

## BROUHAHA ON THE BALLOT

Is there a mistake on your ballot? Aaron Baker, who is running against incumbent Democrat Paul Holvey for Oregon House District 8, says there is. Baker, a Republican railroad engineer perhaps best known for the Tea Party-esque videos he posts at his "No Sugar Coated News" website, has accused fellow challenger Lucian Blansett of election fraud and says his name should be removed from the ballot. Lane County says it's too late — ballots have already been printed in order to be mailed Oct. 19. Blansett says of the allegations, "I haven't heard anything, but everything we've done has been up and up."

House District 8 encompasses southwest Eugene, Lorane, Veneta and Noti. It historically leans Democratic, and Holvey has won handily in the past. Blansett, who has a distribution business and lists his prior government experience as "taxpayer," is running as a Constitution Party candidate.

Baker, who is prone to anti-communist rants in his online videos, interspersed with videos of goats and sea lions, contacted the Oregon Secretary of State Elections division earlier this month to file a complaint against Blansett, writing, "Blansett has clearly

failed to file form SEL 220: Statement of Organization for Candidate Committee, and along with that the required form SEL 223: Campaign Account Information. Both forms are required to be filed if a candidate at any time spends or receives more than \$750.00 in a calendar year."

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- LUCIAN BLANSETT

Baker says that between paying the fee to be in the Voters' Pamphlet and paying for printing costs for brochures and lawn signs, Blansett has exceeded the \$750 amount. He asked that Blansett be taken off the ballot. A compliance specialist at the Elections Division responded that Baker could either consult with an attorney in seeking an order from the court to advise the county elections official to not tally the votes for this candidate, or some other legal remedy that the attorney might advise; or contest the election results.

Baker says having Blansett on the ballot when he has not properly accounted for campaign expenditures — EW was not able to find the PAC Blansett listed, Lucien Blansett PAC, filed with the Secretary of State's office — is not fair either to him or to Holvey.

The Elections Division says it was going to mail an inquiry to Blansett on the matter by Oct. 15. — *Camilla Mortensen*



**Marketplace@Sprout!**, an indoor, year-round evolution of the Springfield Farmers Market, opens for the first time with a celebration from 3 to 7 pm Friday, Oct. 19, at 418 A St. in downtown Springfield, the old First Christian Church. NEDCO purchased the building in 2011 with support from the city of Springfield and various groups and foundations. The market will be open every Friday and the facility will also have a commercial kitchen and serve as a small business incubator. See [sproutfoodhub.org](http://sproutfoodhub.org) or call 345-7106.

Social entrepreneurs take note: The next Emerald **F.E.A.S.T. dinner** will be from 6 to 8 pm Thursday, Oct. 25, at the First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St. in Eugene. Chef Patty Harrison and her crew will be preparing a "grandma's feast." The acronym stand for Emerald Financing Eugene Area Sustainable Talent, and proceeds from the dinner are awarded to "boost a very small entrepreneur with big ideas for helping the community," says David Hazen, one of the organizers. Tickets are sliding scale, \$15 to \$25. During the dinner, four selected individuals will pitch their projects and diners will have scorecards to submit. The winner gets an instant grant. See [emeraldfeast.weebly.com](http://emeraldfeast.weebly.com) or call 520-6621.

We hear from Warren Weisman that **Hestia Home Biogas LLC** is relocating soon from Eugene to Ventura, Calif., to

take advantage of "terrific incentives for biogas along with higher electric rates," he says. His local biogas units can be found at Maitreya Ecovillage in Eugene and at Laughing Stock Farm on Territorial Highway. Hestia designs and builds residential and farm biodigesters to provide low-cost energy. See [hestiahomebiogas.com](http://hestiahomebiogas.com)

**Jake's Wayback Burgers**, with 56 locations, has opened its first Oregon franchise at 45 Division Ave. in Eugene, tucked in a small group of businesses just north of the Fred Meyer on River Road. Jake's motto is "re-imagining the great American roadside burger stand," says Gillian Maffeo of the company. Each restaurant in the chain of 56 sites employees between 25 and 30 people. Guests can dine in or order online at [waybackburgers.com](http://waybackburgers.com)

**Saturday Market** is continuing at the Park Blocks downtown, rain or shine, from 10 am to 5 pm through Nov. 10. The opening weekend of Holiday Market will be one week later, Nov. 17-18, at the Fairgrounds.

Local ad agency **bell + funk**, headed by David Funk and Jennifer Bell, has added EWEB to its client list. The contract was awarded in June but just announced last week.

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