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Naturally, I'll be dressing as Marilyn Monroe to help fight cancer

I don't have good-looking legs.

Not even in heels, which I have worn during the Men's March Against Domestic Violence, and also the night I turned 21.

Fortunately, in both cases (well, one for sure) I had pants on, so other than looking like a standard poodle walking on its hind legs for a dog biscuit, everyone was spared from seeing my hairy stork legs.

To be honest, even a stork would probably wear pants if it had my legs.

However, come Saturday at 2 p.m., I will jeopardize the vision of hundreds of people at the Relay For Life by dressing as Marilyn Monroe for the "Mr. Relay" fundraiser competition.

Naturally, I will be wearing heels. And yes, at some point

my skirt will be blown upward, revealing a sight that even Miley Cyrus said "Crosses the line of decency."

I'm relieved to say I won't be alone in this endeavor.

At least, I better not be.

The way it was explained to me, there will be about a dozen men dressing as their favorite female movie actress or character. Given that I'll be turning 50 a few days later, it seemed like the perfect opportunity to cross off "Emotionally scar as many people as possible all at once" from my bucket list.

I had actually considered dressing as "Black Widow" from "The Avengers," but the thought of wearing something THAT skintight had me worried. Not so much because of my figure, but out of fear that my growing lack of flatulence control as I've aged might cause the suit to expand like a piece of Hubba Bubba bubble gum.

If it were to pop, the con-

cussion could cost people their hearing.

And I don't even want to think of what could happen if the stage is anywhere near an open flame.

Remember the Hindenberg?

So for everyone's safety, I'm going to stick with Marilyn Monroe. Though there is still the risk of emotional scarring, at least there's good ventilation.

Some of you might be asking, "Why are you doing this to us?"

A portion of the money each of contestant raises goes to support cancer research, with the rest going to programs in and around our community. Like many of you, I have lost people I love to can-

cer, including a best friend who was barely 30.

And yes, he had much better legs than me.

If my hairy stork legs can help keep someone else from losing a loved one to cancer, I'm all in.

Even if "in" means wearing a short dress and high heels.

If you'd like to contribute by supporting my ugly legs, stop by the newspaper or, if you're afraid I might be wearing shorts, you can send a check to:

The Siuslaw News
c/o Ned's Hairy Legs
148 Maple Street
Florence, Or 7 97439

Please make checks payable to The American

Cancer Society and, if you'd like, put "Ned's Hairy Legs" in the subject line on the check. Not that there'll be a cure for those anytime soon.

Thank you in advance for your support, whether it be financially or emotionally — especially for those who will actually see my legs this Saturday. They will continue to collect donations for this

event through the end of August. If you send or drop off a check before Aug. 31, I'll make sure it gets to them!

If it arrives after that, I'll use it for a leg wax...

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Crews to complete fog seal on 35th Street Aug. 10-12

The City of Florence will be completing a hot oil chip and fog seal, as well as a MicroCoat application, on 35th Street between Pine and Siano Loop from Wednesday, Aug. 10, to Friday, Aug. 12, depending on the weather.

As with any street construction project, there will be slight delays in the area. Residents are advised to use alternate routes to avoid the work area between Aug. 10-12.

Drivers should slow down and be patient and attentive to the traffic control flaggers.

Chip Sealing is a common pavement maintenance practice that extends pavement life and provides a good driving surface. With chip seals, a thin film of heated asphalt liquid is sprayed on the road surface, followed by the placement of small aggregates "chips." The chips are compacted to orient the chips for maximum adherence to the asphalt, and excess stone is swept from the surface.

A fog seal is then applied to further bind the chips to the asphalt liquid, protect the chip seal from UV rays and finish the road preservation.

The city will apply a MicroCoat to the bike lanes along 35th Street, which is a micro seal coating system that will protect the bike lanes from degradation. MicroCoat was specifically designed for the Pacific Northwest and provides a smoother surface for

bicyclists and pedestrians. The pigment in the application will provide additional definition to the bike lanes to improve visibility and safety.

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LCC Florence open house

Get a preview of Lane Community College Florence Center's fall Continuing Education courses and trips during an open house Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 10:30 a.m.

"This is an opportunity for interested community members to meet instructors and hear firsthand about exciting courses and Outward Ventures excursions planned this fall," said Marsha Sills, LCC Florence Center Continuing Education coordinator.

The campus' Continuing Education department offers lifelong learning options through classes and Outward Ventures, a program that provides cultural and educational trips to sites in the region.

Attendees will have a chance to win free Continuing Education fall registration, up to \$50. Door prizes and light refreshments will be provided.

Fall registration begins Sept. 6.

LIGHTS!

CAMERA

CURE!

2016 Relay for Life of Florence

Saturday, Aug 13 - Sunday 14

10:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

At Miller Park

Luminaria Ceremony 9:00p.m.

This ceremony of light symbolizes the hope and courage with which we all continue to fight cancer.

A parent, sibling, friend or neighbor, we all know someone who has been touched by cancer. After sunset at each Relay For Life event, the track is encircled with luminaria decorated with the names of those who have battled cancer. This ceremony of light symbolizes the hope and courage with which we all continue to fight cancer. If you would like to make a donation for a luminaria at our Relay For Life, simply complete the form and bring to the Relay For Life Event.

2016 Relay for Life Luminaria Order Form

(Please print information)

Your name: _____

Phone (Day / Evening): _____

Team Credit: _____

I would like a candle lit:

Name: _____

Check One: Honor Memory Support Of Thanks to Caregiver

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Requested minimum donation of \$5.00 per luminaria

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