Oregon author comes to RCC

Award-winning columnist and author Bob Welch will visit Rogue Community College’s Redwood Campus Oct. 12 for an afternoon series of discussions with students, staff and the public.

Welch is the author of “American Nightingale: The Story of Frances Slanger, Forgotten Heroine of Normandy” and six other books. He is a columnist for The Eugene Register-Guard and an adjunct professor at the University of Oregon.

“American Nightingale,” which tells the life story of the first nurse to die in the Normandy invasion, was a Top 10 Oregon Book of 2004 selection. It has been featured on ABC’s "Good Morning America" and in Los Angeles Times Magazine.

Welch will participate in a brown bag lunch from noon to 1 p.m. in the Back Room Café of the Student Center/Cafeteria, which is open to students, staff and the public. From 1-4 p.m. the author will speak to classes. A free lecture in the Rogue Building is set from 4-5:30 p.m. and everyone is invited.

His appearance is the first in a series of Northwest Author visits, a project funded by an RCC Foundation grant, said Priscilla Goulding, director of Adult Basic Education in Josephine County. Inspiration for Welch’s visit resulted from a book club comprised of teenage Adult Basic Education students who read “American Nightingale” while studying World War II. Welch’s visit will include meeting with that class.

The author’s Website is at www.bobwelch.net

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