

Press release for “Talking about Dying”

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COQUILLE AREA RESIDENTS INVITED TO TALK ABOUT DEATH AND DYING

The FEBRUARY 24, 2018 event is part of Oregon Humanities’ statewide Conversation Project.

COQUILLE, ORE - What do we think about when we think of dying? When we think about our own dying, what do we want most? Death is part of the human experience; all of us have experienced loss, and all of us will die one day. Yet conversations about death and dying are difficult and often avoided even with our closest family members and friends.

This is the focus of “Talking about Dying,” a free conversation with Fr. Joel Garavaglia-Maiorano on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the small auditorium of the Community Building, 105 N. Birch St, Coquille, OR 97423. This program is hosted by the Coquille Public Library and sponsored by Oregon Humanities. This conversation provides an opportunity for participants to hear perspectives and ideas from fellow community members.

Facilitators of Talking about Dying discussions are trained professionals working in the fields of chaplaincy, counseling, gerontology, facilitation, and hospice care around Oregon.

Through the Conversation Project, Oregon Humanities offers free programs that engage community members in thoughtful, challenging conversations about ideas critical to our daily lives and our state's future. For more information about this free community discussion, please contact Anne Conner at 541-396-2166 or aconner@cityofcoquille.org.

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