



# PORT *of* SUNNYSIDE

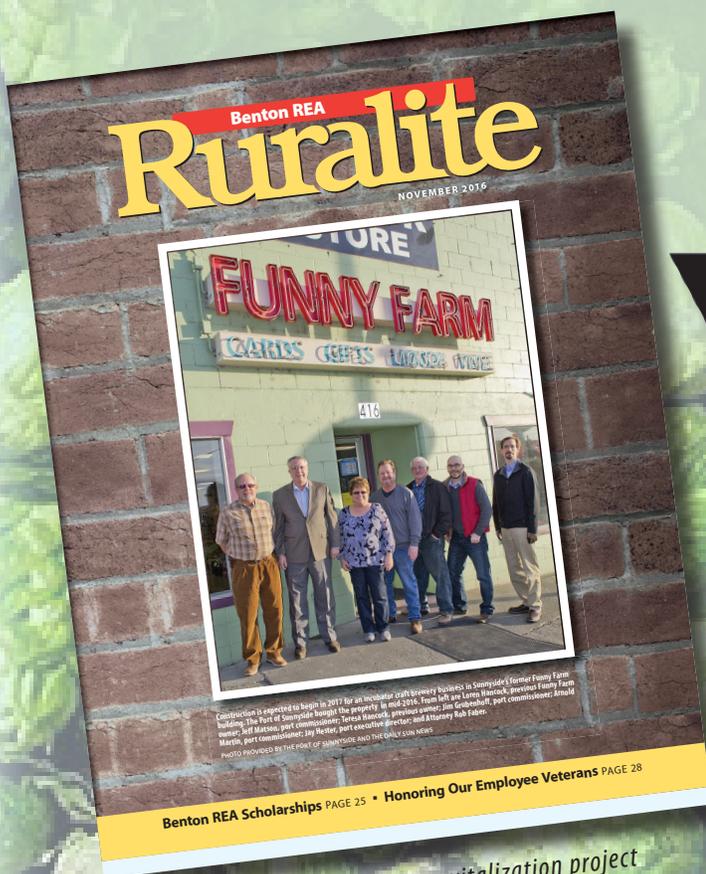
## Port continues to pave way for new start up businesses

The Port of Sunnyside has a new business headed to downtown Sunnyside. That business is Varietal Beer Company which is owned by partners Chris Baum, John Cope and Chad Roberts.

The new craft brewery will be located in the former Funny Farm Liquor store. The Funny Farm was purchased by the Port in their continuing efforts to revitalize Sunnyside's downtown.

Construction on the project will start in 2017. The partners hope to start brewing at the location in the near future.

Varietal Beer Company is the second incubator project of the Port joining Co Dinn Cellars which is currently under construction just two blocks away.



The Port of Sunnyside's newest revitalization project was recently featured in Benton REA's Ruralite magazine.



## Carnation plant site readied for development

Demolition of the former Carnation Milk Plant at First Street and Lincoln Avenue is nearing completion.

The \$418,000 demolition bid was awarded to Harry Johnson Plumbing and Excavating of Walla Walla and was started

in June.

The long term plans call for the site to be used for business or industrial development. The Port plans to preserve the 75-year-old plant's water tower for its unique historical value.



CO DINN



*Illustrations courtesy of Meier Architecture*

## Water Works building undergoing transformation

The 85-year-old former Sunnyside Water Department building located at Fifth Street and Grant Avenue is currently under renovation in preparation for Sunnyside's newest winery, Co Dinn Cellars.

The \$828,954 project is being handled by Banlin Construction of Kennewick.

The Port of Sunnyside acquired the 1930s building from the City

of Sunnyside in 2015 and set out to find a suitable business for the location.

Once Co Dinn Cellars was on board the Port was able to acquire SIED funding to help with the project.

A 2017 opening is planned for the the new winery.



# Port welcomes new lab technicians



**Jackson Davis**

Jackson Davis a graduate of University of Idaho with a Master of Science in chemistry.

Jack has been with the Port since February 2016 and has proven to be a team player who lifts the spirits of the entire team with his light heartedness. His easy going nature and friendly demeanor have been a welcome addition to the Port team.

Jackson currently lives in Benton City.

A 2005 Sunnyside graduate, Delia Ramos makes her home in Zillah with her seven year-old son Michael.



**Delia Ramos**

Delia started with the Port in September 2016 after

having received her Bachelors degree in Biomedical Sciences from Heritage University.

In her spare time she enjoys camping and looking for mushrooms and huckleberries in season with her son Michael and boyfriend Jacob. She also does a lot of canning and preserving using the produce grown in her garden that keeps getting larger every year.

Mario Farias also started with the Port this past September. He grew up and graduated in Mabton and earned his Bachelors degree in Environmental Science at Heritage University. Mario is the youngest of four in his family. When not at work he enjoys hiking, dancing, arcade games, and hanging with friends.



**Mario Farias**



*The Port's Lab Analysts main duties include collecting, storing and testing of water samples to ensure the Port is working within the parameters set forth in the permits issued by local, state, and federal agencies.*



## New technology in use on Port spray fields

The Port continues to update their spray field irrigation system. The Port recently installed a Valley 40 acre pivot and a 90 acre linear system from Valmont Northwest which is being used to replace solid set sprinklers.

A new 90 acre pivot will be added in Spring of 2017. At that time 220 of the 350 acres will be under new precision irrigation systems.

With Valmont Northwest's state-of-the-art irrigation solutions the Port can control water applications using GPS and Variable Rate Irrigation (VRI) from computer or phone.

# Darigold looks to future expansion



Sarah Taydas/Darigold

On the heels of completing a \$97 million expansion that increased the plant by 30,000 sq. ft., created 50 family-wage jobs and allowed Darigold to expand their cheese-making capabilities the company is in the process of acquiring 23 acres from the Port of Sunnyside.

The land known as the

Clark Property is adjacent and to the east of the current plant. Fronting on Alexander Road the land has easy access to rail service.

The purchase is in the final stages and is awaiting the environmental impact statement as well as surveying.



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