

Dunes City plans community expo

DUNES CITY — A Community Expo will be held on Saturday, Aug. 22, from 10 a.m. to 3p.m. at the Dunes City Hall, at 8 2 8 7 7 Spruce St.

A number of vendors and demonstrations are scheduled, as well as speakers making presentations on such topics as ensuring well water is safe and sanitary, family emergency preparedness and preparing your home for wildfire.

Topics will also include "Drop, Cover and Hold On For How Long?," Senior Citizen Preparedness, Grab-N-Go Kits, Build a Kit on a Shoestring Budget, Documentation and Insurance, Pet Care Planning for Disaster and Living Without Grid Electricity.

State Sen. Arnie Roblan will make a presentation at noon

and tell of the latest legislative developments regarding water quality and septic maintenance, as well as a number of other issues.

The Expo meets one of the goals for the city that was set by the Dunes City Council earlier this year.

"Our hope is to keep our citizenry up to date on the latest developments and opportunities to ensure they have healthy drinking water, effective septic disposal and are prepared to take care of themselves in the event of a major disaster," said Council President and event organizer, Jamie Mills. "We have lots of door prizes, and provide lunch."

Mills also explained that there is more room available for vendors who may be interested in having a booth.

The event promises to be an informative, fun time for all.

For more information, contact Dunes City at 541-997-3338.

VFW auxiliary earns awards

Debby Fawver, District 9 president, visited Grimshaw Auxiliary's meeting Aug. 11 to present the awards that auxiliary members earned during the 2014-15 fiscal year. The auxiliary competed in the category of between 15 and 50 members.

Awards earned are: Citation of Merit Second Place for donations to White City home for veterans; participation in the Patriot's Pen Award by giving a monetary donation to the winner from Florence; Citation of Merit for Cash Donations to the Oregon Veterans Home at The Dalles; participation in the Voice of Democracy Award by giving a monetary donation to the winner from Florence; Citation of Merit Second Place award for the Cancer Program Most Money; Citation of Merit First Place for Veteran's and Family Support; and a Citation of Merit and Revolving Plaque with Aux. 3232 inscribed for Most Money Donated to the



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Members of the Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Grimshaw Post #3232, include: (front row, sitting) Hazel Carney, junior vice president; Carita Mosby; and Zelma Provost, conductress; (back row, from left) Lois Swanson, chaplain; Beryl Foreman, president; Debbie Fawver, District 9 president, and Lynn Johnson, secretary.

Hospital Program.

The awards were happily received by the attending members.

Starting Aug. 21, Grimshaw Auxiliary is proud to be able to accept into membership any

husband or son of military personnel serving in a war zone. Members meet at 1 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

For more information, contact auxiliary president Beryl Foreman at 541-902-8327.

Creative writing workshop at FRAA

The Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) continues its literary arts program this month with another exciting creative writing workshop.

Classes will take place at the new FRAA art center at 120 Maple St., off Bay Street in Old Town Florence.

The next workshop, "Jump Start Your Book!," is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 22, from 1 to 3 p.m., and designed to help budding to experienced authors get their books going.

Do you have a book idea but don't know where to begin? This class will provide

tips and techniques to jump start a book of any genre, whether an e-book or a hardcover, and address publishing options.

Writers of all levels are welcome to attend. Bring plenty of paper and pen and get ready to write. Preregistration is suggested.

Cost is \$20 for FRAA members and \$25 for non-members, payable at the door.

Participants receive the chance to win a free prize drawing at every workshop. The instructor also offers a free admission for someone in need.

For more information or to register, call 541-708-2120 or email CJReditor@gmail.com.

Classes will be taught by award-winning journalist, columnist, editor and author Catherine J. Rourke, who brings 30 years of experience as a staff writer for newspapers, magazines and publishers to the workshops.

The former New Yorker has received more than two dozen industry awards and now resides in Florence. For more information about FRAA, call 541-999-0859 or visit www.fraaoregon.org.

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Free workshop helps writers 'create intriguing characters'

A free writing workshop will be held in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 2 to 4 p.m.

This activity-based class will focus on how to begin a short story or novel by creating the character and setting before discovering the plot. You're invited to attend and learn tips for bringing your character to life, developing the setting, and expanding the storyline.

This workshop is aimed at anyone who is working on a story or novel or would like strategies to begin.

Barbara Giles, a retired educator, is presenting the workshop. She is the author of "The Crow's Nest," a mystery set on the Oregon coast.

Giles has taught memoir

writing as well as a variety of credit writing classes through Lane Community College. She also taught four memoir class series held at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Serving as the co-director of the Oregon Writing Project at the University of Oregon for one summer and the California Writing Project at the University of California – Riverside for three summers, has added to her teaching repertoire.

Her colleagues in the local writing group, CC Writers, will be participating in the presentation of this workshop.

Although this class is free, it is limited to 16 participants. Preregistration is required by signing up at the library. Participants are asked to bring a pen and paper.

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