

Write from the heart at Saturday workshop

“Writing from the Heart: Find Your True Voice,” will take place on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) Art Center, 120 Maple St. in Old Town.

This workshop offers writers of all levels and genres a high-speed elevator to the depths of the heart to discover their natural voice. Through simple techniques and writing practices, they can awaken their creative genius to craft stories, memoirs, novels, poems and es-

says that capture their true voice.

FRAA creative writing instructor Catherine J. 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 in

print and digital formats. The author of “Forgive Us Our Press Passes” and “Where Clouds Are Born,” she is the recipient of a 2017 national first-place press award for her columns in the Siuslaw News.

Space is limited, so pre-registration is required. Cost is \$20 for FRAA members and \$25 for nonmembers, payable at the door.

For more information or to register, call 541-708-2120 or e-mail CJReditor@gmail.com.

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A second crew worked on saving Crump and his passenger, 32-year-old Nicholas Housego of Bandon.

“They used the ‘jaws of life’ to get the two patients out of that vehicle,” Able said. “They had to work in an icy, inclined area with heavy equipment to get the doors open so they could get the two gentlemen out. In all, we had three ambulances there.”

All three patients were transported by Western Lane Ambulance to PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Hospital, where Jones was pro-

nounced deceased. Crump and Housego were later transported to PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend, where they remain in stable but serious condition, according to Western Lane Ambulance Chief of Operations Matt House.

Oregon State Police, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Mast Brother’s Towing also assisted at the scene. Highway 101 was reduced to one lane of travel for approximately three hours following the crash.

“In all, there truly was one team out there with Western Lane and Siuslaw Valley Fire working seamlessly to make sure the patients had the best

care possible out there,” Able said.


Despite the severe weather, the incident was the only major accident reported over the weekend.

“People were generally remaining cautious and staying inside,” Able said. “One of the things I get concerned about is that one person may say, ‘I’m very comfortable driving in the snow and ice,’ but that doesn’t mean the other vehicle is. That’s one of the big issues that we have going on.”

Further inclement weather is expected across the Pacific Northwest throughout the week.

For information about road conditions, visit ODOT’s tripcheck.com.

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