

GENERAL NEWS

RAIN for entrepreneurs meets twice in February

Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (RAIN) is holding two meetings in February. The events will appeal to two different groups of people who want to start or grow businesses in Florence.

The first event is for the "Encore Entrepreneur," happening tomorrow, Thursday, Feb. 11, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Blue Bills Pub at Three Rivers Casino, 5647 Highway 126.

This event is for active retiree considering a second act business, those who want to launch or grow a company beyond the state of Oregon and people who want to help the next generation of startups as a mentor or investor.

A similar event will be held Thursday, Feb. 18, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Riverside Cafe, 1340 Bay St.

"The Artrepreneur" is RAIN's word for artist-entrepreneurs.

Are you a creative person who wants to sell artisanal crafts beyond Oregon and turn your hobby into a high growth business? The City of Florence and the RAIN invite artists to come seek advice on how to expand their market at a free meet-up event. Food and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided.

To register for these events, go to www.meetup.com/Start-up-Florence-Oregon-Coast/.

CROW set for second-annual 'Share Your Heart'

On Saturday, Feb. 13, Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshop (CROW) will present the second annual "Share Your Heart" fundraiser at the Florence Events Center.

Aimed at raising significant funds to help purchase and renovate the nonprofit group's new permanent arts facility for kids, 3120 Highway 101, this event will feature a silent auction, dessert auction, live entertainment from the CROW kids and some fantastic live auction items.

One such item will be an art print donated by Joshua Greene of the Archives, LLC. The print, titled "Marilyn Monroe as Ballerina by the Bar," is approximately 16" x 20," features a poignant image of the beautiful and famous movie starlet, posed in a white gown, and was framed by Tamara Szalewski of Mindpower Gallery in Reedsport.

In addition to being Florence City Council president, and dedicated to the enrichment and sustainability of the Florence community, Greene is the son of legendary 20th Century celebrity and fashion photographer Milton H. Greene.

Joshua Greene founded The Archives, LLC, as a way to protect and restore his father's photographic legacy, as well as to provide curating services for



COURTESY PHOTO

"Marilyn Monroe as Ballerina by the Bar" photo by Milton H. Greene, and donated to CROW's Share Your Heart by Joshua Greene of The Archives, LLC

the 300,000 images in his father's collection.

Along the way, Joshua became an expert in estate curation, developing techniques for selecting the most important images from a graphic, historical and financial perspective.

This donation to CROW

makes a dramatic impact on the "Share Your Heart" fundraiser, in that the estimated value is \$1,500. However, to add an exciting twist to the print's current value, Greene told CROW artistic director, Melanie Heard that he plans to "double the retail value" of the print in May. This means that in a few

short months, the print will be worth \$3,000.

The print is part of a collection titled: "The Anniversary Edition" and was released in June of 2006 in honor of Monroe's 80th birthday. It is comprised of three Marilyn Monroe images by Milton H. Greene, from The Black Sitting and The Ballerina Sitting.

There are 75 prints of each image in this edition.

There are six artist proofs and 14 exhibition prints, which brings the edition total to 95 prints. Artist proofs are not available to the public and kept in-house at The Archives.

There are still tickets available for CROW's "Share Your Heart" fundraiser.

Doors will open at 6 p.m., and the event begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling 541-997-1994, or online at www.eventcenter.org.

Tickets are \$40 per person or \$300 for a table of eight. Tickets include wine and hot hors d'oeuvres.

CROW encourages local businesses to sponsor a table, and bring along colleagues and friends for this memorable evening benefiting local children in the arts.

For more information on the CROW program, including photos of the renovation process, visit www.crowkids.com.

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Tsunami Safe program reaches out to hospitality industry

The Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is bringing trainings for "Tsunami Safe: Hospitality Begins with Safety," a free program that focuses on tsunami awareness in the hospitality industry along the Oregon

coast, to coastal communities.

It will be in Florence on Wednesday, Feb. 24, from 9 a.m. to noon at Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue, 2625 Highway 101.

Tsunami Safe is designed to increase tsunami awareness by educating all levels of employees in the hospitality industry, informing overnight visitors to the Oregon coast of the risk and increasing disaster preparedness throughout the hospitality industry along the coast, said OEM Geologic Hazards Awareness Coordinator Karen Parmelee.

"Facilities that participate in the program will be at the forefront of providing safety for guests," said Parmelee.

This round of trainings will

offer two components on each date. The first component is the introductory training for facilities that have not already received that training. The second component is a disaster planning training for hospitality industry management, which has not been held previously. It is highly encouraged that facilities attend both components.

Hospitality industry businesses that are interested in participating can sign up for the program at www.tsunami-safe.info.

These trainings also will be offered on the following dates and locations:

- Seaside: Monday, Feb. 22, 1 to 4 p.m., Clatsop Community College South

County Center Room 2/3, 1455 N Roosevelt Drive

- Rockaway Beach: Tuesday, February 23, 9 a.m. to noon, Rockaway Beach Civic Facility, 276 Highway 101 S.

- Reedsport: Thursday, Feb. 25, 9 a.m. to noon, Port of Umpqua Annex, 1841 Winchester Ave.

- Coos Bay/North Bend: Friday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to noon, Coos Bay Fire Station #1, 450 Elrod Ave.

- Gold Beach: Wednesday, March 16, 9 a.m. to noon, Gold Beach Fire Hall Meeting Room, 29592 Ellensburg Ave.

- Newport: Thursday, March 17, 9 a.m. to noon, Newport Chamber of Commerce, 555 SW Coast Highway.

Tax help available at Siuslaw Public Library

Tax time is here and once again AARP will provide free tax preparation service for senior citizens and low-income taxpayers.

This service will be available every Monday and Thursday (including holidays) from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

through April 14, in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library. In addition, this service will be available on Saturday, April 9.

The library is at 1460 Ninth St. in Florence.

Bring your return from last year (including tax docu-

ments), a photo ID and Social Security card(s) in addition to your 2015 tax information.

Parking is available in the lot across the street from Cross Road Assembly of God Church. There may be days when it is necessary to limit the number of taxpayers.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10	THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11	FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12	SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13	SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14	MONDAY FEBRUARY 15	TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16
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