

Duathlon challenge accepted



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Dunes City Mayor Rebecca Ruede and Florence Mayor Joe Henry shake on a Dunes City duaththlon challenge proposed by Dunes City councilor Maurice Sanders during the Thursday Dunes City council meeting. Sanders proposed that he and councilor Duke Wells compete against a team representing Florence city government in the biking and running event to be held May 9. The winning city will receive bragging rights.

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University professor to speak at Lenten Renewal

Dr. Stephen J. Patterson, professor of religious and ethical studies at Willamette University in Salem, will be the guest speaker at the 20th Annual Florence Lenten Weekend, Feb. 21 and 22.

Patterson will officiate and explore the meaning of Lent and of Holy Week. He specializes in the study of the historical Jesus, Christian origins and the Gospel of Thomas, an early Christian gospel not found in the New Testament.

Patterson grew up in rural South Dakota, the son of a pastor and school teacher. He received his B.A. degree from Yankton College in South Dakota and holds graduate degrees from Harvard University and Claremont College, where he received a Ph.D. in 1988.

He was a Fullbright Fellow at the University of Heidelberg in Germany in 1986.

Saturday sessions will be at 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. On Sunday, a 10:30 a.m. community worship service will be offered.

All sessions will be at New Life Lutheran Church, 2100 Spruce St. All sessions will be connected, but covering different subjects.

The community is invited.

At the same church in 1995, five local churches began the meetings that have become a popular tradition. Its founder was Dr. A.J. Brauer, a Florence physician.

Over the last two decades, the Lenten Renewal has grown in stature and attracted ministers from all of the participating churches. For many years, it continued at Florence Events Center. For the past two years, the weekend was at St. Mary, Our Lady of the Dunes Catholic Church.

Sponsoring churches are New Life Lutheran Church; St. Andrew Episcopal Church; Florence United Methodist Church; Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw; and St. Mary, Our Lady of the Dunes, Catholic Church.

Ladies’ Day of Reflection reaches out to local women

The Cross Roads Church Women’s Ministry Board is reaching out not only to women members of its church, but all women in the Florence area for this year’s event, which will be held Feb. 21, at Cross Roads Church.

Local business owner, publisher and award-winning author Ellen Traylor will be the speaker of the day.

Traylor will be speaking on the subject of brokenness in women that can be changed into beauty by God. Traylor is well-versed on the subject, having written extensively about women in the Bible who were examples of coming out of the ashes of brokenness into the beauty of restoration.

Traylor will not only speak to women about Biblical examples, but she will present an activity that women will relate to in a practical sense.

The day will begin at 9:30 a.m., with rolls and hot beverages, followed by a time of worship and praise.

Traylor will present her message until lunch at noon, which will be served in the Fireside. An activity will follow lunch, with Traylor closing the afternoon with encouragement ending at 2:30 pm.

There will be a book table with Traylor’s books for sale related to the day’s topic of “Beauty for Ashes.”

The cost for attending is \$10, which includes refreshments and lunch.

For more information, call the church office during business hours, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 541-997-3533, or the Women’s Ministry director, Ada Fowler, at 541-999-4107.

Registration forms can be filled out at Cross Road Church, 1380 10th St. in Florence during business hours.

Registration forms are also available in neighboring Florence area churches.



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FRAA hosts artists ‘Speakeasy’ twice monthly

Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) announces that every second and fourth Friday of the month, from 4 to 6 p.m., it will host a “Speakeasy.”

This will be a time to get together to discuss various topics of interest to the art community. There will be refreshments served at the Speakeasys, and admission is free, though donations are accepted.

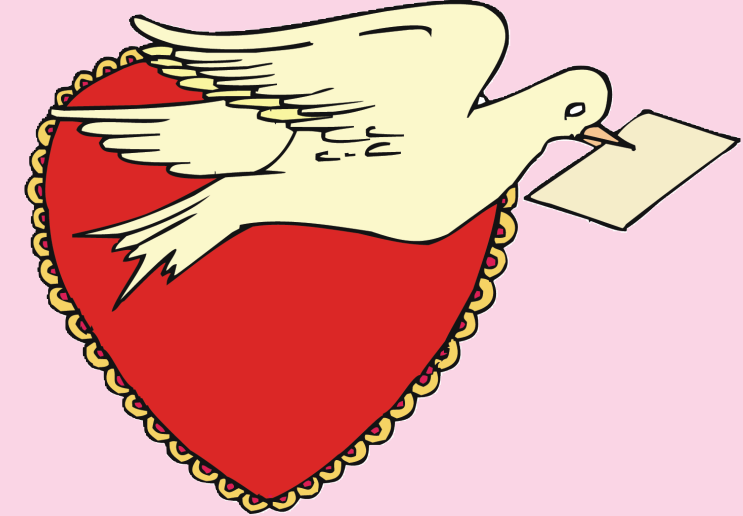
On Feb. 27, the discussion topic will be “Inspiration.”

Where does your inspiration come from and how can we share inspiration with others?

The FRAA Art Center is located at 4969 Highway 101, Munsel Lake Plaza No. 4.

For more details about all the events and classes scheduled at the FRAA Art Center, call 541-999-0859.

VALENTINE’S DAY
LOVE NOTES



My Sweet Beautiful TIANNA,
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Rob
Thank you for being the most loving husband, father and papa. You are the best.
Love Pamela

Eid,
I never expected to fall in love with u. But now our hearts are bound forever. I love u baby.
Nikkoshia

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Jenna Hoberg, I love you!
Trent

Den;
I loved you then. I’m loving you now. And I’ll love you forever.
David

Happy Valentine’s Day, Gale!
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Love, Pam

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