

largest urban area in East Lane.” The Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce wrote a letter against the scenario for that reason, but Stewart nonetheless voted for the scenario. Springfield Mayor Christine Lundberg spoke at the Oct. 26 hearing in favor of it.

According to the Lane County Charter, Springfield, North Eugene and South Eugene districts are metropolitan, and East and West Lane districts are rural. Bartlett says the new redistricting plan changes Springfield from 18.3 square miles to 61.6 square miles, making it much more rural. The concerns of residents in rural areas often have a different focus than urban dwellers.

In discussion of his scenario eight, Bozievich says, “The rural commissioners already have to represent several incorporated cities, numerous unincorporated towns and a large geographic area.” He says that eight, “provides the rural districts with the most homogeneous communities of common interest to represent from the metropolitan areas.

Jeff Lozar, head of the Lane chapter of Koch Bros.-backed Americans for Prosperity, told those who objected to scenario eight at the redistricting hearing: “Welcome to not getting your way in politics. Those of us who find the Tea Party movement giving us a voice frankly are thrilled with the turn of events.”

Redistricting lawsuits, if one were to be filed about scenario eight, generally fall into four main areas, according to election reform group FairVote.org: if the process wasn’t timely, if votes were diluted (gerrymandering), types of population counts, and issues with the process itself. — *Camilla Mortensen*

WOLVES ON THE MOVE

Oregon’s wolf packs have been ebbing and flowing as the predators fight to reestablish themselves in Oregon, but for the first time in more than 50 years a wolf has made it back to western Oregon.

Once a part of Oregon’s landscape from Eastern Oregon into the Willamette Valley, wolves were extirpated — hunted into local extinction — in the 1940s. The last known wolf on the west side of the Cascades was killed in 1946. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife reports that a collared male wolf from the Imnaha Pack has made its way into the Umpqua River drainage.

More good news for wolf advocates comes from Eastern Oregon where Oregon’s fourth confirmed wolf pack has taken up residence near the Snake River. The pack, which roams the Hells Canyon area, will not have a confirmed breeding pair until at least two pups are spotted in December.

Oregon’s four wolf packs are the Snake River pack, the Imnaha pack, the Wenaha pack and the Walla Walla pack. Oregon has approximately 23 wolves, which are protected under the state endangered species law, and, in parts of the state, protected federally.

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Marché will open Le Bar on Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Fifth Street Public Market. The Parisian-style bar is located north of Marché in an adjoining space. Le Bar will cater to restaurant and bar patrons, as well as guests of the nearly finished Inn at the 5th boutique hotel. No word on when the hotel will open, but December is the target.

Eugene’s **Nancy Sanford Hughes** of StoveTeam International got word this week that she is one of five social entrepreneurs to win a \$100,000 grant from the Civic Ventures annual Purpose Prize. The award is for “making an extraordinary impact in an encore career.”

Steve Musser at the **Green Store** at 5th and Olive tells us solar sales and services are up, despite the economy, and the store has been busy for a while. He says people who live in shady areas are getting creative in where they locate solar panels.

Saturday Market shuts down after Nov. 12 and then goes indoors for Holiday Market starting the weekend of Nov. 19 with all booth spots reserved. Kim Still of the market says some new vendors will be at Holiday Market this year, along with Saturday Market businesses that have qualified through a point system to move indoors to the Fairgrounds.

Need a **small office space** downtown? Helios Network has a couple of rooms available at 120 W. Broadway to join Helios, the Oregon League of Conservation Voters and Basic Rights Oregon. Email Cary at cdt@efn.org

The **USA Olympic Team Trials** are set for June 22 to July 1 in Eugene and Dave Hauser of the Eugene Area Chamber figures the trials will generate about \$31 million in new business for the region. For info on exhibit space, email mhiggins@gosportsone.com

HACSA, the Housing and Community Services Agency of Lane County, is the only Oregon agency to win national acclaim from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials. The award is for Roosevelt Crossing, a 72-bed transitional housing development designed for returning ex-offenders, in partnership with Sponsors, Inc. HACSA owns about 1,500 units of affordable housing and administers the Section 8 housing voucher program.

Natural Choice Directory, aka the Healthy Green Pages, now has downloadable and mobile versions of its local publication, including smart phone apps, according to Publisher Larry Fried. See www.healthygreenpages.com

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HOPE AFTER CITIZENS UNITED

An interview with Russ Feingold

Former senator and current progressive powerhouse Russ Feingold will give a free talk at UO on “Corporate Power in Politics and the Economy: What the *Citizens United* Decision Means for Our Democracy.” Feingold will speak at 4 pm Monday, Nov. 7, at the EMU Ballroom. Seating is first come, first served.



The lecture will focus on the role of corporations in the economy and government, and will address one of the loudest refrains from the Occupy Wall Street and Occupy Eugene movements (and the best satire on *The Colbert Report*), the elimination of the aspects of corporate personhood that raise corporations beyond the heights of personhood.

Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, settled in a 5-4 Supreme Court decision earlier this year, ruled that the government may not ban or limit political spending by corporations in candidate elections. The decision reversed election laws nationwide that attempted to limit the ability of corporations to influence elections through their enormous financial resources.

Feingold told *EW* that the *Citizens United* case was particularly shocking because the narrow ruling overturned 100 years of precedent. This includes two previous Supreme Court cases, *Austin v. Michigan Chamber of Commerce*, which held that a Michigan law prohibiting corporations from using treasury money to support or oppose candidates in elections did not violate the First and Fourteenth Amendments, and part of *McConnell v. Federal Election Commission*, which held that money is property, not speech.

While the legislation for which Feingold is best known, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 (aka McCain-Feingold) is still intact, the older framework that the legislation was built upon is now demolished. “What it does is basically kick the foundations out from under McCain-Feingold,” he said. “McCain-Feingold is still valid in that it prevents corporations and unions from giving unlimited contributions to the political parties. That’s good law. The trouble is that the foundation on which has built has been destroyed in many ways.”

To remove the ever-inflating influence of corporations on elections and government, Feingold founded Progressives United, an organization “focused on money and politics and this new phenomenon of corporate domination of our system.” Progressives United uses different avenues to seek the limitation of corporate influence, but Feingold said that a future Supreme Court ruling reversing *Citizens United* is the likeliest route for change. “I think overturning the decision is the most direct way we can put the genie back in the bottle, if you will,” Feingold said.

Feingold also said he approves of passing a Constitutional amendment that could serve the same purpose, but that it would be more difficult to accomplish than reelecting President Obama, who Feingold believes is likely to nominate “a fair-minded person” to the bench, “a jurist who would do the right thing.”

While the difficulty of a Constitutional amendment is clear — the polarized House and Senate would each have to pass it by a two-thirds majority — Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkeley co-sponsored a proposed amendment, introduced Nov. 1 in the Senate, that seeks to correct the *Citizens United* decision. The amendment proposes to authorize Congress to regulate and limit the spending and raising of money for federal political campaigns and includes the authority to regulate and limit independent expenditures, such as those from Super PACs, made in support of or in opposition to candidates.

Despite the fact that campaign finance and corporate speech can sound like dry, wonky topics, Feingold said people care about the issues, and Progressives United has received an overwhelmingly positive response. “People really get it that this is one of the critical issues of our time,” Feingold said. “We believe that this should be one of the two or three most discussed issues of the presidential election.” — *Shannon Finnell*

LANE COUNTY SPRAY SCHEDULE

- Jason Klemp (541) 927-3118 will be spraying Arsenal Applicator’s Concentrate on two acres near Lake Creek, a Coho salmon bearing stream, and near Horton Lane in Township 16S Range 07W Section 2. Notice 2011-781-00738. Klemp does not currently have an applicator’s license, according to Forestland Dwellers.

- Klemp will be spraying Atrazine, Glyphosate, 2,4-D ester and amine on four acres. Daniel Klemp (541-927-6181) owns the land near Lake Creek in Township 16S Range 07W Section 9, near Triangle Lake School. Notice 2011-781-00752.

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