



# ELF NEWSLETTER

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# **WELCOME TO ELF**

We are the Extended Learning Family (ELF):

Community Education **Driver Education Corporate Training** Fire Training Council Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

#### **ICYMI**

(In case you missed it)

There are no classes on Monday, April 2nd First day of Spring term will be Tuesday, April 3rd

## **DIRECTOR'S NOTE:**

FROM JEFF FLESCH

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# **SPRING LOOKBOOK**

New in 2017, the "lookbook" is printed and mailed quarterly. Designed for a business-centric audience, it highlights our Corporate Training and Professional Development opportunities.



## FEATURED STORY: LIFE STORIES

BY ALLISON LAMPULGH

When Trudi Timpone strolled into Linn-Benton Community College's class entitled "Write Your Life Story," she had 102 years of experiences to consider for her assignments. Her daughter was the one who enrolled her, and since Timpone stopped driving at the age of 99, her daughter also drops her off for class.

Timpone took her seat at the table, and instructor Lori McNulty moved her four-wheeled walking aid with a padded seat out of the aisle.

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"Trudie, I'm going to move your Cadillac," McNulty said with a smile. Class began with the ring of a handheld bell. Around the table sat 10 ladies, most with salt and pepper hair. Each had come prepared with a story and photos they brought to accompany it.

The first volunteer shared a story about her husband, then boyfriend, and how they got together. Another told a story from her cat's perspective entitled "Tiger's Thoughts on Travel," that recounted the struggles of her feline friend during a move. Someone else told the story of a wedding bouquet she made as a floral designer that was a replica of the one Princess Diana held. As students read, conversations sparked between stories, and, at times, the room was filled with a cacophony of chatter.

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When it was Timpone's turn, she shared the story of "Sam," a painter she knew as a child. She recalled sitting in silence in Sam's studio and watching him work. Her delight in recalling Sam, a character long in her past, shown on her face and she credited him for her lifelong love of painting. "I painted just about everything I could - it's fun," she said.

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In a notebook on her lap, she kept other stories she wrote for class. There was the one about the July day in 1943 when she met her husband, Ted, and after a whirlwind courtship how they were married by mid-August. There were stories of job hunting in a time when women got limited work. There was the story of "The Lost Nickel," a time she walked from Wall Street to 44th Avenue in New York because she was embarrassed she didn't have the nickel it cost to ride the subway.

"I grew up during The Depression so a nickel was very important," she said. "I don't think I'd want to live that again, but maybe we have too much now. Things are a little too easy for people today."

We, at Extended Learning, are proud to be part of Timpone's story. Are you ready to start writing yours?



**Trudi Timpone** 

# SBDC GOING INTO BUSINESS SBDC CLASSES

We are excited to announce that our Going Into Business classes are now being offered in Brownsville, Halsey, Alsea, and Monroe for **FREE!**Gain basic information on how to launch and run a successful small business in Oregon. Available in English and Spanish.



SAFE DRIVING REFRESHER COURSE

# **Instructor Recruitment**

Spread the word! We need the following instructors...

- Art
- Language
- Fitness & Dance
- In-car Driver Education
- Gardening/Horticulture
- Computer/Technology

Call 541-917-4840 or email extendedlearning@linnbenton.edu for more information!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

4/7/18 Chamber Awards Banquet

6 - 8 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce, Sweet Home

4/10/18 Lebanon Biz Expo

10 a.m.- 6 p.m.

The River Center, Lebanon

4/20/18 ELF Hosts Greeters

8 - 9:30 a.m.

**Lebanon Annex** 

4/24/18 Scio High Career Day

Noon - 2 p.m.

Scio High School

4/25 & 5/30 Jackson Street Youth Shelter Presentations

5:30-7 p.m.

Benton and Linn County locations

5/11/18 Rotary Club Presentation

- 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Corvallis Country Club

5/31- 6/03 Lebanon Strawberry Festival

Know an event we should attend? Email Allison! lamplua@linnbenton.edu

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