

FROM SHEEP TO SHAWL

The 38th annual Black Sheep Gathering is happening June 22-24 at the Lane Events Center, a “sheep to shawl” event that has grown to be recognized as one of the best of its kind in America. The BSG will have animal, wool, mohair and fiber arts competitions as well as a trade show and classes taught by renowned instructors. All events, except the classes being taught at O’Hara grade school, are free to the public.

The BSG Sheep and Angora Goat Show will have 600 animals judged, with most farmers coming from out-of-state and as far away as Michigan, Texas and Montana. “Since this is primarily a fiber show, animals are judged by the quality of their fleeces and not as meat lamb,” organizer Wayne Thompson says. There are no cash awards. “Livestock producers come from long distances to our event for the prestige of showing at the BSG and the enjoyment of seeing old friends,” says Thompson.

Get more information about this family-friendly event at www.blacksheepgathering.org or email wayne@foxhollowfiber.com

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Top City Frozen Yogurt Café is finally opening for business at 5 pm Friday, June 22, after numerous delays. The shop, which originally planned to open in March, is located at 1665 W. 18th Ave., sharing a parking lot with Albertsons. The building was previously Bene Pizza and before that a branch of Oregon Community Credit Union. Top City is owned by Joel and Tina Rimmer of Eugene and Tina will be managing the café. The Rimmer family business is Oldfield’s Appliance and Home Theater. Joel says they would have had fewer delays if they had bought a franchise, but they wanted to “do something new and different” that combines the fun of a self-serve yogurt bar and the sophistication of a coffee shop. Find Top City on Facebook and at topcityyogurt.com

Absolute Wellness Center chiropractor Dr. Rick White, D.C., is retiring after 14 years in Eugene and his practice is being bought by Dr. Michael Herb, D.C. and his wife, Whitney, from the Portland area. One of the massage therapists at AWC will be working with Olympic Trials athletes this summer. AWC is at 1524 Willamette, phone 484-5777 or visit awceugene.com

Sweet Home Sanitation is putting on a barbecue, hopefully not involving recycled solid waste. It’s all part of the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce quarterly “After

Hours” event to highlight community businesses, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm Tuesday, June 26, at Norm’s Electric, 279 Templeton Ave. at Highway 228. Email atavista@centurytel.net or call 466-5566.

Sen. Lee Beyer and Reps. Phil Barnhart, Paul Holvey and Nancy Nathanson will hold a forum on “**Building Momentum for Small Businesses**” from 6:30 to 8:30 pm Wednesday, June 27, at the Oregon Community Credit Union head offices, 2880 Chad Drive in Eugene. Speakers include Cheryl Myers, the governor’s director of economic and business equity and a panel of regional economic development experts. Sponsored by the Eugene and Springfield Chambers of Commerce and the Lane Small Business Development Center.

LCC’s **Small Business Development Center** (SBDC) offers entrepreneurial education and mentorship programs and services to Lane County businesses, including free business advising sessions to help develop strategies for improving an established business or starting a new venture. Call 463-5255 for an appointment or email thomast@lanecce.edu

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