

E. 11th Street closed to westbound traffic

Street repairs continue in the University and downtown areas. This week, East 11th will be closed to westbound traffic between Franklin Boulevard and Pearl Street while the street is paved.

No turns onto E. 11th will be allowed from Franklin. Intersections will be temporarily closed until the fresh paving has cooled.

For updated information, call the traffic relief hotline at 984-8484.

LTD gives free service around construction

There is a way to beat the hassles, traffic and costs of driving downtown during the current reconstruction. Catch a Construction Express shuttle from the Lane County Fairgrounds.

The Construction Express runs Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. and again between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. With additional service from LTD routes #30 and #31, customers have a bus available every 10 minutes. Parking at the Fairgrounds is free.

Customers may park in the lot to the east of the Historical Museum by turning right on Madison from 13th Avenue. The Construction Express stop is located on 13th between Madison and Monroe. The shuttle follows special routing through downtown, providing service north to 5th Avenue. Regular fares are charged.

HIV Alliance accepting volunteer applications

HIV Alliance, Lane County's only volunteer-based HIV and AIDS prevention, education and client support service organization, is accepting applications for its next training of Companion Volunteers.

The six-part training program will be held in Springfield on September 13, 14, 27, 28, and 29 at St. Alice's Parish Center. All six sessions are required.

Companion Volunteers share emotional support, social outings and non-judgmental listening with individuals of all ages who are living with HIV disease.

New volunteers are asked to commit a minimum of one year to the program.

If you are interested and available for full training, or for information on other volunteer opportunities with HIV Alliance, contact David at 342-5088.

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First Springfield Civic Fair in works for September

Invitations to participate in the first Springfield Civic Fair are in the mail this week to local groups, organizations and clubs.

Sponsored by the city's Human Rights Commission, the day-long public event is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 7 at City Hall, at the corner of Fifth and A streets.

"Because there are so many new people moving into our community, we wanted to give organizations and clubs, such as PTA's, Kiwanis, swim clubs and so on, an opportunity to inform and educate the public about the varied and vast opportunities available for community involvement," said Melody Kelsay, the event's coordinator.

"We're planning local entertainment, displays of community projects, featured speakers and children's activities."

For additional information about the Civic Fair, call Kelsay at 726-0409.

Walk, work and hike in nature this August

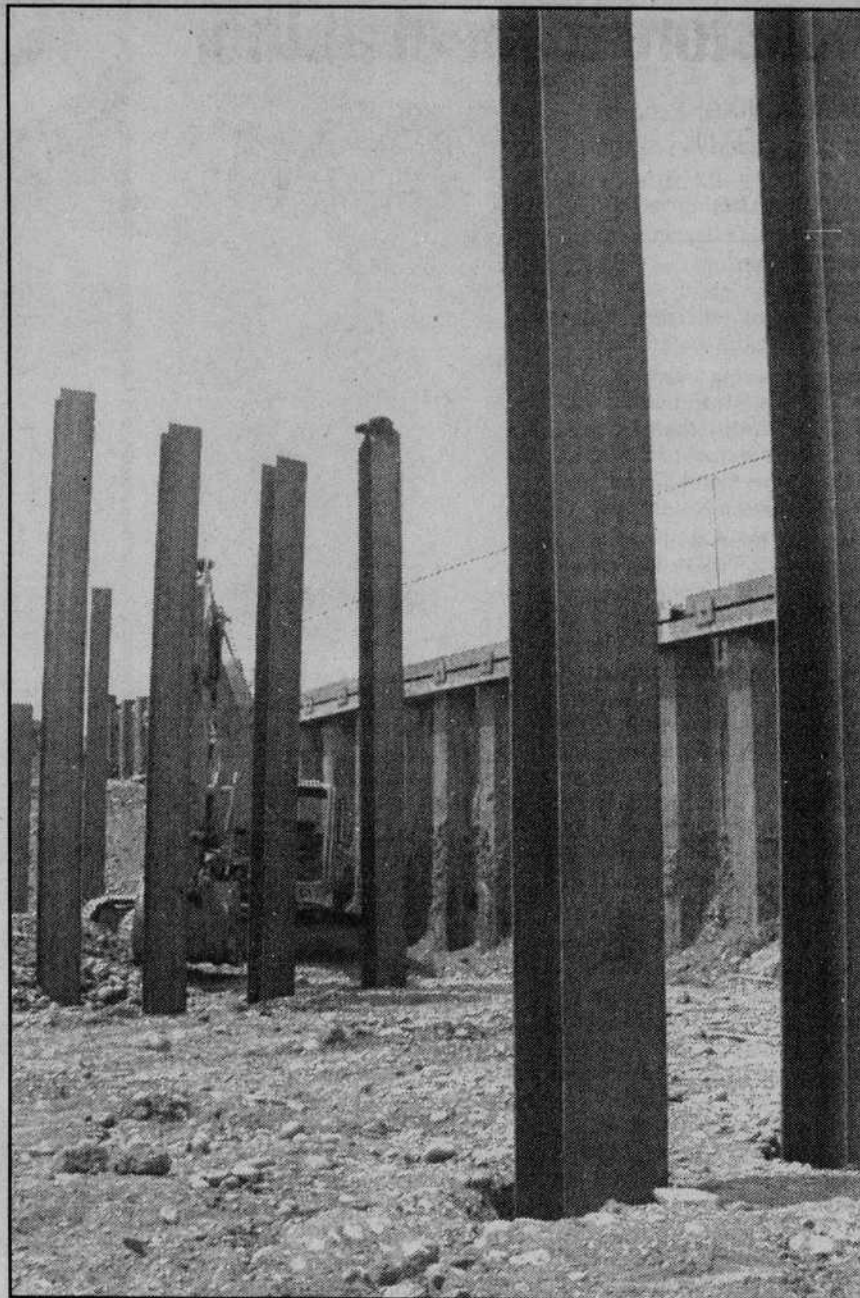
Nearby Nature is sponsoring three free events in August for fun in the outdoors. On Monday, August 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. you can take a casual evening stroll through East Alton Baker Park with Nearby Nature naturalist, Joseph Minato. The walk begins at the Aspen Street boat launch in Springfield and it is free to all attendees.

Work will be the order of the day on Saturday, August 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the Alton Baker Action Work Party. All ages are welcome to come down and help with native plant restoration. Participants are encouraged to wear work clothes, gloves and boots and come prepared for rain or shine. Those interested should meet at the Aspen Street boat launch.

Join Nearby Nature for a hike, insect safari and more on Sunday, August 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. The Family Nature Adventure will take place at Armitage State Park, and walkers should meet at the Nearby Nature Center. The event is free, but park admission is three dollars per car. Bikes, pedestrians and State Park pass holders get in free.

— compiled by Andrea DeYoung

What's that noise?



ANDREW BRACKENSICK/Emerald

The loud pinging noises heard all over the campus area have stopped! The noise came from the construction site at the Riverfront Research Park where development of a new road and a railroad underpass has been underway. Plans for the road, which is to stretch along the north side of the railroad tracks near the Autzen footbridge, have been underway for more than 10 years. The construction is part of a massive-planning infrastructure project that will cover 67 acres of the Willamette River greenway area spanning from the Autzen footbridge to the Eugene EWEB building.

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