



A free workshop on **Social Media for Business** will be held by LCC's Small Business Development Center from 6 to 9 pm Tuesday, April 30, at the LCC Downtown Campus Room 308. RSVP to 463-6200 or email lccbizcenter@lanecc.edu.

Oregon PeaceWorks closed its statewide office in Salem last week after 26 years, according to Kerry Fox, OPW's current executive director. The nonprofit sent out a notice April 11 saying, "After extensive deliberation, the organization's all-volunteer board made the decision at a session March 28, as the inescapable response to financial pressures." The board has established a fund to match donations up to \$5,000 to help retire the organization's debts. See oregonpeaceworks.org.

Portland PeaceWorks and **Eugene PeaceWorks** are independent chapters of OPW and are continuing scaled-down operations, says David Zupan of Eugene PeaceWorks/Eugene Media Action. "The effective and persistent leadership of long time activist Peter Bergel is a major factor in keeping OPW and its newspaper the *The PeaceWorker* going all these years," Zupan says. "It's sad to see OPW close its doors, but reassuring to see that Peter and the OPW Board members plan to continue their activism working on other projects." The Eugene group no longer has an office at Grower's Market downtown, but collaborates with other local groups to put on conferences with nationally known speakers, local panel discussions and film showings. Contact zupandavid@gmail.com.

The **Nightingale Public Advocacy Collective** is a new nonprofit dedicated to advocating for the civil rights and wellbeing of those who experience harassment, discrimination and criminalization due to homelessness and poverty. They believe that everyone has a right to exist in public space regardless of socioeconomic status, and that the basic rights of individuals in public space outweigh the economic interests of business and government. For more info: respectexistence.org, nightingalecollective@gmail.com.

KLCC's Spring Radiathon ended April 12 with a total of \$280,650 pledged from more than 2,700 listeners who became members or renewed their memberships. The drive exceeded the goal of \$280,000. Two-thirds of the public radio station's budget comes from listener support and underwriting by local businesses. See klcc.org.

The Cannery is a new "sustainable gastro-pub" in downtown Eugene that opened its doors April 20 at 345 E. 11th Ave., the former location of the Bier Stein. The restaurant is an owner-operated establishment by chef Michael Wares and Lori Mace, who have been in the food and beverage industry nearly 20 years. The Cannery will focus on preserving, canning, fermenting and pickling featuring local organic products, along with 20 varieties of draft beer. Call 852-3015.

The **Dirty Dash** fun mud run will be in Eugene June 29 and anyone who registers before the end of April will have \$5 of their \$50 registration fee go to the Boston Marathon Relief Fund. See dirtydash.com for details.

The **Maude Kerns Art Center** is seeking submissions for Art For Your Garden, the popular outdoor art display at the 30th annual Art and the Vineyard Festival July 4-6 at Alton Baker Park. Deadline for submissions is Friday, April 26. See mkartcenter.org or call 345-1571.

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tion Project (OCWAP) thought that the dark effluent was in violation of the Cascade's permit to pollute and filed an intent to sue. Water quality standards do not have to be met in a mixing zone, but when the effluent hits the end of the mixing zone, the water is then supposed to meet criteria for fish and drinking water.

Williams says that the settlement won't change what is being discharged by the industry into the river, but that the legal battle spurred permitting and work by Cascade to create a river channel that will not only provide native species habitat but also increase the flow of water and depth over the site of the infuser that discharges into the water.

He says that "99 percent of the time the facts are on our side" in Clean Water Act cases, and the group settles most cases by having penalty money paid toward efforts to restore the river. In this case, in addition to fixing the problems with a gravel bar that led to the appearance of the murky patch of water, Cascade will contribute \$10,000 to the McKenzie River Trust for purchase, enhancement or maintenance of lands associated with its Green Island project near Coburg.

Judge Thomas Coffin will decide if Cascade must post a sign marking where its discharge enters the river. Willamette Riverkeeper introduced a bill to the Oregon Legislature this session asking that permitted discharges have signs posted with contact information for fishermen, rafters and others on the river who have questions about what is entering the water. "We're not trying to create a problem," Williams says, but simply increasing communication between river users and industry. Coffin will issue a decision 30 days after the close of the legislative session. Williams says he doesn't

think the bill will be a success this time around, but that the states of Tennessee and New York both already have signs marking discharges into their rivers. — *Camilla Mortensen*

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

Tackling the enormous problem of sexual violence begins with breaking its surrounding silence, and this year's 34th annual Take Back the Night (TBTN) aims to do just that in a rally, march and speak-out event beginning 6 pm Thursday, April 25.

This year's TBTN rally at the UO Amphitheater features speakers Maure Smith-Benanti, UO assistant director of LGBT Education and Support Services, and Patrick Lemon, co-founder of Men Can Stop Rape, and includes performances by the Radical Cheerleaders and Sexual Wellness Advocacy Team. Latin@ Youth Group Juventud Faceta will lead chants in English and Spanish during the march, and the speak out will begin at Cozmic with a spoken word performance by Andrea Valderrama, followed by participants sharing their experiences dealing with sexual violence.

Laura Doroteo of the UO Women's Center says that talking about sexual assault in a way that supports survivors can help change societal beliefs. "In this society we do a lot of victim-blaming, and the idea that victims lie really discredits people who speak up," she says. "Events like TBTN put blame where it should be — to the person who's committing the act." For more information, see wkly.ws/1ge. — *Shannon Finnell*

HELP NEEDED FOR FREE MEDICAL CARE

Demand is increasing for Occupy Medical's free downtown health care, and the group needs more volunteers and donations. Occupy Medical's mobile unit — that distinct red and white bus you see parked downtown at the Park Blocks on Sundays from noon until 4 pm — served 49 patients on April 21, according to Clinic Manager Sue Sierralupe. Occupy Medical serves patients for free, regardless of income or insurance.

Sierralupe says that in only a few hours serving those almost 50 patients, "we had three doctors on staff working continuously along side our triage team, our wound care unit, our foot care team, our alternative care team, a pharmacist and his assistant." She adds, "Our intake leader was working with a trained assistant and still had a hard time keeping up."

She says she's worried 4J's proposal to close its school health care clinics will drive up the numbers of patients, and the recent *EW* cover feature got the word out to more people who need health care. In a recent post on her blog, herbalistmanifesto.com, Sierralupe writes, "We are the safety net clinic that other safety net clinics send their patients to."

She says, "Occupy Medical will do everything within our power to serve as many patients as we can to the best of our ability." But she says, "We need more help. We need more doctors. We need a dentist. We need money for lab fees." She says the group also wants to make stronger alliances with other care organizations because "health care in our community can only be fixed by reconnecting and regaining our focus on what is most important: people." She says the group does not want to limit care or limit numbers of patients.

Among the recent cases treated were a patient whose cancer lesions had been ignored by a doctor for six months, someone with unmonitored hepatitis and a patient who was close to losing a hand.

Occupy Medical will be partnering with Lane County's Department of Health and Human Services to provide Tdap vaccines, which prevent tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough, to uninsured adults, 19 and up, free of charge, from noon to 3:30 pm Saturday, May 4.

For more on Occupy Medical, see our April 11 cover story, and to donate money, skills or items see occupymedics.wordpress.com. — *Camilla Mortensen*

**OCCUPY MEDICAL STAFF
AND THEIR MOBILE
UNIT, DOWNTOWN
EUGENE**

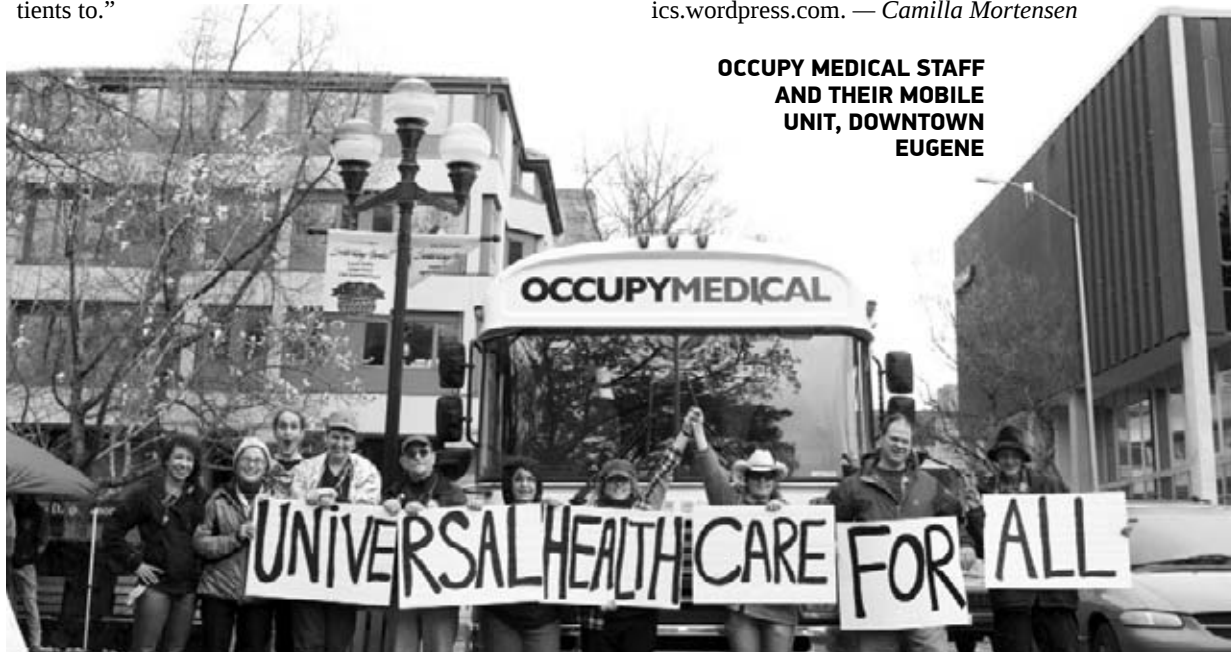


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BY RAFAEL ALDAVE

The county administrator wasn't kidding when she said, "We have completely changed the culture at the county." When before have you seen the sheriff opening the doors of the jail and telling inmates — who have not served their time — to bug out?