BRIEFS FROM

Watercolor demonstration

Florence resident and nationally known watercolor artist and teacher Carole Hillsbery is announcing a free demonstration on Monday, July 18 from 1-3 p.m. in her Florence home studio for those interested in exploring watercolor.

Hillsbery has helped multiple students conquer their fear of making mistakes by painting wet on wet or wet on dry with a lot of splattering and flinging of paint. This demo provides a glimpse into the life of an artist and what you can do with your

new found excitement through this medium. Future Absolute Beginning classes will be held in September on Thursdays from 1-4 p.m.

For more information contact Charlene Wilson at charwilson66@gmail.com or call 541-997-8676. Those seeking more information can contact Charlene Wilson at charwilson66@ gmail.com or call 541-997-8676. Registration is required.

Think Out Loud

KLCC and OPB have collaborated to bring Think Out Loud to the KLCC audience, providing expanded Oregon news to listeners of both stations. This addition brings changes to KLCC's weekday broadcast schedule.

Produced at OPB, Think Out Loud is the "show that's talking about what the Northwest is talking about."

Now the KLCC News Team

will contribute stories from the

Southern Willamette Valley. The first two shows on July 5 and 6 will broadcast from the KLCC studios in Eugene. Think Out loud will air on

KLCC weekdays at noon. The World is moving from noon to 2 p.m., replacing "Q." The World, hosted by Marco

Fair. Grangers from all around

Werman, presents a mix of news, features, interviews and music from around the world with an engaging portrait of the global community.

Q will no longer air on

Applegate Cemetery Board to meet

The Applegate Pioneer Cemetery Board will be meeting Sat. July 16 at 10 a.m. at the Yoncalla Library, 196 Birch St. The management and operations of the cemetery will be discussed.

asked to call Amanda Breding at 541-844-5281. They plan a meeting this summer and some fundraising. Check with the CAL district office if you are interested in coaching football, boys or girls basket-

LORANE **COUNTRY NEWS**

BY LIL THOMPSON

There is no Lorane Grange

For the Sentinel

■ meeting this Thursday. Grangers will meet on the third Thursday this month, July 21, the week of the Lane County

all day Wednesday, July 20. Lorane Fire Board meets on Thursday, July 14. Any Crow High School students

Lane County will be serving cookies and beverages for free interested in cheerleading are

FEEDERS

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for birds," she said. "So if you have to have it, check it often and remove it as soon as it starts to smell."

Hummingbirds are a class unto themselves. These highenergy birds need a special diet high in sugar. To make your own, use a 4-to-1 ratio of water and sugar. Bring the mixture to a gentle boil for one minute. Let it cool and pour into feeder. Don't use red coloring, Sanchez said, because it contains dye that could possibly be dangerous. Colored feeders will attract hummingbirds and once they find it, they'll be back.

Cleaning all bird feeders once a week is essential. Moisture contributes to mold, which causes diseases transmitted on avian feet after perching on feeders. Discard any feed left in the feeder, scrub inside and out with a long-handled brush - available in different sizes and lengths at bird shops or online – and follow with a rinse of bleach solution at a ratio of 10 percent water to one percent bleach. Let it dry thoroughly before filling.

How you arrange feeders around the yard doesn't seem to matter to birds. In patio gardens or apartments, gathering them together in groupings is usually the only option. A larger garden allows for more feeders and more areas for placement.

"You'll notice no matter how many ports you have, there will be competitions," Sanchez said. "It's a matter of 'Get off that perch; it's mine.' You'll see a lot of movement around."

Regardless of how many feeders you have and how you've arranged them around the yard, be sure to provide shrubs and trees for shelter from wind and preda-

"Birds at feeders are always on the lookout for danger," Sanchez said. "There are times when you put feeders where humans can see them, but birds won't use them if there's not a shrub nearby. Having food somewhat close to cover is a key consideration."

Bird need water, too. Serve it up in a shallow, flat-bottomed bowl with ½-1 inch of water. Place it in either sun or shade, clean it often and change the water daily or at least every other day.

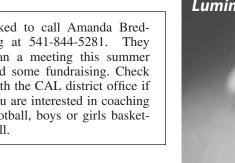
To reduce the chance rats will visit your bird stations, keep seed off the ground, Sanchez said. If ground-feeding birds like doves, quail and juncos are a favorite, experiment with elevating a platform feeder a bit off the ground and keep the area under it cleaned up. It may or may not work. Rats might still be able to access the feeder and birds might not.

Squirrels drive some people crazy with their tenacious – and often successful -- attempts to steal bird food. Others enjoy their antics and put out peanuts especially for them.

"I don't mind them," Sanchez said. "But some people find themselves in conflict with squirrels. A feeder is like an Eat at Joe's sign, a good place to hang out. And while they're there, they can do other activities like cache their food in the lawn or damage plants. Plus, these voracious little animals eat a lot of expensive food."

To thwart them, Sanchez recommends using baffles, which are half-moons of plastic that go above a feeder. Though some people insist it doesn't work, putting feeders on a pole hanger in the middle of the lawn can stop squirrels from reaching the food. There are also feeders surrounded with cages that will fall with the weight of a squirrel and cover the feeder's holes but stay in place for the more lightweight birds. Check bird shops or online for these specific feed-

Most of all, if you're going to attract birds to the garden, don't spray chemicals or use pelletized weed and feed or moss





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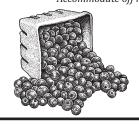
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