



In February or March 2013, **The Bier Stein** will move from its location on East 11th Avenue to Midtown, the building at 16th and Willamette that was formerly home to June. Bier Stein owner Chip Hardy says The Bier Stein has purchased the building and has begun remodeling so it can accommodate a single business. Its new location will almost sextuple The Bier Stein from 2,100 sq. ft. to 12,000 sq. ft. The extra space will also provide a room from which Hardy and company will begin packaging and shipping beer from online sales. "There are people in other parts of the country who love Northwestern beer and can't get it locally," Hardy says.

The nonprofit **Center for Appropriate Transport** is celebrating 20 years of providing accessible, affordable, reliable human-powered transportation, along with educational resources. Director Jan VanderTuin says CAT is looking to train volunteers to spend time at the Eugene Bicycle Works community bike shop at 455 W. 1st Ave. Volunteers would help educate the many people who stop by the bike shop and are curious about CAT programs. Visit catoregon.org or call 683-3397 or email ebw@catoregon.org for more information or to get on a mailing list.

Holiday Market is up and running at the Fairgrounds and a quick survey of local handcraft vendors indicates sales are up over last year. We stopped by Saturday when Eugene singer Halie Loren was performing on the Food Court stage and she drew a big sit-down audience. Free music and dance performances can also be found in Holiday Hall and in the lobby. Find a schedule and new "gift guides" at www.holidaymarket.org

Aqua Serene is holding its annual Founders Day Celebration this weekend, Dec. 8-9, at 2836 W. 11th Ave. in Eugene. The business, celebrating more than two decades in Eugene, specializes in tropical fish and fish supplies along with indoor and outdoor gardening equipment, plant nutrients and expert advice. Live music from 1 to 4 pm will be part of the celebration that ends at 7 pm Saturday and 6 pm Sunday. See aquaserene.com or call 485-2171.

Hearts for Hospice has a new Resale Shop located at 444 Main St. in Springfield. The grand opening will be 9 am to 4 pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6-8, and again the following weekend. Items for sale include clothing, holiday decorations, furniture, lamps, kitchen items, books, linens and medical equipment. The nonprofit Hearts for Hospice supports the various services provided by Sacred Heart Hospice and Courageous Kids. To make donations or to volunteer, call Sally at 998-1100, or stop by the shop.

Sunshine Limo Service and **Oregon Party Bus** held their annual Christmas Light Tour Dec. 3-4 for low-income senior citizens and families of the Relief Nursery. The limo service expected about 300 people to join the free tours. See sunshinelimoservice.com

Eugene-area **biotech entrepreneurs** will speak at the SmartUps Pub Talk from 5 to 8 pm Thursday, Dec. 6. Registration is required at eugenechamber.com or call 484-1314.

Enrollment is still open for classes in two programs through the **Non-profit Management Institute**, a nine-month professional development program run by LCC's Small Business Development Center at 1445 Willamette St. Classes will be moving to LCC's new downtown campus facilities in January. Email armstrongt@lanccc.edu or call 463-4607.

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BY RAFAEL ALDAVE

Congress can go off the fiscal cliff if it wants to.
I'm going bowling.

NEWS

GOAT SCHOOL, GOAT RULES

Long have dogs, cats and chickens been allowed as pets in urban areas, but now Genie Harden is making an effort to give them company here in the form of miniature Nigerian dwarf goats. Harden, who has a farm on Chezem Road in Eugene, is running a goat school on her property this weekend to teach those interested in owning goats how to raise them.

Fueling the creation of this school are proposed changes to Eugene's land use code that could change many of the city's regulations on urban farming, including requiring people keeping farm animals to reside on or adjacent to the premises, increasing the allowable number of chickens and rabbits on some lots, allowing miniature goats and pigs (with restrictions) on more lots, requiring shelters for all animals, prohibiting neglect, creating noise limits and allowing the slaughter of chickens, fowl and rabbits out of view of the public or adjacent property. See a draft of the proposal for farm animal standards at wkly.ws/1ea

There is a Eugene City Planning Commission hearing scheduled for Dec. 11 to discuss the proposed changes. Harden will speak in favor of an increase in urban farming.

"I am inviting people on my property for three hours to get all the information they need to seriously think whether goat keeping is for them," Harden says. "There's a lot to do. It's a lot of fun, but it's a big commitment."

She wants anyone who is interested to have a firsthand experience, which includes milking and hoof trimming along with all else that goes into caring for them and keeping them safe in an urban environment.

Harden will hold classes Dec. 7-9. Attendees will participate in activities teaching them how to care for and protect these possible pets.

The current proposal calls for allowing up to two miniature goats per household, as long as they are dehorned and the males are neutered, but Harden believes more should be allowed.

"I feel that there should allowed the same number of goats

as dogs," she says. Three dogs are currently allowed per household, with an option for a fourth for up to six months in any 12-month period. "Goats really love a crowd. Two is okay, one is not good."

"These goats are so loving, and they are dog-like, and they are loyal, and they are playful, and they are interactive, and they are bright," she says.

For more information, email Harden at genieharden@gmail.com. — *Nick Poust*

POLLUTION UPDATE

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is accepting public comments this week on industrial stormwater pollution control plans for more local facilities that have applied for Clean Water Act (CWA) permit coverage under the new industrial stormwater permit. Comments are due by 5 pm on Dec. 13, and the facilities are: **All American Fabricating, Emerald Forest Products, Forrest Paint Co., Gheen Irrigation Works, Gibson Steel Fabricating, Hearthside Food Solutions and Valley Landfills**, (Benton County). Visit wkly.ws/1e5 to see stormwater plans, and wkly.ws/1e1 to comment.

DEQ is also currently accepting public comments on the **Oregon Health Authority's** application for CWA permit coverage for construction stormwater discharges associated with Phases 2 & 3 of the **Oregon State Hospital**, south of Junction City. Comments are due by 5 pm on Dec. 10. Visit DEQ's Eugene office (165 E 7th Ave.) to review the application and associated erosion control plan.

The **U.S. Forest Service** is currently accepting comments on proposed cleanup activities at two mine sites in the **Opal Creek** area. According to the Forest Service, "Waste rock and soil at the former mine sites contain lead and other hazardous substances [that] could enter nearby streams and rivers, especially during periods of heavy rain and flooding." Visit wkly.ws/1ec for more information. — *Doug Quirke/Oregon Clean Water Action Project*



JANE DONAHUE

"When I was 12, my grandmother got me hooked on treasure hunting in antique shops and garage sales," says Eugene native Jane Donahue, owner of Merry Jane Clothiers at 1670 Willamette. "I learned to value older things, to appreciate recycling and reusing." After graduation from Sheldon High, Donahue studied music, photography and art at LCC. "I dabbled in the arts," she says. "My first job was in the art department at the UO bookstore for eight years." She worked for 16 years at a local aerial photo lab, then returned to school to take business courses. "I started collecting vintage clothing," she says. "I found clothes for friends and family members." In 2007, she began selling her finds at grange-hall shows put on by Janice Johnston of Primrose Lane antiques in Coburg. Encouraged by Johnston, she opened her store in Springfield in 2009, then relocated to Eugene in June of 2012. She visits estate sales, shops online, features local artists and accepts items on consignment. "I have a passion for curvy women," says Donahue, who carries clothing in sizes small through 6X. "From the moment I opened my doors, I've wanted to create a haven, a beautiful space for women to come and shop for affordable, feminine clothing." Appearing with her in the photo is shop mascot and rescue dog Belle.