



We hear **Divine Cupcake**, the dessert restaurant, is cutting its retail store and cart sales but will continue to do catering and have its carts at events around the county. The retail shop at 11th and Chambers, across from Ring of Fire, will have its final day from 10 am to 8 pm Tuesday, March 5, on its third anniversary date, according to owner Thaddeus Moore. As usual on its anniversary, the store will be giving away free cupcakes, but this time selling off equipment and furnishings as well.

The first **90by30 Conference** is coming up March 8-9 at Valley River Inn. The conference is sponsored by the Center for the Prevention of Abuse and Neglect at the UO College of Education. 90by30 refers to the goal of reducing child abuse in Lane County by 90 percent by 2030. Registration is \$99 for one day and \$129 for two days, including meals, but program Director Phyllis Barkhurst says an anonymous donor has offered to subsidize a \$49 "rural conference rate" for low-income non-Eugene residents who want to participate. See 90by30.com for registration and list of speakers, which includes national experts.

Moe's Tavern and its adjacent Chow Restaurant is a new business at 471 S. A St. in Springfield, a block off Main Street next to the Bus Station. The business is scheduled to open March 3. Mitchel Hescheles says the name comes from the fictional tavern in *The Simpsons* TV show. Moe's will feature a dozen local beers on tap and more in bottles. Call Hescheles at 653-9193. The location was previously Tom and Johnny's Restaurant and Lounge which closed at the end of the year. Former owners Thomas Knight and Jonathan Porras posted a note on Facebook Jan. 3, saying, "We tried several things to try to make it through this tough economy and through the tough holiday season but it was just more than we could do."

Buffalo Wild Wings is another new Springfield business, a franchise with headquarters in Vancouver, B.C. The new sports bar with its oversized TV screens is at 2770 Gateway St. and features boneless wings, burgers and sandwiches, wraps, salads and more.

Community Mediation Services is planning its fourth annual Peace by Piece Celebration and 30th anniversary at 6:30 pm Wednesday, March 6, at the UO Ford Alumni Center. Tickets are \$55, students \$25. Register at communitymediationservices.com or call 344-5366.

ACTIVIST ALERT

- **City Club of Eugene** will meet at noon Friday, March 1, at the new LCC Downtown Center on the topic of "Prison, Compassion and Peace," with speakers Steven Shankman, the Rev. Tom English, Connie Bennett and Mark Beudert. This is the first in a series on the link between art and public policy.

- **Friends of Trees** is organizing tree planting events around the valley this winter. The next planting date is March 2. See friendsoftrees.org for details or to donate.

- The Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides (NCAP) is now accepting nominations for its first-ever **Community Hero Award**. The award aims to honor individuals across the Northwest who are leading innovative efforts to reduce pesticide use in their communities. Deadline for nominations is March 1. See pesticide.org or email kkis@pesticide.org

- **Friendship with Cambodia** will present a 40-minute film summarizing the PBS documentary *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* at 7 pm Monday, March 4, at 1166 Oak St. The documentary is based on the book *Half the Sky* by Nicholas Kristoff and Sheryl WuDunn, examining violence against women worldwide including maternal mortality resulting from genital mutilation, gender-based violence and sex-trafficking. A donation of \$5 to \$10 to help girls in Cambodia is optional.

NEWS

EUGENE PESTICIDE DATA NOT IN PUBLIC INTEREST?

Eugene-based Beyond Toxics wants the city's public parks and public lands to go pesticide free, but the group says it's still having trouble finding out just what toxins are being sprayed in the city and what public money is being spent on them. A public records request to the city of Eugene for the information was met with a fee estimate of more than \$7,000.

Lisa Arkin, Beyond Toxics' executive director, says she'd like to have information in time to bring it before the city for a work session on integrated pest management (IPM) scheduled for March 13, but the group can't afford the bill to get it. Arkin says Councilor George Brown called for the work session in response to a request to take a "good, hard look" at the city's pesticide use.

IPM uses common-sense practices and information on the lifecycles of pests and their interaction with the environment to manage pests "by the most economical means, and with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment," according to the Environmental Protection Agency. It uses limited pesticides and only as a last resort, and requires recordkeeping of pest reported, what is done and what pesticides are used.

The letter from the city explaining the \$7,000 fee says that the City Recorder's Office determined Beyond Toxics' request is not in the public's interest in that the requested records do not primarily benefit the general public.

Arkin says, "The city claims it has an IPM policy, but if that were the case the records would be available — if they have a bona fide policy." And she criticizes the city's claim

that the records request is not in the public interest. "An organization such as Beyond Toxics works only to educate the public," she says.

Waldport has a last-resort herbicide use on its city land, and Newport has herbicide free zones in city parks. Eugene has seven pesticide-free neighborhood parks including Scobert Gardens and Awbrey Park.

Beyond Toxics has a Safe Public Places Project, calling for a "pesticides as a last option" policy to manage pests on Oregon's public land and will be rallying from 9 am to noon March 8 in Salem. Go to wkly.ws/1fl for more information. — *Camilla Mortensen*

OREGON DOG DIES IN OTTER TRAP

Fritz, an Australian shepherd mix and the beloved pet of John Beere and Cindy Corder, died on Jan. 20 while out for a walk at the Salmon River Fish Hatchery near Otis, Ore. The dog was strangled by an 8-inch conibear trap set to kill river otters that had been eating rainbow trout out of the hatchery's ponds.

Sally Mackler of Eugene-based Predator Defense says there were not adequate warning signs for the traps. Corder had been taking the dog there for eight years, Mackler says, and the herding dog would run ahead, and then run back to his owner. When Corder saw the sign, 15 feet off the pathway, she called to her dog to come back. Fritz didn't come back and by the time she had found him, he was dead.

Michelle Dennehy of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife says the trap was set by USDA Wildlife Services "in a brushy area, which isn't typically used by peo-



ANDROMEDOLLS SCORER SURLY Q IS SQUISHED BETWEEN TWO CHURCH OF SK8IN BLOCKERS: ROCKA ROLLA (LEFT) AND COOP DE GRÂCE (RIGHT). GEMINI IS ALSO PICTURED (FAR RIGHT).

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ROLLER DERBY BOUTS KEEP CROWDS CAPTIVATED

Spectators were treated to a couple of close bouts Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Lane Events Center. The sold-out crowd of 1,200-plus came out to see the Sick Town Derby Dames of Corvallis take on the local Flat Track Furies and the Andromedolls vs. Church of Sk8in.

In the first bout, the Flat Track Furies struck first amassing a 36-0 lead before the Sick Town ladies could get their bearings. But, Sick Town kept the bout respectable, going into the locker room with a 91-55 deficit at the half. The Furies quickly pushed the lead to 119-59 early in the second half before penalty trouble crippled them. With their scorers in the penalty box for much of the remainder of the bout, Sick Town put together a 125-26 scoring run to win 184-145.

Sick Town's Ill Ninja led all jammers with 62 points. Wonder Dread was the top scorer for the Flat Track Furies with 57.

The second bout was just as exciting. Lead changes were the theme of the first half with the Andromedolls holding a slim 64-62 advantage over Church of Sk8in at intermission. The Andromedolls slowly built on their lead in the second half taking a 46-point lead. A 15-point jam by Red Ruckus brought Church within 24 points late, but they could not keep the momentum. The Andromedolls skated away with a 160-122 win. The Andromedolls' Scariel led all scorers with 74 points. Surly Q added 45 for the Dolls. Psychotic Rage was the top jammer for Church with 31.

See the Emerald City Roller Girls in action next on March 16 with a rare home bout for the Emerald City all-star travel team Skatesaphrenics versus Portland's Heartless Heathers and a coed matchup featuring the Lane County Concussion men's roller derby. Visit emeraldcityrollergirls.com for more information. — *James Brains*