

John Barnett coins Coldwell Banker

Officials at Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate recently announced the addition of John Barnett as a new real estate broker.

“I’ve known John for a long time and I am excited to have him join our team,” said owner Andy Johnson. “He is a great family man and a friend in addition to being a well-respected community member. He will no doubt put in the work and diligence for a long and



Real estate broker John Barnett

fruitful real estate career.” Previously, Barnett was a long-time and well-re-

spected local real estate appraiser for 17 years. His work took him up and down the coast and his vast knowledge of properties and valuations enhance his real estate career.

Described as being detail-oriented and committed to follow-through, Barnett said he is ready and ea-

ger to build his real estate business and career. He and his wife, Melissa, have five children, ages 11 to 23. When not in the office, he enjoys all aspects of the outdoors and spending time with his family. Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate is one of Florence’s longest established local businesses. For more information, contact Coldwell Banker Coast Real Estate at 541-997-7777.

Jeremy Austin offers REALTOR services at Berkshire Hathaway

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Northwest Real Estate welcomes Jeremy Austin, a licensed real estate agent.

Austin is a REALTOR® and a member of the National Association of REALTORS. He joined the team at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Northwest Real Estate as a salesperson in 2018 and is very excited to help both buyers and sellers with their real estate needs.

Austin has lived in Florence since 2005 and absolutely loves it. He knows all the neighborhoods inside-out and can help you select the best one for your family’s needs.

Some of his favorite activities include hiking, swimming, searching for agates, mushroom hunting and aerial photography.

Austin is an FAA certified unmanned aircraft pilot and enjoys taking aerial photos of real es-



REALTOR Jeremy Austin

tate, and of the beautiful area of Florence.

He also has an extensive background in the quality control aspect of construction and manufacturing, and more recently retail management.

“I am welcoming, authentic, dependable, have great attention to detail, and am here for all of your real estate needs,” Austin said.

He will be there from the beginning to the end of the home selling or buying process and will happily help you open the door to your new home.

FRAA holds literary boot camp Saturday

The Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) welcomes writers of all levels and genres to “Writers on the River” for its fourth exciting year of writing workshops and literary events. This year’s programs will include classes, networking groups, movie nights and literary salons where writers can socialize, exchange resources and promote their work.

The fun begins with the “2019 Annual Writers Boot Camp” on Saturday, Jan. 19, designed to jump start your writing after the holidays.

Get down to the brass tacks of creativity with this fun regimen designed to bring out the Navy Seal writer in you. The fourth annual Boot Camp will run from 10 a.m. to noon at FRAA Art Center, 120 Maple St. in Historic Old Town Florence.

This experiential workshop is offered just once a year to help writers of all levels and genres define their goals for the new year.

Taught by FRAA creative writing instructor Catherine J. Rourke, the program shows writers how to unleash their true

voice, develop a regular writing practice, learn tools to fuel their creativity and empower their writing. Using simple techniques, writers can get back into the flow and stay there all year, with proven strategies for success.

Boot Camp includes plenty of writing drills, so be prepared to drop and write 20 sentences! No two workshops are ever alike, offering a great refresher for prior attendees to flex their creative mus-

cles. Grab your pen and ditty bag and enlist now. Classes fill up quickly; pre-registration is suggested. Cost: \$20 for FRAA members or \$25 for non-members, all payable at the door. To register, call Rourke at 541-708-2120 or email CJReditor@gmail.com. Meet your drill sergeant: Catherine Rourke is an award-winning journalist, editor, author and writer educated at the City University of New York, the University of

Oxford/England and the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism. With more than 30 years’ experience as a staff editor and writer for newspapers and magazines, she has also worked as a professional book editor for Amazon and Random House in print and digital formats. The author of “Forgive Us Our Press Passes — Confessions of a Modern-Day Muckraker,” she is the recipient of a 2017 national first-place press award.

DAV seeks volunteer drivers

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) is in desperate need of volunteer drivers who are willing to drive vets, in the DAV van to Portland for medical appointments.

The drive is about four hours to Portland, four hours for the return trip, plus four hours waiting for vets at the hospital. This is a total of about 330 miles and 12 hours.

Anyone interested in contributing time as a DAV van driver should call Jim Swant at 541-968-9512 or Tom Zahara at 541-997-1123 for more information.

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