

you are going to enforce and not enforce. You don't get to choose. It's your job to enforce the law."

Rosenblum says, "I'm not trying to undo the OMMA, I'm trying to make it work so that people have access to the medicine which they consider necessary and which doctors have approved for them. I think that Dwight and I have a difference in approach. He thinks the law is a train wreck, I think the law is a bumpy ride and it's something we need to work with."

"I will be enforcing the law, which includes the OMMA," she says, "but at the same time I will be cracking down on drug rings, on heroin, which is a big thing right now, and it ties in with prescription drug abuse. If people can't get prescription drugs, they turn to cheaper heroin, and they are dying."

As for prosecuting possession of small amounts of marijuana, Holton says few in law enforcement see it as a high priority, but "It's a slippery slope to backdoor legalization. It's something the voters have spoken on, they rejected it, and we'll see if they do it again in the fall."

Meanwhile, Wolfe of the Petition 24 campaign was fined \$65,000 this week for repeated violations of the ban on paying signature gatherers per signature. Oregon law requires initiative signature gatherers be either volunteers or paid by the hour.

— Ted Taylor

FREE CLINIC FOR UNINSURED

The all-volunteer Cascade Medical Team, a veteran of 11 years of operating primary care clinics in Guatemala, will again be providing a similar mission in Lane County. This weekend, six doctors from the CMT and the community will provide free medical services to people without insurance or access to affordable health care.

Individuals and families are welcome and no proof of residency or other documentation will be required.

The clinics will be from 8 am to 5 pm Saturday and from 8 am to noon Sunday, April 28-29, at the McKenzie Medical Building, Heart Associates of Oregon, 960 N. 16th St. in Springfield.

CMP estimates that more than 60,000 Lane County residents are uninsured and not eligible for the Oregon Health Plan or Medicare. To volunteer, visit www.unitedwaylane.org

PENNY POLL RESULTS

Activists gathered at the Eugene downtown post office on Tax Day, April 17, "to challenge militarism and corporate greed and to call for the re-ordering of federal spending and tax priorities from supporting war and Wall St. to meeting human and environmental needs," according to Michael Carrigan of CALC.

Taxpayers were provided the opportunity to voice how they would spend their tax dollars when they took part in the "penny poll." Participants were handed 10 pennies, which they deposited in jars representing a six-category breakdown of the federal budget. The categories and how people voted are as follows:

Afghanistan and Iraq wars got .2 percent of the pennies (one penny), general military 2.1 percent, general government 13.3 percent, physical resources 25.3 percent and human resources 59.1 percent.

"If Eugene residents ran the federal government things would be significantly different," says Carrigan. "Their tax dollars would be funding social and environmental programs and not endless war."

War tax resisters, who object to more than half of their federal taxes going to the military, redirected their "war taxes" to numerous local organizations, several of whom were on hand to receive their donations.

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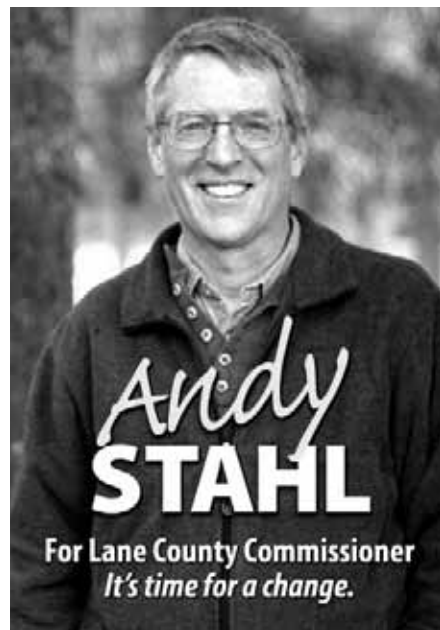
Remember **Mom's Pies**, the venerable old roadside diner up the McKenzie River in Vida for decades? For a while the original recipe hand-made pies were available in the Food Court at Valley River Center, but now we hear the business has moved to 1133 Willamette, another sign of a revitalized downtown. No website yet but find it on Facebook. Phone is 484-6667 or email owner Lou Sangermano at lou@holidaymistletoe.com

Coburg Pizza Company is planning a grand opening May 11 at 1710 Centennial Blvd., in Springfield. The original location at 90999 S. Willamette in Coburg has been remodeled and will also be celebrating May 11. See coburgpizza.com or call Terry Dawson at 484-6600.

Transformation Arts expanded to Eugene this week with a location at The Reach Center, 25th and Harris. The business offers Tai Chi and Yijinjing Qigong classes and more. Call 708-1163.

Colored Light Therapy is a unique local enterprise specializing in color therapy information and products for clinics and home practitioners worldwide. Owner Rose Peterson, 741-4988, says her business is "constantly expanding" through the internet and referrals. Visit coloredlighttherapy.com to see her products and art glass.


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