

- You can **"Bee Jazzy"** and support Beyond Toxic's efforts to save Oregon's bees on Aug. 20 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm for \$30 at Silvan Ridge Winery, 27012 Briggs Hill Road in Eugene. There will be wine tasting, live music with the Zac Wolfe Jazz Band and a silent auction.

- Learn about **citizen journalism** and the basics of investigative reporting at a free workshop Thursday, Aug. 20, 6 pm, with Amy Beasley and Aryn Bartley of the Community Writing Center of Eugene-Springfield at Lane Community College. For more information, contact Eugene Public Library at (541) 682-5450 or eugene-or.gov/library.

- Celebrate the **Northwest Dog Project's** first birthday 3:30 to 7 pm Sunday, Aug. 23 with a fundraiser and adoption event at Blairally (245 Blair Blvd.) Pints for a Cause from Ninkasi, silent auction, raffle and more.

- Learn to **save seeds** from Sarah Kleeger and Andrew Still of Adaptive Seeds 4 pm, Aug. 25, at the Oak Creek Center for Urban Horticulture (844 S.W. 35th Street in Corvallis). The \$25 three-hour workshop hosted by the OSU Extension Small Farms Program will cover the basics of selecting and saving seeds. The hands-on portion will include a seed-cleaning demo. For more information and registration go to wkly.ws/222.

LANE COUNTY AREA SPRAY SCHEDULE

Oregon Department of Transportation is currently spraying roadsides. Call Tony Kilmer at ODOT District 5 at 744-8080 or call 1-888-996-8080 for herbicide application information. Hwy. 99 and Beltline were recently sprayed.

Weyerhaeuser Company plans to aerial and ground spray 629.2 acres near tributaries of Lake Creek including Congdon Creek, Low Pass summit, Fish Creek and Nelson Creek with aminopyralid, glyphosate, imazapyr, metsulfuron methyl, sulfometuron methyl, Conquer, Crosshair, Foam Buster, Insist 90, MSO Concentrate, No Foam and/or Grounded. See ODF notification 2015-781-11553, call Robin Biesecker at 935-2283 with questions.

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FESTIVAL OF EUGENE CELEBRATES ITS SECOND YEAR

Get ready for Festival of Eugene 2.0 — this year's celebration of all things Eugene, with music, poetry, food, vendors, a pet parade and more, is bigger and better than ever before, says Krysta Albert, the event's producer.

Granted, Festival of Eugene is only in its second year, but Albert says she and her planning committee had a whole year this time to work out the details.

"Last year, we had a limited amount of time to put it all together," she says. "It was insanity. There were many last-minute venue changes, so this year we've had a very different experience."

The Festival of Eugene, running Aug. 21-23 at Skinner Butte Park, started in 2014 after Kesey Enterprises unexpectedly announced it had canceled the Eugene Celebration, an annual event in Eugene since 1983.

"There was a tremendous amount of disappointment within the community when it was canceled," says Albert, who also runs Imagine! Weddings and Events.

The first Festival of Eugene was a scramble — Kesey Enterprises canceled the Eugene Celebration in June, so Albert only had two months to pull together her August event. The 2015 Festival of Eugene, she says, is "the same concept, but doubled if not tripled in scope."

Through donations and co-sponsorships, the festival has raised \$17,950, according to its website. With two family-friendly beer gardens, two food courts, a kid zone, three performer stages and 173 vendors, the festival features all local talent, including bands El Flowious, Cowboy Cadillac and Soul Vibrator, as well as food vendors The Divine Cupcake, WildCraft Cider Works and Lani Moku Grill.

On the poetry stage, local performance poet C. Steven Blue says he'll bring together a diverse group of local wordsmiths, including published literary poets, performance and slam poets as well as youth poets. Blue says the poetry stage has a shade tent this year, and he encourages festival-goers to "come see a wonderful diversity of spoken-word readers and performers, with some spontaneous improvisation."

Albert says that although the Festival of Eugene was created after the cancellation of the Eugene Celebration, the two events' mission statements and goals differ. "Our event is not for profit, and theirs was a for-profit venture," she says. "I've had people say to me that they really feel as though what we're doing now is in the spirit of what the Eugene Celebration was 20 years ago."

When heading out for the festival, Albert advises carpooling or riding bikes, since parking is limited. "Bring a lawn chair if you've got one," she says, "and come prepared to have fun."

The second annual Festival of Eugene runs Aug. 21-23, 4 to 10 pm Friday, 11 am to 10 pm Saturday and 11 am to 7 pm Sunday at Skinner Butte Park. See festivalofeugene.com for more info or to donate. — Amy Schneider

HIKE THE PIPE TO PROTEST LNG

The proposed Jordan Cove liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal in Coos Bay would produce 2.1 million metric tons of CO2 a year, according to its federal environmental analysis. And the project isn't just an LNG terminal. It's a gas liquefaction, storage and shipping facility with a 400-megawatt natural-gas-fired plant powering four super chillers. It will all be fed by a 36-inch-wide 232-mile natural gas pipeline extending halfway across Oregon.

The project could export up to 6 million metric tons of LNG per year, according to the Department of State Lands (DSL).

Hike the Pipe is a trek from the pipeline's start in Malin, near the California border, all the way to Coos Bay. The hikers seek to call attention not only to the climate-changing impacts of the greenhouse-gas emitting LNG plant, but also the impacts the pipeline project will have on forests, homes and waterways.

The pipeline will have the capacity of up to one billion cubic feet of natural gas per day, DSL says.

Grace Warner of Hike the Pipe says hikers will trek the entire pipeline over several weeks at a rate of about 7 miles a day. Other hikers, including Warner, will join the core group for portions of the hike, and the public is invited to hike or come to one of four community events along the way.

Warner says the hike will "document the direct impacts of the pipeline and interact with the communities who live along the course of the Pacific Connector Pipeline."

It's a climate justice issue, Warner says, of the impacts of the project.

