

"Take the free money," my high school Spanish teacher always told my class whenever we talked about college applications. Three degrees later, I can't tell you how right he was — student loans are a nightmare that can stick around anywhere from 10 to 25 years. But don't let those numbers prevent you from pursuing higher education. Lane Community College is here to help address those college financial woes. Now in its 18th year, this one-day event is designed to teach prospective high school and current students how to apply for scholarships and financial aid. Several seminars will be offered during the day to assist with scholarship strategies, writing effective applications, understanding financial aid and completing the Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Parents are also welcome to attend and attendees should bring any 2015 financial and tax records. According to an Oct. 18 *Money* magazine article, student loan debt is at an all time high: in 2015 "... 68 percent of graduating seniors had student loans, and their average debt load rose four percent over the previous year's record to \$30,100."

And if that number isn't frightening enough, keep in mind that banks and mortgage companies are offered better loan rates than human students. Take the free money.

**How to Pay For College ... In One Day** runs from 10 am to 2:30 pm on Saturday, Oct. 22 at Lane Community College Downtown Campus, 101 W. 10th Ave., lanec.edu/scholarships, 463-5853; FREE. — *Corinne Boyer*



Eugene Men Against Rape Culture, open to all, task force meeting, 5:30pm, Grower's Market, 454 Willamette St. FREE.

NAMI On-Campus Mental Health Support Group, 6pm, Peterson Building room 105, UO, 343-8677. FREE.

Nar-Anon Meeting, beginners 6pm, back to basics 7pm, Wesley United Methodist Church, 1385 Oakway Rd. FREE.

Co-Dependents Anonymous, men only 12-step meeting, 6:30-8pm, First Christian Church, 1166 Oak St. FREE.

Gateway Toastmasters, drop-ins welcome, 6:30-7:45pm, LCC downtown, room 218, info at toddk.pe@gmail.com. FREE.

Emerald Photographic Society Club Meeting, 6:45pm, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 215 W. C St., Spfd. FREE.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting, 7-8:15pm, Trinity United Methodist Church, 440 Maxwell Rd. FREE.

Live Drawing, 7-9pm, New Zone Gallery, 164 W. Broadway. \$5.

Exhibit Talks continue. See Thursday, Oct. 22.

**HEALTH** Tai Chi for Balance Session, 11:30am, lobby at Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend, 3333 Riverbend Dr., Spfd., 735-8234. FREE.

Nia-Healing Through Movement class, noon-1pm, Trauma Healing Project, 2222 Coburg Rd., 687-9447. Don.

**KIDS/FAMILIES** Terrific Twos Storytime, 10:15am & 11am, downtown library, FREE.

Baby & Me Storytime, 10am, Springfield library, 225 5th St., Spfd. FREE.

**LECTURES/CLASSES** Application Workshop & Career Fair, 9am-2:30pm, Worksource Lane, 2510 Oakmont Way, 682-3637. FREE.

Paper & Hand Crafts, 1:30-5:30 today & 1:30-7:30 Thursday, Oct. 27, downtown library, 682-5450. FREE.

"How Will We Live w/Wolves? From Isle Royale to Oregon from Science to Ethics," 5-7pm, Axe & Fiddle, 657 E. Main St., Cottage Grove. FREE.

OG Analytical & Oregon's Constant Gardener presents Cannabis Science Pub, 6pm, Whirled Pies, 199 W. 8th Ave. FREE.

The World is Churning & It Needs Your Genius," w/John Michael Meade, 6pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1685 W. 13th Ave. \$12.

**LITERARY ARTS** Eugene Book Talk, My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante, 7pm, Market of Choice, 67 W. 29th Ave. FREE.

**ON THE AIR** "The Point," 9-9:30am, KPOV 88.9FM. Anarchy Radio w/John Zerzan, 7pm, KWVA 88.1FM.

Taste of the World w/Wagoma continues. See Saturday.

**OUTDOORS/RECREATION** GEARS Bicycle Club: Riding Hills route TBD, 25-50mi., medium speed, 9am, Alton Baker Park. FREE.

Running Group, 4 miles, 6-10pm, Tap & Growler, 207 E. 5th Ave. FREE.

Shuffleboard & Foosball Tournament, 6pm, The Barn Light, 924 Willamette St. FREE.

Whilamut Natural Area w/Charlotte Behm & Vicky Mello, 7pm, Obsidian Lodge, directions at obsidians.org. FREE.

Team Run Hub 5k Training Program Kick-off, 8 week program,

6pm, Run Hub Northwest, 515 High Street, 344-1239. FREE.

Bingo Night w/Zach, 7pm, Side Bar, 1680 Coburg Rd. FREE.

WDYK Trivia w/Haley, 7pm, First National Taphouse, 51 W. Broadway. FREE.

WDYK Trivia w/Kevin 7pm, Pour House. FREE.

Bingo, 8pm, Webfoot, 839 E. 13th Ave. FREE.

Trivia, 8pm, Duck Bar, 1795 W. 6th Ave. FREE.

Board Game Night continues. See Thursday, Oct. 20.

Duplicate Bridge continues. See Thursday, Oct. 20.

Pool Hall continues. See Thursday, Oct. 20.

**SOCIAL DANCE** Eugene Folk Dancers, weekly international folk dancing, 6:45pm lessons, \$3; 7:45pm dance, \$3, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 215 W. C St., Spfd., 344-7591.

Bailonga: Argentine Tango Milonga, lessons & open dance, 8-11pm, Vet's Club, 1626 Willamette St. \$4.

Weekly Swing Dance, Lindy Hop, East Coast Swing, Charleston, 8pm lesson; 8:30-10pm, Vet's Ballroom, 1626 Willamette St. \$5.

Coalescence Dance continues. See Sunday.

**TEENS** *Hocus Pocus*, 4:30-6pm, Springfield Public Library, Library Meeting Room, 225 Fifth St., Spfd. FREE.

**VOLUNTEER** Friends of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah Native Plant Volunteer Work Party continues. See Thursday, Oct. 20.

Volunteer Eugene Park Stewards Work Party, 9am-noon, Hendricks Park Rhododendron

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