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# Dunes City reps spend day at state capitol

DUNES CITY — Dunes City Mayor Rebecca Ruede, council president Jamie Mills, councilor Sheldon Meyer and City Administrator Fred Hilden, along with Robin Mills, traveled to Salem to attend the League of Oregon Cities' sponsored "City Day at the Capitol" on Feb. 26.

The event gave the local representatives an opportunity to learn of pending legislation involving property tax reform, transportation funding, marijuana, right of way management and mental health services.

Several appropriations bills were also presented including SB 246, introduced by Senator Arnie Roblan, that would provide



Dunes City Council president Jamie Mills with Mayor Rebecca Ruede and councilor Sheldon Meyer.

loans and grants for repair of income individuals. Other bills failed septic systems for low include possible funding for

drinking water restoration and protection projects and a seismic rehabilitation grant program for municipalities where buildings are known to be at risk for damage during an earthquake.

The Dunes City officials met with Representative Caddy McKeown, where discussion of the legislation took place and Mayor Ruede issued a challenge to the Oregon State Representative and her staff to enter a team in the upcoming Oregon Dunes Triathlon and Duathlon.

The same challenge was extended to Senator Roblan

and his staff.

"Dunes City will again have a team competing in the Duathlon," said Ruede. "Councilor Duke Wells and councilor Maurice Sanders are in training now and I know they are up for the challenge to compete for bragging rights."

The Oregon Dunes Triathlon and Duathlon is May 9 at Honeyman State Park.

Dunes City is looking for sponsors for the event, as well as volunteers to help stage the events.

For more information, contact Dunes City at 541-997-3338 or visit www.oregon dunestriathlon.com.

## Pinnacle exhibit at Old Town Coffee Co.

The winner of this year's Bark For Life' poster contest is showing her latest collection of watercolor paintings and photographs at Old Town Coffee Co. and Gallery.

Come meet artist Cheryl Lynn Pinnock on Saturday, March 14, during a special reception from 10 a.m. to noon.

Pinnock is a native Oregonian who, with her husband of 37 years, raised their family in Florence.

Cheryl's attention turned to painting, photography, crafting or anything artistic, although watercolor is her main medium.

After being coached by many professional artists, Pinnock began entering art show competitions in the area and has won many awards through the years. Her inspirations come from various activities like hiking, kayaking or



COURTESY PHOTO

One of the many animal-themed watercolors created by local artist Cheryl Lynn Pinnock, whose work is on display through March at Old Town Coffee Co. and Gallery.

even just spending time with family and friends.

"All these give me that special connection with the art I

create," said Pinnock, who has a particular love of animals that can be seen in her artwork.

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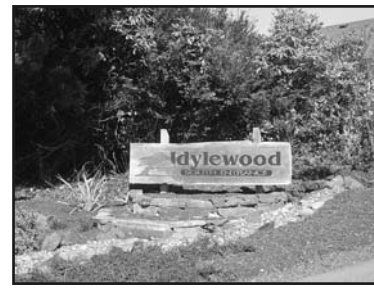
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