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MASTER RECYCLERS
For the Siuslaw News

(A monthly column of recycling information provided by Florence Master Recyclers)

Q. When is the next Hazardous Waste pick-up in Florence?

A. Just in time for spring cleaning! Twice each year, Lane County Public Works hosts this convenient, free disposal option here in Florence. County Transfer and Recycling, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue, the City of Florence and Lane County Master Recyclers donate equipment, disposal costs, staff and volunteer time to make this Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Roundup happen.

The spring event is this weekend, Friday, April 15, from noon to 5 p.m., and Saturday, April 16, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Staff from the county's year-round hazardous waste Collection Center in Glenwood will be at the Florence

Transfer Station, 2820 Rhododendron Drive, to accept the following items: household cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, car care products, arts and craft supplies, fluorescent lamps over 4 feet long, fuel, solvents and poisons.

They ask that you leave materials in the original containers; it helps staff know how to store and dispose of them safely.

Items not accepted at the event include: any container over 5 gallons, asbestos, radioactive waste or explosives. Don't bring your empty containers, either — they can just be recycled, if applicable, or thrown in the trash.

Businesses that generate small amounts of hazardous waste may be able to take advantage of this event in Florence also. They will need to pre-register and will pay a fee for the disposal; call 541-682-4120 for details.

In case you are unaware: oil,

antifreeze, batteries, and sharps (needles) are accepted year round at the Transfer Station. Fluorescent lamps that are 4 feet or less in length can be recycled year round at Florence True Value, 1750 Highway 126.

In addition, the Habitat ReStore, 2016 Highway 101, offers recycling for architectural paint, stain, primer, sealers, lacquers and varnishes year round as part of the PaintCare program.

Visit the city's website at www.ci.florence.or.us and search for Hazardous Waste, or call 541-997-8237 for more information.

If you like to plan ahead, the fall HHW event is generally the second weekend in October.

Q. I have old tax records I need to get rid of. Where should I take them?

A. Oregon Pacific Bank will hold their annual Shred Day on Saturday, April 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., or until the truck is full. The truck will be in the parking lot at the Bank, 1355 Highway 101, to accept confidential paper materials for onsite shredding.

This event is free and open to

everyone in the Florence community. Businesses may bring material during the last hour of the event. This community service is staffed by bank employee volunteers, family members, and friends.

Contact Oregon Pacific Bank for more information, 541-997-7121.

Q. Is there any place in Florence to discard old medications, other than in the trash or down the drain?

A. As of March 28, yes. The City of Florence announced recently that the prescription drug drop box is once again available at the Florence Police Department. The disposal drop box is open to the public Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the lobby of the Florence Justice Center, 900 Greenwood St.

This is a great way to safely dispose of outdated or unused prescription and over the counter medications.

Due to the construction and small size of the drop box, don't combine containers together in boxes or bags. Please note, no liquid medications and no sharps (used needles or

lances) are accepted.

This drop box is intended for use by members of the public, not commercial facilities.

By using this designated disposal service, you will be helping to keep waterways clean in our area. Contact the Florence Police Department at 541-997-3515 with any questions, or visit www.preventionlane.com.

Florence Master Recyclers (MR) are part of the Lane County Master Recycler Program, a service of the county's Public Works Waste Management Division since 2002. The mission of the MR program is to bridge the gap between awareness and action by motivating people to reduce solid waste at home, work and play.

This monthly column, written for the Siuslaw News, answers commonly asked recycling questions.

For more recycling information, visit www.ci.florence.or.us/building/recycling or www.lanecounty.org/Departments/PW/WMD/Recycle or follow Master Recyclers of Florence on Facebook.

Welch to host memoir-writing workshop at LCC Florence Center April 23

Award-winning columnist Bob Welch will visit Florence Saturday, April 23, for a one-day memoir writing workshop

at Lane Community College Florence Center as part of Lane's Continuing Education program.

As part of the day-long workshop, Welch will guide aspiring memoir writers through the storytelling process from shaping

ideas into prose to publishing one's personal stories.

Prior writing experience isn't required.

"The workshop is designed for people interested in telling stories involving their lives," Welch said. "It's aimed for everyone from the 'always wanted to write, but don't know where to begin' writer to the person, who, seeing the ticking clock, wants to have their memoir book printed — and soon."

As part of the workshop, Welch will present 18 key questions memoirists should consider when starting a project.

He'll also show participants how simple and inexpensive it is to create a book. Short writ-

ing assignments designed to jumpstart the creative process and help writers define their project goals are also part of the workshop.

"The atmosphere will be relaxed, fun and affirming," Welch said.

Welch is the author of 20 books and, though retired from The Register-Guard, continues to share his Oregon Life columns with readers.

He offers his workshops to writers across the country and has served as an adjunct journalism faculty member at the University of Oregon.

Workshop participants will receive a copy of his book, "Pebble in the Water," his own

memoir of his four-year journey to research, write, edit and market, "American Nightingale."

The book is the inspiring account of the life of Frances Slinger, a Jewish Polish immigrant who served as a U.S. Army nurse in Normandy during World War II.

Lunch and a classroom notebook are also included in workshop cost.

To register, visit www.lanec.edu/ce.

For more information contact Marsha Sills, LCC Florence Continuing Education program coordinator at 541-997-8444, ext. 4825, or email sillsm@lanec.edu.

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