

LCC to offer new computer classes

Lane Community College Florence Center offers a set of new computer classes tailored for the novice computer user as part of the new fall Continuing Education program.

U.S. Air Force veteran and technology consultant Jolene Medeiros will offer three courses to help students become more familiar with today’s technology.

Another new Continuing Education instructor, Patrick Hawke, will teach an introductory course on basic web design that targets curious students who are interested in creating or revamping their website.

“We’re excited that these two instructors – who are both new to the Florence community – are offering their expertise to our students,” said Marsha Sills, Lane Florence Center Continuing Education program coordinator. “Both reached out to Lane to see how they could help the community grow more comfortable with technology.”

Medeiros will offer a basic computer course on Monday evenings, starting Sept. 26, catering to those who want to grow more comfortable using the computer. She described this course as an extremely basic class designed to give students a solid foundation to build more skills.

Each session is self-paced and includes group exercises to reinforce the skills students learn in class.

“Once you have an understanding of the basics, you will have a clearer understanding on which to expand your knowledge and skill with computers and browsing the Internet.

Learning to use computers can feel intimidating at first, but this course targets people of all ages and skill sets,” Medeiros said. “Whether you have never used a computer before or just need a refresher course, the class is meant to be fun and I encourage questions.”

Medeiros will also offer two other courses: “Social Media Savvy” on Wednesdays for those interested in learning the basics of social media networks to stay connected to family and friends and “Internet Safety” on Tuesdays to educate students about ways to securely and effectively share files, use social media and shop online.

The course will also cover the importance of strong passwords and protective software to guard computers, smartphones and tablets.

Hawke’s course will cover the basics of web design and will be beneficial to business owners or those interested in sharing their interests with others.

While websites are now the ideal way for businesses to attract new customers and inform current clientele, the course may also be of interest to artists or other community members interested in creating sites to show their work or keep in touch with family and friends, Hawke said.

“I tell my students ‘create the Internet, rather than consume it,’” Hawke said. “I teach from the ‘maker mindset’ perspective of creating and innovation. While the class will benefit business owners, I’ve also had great success in this class with people who’ve created websites of personal interest.”

His class will be offered Wednesday evenings for 11 weeks starting Sept. 28.

For more information about these computer courses, register online at www.lanecc.edu/ce or call 541-997-8444.

Yachats adds sidewalks, bike lanes

YACHATS — Beginning next week, Sept. 19, new continuous sidewalks and bike lanes will be constructed in Yachats on Highway 101 between Seventh Street and Ocean View Drive.

The project will improve parking along Highway 101 and add parking on city streets, provide streetscape amenities, add crosswalks and flashing crosswalk warning lights, improve signage drainage, underground utilities and implement an access management strategy.

These improvements will make it safer to walk and bike in Yachats.

The project will be constructed in the winter and spring months to minimize impacts to area businesses, and will be completed for just over \$2 million. A grant of \$1.54 million was obtained in 2013 from the Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Program, and the remaining funds come from state and local funds.

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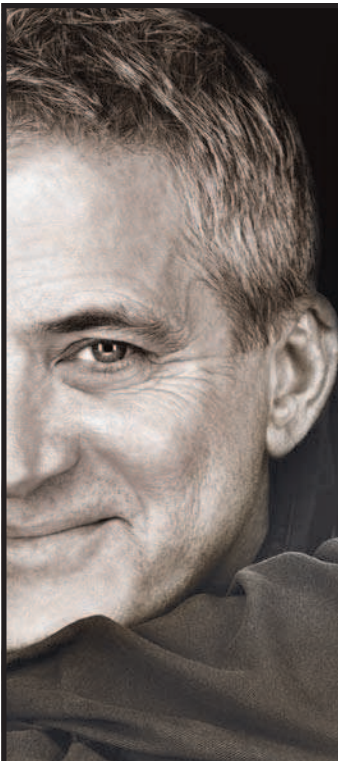
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