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bus operators wanted to “get involved and do something.”

The fundraiser will help buy essentials such as socks, underwear, sleeping bags and tents. The center would also like to purchase commercial dryers for washing garments and sleeping bags. Over the last season, more than 12,135 volunteer hours were donated to Egan; volunteers helped provide 2,882 beds and 5,850 meals for 926 individuals. The fundraiser runs from 1 to 6 pm Saturday, Feb. 9, at Cozmic, 199 W. 8th Ave., with a \$5 suggested donation at the door. — Alex Notman

CHECK THAT TINT THAT NIXES SQUINT

Cops who can't see through car windows could have drivers seeing red. Oregon law requires at least 35 percent of light to pass through vehicle windows, and dealerships are legally required to sell cars that meet that standard, even used cars that come from somewhere else. But sometimes vehicles slip through the cracks.

Exna Cox bought a 2007 Cadillac from Kendall Chevrolet Cadillac and then got a ticket for windows that only let 26 percent of light through, a \$360 citation. He attended traffic court, where the judge directed him to talk to the Kendall Auto Group about recouping the cost of the ticket and having the window tint fixed. “She did write me a check for the tinted windows to be done and for the citation, so I did finally get all my money back,” Cox says. “But I live in Blue River, so this took several trips.”

Cox says that he thought something might have been wrong at the dealership. “We did comment on the darkness of the window,” he says. He advises anyone caught in a similar situation to be persistent. Oregon law requires window tint installers to give auto owners a certificate, sometimes applied to the car as a sticker, so buyers can ask to see it.

An EPD spokesperson says that the po-

lice department doesn't keep statistics on window tinting violations, but approximately 30 percent of drivers pulled over for the violation say that they purchased their vehicles with windows already tinted. Dealerships aren't on the hook forever, though — after six months, the statute of limitations on the dealer runs out, and then it's a civil matter.

Kendall Auto Group did not return a request for comment by press time. — Shannon Finnell

POLLUTION UPDATE

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) sent Margaret Hedrick a warning letter Jan. 16 for a “sizeable release” of what appeared to be used oil to the ground at 1700 Highway 99 N. in Eugene (a little south of Highway 99 and Bethel Drive). According to DEQ's letter, “used oil can contain cancer-causing agents, metal contaminants and organic compounds that can impact soil, stormwater and surface waters as well as filter into the groundwater supply when discharged onto the land surface. Such contamination can result in serious hazards to human health.” DEQ has requested documentation of cleanup and proper disposal by Feb. 15.

DEQ sent Roseville, Calif.-based SierraPine a pre-enforcement notice Jan. 22 for discharging total suspended solids (TSS) at a level that exceeded the TSS limit in its Clean Water Act wash water permit by 183 percent at its facility on 48th Street in Springfield. DEQ classified this violation as a serious violation. High TSS can have a number of serious effects on aquatic life, including reducing oxygen levels; limiting the ability of fish to see and catch food; clogging fish gills; smothering fish eggs; and carrying other pollutants (such as pesticides, metals, and bacteria) into water bodies. DEQ warned SierraPine about a similar violation in February 2012. — Doug Quirke/Oregon Clean Water Action Project

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