

and defund the services we provide, which really puts clients at an extraordinary disadvantage across the country," she says. At PPSO's Birds and the Bees Garden Party July 15, the organization sent its guests directions only after they registered for the event, partially to gather an accurate head count, Pappas says, but also with safety in mind.

"We, like any Planned Parenthood, have our detractors," she says. "We have

picketers. People have the right to have a difference of opinion and they are for the most part very respectful and nonviolent."

Pappas says of the national climate, "In Oregon we haven't been impacted yet and we feel very fortunate for that, but it doesn't mean that we can be complacent. We work every day to ensure that birth control access is available and affordable."

— Shannon Finnell

Happening people BY PAUL NEEVEL



MIKE LANGLEY

"I started playing music in junior high," says Mike Langley, who grew up in Ottawa Hills, outside of Toledo, Ohio. "I've played in lots of garage bands." Langley dropped out of Defiance College and in 1975 hitchhiked to Memphis, where he sold his guitar to buy food. He fell in with a group of "Christian hippies" associated with the Shiloh Youth Revival movement, based in Dexter, Oregon. "We did yard work and carpentry to support ourselves," says Langley, who formed the band Commonwealth and moved to Eugene in 1976. When Shiloh folded, he went to work at Cafe' Glenwood. "I managed Glenwood on campus for 20 years," he says. "That's where I learned about street youth." As a volunteer at the First Christian Church's free Saturday breakfast, Langley saw that the "mall rats" he hoped to serve were not comfortable around homeless adults. With a donated space in the basement of the Eugene Evangelical Church, he founded the nonprofit Hosea Youth Services in 1997. Open 2 to 7 pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, HYS offers a solid meal plus showers, laundry and access to other services. Kids who play music can join Langley in the "Ragamuffin Church" music room after the Wednesday evening meal. Langley and his wife, Jeanie, raise Kiger Mustangs on their Wild Ones Youth Ranch west of Junction City.

PANEL PONDERS POLICE POLICIES

For the past several months the Policy Screening and Review Committee, a part of the Eugene Police Commission, has been conducting a review of the Eugene Police Department's search and seizure policy, a document that lays out what EPD officers can and cannot do when faced with certain situations that would allow a person or property to be searched.

Although the majority of the committee's meetings involve dissecting sentences word by word and haggling over the meaning of certain passages, the committee has made some marked changes to the policy, chief among them being a revamp of the warrant-serving process, stronger wording regarding the suspect's right to know about search procedures, and an "automobile exception," which allows an officer to circumvent ordinary search and seizure regulations if the situation meets certain criteria.

The policy attempts to strike a balance between public safety needs and people's right to privacy. Although both the Oregon and U.S. constitutions guarantee an individual's right to be free of unreasonable search and seizure, the majority of the document is dedicated to exceptions to the rule, such as when serving warrants, during an arrest, community caretaking and emergency aid, or when something illegal is in plain view. Similarly, the policy also lays out when an officer can enter an area where an individual would have a "reasonable expectation of privacy."

The Police Commission is an advisory body with no actual control over what happens in the police department. The commission acts as a vetting process, reviewing policies and submitting recommendations to the police chief, who

makes the final decision.

The next meeting of the Policy Screening and Review Committee will be at 5:30 pm Tuesday, July 26, in Room 109 at City Hall, 777 Pearl St. The meeting is open to the public, and there is a public forum where citizens can voice their opinions on the changes in the policy.

— Nils Holst

SEARCHING FOR RODENTS ON HIGH

As summer gets into full swing, a group of Lane County residents is gearing up for its annual camping trip. But these aren't just any campers, and this isn't a run-of-the-mill campout: It's climbing the trees to save the trees. The Northwest Ecosystem Survey Team (NEST) is a nonprofit organization composed of tree-climbing volunteers who camp out every summer to survey wildlife in ancient forests threatened by logging.

The main species that the group looks for is the red tree vole, a small rodent that lives in the canopies of old growth forests and is dwindling in number due to deforestation. The vole is a major prey species for the northern spotted owl and under the Northwest Forest Plan, surveys for certain rare and sensitive species like voles must be conducted before an area is logged.

When NEST surveyors find a species like a vole they report it to the Forest Service or BLM, ensuring that the species and the surrounding trees will be protected.

"NEST is important because our work has shown that the federal agencies are unable to protect the habitat of these plants and animals found on the survey and manage list," say NESTers Root and Fox. They add that NEST surveyors often go to sites where federal surveys have found nothing, only to find dozens of red tree vole nests.

SPORTS BY JAMES WARMELS



Portland jammer Jack the Ripper (187) prepares to be hit by Lane County's Han Cholo (13). Also pictured are JF Kaos (0) and Master Brains (55)

VICO MEJIA

Lane County Defeats Portland

The bout ended Saturday, July 9, but the victor was not decided until Sunday afternoon. Due to a scoring error, 24 hours after the conclusion of their bout against Portland Men's Roller Derby, the Lane County Concussion were announced the victors, 158-155.

In December, the Concussion handled Portland 253-61, and Saturday's bout looked like it could be a repeat of that thrashing. The Concussion jumped out to a 76-13 lead, but Portland bounced back with a 51-1 tear. Portland's Chad von Sausageclaus scored 35 of those points during a sequence in which the Concussion only had one skater on the track and no scorer.

The entire second half was close. The Concussion never led by more than 34. With 39 seconds left and a 13-point advantage, the Concussion's lead scorer Speed Dealer was sent to the penalty box. Portland used this opportunity to score 15 unanswered points and secure what seemed to be a 155-153 victory.

But, upon submitting paperwork the next day, officials discovered they missed five Concussion points. For the Concussion, it was a bittersweet victory. For Portland, the bout was evidence of how they have improved. Catch the rematch in Portland Aug. 26.

Women's Rugby Sked

Eugene Women's Rugby has announced its fall schedule. The team plays Sept. 3 at Portland, gets a bye Sept. 10, plays Tacoma at home Sept. 17, and plays Bend at home Sept. 24.

The team travels to Boise Oct. 1, is back home to play Budd Bay Oct. 8. The playoffs at Nor Cal are Oct. 22 and the Nationals at Virginia Beach are Nov. 12. Contact Brittany at eugenewomensrugby@gmail.com for more information.