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Learning animal care through an internship



Daniel hopes to become a certified veterinary technician — and a clinic in Florence gave him invaluable first-hand experience

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Daniel seems like he's at home as he gives a tour of the veterinary clinic surgery room.

He spouts terms like ovariohysterectomy (removal of a female dog's reproductive organs) and isoflurane (anesthesia). Later, Daniel fills a syringe with pain medication and injects it into a cat who just had teeth pulled.

It's hard to believe Daniel is an

intern who has only been working at Osburn Veterinary Clinic in Florence for a few months. During that time, the staff have come to rely on him as an important part of their team.

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Increasing youth employment in Florence

Career training tops agenda at Community Coalition

BY MARK BRENNAN
 SIUSLAW NEWS

Wednesday's October meeting of the Florence Area Community Coalition (FACC) offered presentations from two people who hope to assist younger Florence residents attain meaningful long-term employment.

The FACC's mission is to improve the quality of life in Western Lane County through partnerships, networking, volunteerism, community involvement, education and awareness. This month's topic was relevant as it discussed providing career technical education opportunities for area students.

These opportunities are primarily for young people seeking an alternative to attending college and wish to avoid acquiring the debt and spending the many years associated with obtaining a degree.

Betsy Yraguen, a media account executive for television station KEZI, is spearheading "Skilled to Work," an employment initiative geared towards individuals just entering the work force.

The program was the result of discussions Yraguen had with a coworker about the lack of young people that were working in fields that would have traditionally been referred to as vocational training.

"I've been married 37 years to a third-generation logger," she said. "When we graduated from high school, and he was a senior, they built a house in construction class. ... The pendulum kind of swung to 'everybody needs to go to college to be successful,' and now my husband's company is not able to hire skilled workers. Our generation is aging out and even teachers of vocational education are hard to find, so we have a real problem."

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Developing a taste for business in Florence

How entrepreneur Marianne Brisbane changed the flavors of Bay Street

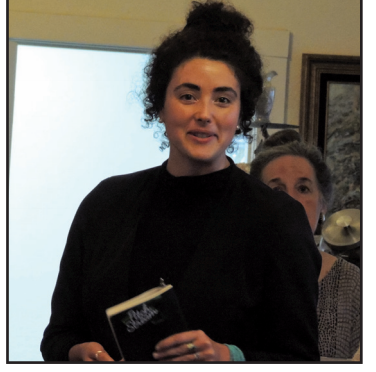


Since partnering with the City of Florence four years ago, Oregon Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (RAIN) has worked to bolster an entrepreneurial ecosystem in Florence and on the coast. Through events, workshops and classes, RAIN's coastal catalysts have brought support to existing businesses, helped launch new ventures and connected entrepreneurs to funding and resources. In its most recent program on Sept. 26, RAIN highlighted one of Florence's serial entrepreneurs, Marianne Brisbane.

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Above, Marianne Brisbane details the story of her life during "Life Lessons of an Entrepreneur," presented by RAIN's Ariel Ruben (right) at The Bodega on Sept. 26.

the gathered attendees at The Bodega, 180 Laurel St., a new wine store opened by Brisbane this summer.



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American Legion changes membership requirements

BY MARK BRENNAN
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The veteran community is continuing to celebrate the June 30 signing of a bill by President Donald Trump that will allow for more veterans, and their families, to be recognized for their time in service.

The major change instituted by the LEGION (Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service) Act will be in the requirements needed to join the American Legion, which was chartered and incorporated in 1919 as a patriotic veteran's organization

devoted to helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veteran's service organization and is committed to mentoring youth and to sponsor-

ship of a wide array of support programs in local communities.

strong national security and continued support for veterans. The Legion is also a nonpartisan, non-profit organization with a history

"Recognizing the service of these wartime veterans is the right thing do and it is long overdue. ... We are proud to welcome any of the 6 million living veterans from the previously unrecognized periods into our organization and call them 'Legionnaires.'"
 — American Legion National Commander Brett Reistad

Nationally, the American Legion advocates for patriotism, honor,

of legislative participation. That participation was the driving force behind the successful passage of the LEGION Act.

Qualifying service dates expand

The bill was supported by the Legion as well as other veterans groups, and was the end result of a process that recognized the need to acknowledge the service of those that served during a time in which war was not declared, or during peacetime.

The LEGION Act also opens the door for approximately 6 million veterans to access American Legion programs and benefits for which they previously had not been eligible. This will include more than 1,600 individuals who died when a conflict had not been officially declared.

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