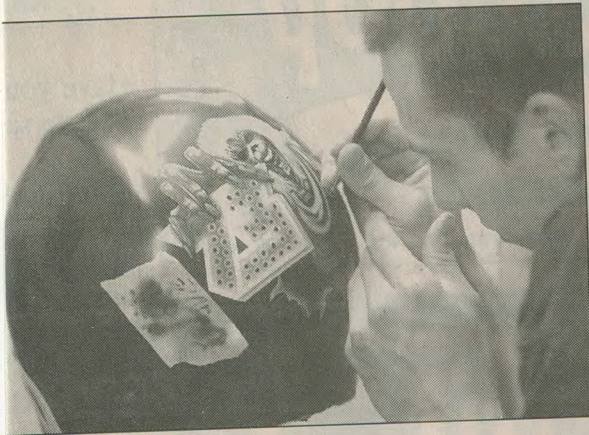
Plus, the couple grew up here and has connections to the place and the people of East County.

Stacy went to Sam Barlow High and was in the class of 1993. Troy graduated from Mt. Hood Christian Academy in 1992. Their oldest boys attend Gresham schools and the Moores support a variety of youth-oriented projects.



They sponsor 10-year-old m racer Brendan Teano of Gre three-time first-place champion as two young skateboarders, Burkhardt, 15, and Colton Trayl Burkhardt will be a sopho Barlow High and Trayhorn is g eighth grade at Corbett Middle

The Gromshop also sponsor youth rock band from Sanitarium, made up of youth a 13, which recently played t major show at the old Paris T Portland.



Left: Marshall Parks, owner of 730 Design, works on a helmet Tuesday for motocross racer Brendan Teano, 10, who Gromshop sponsors. He has won three first-place motocross events.

Below: Troy and Stacy Moore sit in front of Gromshop, a new downtown Gresham skate shop, watching Brandon Burkhardt work on his moves. Burkhardt is sponsored by the shop.



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Close friends help the couple in its venture. Troy's childhood friend, Brent Royce, helped get the shop going and skater Eric Rubalcava of Boring is helping to run the new store and turn out Gromshop skate decks. Artist friend Marshall Parks of Gresham has his company, 730 Designs, in the back of the new Gromshop. He designs and paints custom accessories like helmets and shoes, and business items like business cards and company logos.

Eventually, Troy says he'd like the Gromshop to take the lead in finding a

new place for local skaters to ride, now that Troutdale's Back-to-Back Indoor Sports is closing down its skate park.

"That's a big downer for us," Troy says of the skate park's closure. "Hopefully, now somebody will step up and help get a park here. There are so many kids who skate and nowhere for them to go."

At least now there's a place for them to find gear. The Gromshop will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. For more information, call 503-492-8811 or 1-888-353-GROM, or visit www.gromshop.com.

Growler Garage taps into beer lovers' hearts

Resident encourages customers to sample before filling jugs

By SHANNON O. WELLS
The Outlook

As anyone who's hung around the Greater Portland area for the past 10 or 15 years knows, beer — of all types, flavors and styles of service — is available almost everywhere.

The increasing ubiquity of growlers — half-gallon jugs of craft-brewed beer and cider — is another indication that the public's love of suds is flowing like a rich, hearty IPA straight from the tap.

"A lot of it is, people want more variety," said Ryan Thompson, owner of the newly opened Growler Garage in downtown Gresham. "Most of the best beers are only available on tap. We're looking to carry the best of what's available. Now (customers) have the ability to go in somewhere, get their favorite kind of beer and

Things to know

What: Growler Garage, offering 32 taps of microbrewd beer, cider and kambucha tea

Where: 234 N.W. Miller Ave., downtown Gresham

Hours: noon to 10 p.m. Monday-Thursday; noon-11 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday; noon-7 p.m. Sunday.

Call: 503-674-2789

Website: thegrowlergarage.com

take it home to a barbecue."

Thompson, a Gresham High School graduate, and his wife, Lacie, opened the business at 243 N.W. Miller Ave., on March 27 in a newly subdivided part of the former Central Cafe and Kitchen space.

The Growler Garage, which has a bar, a few tables and an open-air feel when its garage door is lifted, offers 27 microbrews, two kambucha teas and two cider options from 32 taps. Beer is sold on-premises by the pint and for carry-out in 64-ounce "growler" jugs, which cost \$8 to keep, or \$6 to buy and fill simultaneously.

Ryan, who admits a fondness



"Most of the best beers are only available on tap. We're looking to carry the best of what's available."

— Ryan Thompson, co-owner of the Growler Garage

for the richly textured India Pale Ales, or IPAs, encourages customers to experiment to

find what they really enjoy.

"I just wanted to make sure we had something for every-

one," he said of the tap selections. "Some will rotate. We'll continuously have new and different things to try. Folks are welcome to try things before they buy a growler. They can come in and have a pint or two."

Most pints at the garage are \$5. The 64-ounce growler jugs cost \$8 to take home, and range from \$11 to \$16 to fill, or \$6 to purchase and fill at the same

time.

Ryan, who worked in sales at Land Rover Portland for nine years, said he and Lacie were pleased to find a prime downtown location.

"One of the big factors to us was the proximity to the (Gresham) Farmers' Market," he said. "There's great parking. And there's 34 condos above us — built-in customers."



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Left: Growler Garage owner Ryan Thompson is thrilled to have moved on from auto sales back home to Gresham and his own small business.

Above: The Growler Garage, which features 32 local beers and ales on draught, is located on Miller Avenue in downtown Gresham.

HOTEL HAS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT



Above: The Guest House Hotel and Suites boasts the highest number of calls for police service this year of any motel in Gresham, with 108. A Motel 6 at 183rd Avenue and Stark Street is second with 104.

Right: Gresham Police officers respond to the lobby of the Guest House Hotel and Suites following a recent call involving a suspicious guest.



Hotel accounts for highest number of police calls

The Guest House Hotel & Suites in Gresham could be any hotel off any highway exit in America.

The parking lot is stacked with out-of-state license plates, and a gurgling fountain greets guests next to the car port.

A sign on the beige façade advertises free WiFi, and the lobby inside is furnished with armchairs and low-hanging chandeliers. Coffee stays hot in an airport, ready to be poured into disposable cups.

The lobby smells slightly of chlorine from the hotel's pool, visible through a glass wall at the main entrance.

On the hotel's website, the location—1477 N.E. 183rd Avenue—is celebrated as being close to Portland International Airport and the Columbia River Gorge.

Story by Jodi Weinberger
Photos by Josh Kulla

Gresham Police, however, find the location of the 82-room hotel problematic as the department works to curb the illegal drug trade and prostitution that occur all too frequently along 183rd Avenue.

In the attempt to clean up the thoroughfare, police recently called out the Guest House as one of their main targets. The business generates more police presence than any other hotel in Gresham.

"I believe they will rent to anyone and it's right off the freeway in an anonymous-type area," said

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Hotel: Business is a popular spot for transients

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Gresham Police Officer James Leake, a member of the Neighborhood Enforcement Team. "Once you get off 181st (Avenue), it just kind of gets dark and it's not as populated."

Leake said police are undergoing a renewed effort to get a handle on crime in the entire area, which in his words "grows problems."

"We're just getting everything set up to try to combat the calls for service along 183rd and part of that is looking into what is the biggest call generator that we have," Leake said.

A person at the front desk of the Guest House said the hotel staff calls police about once a week, and other local business owners said the same.

Many business owners were reluctant to talk on the record with The Outlook, fearing backlash from the community of transients and obvious drug dealers. One person said the windows of his business were smashed two days after opening and that he regularly finds people sleeping next to his Dumpster, using the area as a bathroom.

The Guest House, like every business along 181st and 183rd avenues, has "No Trespassing" signs, but they are routinely ignored. On a recent afternoon, a man parked his bicycle on a concrete pad near the entrance of the hotel and settled down for a nap while a woman roamed through the parking lot.

Employees at the front desk of the Guest House can monitor their parking lot with cameras, and police are called as soon as they see anything out of place.

The Guest House shares a parking lot with a half-vacant



said of the hotel.

To compare, the hotel with the next highest police presence is the Motel 6, 18323 S.E Stark St., with 104 calls. The seven other hotels had call logs in the double digits. The lowest call log came from the Hampton Inn at 3039 N.E. 181st Ave., with 10 calls for service in the same eight-month span.

The reasons for the calls from Guest House range from trespassing and fights in the parking lot to drugs deals, prostitution and vandalism.

"It's a unique area, that's for sure," said Brandon Swank, who owns A&S Auto Sales.

As a teenager, Swank remembers skateboarding in the Guest House parking lot.

"It wasn't this bad 10 years ago," Swank said. "I see all kinds of crazy stuff happening on a daily basis."

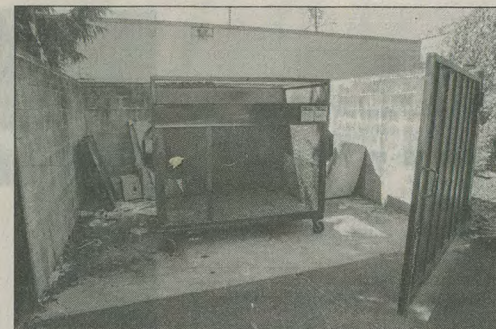
"Every other hotel in the area is pretty reasonably priced, you pay \$80 to \$100," Swank added. "You want a room at (Guest House) it's \$130. If people are there, they have to be making

and he often finds people sleeping in them.

An employee of another nearby business said a bench was removed from the property for just that reason — people slept on it. Marcene Frasier, a manager at nearby Shari's Restaurant on 181st Avenue, a few blocks south of the Guest House, said the area isn't safe and there are many "thugs."

She said her nighttime managers feel unsafe at work and that customers walk out without paying their bills "at least about four times a week."

Business owners said they've seen drug drops happen — where a plastic bag with drugs will be dropped on the sidewalk and picked up minutes later by a different person — and have a general feeling of discomfort.



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Above: A trash bin enclosure near the Guest House Hotel and other nearby businesses contains an old sofa used by transients, as well as plenty of day-to-day rubbish.

Left: Brandon Swank, owner of A & S Auto Sales, said he has found homeless people sleeping inside vehicles for sale on his car lot.

"It's a little bit of chaos all day, every day."

— A local business owner who asked to remain anonymous

best, but lack the resources to counter criminal activity in the area.

Leake said the police department plans to work with the owners of the Guest House and the landlords of nearby apartment complexes in an effort to combat the call volume.

"Basically we're going to reach out to the owners (of the Guest House) ... and let them know that they are a huge staple in the neighborhood and we would like to stabilize the calls for service there so that it's not pushing out into that neighborhood," Leake said. "We have neighbors scared to death to go out after dark. We want to change that. We have a lot of people who are stuck inside their apartments and we don't want that."

"It's a little bit of chaos all day, every day," one business owner said.

Staff at the Guest House said the problem is not coming from their hotel, but from the many apartment complexes surrounding the hotel. They said police sometimes take two hours or more to show up when they call. Another business owner agreed that the police are doing their

strip mall occupied by a Kosher Food store and the Northwest Mattress Outlet. Across the street is A&S Auto Sales, 7-Eleven and Key Bank. A car wash adjacent to the car dealership is also the location where a church feeds homeless people once a week, a good deed for sure, but business owners said it attracts exactly what they don't want.

From Jan. 1 through August, police were called to the Guest House 108 times, which is nearly once every two days.

"It looks decent, if you didn't know the area," Officer Leake

money somehow.

The hotel's website advertises rooms starting at \$75 a night and goes up to more than \$300 for two king beds and a jacuzzi.

One thing's positive though, Swank said the traffic at Guest House has been good for business.

"Honestly I've sold a ton of cars to people who are staying in the hotel," said Swank, who's business advertises getting car loans for any customer. "It's weird."

On the other hand, cars on his lot consistently get broken into

A four-legged field trip

■ *Charter school students leave home to learn about guide dog training*

For the past three years, 12-year-old Aly Mindiola of Gresham has had dogs on her mind.

She's been reading books about dogs. She's been dreaming of the day when she can start a dog rescue organization. And on Wednesday, March 30, Aly had a chance to rub elbows — or paws, perhaps — with people who best understand the special role a dog can play in a person's health, happiness and inde-

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pendence as part of a field trip to Guide Dogs for the Blind in Boring.

"I liked seeing the behind-the-scenes part," Aly said after the event.



Aly Mindiola gets a kiss from a guide dog-in-training Wednesday at the Guide Dogs for the Blind school in Boring. There are about 80 dogs training at the campus at any one time.

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Aly and her father, Eric, were among the 40 students and parents from the online public charter school Oregon Connections Academy who toured the 20-acre campus at 32901 S.E. Kelso Road. The visitors got to see guide dogs in all stages of their education.

That was definitely a highlight for Gresham resident Lidiya Ponce, and her 7-year-old daughter, April.

They often catch a glimpse of guide dogs working with their trainers in downtown Gresham, learning how to stop at curbs for passing traffic and remain focused on their handler in busy situations.

Those encounters have led mom and daughter to wonder exactly how the process of becoming a guide dog works.

"We've seen them out practicing," Lidiya said. "It's amazing, how a dog can guide somebody."

Kicking off the tour was a short presentation by instructor Nancy Denier and Todd, a yellow labrador nearing the end of his training.

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◀ Guide Dogs for the Blind features an extensive campus complete with kennels and a veterinary clinic, shown here.

▼ Lidiya Ponce (left) and her daughter April, 7, greet one of the Labrador retrievers in training.

Guide Dogs: About half of dogs become certified

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Denier shared how the non-profit organization relies on volunteer puppy raisers to help socialize and perform basic obedience with the pups off-campus for about a year.

After that, the dogs come to the campus for more intensive work. Instructors train with their dogs Monday through Friday to prepare them for the complicated and important tasks they must ultimately perform.

Fortunately, Denier noted, guide dog instructors have a slight edge when it comes to getting what they want from their pupils: They work with Labrador and golden retrievers, which are highly food-motivated breeds.

"Labs are walking stomachs," she said, a comment that brought out a knowing laugh from students and parents.

About 80 would-be service dogs are on the campus at any time, but not all are eventually tapped to become an official guide dog. The dogs must pass a final exam, which includes guiding a blindfolded instructor through downtown Portland.

"These dogs have been trained to react in a situation that might be a little unsafe," Denier noted.

If it's determined they don't

guide dog needs.

After passing their final test, a dog is ready to be paired with a human partner. The duo trains together for two weeks on the Boring campus. The organization graduates six dogs every two weeks. The public is welcome to attend those ceremonies.

As part of Wednesday's field trip, students also made their way to the campus' climate controlled kennel, medical center and dog bathing rooms. Visitors also had a chance to view the dormitory where the two-legged students stay during the two weeks they train with their future guide dogs.

The kitchen area — with its counter stacked tall with stainless steel dog bowls and supply room piled high with kibble — drew a chorus of oohs and aahs as the visitors tried to imagine what it would be like to feed 80 hungry retrievers all at once.

The answer, it turns out, is noisy.

"They all seem to know what time feeding time is," said Ron Haney, a technician who led that portion of the tour. "It gets a little boisterous around 4, 4:15."

ORCA has more than 4,000 students in grades K-12 enrolled throughout the state. The school arranges field trips to give the students a chance to connect in the non-virtual world.

Aly believes it is knowledge she can use someday.

Her favorite part of the tour was seeing the facility's veterinary clinic. And of course, she liked having a chance to pet the pups, when they weren't being trained.

"It was really cool," she said.



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Dogs can be found anywhere at Guide Dogs for the Blind. Here, a pair of Labrador retrievers lounge underneath the reception desk at the school's veterinary clinic.

quite fit the organization's needs — about half of the dogs make it — the dogs are “career-changed,” meaning they will be fitted with another service organization, a search-and-rescue group or even given to a family that has no

“The socialization is very important for the children, and it extends their learning.” said Mary Massey, a sixth-grade teacher who organized Wednesday’s excursion. “This gives them that field knowledge.”

Insurance Firm Taken Over by Allegre, Truman

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Elliott Truman and Bob Allegre, partners in the Guy E. Mathews Agency Inc., pioneer Gresham insurance firm, announced today that they have assumed complete operation of the agency.

Guy E. Mathews, founder, died last week.

Truman has been with the firm since 1947 and a partner since 1952. Allegre joined the agency in 1956 and, in turn, became a partner in 1961.

Both are extremely active in civic affairs. Truman is a member of the Gresham Fire Dept., and is a Gresham city councilman. Allegre is a member of the Multnomah County Planning Commission, a former member of the board of Fire District 9 and is active in county Republican circles.

Truman lives in Gresham and Allegre near Troutdale.