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Dowser from 1A

will be conducting two workshops at Lane Community College Florence Center next week on the art and the science of dowsing. But the information that he will share with the attendees of his workshop may well surprise them.

“What I want to explain to the public is that dowsing is not about directly finding underground water. It is about finding the magnetic fields associated with faults and fractures,” he said.

The misperception of the public, that it takes a special skill or ability to identify

underground water, is one that Landau hopes to dispel.

“What I also want the public to realize is that there is no gift involved and there is no secret to this process,” Landau said. “Anybody can dowse. Dowsing rods and wire are simply indicating a change in the magnetic field, not necessarily the presence of underground water. What you are actually finding are fractures where water may be.”

Landau will be offering his unique perspective on the art and science of dowsing on Wednesday, Feb. 15, and Saturday, Feb. 18.

For more information on the classes, call 503-923-6485.

President from 1A

LCC Florence Center Interim Director Russ Pierson said, “Beyond herpersonable style and breadth of experience, Margaret also brings great depth to matters of particular interest to us here in western Lane County — including community partnerships, workforce development, career smf technical education and intimate familiarity with careers in healthcare.”

Hamilton sees her background in nursing as an invaluable tool in understanding and working with the health care industry.

“The other side is business and industry. I have great experience with health care. I am comfortable speaking with hospital CEOs, finding out what their hiring needs are, meeting with hospital representatives and advisory groups — finding out what they need to create jobs and career ladders,” she said.

She said she was in favor of “stackable credentials” — going from learning a job skill to pursuing a two-year degree and beyond to expand

career paths.

“I’m just the new guy coming in, but I would probably want to expand occupational training even more,” Hamilton said. “That will be my No. 1 priority because it will be a win-win for the college. It will get me and the name Lane out there more.”

She added, “(LCC campus in) Florence is a perfect example. It is a blend of credit and non-credit courses.”

Hamilton has a doctorate from Widener University, West Chester, Pa., 1995; a master of science from the University of Delaware, Newark, Del., 1983; and a bachelor of science from State University of New York at Plattsburgh, 1978.

Hamilton is expected to begin work sometime prior to Spilde’s retirement on June 30. The board will continue to negotiate contract details, but a preliminary agreement reached this week includes a three-year term beginning July 1, and an annual starting salary of \$203,000.

Hamilton plans to visit Eugene in April and intends to be settled in sometime in June so she can begin her new role.

Weather from 1A

Miller said a small landslide was reported Thursday night, south of Yachats on Highway 101.

The Dunes City area also had its share of flooding and weather-related problems. A

mudslide on Lake Boulevard blocked one lane of traffic south of the Siltcoos River Outlet Bridge, prompting Lane County Public Works to assess the damage.

Lane County also continues to monitor the area around Sunday’s landslide on Highway 126, which flowed

into a woman’s RV, trapping her and an infant inside.

The Florence area should receive a break in the weather for the next several days. According to the NWS, rain is not forecast to return until Tuesday or Wednesday and winds are predicted to be light for the next week.

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