

Community News

Toastmasters speech contest winners advance to next round

The Siuslaw Talespinners hosted Toastmasters International Area 31 Humorous Speech and Table Topics contest Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Siuslaw Public Library.

Contestants were Paul Brooksyer of Newport, and Vickie Kennedy and James White, both of Florence.

Brooksyer's speech, "Falling off of Humberg Mountain" was a humorous rendition of a hike up Humberg Mountain.

Kennedy's speech, "A Whale of a Tale," was a funny story of a deep sea fishing expedition.

In the Table Topics portion of the contest, White was asked to speak on what friendship means to him.

Kennedy took first place in the Humorous Speech Contest and White was first in the Table Topics portion of the contest.

Both contestants will move



Humorous Speech contestants Paul Brooksyer, Vickie Kennedy and James White

on to the District contest in October.

Special thanks to Safeway in Florence for its generous donation for the refreshment table.

The Siuslaw Talespinners meet every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m., in the Siuslaw Fire and Rescue Station on Highway 101 in Florence.

Everyone is invited to attend.

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Alzheimer's program to address family caregiver challenges

The Home Instead Senior Care office serving Lane County is launching a new campaign designed to make the community more Alzheimer's friendly.

Through the Alzheimer's Friendly BusinessSM program, the Home Instead Senior Care office will provide free training to local businesses to help equip employees with information and resources needed to welcome families who are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease.

In a recent survey of Alzheimer's caregivers, 74 percent reported that they and their loved ones have become more isolated from the community as a result of the disease.

Furthermore, 85 percent reported that they feel a reduced quality of life due to isolation.

"For many caregivers, the unpredictable nature of the disease can make going out in public with their loved one intimidating," said Debbie Olsen, owner of the Home Instead Senior Care office serving Lane County. "Our research shows that family caregivers might be reluctant to frequent public places because of the behaviors that could be associated with the

disease."

According to Alzheimer's Disease International, the number of people with dementia worldwide is expected to grow to a staggering 75.6 million by 2030 and 135.5 million in 2050.

"Given the statistics, most businesses that deal with the public will be serving people with Alzheimer's and their families," said Olsen. "It's critical that local businesses start working now to build Alzheimer's friendly communities to better serve their customers with Alzheimer's and other dementias."

Local businesses can work directly with the local Home Instead Senior Care office to

coordinate an in-person training opportunity.

An interactive, online version of the training also is available at www.AlzheimersFriendlyBusiness.com.

Once the training is successfully completed, businesses will receive a window cling with the Alzheimer's Friendly Business designation. The designation will be valid for two years.

For more information about the Home Instead Senior Care network's Alzheimer's Friendly Business program and to access additional resources, please visit www.AlzheimersFriendlyBusiness.com or call 541-485-2273.

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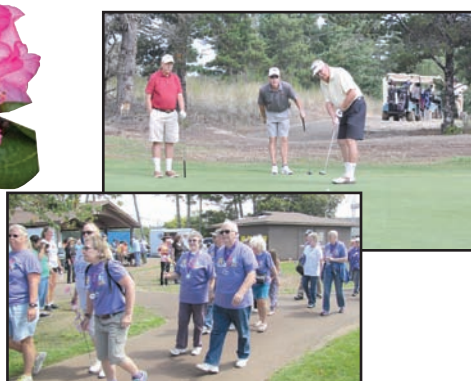
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