

POLLUTION UPDATE

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) recently fined Central Point-based **LTM, Incorporated** (doing business as **Knife River Materials**) \$159,144 for polluting a tributary of the Middle Fork of the Coquille River with sediment; grading and stockpiling earthen material without a Clean Water Act permit; and placing wastes where they are likely to escape into waters of the state. LTM/Knife River's violations stem from an excavation project on Oregon State Hwy. 42 under a contract with Oregon Department of Transportation. Approximately 200,000 cubic yards of material were excavated, then deposited and graded on sloped forest property owned by Portland-based **Pacific West Timber Company** (which is affiliated with **Campbell Global**). DEQ fined Pacific West \$16,800 for its role in the situation. While the excavation, stockpiling and grading activities took place between May and November of last year, erosion was observed at the site during DEQ's most recent visit in July, and the materials still had not been permanently stabilized as of Oct. 12. The Middle Fork of the Coquille River is home to threatened coho salmon.

Doug Quirke/Oregon Clean Water Action Project

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- **Transportation safety in Springfield** is the focus of a meeting with Mayor Christine Lundberg at 11:30 am Thursday, Oct. 29, at the roundabout at Harlow Road and Hayden Bridge Way. Roundabouts and other issues will be discussed, such as the Safe Routes to School program and SmartTrips Springfield.

- The **Eugene Budget Committee's** Citizen Sub-Committee will meet at 5:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 29, at the Eugene Public Library Bascom/Tykeson Room.

- The future of the **Elliott State Forest** will be the topic for discussion at City Club of Eugene at noon Friday, Oct. 30, at the Downtown Athletic Club, 999 Willamette Street. Speakers are Josh Laughlin of Cascadia Wildlands and Pete Shepherd of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians. \$5 for non-members. The following week, Nov. 6, the program will be on "Growing our Local Food Economy."

- The Springfield-Eugene **Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ)** will be showing the film *Vocabulary of Change: Angela Davis and Tim Wise in Conversation* from 7 to 9 pm Thursday, Nov. 5, at the Hilyard Community Center, 2580 Hilyard Street. Co-sponsored by the Community Alliance of Lane County and the Eugene Human Rights Commission. Call 485-1755 or email calcpeace@efn.org.

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In Brett Campbell's Oct. 22 column ("Things That Go Bump in the Night"), it incorrectly stated that the Eugene Concert Choir was performing Oct. 25 at Beall Hall. It was, in fact, the Eugene Concert Orchestra that performed its debut concert. The next opportunity to see the Eugene Concert Orchestra, along with Eugene Vocal Arts, will be at the December show, *ADickensofaChristmas*, at the Hult Center. Visit eugeneconcertchoir.org for details.

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. Highways I-5, 36, 58 and 99 were recently sprayed. Most of Highway 36 was sprayed Oct. 20 and the area near Triangle Lake School was sprayed Oct. 23 when classes were not in session.

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NEWS

STATE REP CANDIDATE WANTS EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR OREGON FAMILIES

Knowing a little science doesn't hurt when you're going into politics, says Julie Fahey, a human resources consultant who is running for Oregon state representative in House District 14, a position currently held by Val Hoyle. Fahey has a degree in chemistry, and she says having a background in math and science provides a good framework for politics.

"I think problem solving and an analytical approach to life is useful," she says. "In politics and in science, you have a problem, you have a hypothesis about what the problem is and then you come up with a solution to the problem."

House District 14 represents West Eugene, Bethel and Junction City. Hoyle is running for Oregon secretary of state next year. She stepped down from her position as House majority leader in July and is currently serving her last term as representa-

tive. Though Fahey gives a number of reasons for why she's running for state representative, she says first and foremost, she wants to make sure that working families and the middle class in Oregon have ample opportunity to succeed, regardless of background or circumstance.

Fahey grew up in a small town in Illinois, and she says the manufacturing jobs that bolstered the previous generation were no longer available when she graduated. "I knew if I wanted to pursue a professional career, I couldn't stay in this town that I loved," she says. "So I'd like to see more focus on career and technical education, higher minimum wage and the understanding that not everyone should have to go to college to have a living wage job."

Fahey says one of her top issues is Oregon's minimum wage, currently \$9.25 an hour. A single person living in Eugene

needs \$10 an hour to cover basic living expenses, she says, and for a family of four, that number rises to \$15 an hour.

"It's just a basic failing of our system," Fahey says. "I firmly believe that no one who works full time should be living in poverty."

Another pressure on working families, she says, is that Oregon has extremely expensive child care costs compared to other states, and childcare can take up a high percentage of income. She says she'd like to see tax credits so that families don't spend so much of the money they earn on childcare.

Though Fahey says that she admires Hoyle and that they agree in many political areas, including universal background checks for gun safety, she distinguishes herself from Hoyle by pointing to her 15 years of experience in the private sector working with businesses to implement progressive workplace environments.

From dealing with policies such as sick leave, she says, her business experience allows her understand matters from the business perspective as well as that of the worker.

In 2010, Fahey graduated from Emerge Oregon, a program that trains and encourages Democratic women to run for office. It's a cause that's near to her heart, she says. Hoyle is also an Emerge graduate.

"The statistic is that women need to be asked four or five times to run before they will actually do it, and I have been one of those people asking women to run," she says. "Another key motivator as to why I'm running is that I think there needs to be more women in office."

As for women's reproductive rights, Fahey says that in Oregon, "we're really fortunate to be the only state in the country where there is no limit on access to abortion. I would like to keep it that way."

— Amy Schneider

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