

Women's history and women's issues topic of Thursday lecture

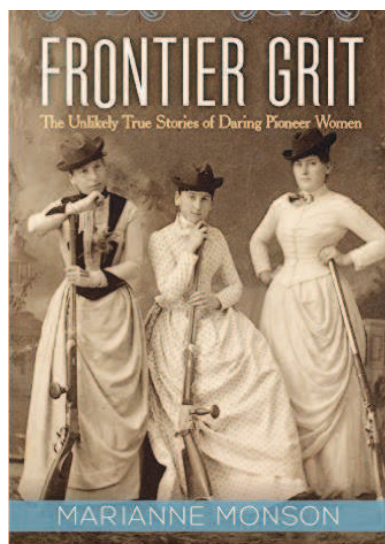
Women and women's history is the featured topic Thursday, March 1, at the monthly Ales & Ideas Lecture at Fort George Brewery.

Mindy Stokes, director of Clatsop Community College's Lives in Transitions programs, has titled her presentation "#MeToo: What Now?"

Author Marianne Monson will read excerpts from her latest book, "Frontier Grit: The Unlikely True Stories of Daring Pioneer Women."

The lecture series is sponsored by the college and the brewery. Doors open at 6 p.m. with food and beverage service available, although no purchase is necessary. Minors also are welcome.

Fort George's Lovell Showroom is at 14th and Duane streets in Astoria.



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Transit cooperative passes milestone

The NW Connector, a partnership of transit districts in Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln and Tillamook counties, passed 1.1 million bus miles in 2017, carrying more than 188,000 passengers.

"Riders are finding it easier to travel by bus when visiting the coast, going from the coast into the metropolitan areas for appointments, and commuting to work," said Doug Pilant, general manager of the Tillamook County Transportation District. "Northwest Connector trips save money and the hassle of driving."

But the NW Connector also is good for the state's transportation system and environment, he said.

Last year, passengers riding NW Connector saved an estimated 5 million in vehicle miles traveled, which

translates into 1.3 tons of carbon dioxide, or greenhouse gas, emissions avoided.

Established in 2013, NW Connector is a regional transit system that has coordinated schedules between the five transit districts, allowing riders to travel from Astoria to Yachats, and between the coast and Portland, Salem and Corvallis.

'Roughing it' still can be done for free

Federal BLM seeks camp hosts in remote locations

The Bureau of Land Management seeks spring and summer campground hosts at several of its Northwest Oregon recreation sites.

Campground hosts reside in their own recreational vehicles at the campground they're hosting.

Hosts typically are responsible for greeting guests, helping guests solve problems, cleaning facilities such as bathrooms and maintaining camp sites and restrooms.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land in 12 western states as well as 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estates throughout the nation.

In the BLM Northwest Oregon District there are openings at:

- **Alsea Falls Recreation Site** (along the South Fork Alsea River between Alsea and Alpine).

There is water and sewage dump on site and the season runs from May through September.

- **Canyon Creek Recreation Site** (in the Little North Santiam Recreation Area). There is water, electricity and sewage dump on

site and the season is May through September.

- **Elkhorn Valley Recreation Site** (within the Little North Santiam Recreation Area). There is water, electricity and sewage dump on site. Season is April through September.

For information on Alsea Falls, Canyon Creek of Elkhorn Valley, contact Steve Baldwin at sbaldwin@blm.gov or 503-559-7291.

- **Clay and Whittaker Creek Recreation Sites** (50 miles west of Eugene, in the coast range). While there's a BLM-furnished RV pad, there are few other amenities.

Depending on carrier, cell service isn't always reliable. Season is May through September.

- **Hult Pond** (28 miles northwest of Eugene). Host will be provided with a generator and propane gas. Season runs May through September.

- **Sharps Creek Recreation Site** (20 miles east of Cottage Grove). There is electricity, telephone service and water available by hand pump.

The season is end of May through September. For more information on Clay/Whittaker, Hult or Sharps Creek, contact John Wardle at jwardle@blm.gov or 541-510-4679.

- **Molalla Corridor** (east of Molalla). There is water and sewage dump on site and the season is April through October.

- **Wildwood Recreation Site** (40 miles east of Portland near Mount Hood). Amenities include full hook-ups, propane, free laundry, a golf cart and internet access. Season is April through October.

For Molalla Corridor or Wildwood, contact Mark Marshall at mmarshall@blm.gov or 503-551-9814.

- **Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area** (a 100-acre day-use area three miles north of Newport).

An interpretive guide and an interpretive host are needed.

Amenities include full hook-up and ocean views. Season is May through January.

For Yaquina Head, contact Katherine Fuller at kafuller@blm.gov or 541-574-3143.

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