



We hear **Level Up Arcade** is expanding into the back of its building at 13th and Oak, space previously occupied by the old Maize Lounge, and this back part will be open in about two weeks with pool tables, more games and a stage for performance. Yep, Eugene is getting a new live music venue. See www.leveluparcade.com.

The **EuGenius Marketplace** celebrated its first year in business in the Gateway Mall Oct. 6. The indoor marketplace and business incubator has more than 60 vendor booths and a farmers market in 14,000 sq. ft. of retail space. "We started with private money, no government loans or grants!" says David Wells, who started the market. "Gateway Mall and Rouse Properties were supportive from the beginning and have proved to be a valuable partner in making this year-round indoor market possible." Call Wells at 729-2608 for more information.

The **Advanced Technology Division** of LCC has received a donation of state-of-the-art electrical, scientific and manufacturing equipment valued at \$45,000 from TE Connectivity's Wilsonville site. Donated items include high-powered microscopes and industrial lasers. Facilitating the donation was David Beede of TE Connectivity, an LCC graduate of 1995.

Eugene's **Jewish Film Festival** has sold out three of its first four showings, and the next film and discussion will be at 2 pm Sunday, Oct. 13, at Bijou Metro downtown. The film will be *The Attack*, a controversial story about an Arab doctor in Tel Aviv, who is told that his wife organized a suicide bombing, and his search for the truth. The showing is sponsored by the nonprofit Jewish Events Willamette-valley [JEW] and the Bijou.

The Eugene-based nonprofit **Sponsors Inc.** has a new mentorship program that reaches out to motivated adults who are "trying to transition their lives from addiction, homelessness and crime to a life as contributing community members." Find out more at sponsorsinc.org or call 505-5663.

The nonprofit peace group **Beyond War** has a new regional website, beyondwar.org, which just launched last week and is designed by 17-year-old South Eugene High School student Julian Mullins. Mullins says his next project is a re-development of South Eugene's website. He can be reached at mullinsjulian@gmail.com.

Bras for a Cure is a **bra-decorating contest** to benefit local cancer patients, and the deadline for submissions is Oct. 19. Sponsored by the Willamette Valley Cancer Institute Foundation. Voting is open to the public Oct. 21-31, and winners get a gift certificate to Dandelions Flowers & Gifts. See brasforacure.com for details.

October is **Adopt A Shelter Dog Month**, and Greenhill Humane Society and 1st Avenue Shelter are encouraging dog lovers to provide homes to some of the many animals awaiting adoption. Call 689-1503, ext. 112, or email sasha@green-hill.org.

City Club of Eugene is planning a fundraising event inspired by the political satire of *The Capital Steps* from 5 to 8 pm Oct. 20 at Cozmic, 8th and Charnelton. To pitch an act for the event, contact Mary Leighton at 510-3819 or email leighton.mary@gmail.com. Collaborations between writers and performers are encouraged. Suggested admission will be \$5, which buys five votes.

Local Toastmasters clubs are bringing in Ryan Avery, the youngest "world champion of public speaking," to an event that is free to the first 150 people who pre-register. The event is 6:30 pm Wednesday, Oct. 16, at UO Lawrence Hall Room 177. Tickets are at howtobeaspeaker.com/tickets or pay \$10 at the door.

Just heard the **Basic Rights Oregon** Eugene Garden Party Sept. 22 raised \$12,240, and contributions are still coming in. Proceeds will go to BRO's education advocacy activities, including the campaign to place a marriage equality initiative on the statewide 2014 ballot. See basicrights.org for more information.

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NEWS

QUESTIONS OVER COUNTY REPORT

Though the investigation into former county administrator Liane Richardson's violation of county policy was released weeks ago, and Lane County has signed an agreement with the controversial former employee mutually agreeing not to sue, the county contretemps is far from over. Questions linger over what information was blacked out in the report on Richardson's pay alterations.

The report, which was conducted by USO Investigations and led to Richardson's termination, looked only at one incident — the paychecks — not any previous issues. And the report was so heavily redacted that more than 30 pages were entirely blacked out, leading many in the community to wonder what the county might be hiding.

Commissioner Pete Sorenson emailed County Counsel Stephen Dingle on Sept. 27 to ask, "Why can't the report be released, redacting only the names of employees? Why is there such an extensive redaction — pages and pages — when the board (at least I thought) said they wanted the report released as soon as possible?"

Commissioner Jay Bozievich, who in a recent editorial in the *R-G* denied Richardson's allegations that he was the commissioner who suggested to her she could alter her pay, made a similar request about a release of information, according to an email from Dingle.

Dingle, in a lengthy response back to Sorenson, cited whistleblower protection for employees such as the one who called attention to Richardson's machinations, attorney-client

privilege and fear it would "expose the county to significant legal exposure" among his reasons for the heavy redactions. Dingle writes that he has told the county commissioners "I am not a policy maker. I employed a course in my release of the report that was intended to protect and respect the rights of our employees and protect the county from unnecessary liability." He adds, "I have done nothing to this point that cannot be undone by the board."

Dingle cites the case *Springfield School District #19 v. Guard Publishing Company*, which says, "The disclosure of a summary of a report or of a significant portion of the information in a confidential report can result in a waiver of the applicable exemption." It continues, "The document itself need not have been disclosed to give rise to waiver, if the information contained in the report is equivalent to the disclosed information."

Local attorney Marianne Dugan says that without seeing the non-blacked out version of the report, "I really can't say whether his theory holds water," but that "I would note, however, that in releasing a 'summary,' it seems to me he risks doing exactly what the court said." — *Camilla Mortensen*

THINK TANK CONCLUDES 'GRAND BARGAIN' FLAWED

The tax package called the "Grand Bargain" that squeaked through the Oregon Legislature last week was blasted by the Oregon Center for Public Policy (OCP), the state's leading progressive think tank, as fiscally irresponsible.

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INDIGENOUS WEEK ON UO CAMPUS

Sometimes the indigenous students on the UO campus can feel a little invisible. Less than one percent of UO students are officially listed as American Indian or Alaska Native, and while the federal government celebrates Columbus Day — a holiday students like Ada Ball of the Native American Student Union (NASU) find offensive — Native Americans and their contributions aren't widely recognized.

NASU has already been celebrating Indigenous Solidarity Day to call attention to the colonization and genocide of indigenous groups and also to celebrate the contributions and talents of Native Americans. But this year Ball and other members of the student group decided to make it bigger and Indigenous Solidarity Week, Oct. 14-18, was born.

Ball, a UO senior and member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, says there are not a lot of events on campus specifically for the indigenous and that conversations about decolonization don't happen much in Eugene. Indigenous Solidarity Week will bring together indigenous speakers and performers from the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

The week kicks off with a decolonization rally at the EMU noon to 3 pm Monday, Oct. 14, followed by a free salmon feed sponsored by the Klamath tribes at 4 pm in the Many Nations Longhouse. The week as a whole, and the salmon feed in particular, is a welcome and welcome back event for students, faculty, alumni, community members and allies. In addition to hip-hop performers including Tribal Thought (Kayla Godowa-Tufti) and Quese IMC at 7 pm Oct. 18 in the EMU Ballroom, the week's events will also address environmental issues with speakers such as Chief Caleen Sisk of the Winnemum Wintu. There will also be a panel on indigenous languages, which Ball says are "the first things to go when assimilation policies are implemented."

She says that the events are outreach to non-native people as well as to indigenous students and campus members who aren't aware of NASU. According to the UO admissions website, there are 171 American Indian or Alaska Natives on campus, but that count only allows people to check off one ethnic affiliation, so a student cannot be listed as both Native American and Hispanic.

For a list of the week's events go to Indigenous Solidarity Week's Facebook event at wkly.ws/1kq and to learn more about Native American resources on campus check out wkly.ws/1kt. — *Camilla Mortensen*

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