

ACTIVIST ALERT

• **Health Care for All Oregon's** Eugene chapter will host the statewide annual meeting of its coalition from 10 am to 3 pm Friday, June 28, at First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St. The gathering of HCAO's 80 member organizations, along with delegates from labor unions, health care providers and other groups, is open to the public. The Eugene chapter will later meet from 7 to 9 pm Tuesday, July 2, at EWEB, 500 E. 5th Ave. Discussion will include the results of the legislative session and future events. For more information, call Ruth Duemler at 484-6145.

• "The Future of **Oregon's Natural Resources**" is a three-part series at City Club of Eugene continuing at noon Friday, June 28, at the Hilton 12th Floor Ballroom. This second in the series will be on "Oregon's Growth Management Experience" with attorney Richard P. Benner, former staff attorney for 1000 Friends of Oregon. \$5 for non-members. See cityclubofeugene.org.

• The Eugene Police Commission is hosting a **State of Public Safety Forum** from 5:30 to 7:30 pm Thursday, June 27, at the Eugene Public Library. Panelists will discuss the state of public safety, issues of importance and their thoughts about the future of public safety in our community. Panelists include Eugene Police Chief Pete Kerns, Lane County Sheriff Tom Turner, District Attorney Alex Gardner, Police Auditor Mark Gissiner, Municipal Court Presiding Judge Wayne Allen and St. Vincent de Paul Executive Director Terry McDonald. Contact number for the event is 682-5852.

• **Beyond Toxics** is planning a "Boldness Bash" to celebrate passage of its bill, HB 3364, the State Integrated Pest Management Act, another success of their Safe Public Places campaign, from 5:30 to 8 pm Thursday, June 27, at the Oakshire Brewing Public House, 207 Madison. "Beyond Toxics proposed and doggedly pursued bipartisan support to finally make pesticide protections the law of the state," says Lisa Arkin of Beyond Toxics. Music by Soulicious, sponsored by Mountain Rose Herbs. See beyondtoxics.org or call 465-8860.

• A free illustrated talk based on the book, *The Owyhee River Journals*, will be at 3 pm Saturday, June 29, at the Downtown Public Library. Author Bonnie Olin created the book with photographer Mike Quigley who has been exploring the Owyhee Canyonlands since 1975.

• A celebration of **Green Island** by the McKenzie River Trust will be from 7 am to 5 pm Saturday, June 29. See details in the Viewpoint by Joe Moll this week.

POLLUTION UPDATE

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) assessed a penalty of \$15,600 against **Christopher John Bartels** on June 20 for illegally discharging wastewater from his meat processing and packing facility to ditches flowing to wetlands on two occasions in 2011. The facility is located on Central Road, south of Perkins Peninsula Park. According to DEQ, Bartels has made significant improvements to his wastewater treatment and disposal system since the 2011 violations. **Georgia-Pacific Chemicals** has paid the \$3,600 penalty assessed against it by DEQ on May 13 for discharge of phenols pollution to waters of the state at its facility on Highway 99 (near Irving Road) in Eugene (EW 5/23, goo.gl/YEdIZ). Comments to DEQ regarding industrial stormwater pollution control plans for **Navistar (Harrisburg)** and two different **Georgia-Pacific West** facilities in **Philomath** are due by 5 pm on July 1. Visit goo.gl/ScwdH to see stormwater plans, and goo.gl/iMDQb to comment. — Doug Quirke/Oregon Clean Water Action Project

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BY RAFAEL ALDAVE

The guy who came up with the new sizes for seat cushions used in Autzen Stadium must be the same fellow who designs seating for United Airlines.

NEWS

took a dive in 2009, tribes sought non-recurring grants and redirected general funds to forestry. Additionally, the tribes say they relied on holistic, consensus-based solutions.

Oregon's tribes will adopt a program piloted by Washington's Yakama tribe, the "anchor forest concept," which promotes collaboration between neighboring land users in infrastructure and ecosystem functions. The IFMAT report praises this initiative and also highlights the relationship between foresters and biologists.

"We tend to focus a lot on the forest's health instead of focusing mostly on harvesting the high-quality timber," says Orvie Danzuka, ITC delegate for Warm Springs. "We try to take a vast approach to it." For him, that meant shifting funds from operations on the edges of housing subdivisions to deep into the forest where wildfire prevention takes priority. Also as the tribe's Education Committee chair, Danzuka has focused on classes for up-and-coming foresters about blight and infestation.

Through the ITC's detailed, outcome-driven environmental monitoring program, Coquille Tribe Environmental Director Jason Robison says he wants to show that "Not only are we meeting our ecological goals, we're also meeting our socioeconomic and cultural objectives." — *Adrian Black*

COUNTRY FAIR BUYS BUS HOLIDAYS FOR ALL

Hang onto your cash, bus riders. While the bus routes to the Oregon Country Fair have always been free, this year the entire LTD system will cost nothing for the duration of Fair, which runs July 12-14.

"It's the first time that anybody's bought out the entire system," says LTD spokesperson Andy Vobora. The Fair, which has long emphasized sustainability and public transit, paid \$32,370 to sponsor all of LTD's routes during the three-day event.

In previous years, the Fair has contracted with LTD for some of the buses providing transport to the event. Vobora says that the Federal Transit Administration has a lot of regulations around federally funded transit districts competing with private charter operators for event services. Those rules were revised in 2008. "The more we looked at that, the more we recognized that we were probably in violation of their rules, and they were ultimately going to tell us that we couldn't participate any more," he says.

Any time an organization subsidizes service to an event, it becomes a charter, but by sponsoring the whole system, the Fair and LTD are in the clear. Vobora says he sees it as a win for everyone. "It should be great for everybody to be able to ride for free those three days." — *Shannon Finnell*



SUMMER PROGRAM FEEDS HUNGRY KIDS

Children can enjoy free lunches through the Summer Food Service Program, a federally funded nutrition program open to all kids ages 1-18. In addition to lunch, some sites also offer breakfast and snacks to accompany a day of activities.

"Summer can spell hunger for some children who rely on school meals," according to a press release from the nonprofit Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon. The Summer Food Service Program "makes sure kids can eat healthy food during the summer months when school is out." Meals are served at locations where kids normally congregate, such as playgrounds, parks, summer schools and community centers.

Many sites offer activities such as games, arts and crafts in addition to meals. Families can find a meal site near them by visiting summerfoodoregon.org or calling 211 (toll-free).

"Tough economic times mean that families scramble to provide meals when school is out, and we are working hard to make sure those kids can grow and thrive," says Lesley Nelson, child hunger prevention manager at Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon.

Funding for the Summer Food Service Program is provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Meal sites are located in neighborhoods with a high percentage of children eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. Because the neighborhood qualifies, no application or advance registration is needed and all children are welcome.

A study released this week by the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) finds that Oregon is one of the top states in providing free meals to hungry children during the summer months, yet serves just a fraction of those who need it. In its annual report, "Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation: Summer Nutrition Status Report," FRAC found that on an average day in July 2012, about 36,300 low-income children participated in Summer Food program each day, serving just 17.5 percent of children who eat school lunches during the school year.

SPORTS

AZUL REMAINS CONFIDENT DESPITE RECENT STRUGGLES

The recent road trip was long and difficult for EMFC Azul, and head coach Jürgen Ruckaberle's soccer team is glad to be home. Over the last two weekends, Azul went 1-3 to fall to 3-3 overall, but they return to Eugene confident, encouraged by their competitive play and ready for two home games June 28 and 29.

After splitting two games against the THUSC Diamonds and Westside Timbers, they faced AC Seattle, the all-Italian team that fields a roster made up primarily of players from the prestigious Serie A league in Italy. Ruckaberle says he was impressed by his team's competitiveness in the 5-2 loss. He says Azul's two Italian players, Gaia Mastrovincenzo and Eleonora Petralia, played well and took a lot away from facing many from their home country.

This past Saturday, Azul faced another very good opponent in Issaquah SC and lost 4-1 in the Seattle heat. Ruckaberle focuses more on what went right than wrong entering a four-game homestand that finishes the season. "We grew together as a team and some of our combinations are looking very good," he says. "Both Italians have been integrated into the team and have fun playing here."

This level of competition isn't diminishing. At 4 pm Saturday, June 29, at South Eugene High School, Azul welcomes the Spokane Shine, a struggling team that stood atop the league last year. The following day at 3 pm Emerald City comes to town, and Azul hopes to beat them for the second straight year. — *Nick Poust*