



Greater Goods is closing after 23 years in Eugene. Joan Kleban is retiring and she has been a good friend to *EW* and a consistent advertiser all these years. We wish her well and expect she will continue to be a positive force in our community. We also appreciate her dedication to offering fair trade, hand-made products and folk art from around the world. Fair trade goods promote social and environmental sustainability, rare qualities in developing countries and even here at home. Greater Goods is located on High Street across from 5th Street Public Market and will remain open until the inventory is sold.

Lane County Farmers Market started its winter market Feb. 1 and will continue, rain or shine, from 10 am to 2 pm Saturdays at 8th and Oak downtown. We're still waiting for some kind of breakthrough that will provide a permanent year-round market, at least partially indoors. The city is sitting on \$500,000 in urban renewal funds to help make it happen.

Corvallis is expecting a new hotel downtown. "The estimated \$18 million project is expected to bring to life a 130-room upscale hotel situated along the riverfront," according to Lisa Lawton of Eugene, Cascades & Coast. Tom Nelson, the city's economic development manager, says the project could be completed as early as March 2015.

We hear work continues on the **Candlewood Suites hotel** in Glenwood and acreage near the Valley River Inn has been purchased for a 100-unit hotel. Eugene Airport officials say a proposed hotel site near the air field is currently undergoing additional land evaluations. And the Eugene Hilton has completed a \$5.5 million renovation of all its 269 guest rooms, corridors and the Share Small Plate Bistro.

The annual **KLCC Microbrew Festival** is coming up Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7-8, at the Fairgrounds. See our Calendar.

A community **forum on Obamacare** will be at 6 pm Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the Eugene Public Library, sponsored by The Main Street Alliance of Oregon and the Eugene Downtown Neighborhood Association. See DNAeugene.org.

Looks like **Hoodoo** ski area finally has enough snow to open Friday, Feb. 7, and the resort hopes to maintain a Thursday through Sunday schedule until the end of the season. Call the hotline at 822-3337. **Willamette Pass** has been open Wednesday through Sunday with limited operations. No night skiing this season. Call 345-SNOW. Farther away, **Mt. Bachelor** has 10 inches of fresh snow and is open daily. See mtbachelor.com.

POLLUTION UPDATE

Comments on the stormwater pollution control plan for **Natron Wood Products LLC's** facility in Jasper are due to Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) by 5 pm on Feb. 10. Visit goo.gl/ScwdH to see stormwater the plan and goo.gl/iMDQb to comment. Comments to DEQ regarding the erosion and sediment control plan for **Phase 3 of Willamalane's Sports Park** on South 32nd Street in Springfield are due by 5 pm on Feb. 11. Visit goo.gl/Yp4iAK for information on how to make arrangements to view the plan and comment. DEQ assessed a civil penalty of \$4,000 against **Georgia-Pacific Toledo, LLC** for hazardous air pollution violations at its Toledo pulp mill. Toledo is about 7 miles inland from Newport.

—Doug Quirke/Oregon Clean Water Action Project

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CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER OPENS UNDER NEW NAME

On Feb. 4, the newly renamed Dove Medical Pregnancy Diagnosis Clinic, a crisis pregnancy center (CPC), held a grand opening celebration. Pro-choice advocates such as Planned Parenthood have criticized CPCs for giving patients false information about abortion, including that abortion causes breast cancer, can lead to sterility and is psychologically damaging.

Dove Medical is "a faith-based, patient-centered organization that encourages informed decision-making about unintended pregnancy," says Beverly Anderson, CEO of Dove Medical. The organization was started in 1985 as Lane Pregnancy Support Center.

A video posted on YouTube in 2012 (wkly.ws/1om) introduces Lane Pregnancy Support Center as "dedicated to saving babies' lives and saving people's souls." In it, Anderson says that 90 percent of women who see ultrasounds "choose life," which a study published in January in the journal *Obstetrics and Gynecology* debunks. The video continues, "With your help, we can save another generation of the unborn, one life at a time."

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Anderson says she runs the only organization in the area where pregnant women can "take the time just to discuss the decisions they're facing." Critics of CPCs say that the clinics stress the importance of time in the decision-making process because delay can eliminate the option of getting an abortion.

A 2010 undercover study by Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon found that of the 40-plus CPCs surveyed in Oregon, all of them were providing misleading information to their patrons, says Jimmy Radosta, communications director of PPOA.

Planned Parenthood is concerned about the CPCs that provide false or misleading information to young, low-income women at a vulnerable time in their lives and that mislead them with medical intake forms and staff in lab coats, Radosta says. These facilities are not categorized as health care providers and are mainly run by volunteers in an unregulated environment.

Last year, Planned Parenthood introduced SB 490 into the Oregon Legislature in an effort to change some of the practices often employed by CPCs. The bill would have required that certain health-related organizations and businesses, including CPCs, clearly disclose information about the nature of their services. It would have prohibited these places from releasing health information about a patient without that person's written consent, a stipulation already required of Oregon health care providers through HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act). The bill did not make it out of committee but will be modified and reintroduced next year, Radosta says.

Unlike other CPCs, Anderson says Dove Medical complies entirely with HIPAA regulations by granting patients access to their medical records and actively protecting patient confidentiality. She adds that Dove has a licensed nurse on duty during all open hours and the initial paperwork includes the transparent truth that the facility does not refer for or perform abortions.

Anderson opposed SB 490 because "individuals and organizations have the right to craft their message however they choose to." She told *The Lund Report* that "the bill was specifically designed to target crisis pregnancy centers because they espouse anti-abortion views."

While Radosta was clear that he was not familiar with the specific practices of Dove Medical, he saw more honesty from its website than from other CPCs.

"We are pleased to see Dove Medical's website promises accurate information and makes it clear they do not provide abortion referrals," Radosta says. "We hope that they continue to adhere to this." — *Carolina Reid*

SAVING THE FISH AND THE BIRDS

It's looking like a good week for Oregon's native little fish and its potato-shaped sea birds. News that the diminutive Oregon chub is slated to be removed from the endangered species list is making big headlines, and a just-announced settlement between the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and environmental groups means more hope for the threatened marbled murrelet, a sea bird that nests in Oregon's coastal old-growth forests.

If the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposal to remove the Oregon chub from the list of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) is finalized, then the chub would be the first fish delisted due to recovery. The nationwide announcement was made at the McKenzie River Trust's Berggren Watershed Conservation area near to where the chub were found in 2001 on the trust's Big Island property. Prior to that, Oregon chub were last documented in the McKenzie River watershed in 1899.

Marbled murrelets, on the other hand, are still struggling not to drop from threatened to endangered status on the ESA, and Josh Laughlin of Cascadia Wildlands is hoping a settlement with ODF will help the small sea birds, which can fly up to 90 miles per hour.

Cascadia Wildlands and other environmental groups sued to stop logging in coastal state forests and protect the murrelet in 2012. Laughlin says the settlement means the "state is canceling 28 reckless old-growth timber sales" in its forests occupied by the marbled murrelet. He says 26 of those sales are in the Elliott State Forest south of Eugene. He says the state has also revised its "take" policy, making its policy on killing or harming the birds "much more robust." Previously he says the state was "essentially playing fast and loose with the law."

Michael Kron of Oregon Department of Justice, which represents ODF, says, "The parties have jointly informed the court that we expect the case to be resolved within 21 days."

There will be more public accountability when it comes to logging in murrelet-occupied forests, Laughlin says, and rather than making "Swiss cheese" of the forests and "postage stamp-sized" murrelet reserves, there will be contiguous habitat around the stands of trees in which the threatened birds are found.

The settlement will provide immediate relief for imperiled murrelet, Laughlin says, which have declined at a rate of 4 percent a year, mainly due to habitat loss.

Cascadia Wildlands is also working on the issue of the 3,000 acres in the Elliott that the State Land Board voted to sell in December 2013. Laughlin says there is a sealed-bid process going on, the results of which will be released March 28.

Laughlin says if those public lands are sold for logging "it would be horrible for the Elliott," but if they are sold into conservation and "preserved for Oregonians and critters teetering on the brink of extinction" then it could be the "conservation feat of the century." — *Camilla Mortensen*

TRANSPHOBIA SPURS PIELC PROTEST

One speaker's stance on gender identity is causing controversy around an upcoming environmental conference at the UO. Among its keynote speakers, the 32nd annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference (PIELC) Feb. 27 to March 2 will feature radical feminist Lierre Keith of Deep Green Resistance (DGR). A heated debate on PIELC's Facebook event page (wkly.ws/1on) about Keith's position that people who are transgender aren't really the gender with which they identify has generated hundreds of comments. Some enviros are petitioning PIELC and UO to cancel Keith's talk.

"I find it disturbing that the co-directors of PIELC think that Keith's 'perspective on environmental issues and activism' are separate from her perspective on transgender people," says Shelley Cater, a long-time PIELC attendee and one of the protest's organizers.

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