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Besides working with the dunes, her class also picked up pieces of microplastic Carl G. “until our hands were too tired to do it,” she said. “Then, I just

showed them the film ‘Plastic Ocean,’ and they watched the bird being dissected and all the plastic falling out. They said, ‘Is that why we picked up all that plastic?’ Absolutely. ... It’s an important lesson, and I’m hoping it sticks with them.”

Despite being retired, both Blackwell and Grano are part of the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative (ODRC), which has worked to bring awareness to the fragile dune ecosystem. ODRC’s website, saveoregondunes.org, includes info about the dunes as well as volunteer activities.

The group gathers at least once a month to remove invasive species in the dunes.

“If people are really interested, this Saturday we’re going to be out at Joshua Lane off Heceta Beach Road killing more broom,” Blackwell said. “It will be from 10 a.m. to noon — just two hours, so it’s not too lengthy. We’re going to be working on Portuguese broom, which is different than Scotch broom. The seeds are white instead of dark, and they’re generally taller. Saws will be a good tool to have on Saturday.”

An average number of participants is 10, but “it’s whenever people can get together,” Blackwell said.

He added that ODRC is trying to get restoration projects



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Bill Blackwell shows the roots of a pulled Scotch broom to students, who ultimately helped clear the area of the invasive species.

started in Coos Bay and North Bend, up Horsfall Road.

While the group is planning to take time off for the winter holidays ahead, gorse starts flowering in January and February, so volunteers will begin working as weather permits.

In addition to planning volunteer workdays, ODRC published the large photobook “Saving Oregon’s Dunes: The Bid to Save a National Treasure” in 2018, which was honored with the Publication of the Year Award from the Public Lands Alliance.

According to Blackwell, saving the dunes should be important to not just the ODRC but to all who live on the coast. He described the fragile state of some native flora and fauna



that have a hard time competing with the invasive species. One, a groundcover called kinnikinnick, or bearberry, provides berries for bears and other animals and is one of the few plants the seaside hoary elfin butterfly feeds on.

In addition, the dunes are home to isolated populations of the coastal Humboldt marten, whose protected status will be determined next year after changes are made to the federal Endangered Species Act.

“Thank you for coming and helping us out,” Blackwell said to Wednesday’s group. “It’s great having these young kids out here, because it’s going to take a long time. Jim and I are going to be long gone, but you guys will still be working on removing Scotch broom.”

TRAINING from page 1A

A well-trained board improves the operation of the organization and helps it to run more smoothly. When board members understand their role and various techniques for managing, they make decisions easier. The business of the organization transpires efficiently because the board is confident in their abilities.

Training and development impacts more people than the board members themselves. Highly skilled nonprofit board members inspire staff members and volunteers. Working together, they are able to grow the organization and its impact on the community.

At this half-day workshop in Florence, Muir will teach on the unique power of board members when it comes to fundraising. The workshop is full of interactive activities designed to help participants discover motivations that drive donors, explore strategies to advance key relationships, and sharpen their skills to make the ask.

Muir’s career spans running successful nonprofit organizations, leading an online fundraising consulting practice and managing major gift portfolios for some of the country’s largest nonprofit brands.

The agenda for the workshop includes:

- The Joy of Giving, Unique Power of Board Members & Fundraising Myths Debunked: Discover the motivations that drive donor’s generosity, how to frame fundraising to set yourself up for success and the unique power of board members in influencing donor gift amounts and retention.

- The Lucrative Art of Great Donor Discovery: We’ll explore winning tips, strategies and tools to get your foot in the door, quickly build rapport and how to use events like Jeffersonian Dinners to help you advance a key relationship.

- Get the Visit, Nail the Ask: Most people are afraid of making the ask but if you can just get the visit you have an 85% chance of getting the gift. Master the art and science of a successful ask with tips to get the appointment.

- The Art of the Ask: The myth of soliciting a gift is that we are taking something away from someone, “hitting them up” or “targeting them.” The truth is people like to give. Sharpen your skills to make the ask, “listen for the gift,” determine ask amounts, translate body language and overcome objections.

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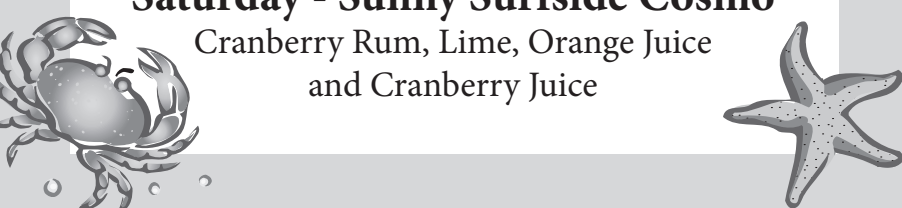
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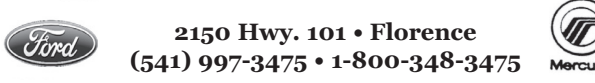


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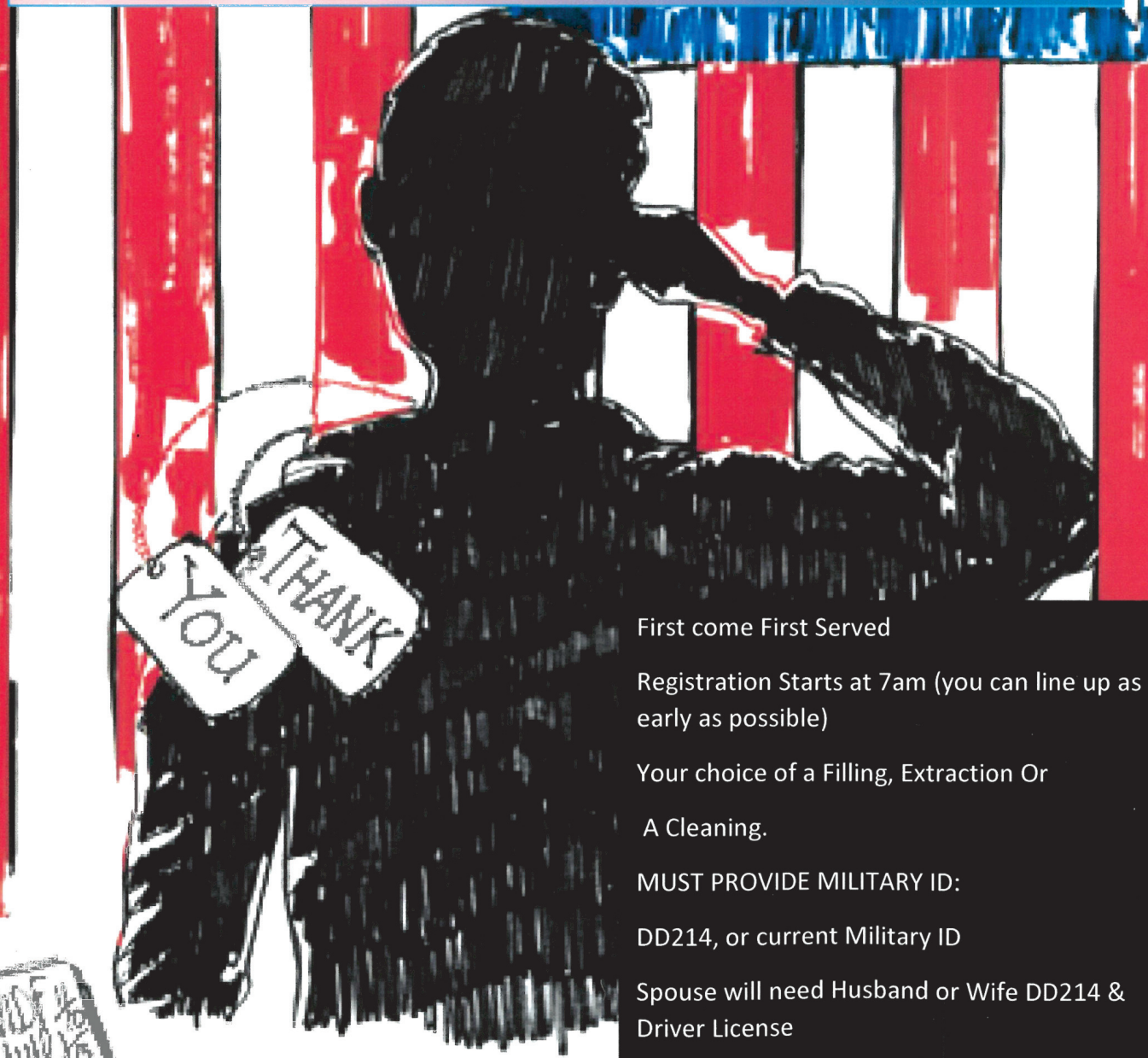


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