

Community News

PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES WITH BE READY EXPO

The Siuslaw News and Western Lane Emergency Operations Group are holding an event in order to connect residents on the Oregon coast with businesses and emergency service providers to raise awareness about disaster preparedness. The Be Ready — Storm Ready Disaster Expo will be on Saturday, Aug. 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

Attendees at this expo will look forward to speakers and demos that will help prepare our commu-

nity for the increasing vulnerability to extreme weather and water events.

We live in the most severe weather-prone country on Earth and where we are located on the Oregon Coast, in the event of a natural disaster, we will be cut-off from major cities and resources a minimum of 10-days, likely more.

“This event is a great opportunity for residents on the Oregon coast to learn how to prepare for and recover from disasters such as tsunamis, earthquakes and floods”

stated Jenna Bartlett, General Manager of the Siuslaw News and event organizer.

This free event will feature interactive vendor booths, demonstrations and seminars to help people better assist their families and the community in the event of a natural disaster.

Have you ever been curious about how to prepare for a disaster? What should you do first? What should you buy? What should you not buy?

Disaster Preparedness is often

considered complicated and expensive.

The keynote speaker, author Dave Robinson, is a disaster preparedness newspaper columnist and he will dissect topics into bite-sized pieces, showing how the average person can be prepared for a disaster with minimal expense and a little ingenuity.

In addition, the event also offers an Emergency Suturing Class taught by PeaceHealth emergency physicians. People should register before the event.

Kiwanis Club of Florence Oregon will be offering a free hot dog lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

As a bonus, the first 300 attendees will receive a 2.5-gallon water storage container.

“There will be something for everybody,” said Bartlett. “Please plan to attend this important and educational event.”

For more information, visit www.eventcenter.org/general/page/be-ready-storm-ready-expo-0.

APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR UPCOMING MASTER RECYCLER PROGRAM

Lane County Waste Management Division is offering a free course providing comprehensive training on local solid waste issues in Florence.

Hear from local experts, tour local facilities and learn why things are (or are not) recyclable. The Waste Management Division hosts this course to help Lane County residents and businesses reduce, reuse, recycle and rethink waste habits.

In Florence, classes will be held Tuesdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Jan. 8 through

March 5, 2019, at Lane Community College Florence Center, 3149 Oak St.

“Because of recent disruptions in the global recycling market and the growing awareness that we need to do more to keep materials out of the landfill, this is a great time for people who are interested in learning how they can change their habits and help lead their community to improve our recycling practices overall,” said Master Recycler Coordinator Kelly Bell.

Applications are available at www.lanecounty.org/masterrecyclers or by calling 541-682-2059.

Completed applications may be submitted by fax, email or regular mail.

Retirees, folks new to the area, teachers, green job seekers, parents, high school and college students studying sustainability, business owners and employees tasked with reducing solid waste in the workplace all find common purpose in the Master Recycler community.

The Master Recycler training course includes 35 hours of classroom instruction: nine consecutive Tuesday evening classes, a Saturday compost demonstration and two Saturday multi-site field trips to area solid waste and recycling sites.

Instructors are local experts in solid waste from business, government and non-profit sectors.

The course is free for those who volunteer 30 hours to educate and assist their communities in the

year following the training. Those who do not wish to volunteer may pay a small fee.

More than 980 Lane County master recyclers have contributed more than 42,000 hours of education and assistance to local citizens and businesses since the program began in 2000.

In addition to attending

class sessions and tours with local experts, all participants enroll in Oregon State University’s “Recycling 101” online. The R101 course was developed by the Association of Oregon Recyclers.

Normally valued at \$50 to \$75, R101 is free for Lane County Master Recycler students.

COIN SHOW RETURNS TO FLORENCE THIS WEEKEND

The 21st Annual Florence Coin Show is coming to the Florence Events Center on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 18 and 19.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission is free and coin appraisals will be available.

Exhibitors will display

coins from the United States and around the world, including Greek and Roman coins, territorial gold coins, and hundreds more.

For anyone who is new to coin collecting or who has never been to a major coin show before, here are a few tips:

- Plan to arrive early to allow plenty of time to look

at all the exhibits

- Bring a good coin guide with prices for reference
- Bring a notebook to keep track of contact information for dealers that might become good con-

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