

<http://www.gonortheastoregon.com/2014/05/07/quick-takes-red-jacket-mine-plays-at-ten-depot/>

Go! Eastern Oregon. Entertainment and activities

Expert speaks on how to improve health care

An expert on health care is touring Oregon May 13-19 speaking about how health care can be made available and affordable for all. Gerald Friedman, Ph.D., economist from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, will speak twice in La Grande Tuesday. From 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friedman will speak on “Health Care Systems: U.S. and International Comparison.” from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., he will speak on “One Payer Health Care: Can We Afford Anything Less.”

Both speeches will be given in the Eastern Oregon University’s Huber Auditorium (Badgley Hall Room 102). Both speeches are free to the public. Friedman will talk about what is happening in Oregon and the four state studies of single risk pool health systems he has published, all showing the feasibility of providing health care for all while reducing overall costs with more than enough to provide that care.

A recent fiscal study by Friedman reports that upgrading the nation’s Medicare program and expanding it to cover people of all ages would yield over a half-trillion dollars in efficiency savings in its first year of operation, enough to pay for high quality comprehensive benefits for all residents of the United States at a lower cost to most individuals, families and businesses.