



EWEB meeting rooms that have been open to community and nonprofit groups for years may no longer be available starting next October if EWEB goes through with leasing out the second floor of its North Building. EWEB spokesman Lance Robertson did not disclose who would be leasing the offices but it is “highly possible” that meeting rooms at EWEB will be part of the lease agreement. Dozens of groups use the meeting rooms and those that have booked rooms through the year have been notified.

“**Brew To Bikes: The Artisan Economy**” is the topic at City Club of Eugene at noon Friday, May 17, at LCC’s downtown campus, 101 W. 10th Ave. Charles Heying, Portland State University professor of urban studies, will lead the discussion about how creative small businesses can construct a hub of artisan ingenuity. \$5 for non-members. See cityclubofeugene.org.

The nonprofit KindTree-Autism Rocks is planning an **Adult Prom** benefit starting at 7:30 pm Saturday, May 18, at the Vets’ Club Ballroom, 1626 Willamette. Tickets at the door or online are \$15 for individuals, \$25 for couples. See kindtree.org or call 521-7208.

The **Center for Appropriate Transport (CAT)** is celebrating 20 years of community service in Lane County with a “20 Years Around the Sun” event from 1 to 7 pm Saturday, May 18, at CAT, 455 W. 1st Ave. in Eugene. The event will include do-it-yourself welding and sewing workshops, an open shop at Eugene Bicycle Works, a mountain bike obstacle course and a rideable bike museum. See catoregon.org or call 344-1197.

The **Wayne Morse Family Farm** is having its annual open house from 1 to 4 pm Sunday, May 19, at 595 Crest Drive in Eugene. The event includes exhibits, a documentary film showing, an ice cream social from 2 to 3:30 pm and music by the Kutsinhia Cultural Arts Center Marimba Bands.

Nearby Nature, a nonprofit dedicated to environmental education for children, is offering scholarships for summer daycamps in local natural areas, such as Alton Baker Park, the Ridgeline Trail and Skinner Butte Park. Weeklong daycamps run from June 17 through Aug. 25. See nearbynature.org or call 687-9699.

NextStep Recycling officially opened its updated and enlarged Recycling Dismantling Center May 15 at 2101 W. 10th Ave. The new center has more work space, is climate controlled and has “tons of natural light,” says Jennifer McAuley of the nonprofit.

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**CONJUGAL VISITORS
WILL PLAY THE HOEDOWN**

DO-SI-DO FOR THE FORESTS

Treehuggers having a square dance in a barn to raise money to save Oregon’s wildlands may have seemed more like a spoof than an actual event when it started, but Cascadia Wildlands’ annual hoedown has held up for the long haul — the conservation group’s 10th “Hoedown for Cascadia’s Ancient Forests” is on Saturday, May 18, at a Cottage Grove horse arena.

The money raised from the event supports Cascadia Wildlands’s conservation efforts such as restoring wolves in the Pacific Northwest, stopping clearcuts, protecting wild salmon from suction dredge mining and preserving more wilderness.

Josh Laughlin of Cascadia Wildlands says the event, featuring Conjugal Visitors and square dance caller Bob Ewing, will be “a hootenanny to remember” and says, the hoedown is “all about our commu-

nity coming together to celebrate Cascadia’s wild rivers, landscapes and critters that make our bioregion so special. And it also happens to be where the square dance of the year takes place.”

Knowledge of square dance is not required, hoedown outfits are encouraged. There will also be three-legged races and water-balloon throwing, Laughlin says. The ticket price also includes a vegetarian chili dinner and two drink tickets (featuring Ninkasi, Falling Sky and Oakshire) are included, and a roundtrip shuttle bus from Eugene is available.

The event is from 6 to 10:30 pm Saturday, May 18, at Avalon stables, 80143 Hazelton Road in Cottage Grove. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 door (12 and under free) and more info is available at casc-wild.org and 434-1463. — *Camilla Mortensen*

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