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RAIN accelerates into spring events in Florence

All are invited to attend one or all of the spring events for entrepreneurs and innovators as part of the City of Florence's initiative in partnership with Oregon RAIN (Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network). The focus for these

events is to provide support for entrepreneurs and innovators launching new ideas and startup companies in Florence.

- "Food and Beverage Entrepreneurs" on Wednesday, April 13, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Driftwood Shores, 88416 First

Ave. Food and drinks will be provided during this meeting focusing on food and beverage based startups and businesses.

- "Maximizing Mentors Seminar" on Tuesday, May 3, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Florence Events Center, 715

Quince St. Food and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided at this seminar on how entrepreneurs and innovators can find and maximize mentors.

- "Founders Fireside Chat" on Wednesday, June 1, from 5-7 p.m. at the Ocean Dunes Golf

Course, 3345 Munsel Lake Road. Food and drinks will be provided as founders share their personal stories for startups and businesses.

Go to meetup.com/Startup-Florence-Oregon-Coast for more information.

Sheriffs warn of scams

Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) has learned that community members are again receiving calls saying they have warrants out for their arrest for missing a court date. The callers are demanding to have money sent to clear the warrant.

These calls are a scam, and community members should hang up immediately and not engage with the caller. LCSO does not make phone calls to community members regarding warrants and would never ask a community member to purchase "cash cards" to pay fees.

If you are the victim of a phone scam and have lost money as a result of the scam, please report it to your local law enforcement agency. If you did not send any money, you do not need to call and report it. Below are some tips to decrease your chances of becoming a phone scam victim:

- Never provide personal information to callers, including your name, address or banking information.
 - Be aware of callers who are unprofessional, pushy or use scare tactics such as threatening arrest if payment is not made.
 - Callers asking for payment through wire transfer, cash cards such as green dot cards, or other non-trackable methods are signs of a scam. Legitimate government agencies will not ask you to provide payment using these methods.
 - Do check the caller's information. If they claim to be from a law enforcement agency or other governmental agency, call the publicly listed phone number for that agency to verify the caller's authenticity.
- Community members can also report fraud to the Oregon Attorney General's Consumer Hotline by calling 1-877-877-9392.

PEO holds lunch in Coos Bay

Regional members of the PEO Sisterhood (Philanthropic Educational Organization) will meet for an annual luncheon Saturday, April 16, at the Red Lion Hotel, 1313 N. Bayshore Drive, Coos Bay.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., lunch is served at noon followed by a program featuring music by John Stokes on the guitar and dulcimer accompanied by Kim Stokes on the piano.

The South Coast Reciprocity area, nine chapters representing Coos Bay, North Bend, Reedsport, Florence and Coquille, will gather to renew friendships and welcome new members as well as any unaffiliated members in the area.

Any PEO sister who would like to attend is encouraged to call Alice Bray at 541-888-8245.

PEO is a women's philanthropic educational organization that promotes the education of women by raising money each year.



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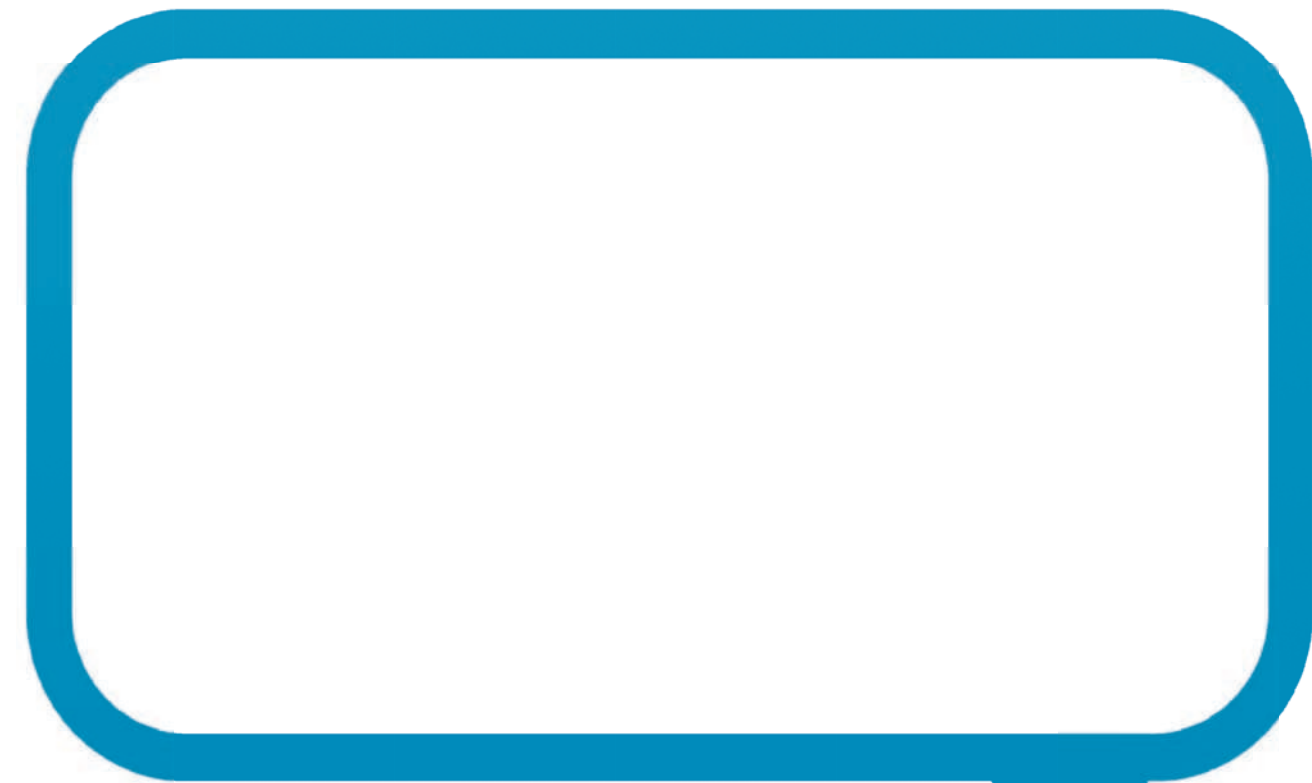
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