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RALLY

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it the right of the school board to dictate what our children believe about fossil fuels?"

"Those are 49,000 students that are going to be impacted by this curriculum, that's 49,000 future voters," she added. Swanson also says that new legislation will ban any and all textbooks that oppose the idea of man-made global warming.

"Any textbook that hints at the idea that man-made global warming is not valid, any disagreement with that idea at all, will be banned," Swanson said.

"The goal of education for sustainability is to change the cultural, religious, social, economic and political structure of our nation," she added by reading from her book "Training for Treason." As the audience clapped and agreed, Swanson finished by explaining that "climate literacy is a front for the communist agenda."



photo by Sam Wright

Doyel Shamley lectured on land use law at the third annual Rally Around the Flag Saturday.

ROA

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began arguing over a rifle scope. Police testified that they recovered 27 shell casings from Roa's weapon following the incident. Roa's attorney told the jury in his opening statement that his client does not remember firing at the officers, and Roa later claimed that he blacked out after feeling a sharp pain in his back, coming to only while the police dog was biting him.

On Friday morning, Roa took

the stand in his own defense, saying he didn't want Olson to think that he shot at him directly. He also claimed that he was only firing rounds at his friend's feet and did not intend to injure anyone.

Roa operated the machine gun shop downtown for several years until it closed in 2011. In March of 2012, he received a six-day jail sentence and five years' probation and was ordered in Cottage Grove Municipal Court to pay restitution to

several victims of theft-related charges from the shop. At the time, Roa pleaded "no contest" to two counts of Attempted Theft I related to a weapon and a silencer that were ordered by customers and for which he accepted payment and failed to deliver the weapons. As a condition of a plea deal reached in that case, Roa was ordered not to use or possess firearms during his probation, over the objection of his lawyer.

EPUD

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to accelerate our investments to improve our reliability and capacity," he said.

Kwikee, the company that manufactured stairs for recreational vehicles in Cottage Grove until it closed its operations here in 2007, didn't require near as much electricity as PakTech will when they begin production here this fall, Currier said.

"This development is nice for us as an electrical company because it allows us to build up our facilities," he said. "And if we're going to build up those facilities, we definitely want them to use them."

The utility has already been at work installing the new equipment that Currier said should help minimize outages in the area around PakTech. Other preparations such as tree trimming and increasing the size of

certain transformers has already been underway, and EPUD will work directly with PakTech to design the system that will serve the company directly, according to Currier.

"The new revenue we receive from this customer will help spread the cost of improvements," he said. "This has been a great example of a civic partnership between a utility and a city government."

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