

## SPAGHETTI SENDS VETS BACK EAST

Have some pasta and honor a soldier: The nonprofit Honor Flight of Oregon is putting on an “all-you-can-eat spaghetti feed” Sunday to raise money to send World War II veterans from Lane, Lincoln, Benton and Linn counties to see war memorials in Washington, D.C., before the soldiers pass on. In 2011, the average age of a WWII vet was 92.

About 90 veterans are on the list to take the trip this year, mostly from the Eugene/Springfield area, according to Ron Shmaedick, a volunteer for South Willamette Valley Honor Flight. The first trip will take place Oct. 11. The trip takes four days, and the vets will visit the WWII Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, the Marine Corps (Iwo Jima) Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknowns, as well as other veterans’ memorials.

Shmaedick says that the veterans who have attended previous trips were anywhere from 85 into their late 90s. “This is a trip that means so much to these men, and is usually one of the last trips they ever get to take,” he says.

The spaghetti feed is 1 pm to 6 pm Sunday, Aug. 5, at the Vet’s Club, 1626 Willamette St., \$10, \$5 for children 6 and under. For those not able to attend the spaghetti feed who want to help, donations made out to Honor Flights can be sent to 37833 Shenandoah Loop, Springfield 97478 or go to [honorflightoforegon.org](http://honorflightoforegon.org) for more information.

— Luciana Johnson

## THE TOUR DE LANE

For about a century the Tour de France has showcased some of the best scenery France has to offer as cyclists battle through small villages, pastures and mountains. This year Lane County is hosting its very own inaugural Tour de Lane Aug. 3-5 with rides kicking off from Richardson Park in Junction City. This non-competitive cycling festival will provide participants with a number of rides of varying lengths and difficulty.

Each ride is intended to showcase a different venue in Lane County as well as the beautiful Oregon scenery. On the tour, cyclists will choose between themed rides. The Bike Builders’ Tour will take riders to three local, high-end bike manufacturers to tour the facilities. The Winery Ride will let riders explore designated wine tasting stops. Two supported century rides will be provided for ambitious all-day riders.

“This is the kind of event where people don’t have to feel in a hurry,” event organizer Ian Sholz says. “We want to make sure everyone has a good time and will come back and visit this area after the tour.”

All non-motorized wheels are welcome on the tour, according to Sholz. If you can ride it, it’s most likely acceptable. Participants should bring all gear necessary for bicycle maintenance and comfort, such as tire tubes, pump, bike clothes, bike shoes, helmet and hydration. Camping gear is recommended, as participants are invited to camp at the park, which provides restrooms, pay showers and campsite electricity and water facilities.

Life Cycle Bike Shop will provide extra bicycle support to help riders with easy repairs or adjustments at the park. Participants will receive a breakfast buffet in the morning and dinner with sponsored beer and wine gardens on each day of the tour.

Registration is still available online at [www.tourdelane.com](http://www.tourdelane.com) — Mike W. Davis

## IT'S ABOUT TIME BY DAVID WAGNER



August is a month of uncertain excitement. This year is no exception; exciting because the many cold, rainy days that have preceded its arrival cause anticipation of its having the year’s second least average monthly rainfall. Average is a tricky word, and uncertain variation around the extremes is great. Let’s not forget the great thunderstorms that have drenched the county fair in past years. The average I hope for most is that mosquito levels will diminish in the high Cascades by the end of the month.

Consistent warm and dry means paying attention to keeping the garden well watered. We are enthusiastic fans of hose timers controlling mini sprinklers that allow us to change where and when the garden gets watered from year to year. Automatic timing means being able to leave on camping trips without fear of the garden drying out. Our big issue is being sure there’s somebody to come by to harvest the zucchini before they turn into baseball bats. They are good for thickening a soup or curry, but you only need a few. I like them best when they are the size of my thumb and crunchy enough to chop into a salad.

Camping around the state will bring you to places where little ground squirrels are practically tame. They are so cute; they come right up to take food from your fingers. But, please remember that feeding wildlife is not a good idea: in the end it harms them more than it helps.

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## ACTIVIST ALERT

• Conservation biologist, author and homesteader **Guy McPherson**, Ph.D, will speak at 7 pm Friday, Aug. 3, at the CoHo Ecovillage Common House, 1975 SE Crystal Lake Dr. in Corvallis. He will speak on peak oil and climate change, their impact on the availability of food and water, and “how individuals and communities can build local food production and ensure an adequate food supply.” Sponsored by Resilience Network. Visit [guymcpherson.com](http://guymcpherson.com) or email [grm@ag.arizona.edu](mailto:grm@ag.arizona.edu)

• Satirical troubadour **Dave Lippman** and his arch-nemesis Wild Bill Bailout, Bard of the Bankers, will be in Eugene this weekend for a series of events starting with the weekly protest at 4:30 pm Friday, Aug. 3, at Bank of America, 11th and Pearl. Lippman will appear at 8:30 pm Friday at Cozmic for an Occupy Eugene benefit. At 2:30 pm Saturday he will be at Reality Kitchen, 245 Van Buren, and at 8:30 pm Saturday at Axe and Fiddle, 657 E. Main St. in Cottage Grove.

• **The Big Latch On** ([biglatchon.org](http://biglatchon.org)) is a synchronized breastfeeding advocacy event in multiple locations around the world as part of World Breastfeeding Week. The Eugene/Springfield area’s Big Latch On will be at 10:30 am Saturday, Aug. 4, at Oakmont City Park on Oakmont Way behind Oakway Center in Eugene. Participants and volunteers should arrive at 10 am. Call 221-8892 or email [bfcoalitionlaneco@gmail.com](mailto:bfcoalitionlaneco@gmail.com) for more information.

• The fifth annual “**Green Neighbors (not just) Bike Tours**” get in to high gear as the Friendly Area and Crest Drive citizens tour gets under way at 11 am Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Common Ground Garden, 21st and Van Buren. Attendees will get a special look at the “net-positive,” super energy-efficient, green-built Suncroft House, as well as get the latest on the soon-to-be-broken-ground at Friendly Neighborhood’s “new urbanism” Lucia Community Village. On Saturday, Aug. 11, the tours will go to South East Neighbors area and start at Avalon Lodge, 5210 Canyon Drive. See <http://wkly.ws/1c1> for schedule and more information, or leave a message at 632.4321.

• The 14th Annual **Blackberry bRamble** bicycle rides will be Sunday, Aug. 5, in the farm and forested lands southwest of Eugene, and on bike-friendly routes within the city of Eugene. Routes are provided for riders of all ages, abilities and ambitions. Proceeds from the event will be used for GEARS bicycle education classes. Call 933-5542 for more information or visit [eugenegears.org](http://eugenegears.org)

• The annual **Hiroshima Nagasaki Memorial** at Alton Baker Park will be at 7:30 pm Monday, Aug. 6, at Alton Baker Park, with a potluck at 6:30 pm and the Luminaria Float of candle lanterns at 8:45 pm. Speakers will include Mayor Kitty Piercy, the Rev. Mark Unno, and Dan Whalen of Sen. Jeff Merkley’s staff. Sponsored by CALC, WAND, Justice Not War Coalition, Japanese American Association, Eugene Friends Meeting, Eugene Kakegawa Sister City Committee and the Asian Council. Call 485-1755 or email [calcpeace@efn.org](mailto:calcpeace@efn.org) for more information.

• The annual **Eugene/Springfield Pride Celebration** will be from noon to 7 pm Saturday, Aug. 11, at Alton Baker Park. Entertainment includes Wetsock, Spin Cycle Squares, Richard Mills, Champagne GaGa and the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Emerald Empire. The event is free but a \$5 donation will be asked to help cover expenses. A “Rhapsody Under the Stars” annual coronation event is coming up Aug. 17-19 at Valley River Inn. See Facebook at <http://wkly.ws/1c0>

## LANE COUNTY AREA SPRAY SCHEDULE

• Seneca Jones, 461-6245, is hiring Western Helicopter, (503) 538-9469, to aerially apply Glyphosate, Imazapyr, Metsulfuron Methyl with additives Methylated Seed Oil, Syl-Tac and/or Sylgard 309 on 47 acres near **Coyote Creek** and the same chemicals on 67 and 116 acres near **Camas Swale**. See ODF notice 2012-781-00547.

• Weyerhaeuser, 746-2511, plans to ground spray 42 acres near **Parsons Creek** with a long list of chemicals. See ODF notice 2012-771-00593.

• Giustina Land and Timber, 345-2301, is hiring Northwest Reforestation Services, 554-0489, to ground spray at least 231 acres in the **Low Pass** area with some combination of Glyphosate, Imazapyr, Metsulfuron Methyl, Triclopyr Amine and Triclopyr Ester to control competing hardwoods and invasives. See ODF notice 2012-781-00552.

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