



Cybersecurity is a quickly growing field and we see the Oregon State University College of Engineering has collaborated with Intel Security to offer a course at OSU called “Defense Against the Dark Art.” The class of 45 students filled up almost immediately after it was announced. The class will be videotaped and there are plans to make it available in the future to other universities. McAfee Labs, part of Intel Security, reported in 2014 that it is detecting more than 300 new cyber threats a minute and the number of malware exploits in 2014 increased 76 percent over 2015. Career opportunities abound in this ever-changing field of technology.

Wise Turtle Acupuncture is Springfield’s first community acupuncture clinic offering its services at a sliding scale of \$15 to \$35. Owner is Karen DeBraal who is a longtime animal rights activist and forest defender who has turned her focus to therapy and healing. Address is 807 A St., Suite D, and phone number is 731-1466.

The **Albany Helping Hands Homeless Shelter** is doing something different. The faith-based nonprofit has a firewood lot on Highway 20, selling seasoned soft woods and hard woods by the cord and bundle for competitive prices. They even do delivery (for a price) within 50 miles. Interesting idea. We recycle urban logs for furniture, but is there a firewood program that provides jobs for the homeless in the Eugene/Springfield area?

Eugene-based **SilverFire** is growing and we hear the company will be sending a humanitarian container of stoves and specialized cooking pots to the impoverished Marshall Islands. “These islands west of Hawaii are under U.S. jurisdiction and many of the folks are really hammered out there under extreme conditions of poverty,” says Todd Albi of SilverFire. “They will be able to sanitize water and cook their food with palm fronds in our stoves.” SilverFire designs and manufactures cooking products for recreation and also disaster relief. One high-tech stove popular with backpackers is designed to burn twigs. Others use solar energy. See silverfire.us for more information or email todd.r.albi@gmail.com.

One Green World is a family-owned nursery, based in Portland and the Willamette Valley, that specializes in unusual edibles that thrive in our region, many of which can be seen in BRING’s Garden of Earthly Delights at 4446 Franklin Blvd., in Glenwood. The PlantMobile (a repurposed beverage delivery truck) will be at BRING from 9:30 to 11:30 am Saturday, Feb. 21, with figs, kiwis, blueberries and more. See onegreenworld.com or call (877) 353-4028.

The **Co-op Family Center’s** 21st annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser will be from 8:30 to 11:30 am Saturday, Feb. 21, at The Family Center, 2250 Patterson St., next to South Eugene High School. \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids. The event includes live music, an auction and more.

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BY RAFAEL ALDAVE

Kitzhaber’s fourth term as governor will be remembered as a love story.

NEWS

ANIMAL ADVOCATES CALL FOR NEW SHELTER

In 2003, a Lane County Animal Regulation Advisory Task Force Report said that the animal shelter shared by Lane County, Eugene and Springfield was in need of a “thorough overhaul or a complete replacement” and 60 more kennels. Instead, First Avenue Shelter, which is home to the area’s strays and now run by Greenhill Humane Society, has the same 30 kennels it has had since the 1970s and is stretched beyond its capacity, according to longtime shelter volunteer Misha English.

English is part of a grassroots campaign to push for a new animal shelter to meet Lane County’s current needs, and on Feb. 11 she and other animal advocates brought their concerns before the city’s Budget Committee and Eugene City Council to discuss as the city plans its 2016-21 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

In a Feb. 4 email to members of the Lane County Animal Services Advisory Committee, former Budget Committee member Scott Bartlett called others into action, writing that the current shelter “is a disgrace and inhumane and should have been demolished decades ago.” He suggested that the city either build a new shelter on its property or team up with the county. City Councilor Betty Taylor says conditions at the shelter “are pitiful for dogs.”

English says a new shelter is “long overdue” and points out that at the time the current shelter was built, the area “had half the population we have now.” She says research from the Humane Society of the United States shows that the number of American homes with pets has tripled. According to English, foster homes, spay and neuter programs and pet-of-the-week spotlights don’t relieve the pressure of too many animals in too small a space.

Greenhill Executive Director Cary Lieberman says of the volunteers’ grassroots campaign that “we really appreciate everyone’s enthusiasm and their advocacy for animals.” He says, “It’s no secret that the building at First Avenue Shelter needs significant changes to enable us to provide the level of care that we want to provide for lost, stray, abandoned, neglected and abused animals in our community.”

The last time Lane County looked into a new shelter in 2010, county commissioners toured a site off Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard near the county’s Juvenile and Mental Health buildings. Five years before that, in 2005, a study by the design firm Animal Art showed a new facility would cost about \$6 million. English points to projects in the current draft CIP, such as a \$2 million car wash for rental agencies at the Eugene airport, whose funds some advocates argue might better serve Lane County’s homeless pets.

A group of 11 First Avenue volunteers signed a letter to the Budget Committee calling for a new shelter, writing that if cold weather does not allow the shelter to safely house animals in the outdoor overflow kennels then the shelter doubles up animals, a “practice that is generally discouraged for safety and health reasons.”

The shelter also houses animals in break and volunteer rooms overnight and sometimes staffers take dogs home for the night, they write, adding that “the shelter’s

dedication to saving more adoptable and treatable animals over the years at the behest of community members means more dogs stay at the shelter longer.”

The volunteers point out the building’s outdated design means the animals are not protected from extremes of heat or cold, and it causes stress for dogs, making them harder to adopt. “There is no interior quiet space for potential adopters to have a conversation with staff about a dog or to meet their new best friend,” the letter continues.

“This isn’t about the administration,” English tells *EW*. “This is about the facility. It’s insufficient in capacity, inadequate in design and inhumane.”

The Budget Committee meets again to discuss the CIP in March and English urges those concerned to write the County Commission (wkly.ws/14k) and the Eugene (wkly.ws/1y7) and Springfield city councils (wkly.ws/1y8). Lieberman says people can make a donation to Greenhill at green-hill.org/donate.html earmarked “building improvements.” — Camilla Mortensen

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— CARY LIEBERMAN, GREENHILL

SHELLEY VILLALOBOS

“In sixth grade, I went to environmental camp for a week, in the woods near Placerville,” says Shelley Villalobos, who grew up on a 5-acre walnut farm near Chico, California. “I came back changed, aware that our choices matter for the planet.” Villalobos played softball all through school in Chico, for one year at local Butte College and for three years at the UO, while she completed a degree in journalism and wrote a weekly column on the environment for the *Oregon Daily Emerald*. After graduating in 2010, she served an internship in student-athlete development with the UO Athletic Department and earned a graduate certificate in sustainability through the planning department. “It opened doors for me locally,” says Villalobos, who landed a half-time position as a research analyst with the school’s Office of Sustainability. In 2013, she took on a second half-time job as certification director at the Council for Responsible Sport, a nonprofit that promotes socially inclusive and environmentally responsible athletic events. “We certify events all over the world, based on 61 best-practice standards,” she says. “We have certified 120 events since 2008.” Villalobos herself was certified to teach yoga in June 2014. She currently teaches three classes weekly, two at Mudra Yoga, 199 E. 5th Ave., and one at Everyday People Yoga, 352 W. 12th. Fans of UO softball and *EW* readers may recall Shelley Deadmond, as she was known before she married Alberto Villalobos in August 2013.

HAPPENING PEOPLE

BY PAUL NEEVEL

