

budget that the community's 1st Avenue Shelter has now, even with the support of Greenhill, which took over running it after county and city funding cuts.

"They're very essential. This was my chance to stick my SLUG queen nose into it," Van Flandern says. She thought the storytelling event would be the best fundraiser, naming programs such as StoryCorps and public radio's "This American Life" as examples of engaging mediums of storytelling.

In addition to other local personalities, Jordan Kent, former UO football and basketball player, is "excited to help out."

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HOST OF TALKIN' DUCKS ON COMCAST



says Kent, who is also the son of former UO men's basketball coach Ernie Kent.

Jordan Kent will tell stories of his long-haired miniature dachshund, Waffle, who makes him "so happy." Since he became a pet owner three years ago, he has been looking to get more involved with pet responsibility and activism, and is looking forward to sharing his story.

Other speakers include standup comedian Andy Andrist, *Register-Guard* reporter Serena Markstrom and comedy DJ Jen Meyer. A full list, from comedians to an *EW* writer, can be found on Greenhill's website at wkly.ws/1la.

Dog Tales start at 7:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 24, at Cozmic, 199 W. 8th Ave; \$13 Adv., \$15 door.

— Jordan Tichenor

POLLUTION UPDATE

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has followed up on the warning letter it sent to **Vivian Rooke** of Scott Township, Penn., on July 9 ([EW 8/1, goo.gl/b9TTLo](http://EW8/1, goo.gl/b9TTLo)) concerning Rooke's failure to have a legal septic system at property owned by Rooke at 81251 Lost Creek Road in Dexter. DEQ's July warning letter followed three separate Lane County letters over the course of the last year to which the county did not receive any replies. EQ's most recent action took the form of a pre-enforcement notice sent to Rooke on Oct. 7, and the matter is being referred to DEQ's Office of Compliance and Enforcement for formal enforcement due to Rooke's failure to respond to DEQ.

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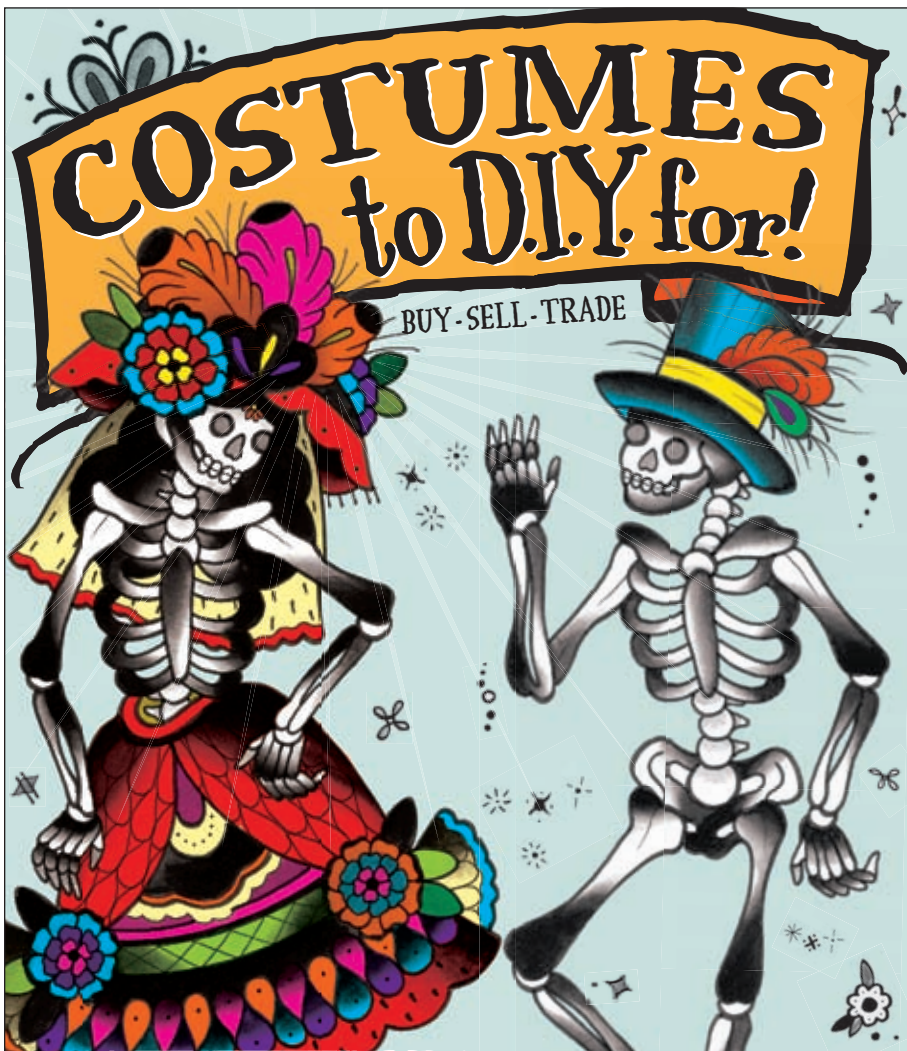


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