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Truffles, those delicious umami-flavored fungi that make the average french fry into something truly special, are the reason for the season when it comes to the annual **Oregon Truffle Festival**. And you can't have a good truffle without a good dog. No, seriously, the best way to find a tasty Oregon truffle is by using your trusty hound to sniff it out. Dogs, from imported Italian Lagotto Romagnolos to pit bulls, can sniff out a ripe truffle in just seconds, and the second annual Joriad North American Truffle Dog Championship contest is back in town to separate the fungus sniffers from the butt sniffers. You can catch spectator-friendly day one of the action Jan. 16 here Eugene. Day two is the field trials, and since romping through the woods isn't a great spectators sport, you can attend the awards gala, eat truffles, drink wine and "meet and greet" the truffle dog finalist at Willamette Valley Vineyards in Turner. For those who prefer their food without pups you can attend the OTF itself Jan. 22-24 in Newburg/Yamhill and Jan. 29-31 in Eugene.

The Joriad North American Truffle Dog Championship, day one, is 11am – 4pm Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Lane County Fairgrounds Horse Pavilion; \$12 adv/\$15 door. Day two, the awards gala, is 2:30-5:30pm Sunday, Jan. 17, at Willamette Valley Vineyards, 8800 Enchanted Way, Turner; \$60. Go to oregontrufflefestival.com for more info. — *Camilla Mortensen*

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ATTENTION OPPORTUNITIES

ARC of Lane County is looking for volunteers to help paint their new youth center, Jan. 24-Jan. 31. Call 743-6289 for more information.

The Boys & Girls Club of Emerald Valley seeks volunteers. Call 354-9939.

CASA is looking for volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates who can make a two-year commitment to the program. Call 868-3083 for more information.

The City of Eugene has issued a request for expressions of Interest for what to do with

Kesey Square. See eugene-or.gov/BroadwayRFEI for more information.

Girls on the Run Willamette Valley is looking for volunteer running coaches. Sign up online before Jan. 20 at gotrwillamette.org.

Lane Blood Center is trying to drum up blood donations. For hours or more info, see laneblood.org.

Long Term Care Ombudsman is looking for volunteer advocates to protect the rights, safety & dignity of individuals in care facilities. Call 345-2846 for information.

The Maude Kerns Art Center is accepting applications from artists interested in exhibiting their work during the 2017-18 season. The application deadline is April 15, 2016. Call

345-1571 for more information. Meals on Wheels needs volunteer drivers. Call 682-4368 for information.

Oregon Money Management needs volunteers to assist low income clients w/finance management. Call 682-4177 for Sponsors Inc. is looking for volunteers to mentor men & women transitioning out of state & federal prison. Call 505-5662.

Springfield Arts Commission is offering Heritage Arts Grants. Apply by 5pm Wednesday, Jan. 20. Call 726-2238 for information.

Registration for the class "Your Body, Your Sexuality" is open to girls ages 14-18. Sign-up no later than Monday, Jan. 18 by calling Ophelia's Place at 284-4333.

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