

- **Slow Money South Willamette Valley** and Willamette Food and Farm Coalition are hosting a launch event from 6 to 9 pm Thursday, Jan. 29, at Red Wagon Creamery, 55 W. Broadway, to celebrate the first local companies and other Oregon entrepreneurs to build their businesses through Oregon's new Community Public Offering (CPO) crowdfunding rules. See [slowmoneyswv.org](http://slowmoneyswv.org).

- Local experts on **energy and sustainability** will speak on "How Green is Your Home Town?" from 7 to 9 pm Thursday, Jan. 29, at the UO School of Law, Room 184. Speakers include Babe O'Sullivan of the city of Eugene and Sibyl Geiselman and Eli Volum of EWEB. Sponsored by Many Rivers Group Sierra Club and Land, Air Water. Free and open to the public.

- UO law professor **Mary Wood** will speak at City Club of Eugene at noon Friday, Jan. 30, at the Downtown Athletic Club, 999 Willamette St. Her topic is "The Public Trust Doctrine: Will Courts Protect Natural Resources?" Wood is the author of *Public Trust: Environmental Law for a New Ecological Age*. The following week, Feb. 6, Lane County Administrator Steve Mokroshisky will speak on "Facing Lane County's Challenges." \$5 for non-members. See [cityclubofeugene.org](http://cityclubofeugene.org).

- The **Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's** Fish Restoration and Enhancement Board will meet on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30-31 at Phoenix Inn Suites, 850 Franklin Blvd. to review 14 project proposals and address other business. Open to the public. More information at [wkly.ws/1wy](http://wkly.ws/1wy).

- An **Amazon Creek Headwaters** acquisition celebration sponsored by Southeast Neighbors and Be Noble Foundation will be from 6:30 to 9 pm Saturday, Jan. 31, at Tsunami Books, 2585 Willamette St. Free and open to the public but tax-deductible donations will be accepted to contribute to legal bills regarding protecting the Amazon Headwaters from development. See [be-noble.org](http://be-noble.org) for more information.

- The **ACLU of Oregon** has released a smartphone application that allows users to take video of police encounters and quickly upload the video to the ACLU. Learn about the "Mobile Justice" app and "talk about ways to create safer and more transparent police-civilian interaction" from 5:30 to 7 pm Monday, Feb. 2, at the Eugene Public Library, Tykeson Room. Sarah Armstrong of ACLU of Oregon will facilitate. Free and open to the public. Contact [lanechapter@aclu-or.org](mailto:lanechapter@aclu-or.org).

- **Elizabeth Kolbert**, award-winning staff writer for *The New Yorker* magazine, will discuss her latest book, *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History*, at 7 pm Monday, Feb. 2, at LaSells Stewart Center, 875 S.W. 26th St. on the OSU campus in Corvallis. Free and open to the public.

- The **League of Women Voters** Springfield chapter is meeting again after an absence of five or six years. The group will meet at noon on the second Tuesday of each month at the Springfield Chamber of Commerce. Free. Bring a bag lunch. Call the League office at 343-7917 or email [league@lwvfc.org](mailto:league@lwvfc.org) to get on the mailing list.

- **Womenspace** will hold its fifth annual "End the Silence" breakfast from 7:30 to 8:30 am Wednesday, Feb. 4 at the Valley River Inn. Doors open at 7 am. A panel of intimate partner violence survivors who have received Womenspace services will share their experiences. Space is limited. Call 485-8232 to RSVP. Free, but donations will be accepted.

## LANE COUNTY AREA SPRAY SCHEDULE

- Swanson Brothers, 935-2231, plans to hire Nick's Timber Services, 503-910-1120, to spray 33.5 acres near Vaughn Road and Sturtevant Creek with Glyphosate 5.4. See ODF notification 2015-781-05431, call Dan Menk at 935-2283 with questions.

- Sean Martin, 520-9403, plans to spray 19.5 acres near Vaughn Road with Glyphosate 4 Plus and Triclopyr 3A (amine). See ODF notification 2015-781-05905, call Dan Menk at 935-2283 with questions.

- Oxbow Timber 1 (Roseburg Resources), 679-3311, plans to apply urea fertilizer to 1162.9 acres near Noti, Cedar and Elkhorn Creeks. See ODF notification 2015-781-02118, call Dan Menk at 935-2283 with questions.

- Seneca Jones Timber Company LLC, 689-1011, plans to spray 108.8 acres near Hawley Creek with imazapyr. See ODF notification 2015-781-01936, call Brian Peterson at 935-2283 with questions.

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## REVERSE TRANSFER PROGRAM HELPS LCC AWARD MORE ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Rainsong Gates, an undergraduate in human physiology at the University of Oregon, says she transferred from Lane Community College to the UO a few years ago without getting her associate degree.

"I'd reached my credit limit at Lane," she says, "and so I transferred to the UO. I'm a non-traditional student — I've been in college for the last four or five years — and it was frustrating that I hadn't received anything from Lane after having spent that much time there."

According to Helen Garrett, dean of enrollment management systems at LCC, "Research shows that students who earn an associate degree on their way to a bachelor's are more likely to finish their bachelor's degree." Garrett says a few years ago, only 8 percent of LCC students were earning degrees, but that number is now up to 20 percent, due in part to LCC's drive to find ways to award more degrees.

Gates and other students now have access to the Project Oregon Reverse Transfer (PORT) program, funded through a \$450,000 grant from the Lumina Foundation. The program allows students at four-year institutions to combine their community college credits with university credits and earn an associate degree or certificate

while they pursue their bachelor's degree.

So far, LCC has awarded four degrees through this system and has just started to review 150 applications that came in at the end of last year. Gates was the first of this group to receive an associate degree.

The state of Oregon is using achievement compacts, overseen by the Oregon Education Investment Board, to encourage secondary and post-secondary schools to commit to more degrees earned and milestones achieved, and Garrett says that awarding more degrees contributes to Gov. John Kitzhaber's goal of seeing 40 percent of adult Oregonians with a bachelor's degree or higher, 40 percent with an associate degree and 20 percent with a high school diploma by 2025.

The PORT program creates a win-win scenario for

students and LCC, Garrett says. "This is what's best for the student, but secondly, it ups the amount of degrees and certificates that Lane is giving."

Garrett says an associate degree looks good on a resume, and if students take breaks from school but have earned an Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer degree, they no longer

have to take general requirement classes once they start again at a four-year institution, saving students time and money.

Former LCC students can check their eligibility for the PORT program by emailing [degreeevaluators@lcc.edu](mailto:degreeevaluators@lcc.edu). Current UO students with LCC credits can check DuckWeb for more information. — Amy Schneider

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