

Pace picking up for annual Habitat BeachWalk

The Habitat for Humanity BeachWalk is fast approaching and is off to a great start. It's time to put teams together and gather sponsors and donations.

The BeachWalk will be Saturday, Sept. 12, starting at the North Jetty parking lot. Walk the beach from the jetty to Driftwood Shores, any time between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join in this fun event, including leashed dogs. Walkers may be entertained with music, treated to refreshments, hunt for glass floats and keep what they find, and participate in a sand-sculpture contest with awards.

Any walker raising at least \$100 will be given a Habitat BeachWalk T-shirt.

Other benefits include a relaxing walk on the beach, burning calories, improving

bone strength and toning muscles, making it a win-win for everyone.

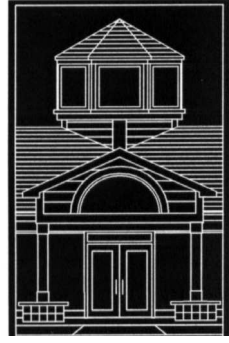
Every donation raised goes to purchasing building materials to build Florence Habitat for Humanity homes in the community.

Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1976 to eliminate poverty housing in the world.

Florence Habitat is always seeking passionate individuals and organizations to join the fight against substandard housing. Anyone who would like to join the BeachWalk can pick up a registration form at the Florence Habitat for Humanity office in the Grocery Outlet shopping center.

For more information, call 541-902-9227.

Library Tidings



News about the Siuslaw Public Library

Library Tidings, a regular feature of the Siuslaw News, features news about upcoming Siuslaw Public Library programs for adults and children, new books and videos, and other library news of interest to the community. Library Tidings by Kevin Mittge

The Book of Speculation

By Erika Swyler

Book review by Susie Voth

One June morning, Simon Watson received a heavy, bulky package in the mail. Upon opening it he discovered a tattered, water-damaged log once belonging to Hermelius H. Peabody, the leader of a troupe of traveling entertainers.

Accompanying the log is a note from Martin Churchwarry explaining "... a name inside it - Verona Bonn - led me to believe it might be of interest to you..." Therein Simon found a link to his own family.

After receiving the book, Simon uses his skill as a reference librarian to investigate his ancestors. Oddly enough, he finds that the women in his family often perform as circus mermaids due to the uncanny ability to hold their breath for up to 10 minutes.

He also discovers that the same women with the ability to hold their breath die by drowning. And odder still, they drown on the same date, July 24.

Simon asks himself, "Why?" He also wonders if there is a curse on his family and if his sis-

ter, Enola, is at risk.

The Book of Speculation is a slow and deliberately paced novel moving between two time periods. Simon's story takes place in the present. The story of Amos and Evangeline (both members of Peabody's troupe of entertainers) takes place in the 1700s. The dual storylines are atmospheric and melancholic.

Settle into a comfy chair and savor this debut novel by Erika Swyler.

Judy Fleagle discusses her latest book Devil Cat

Don't miss local author Judy Fleagle tomorrow, Sept. 10, at 2 p.m., discussing her latest book "Devil Cat and Other Colorful Animals I Have Known."

Devil Cat is a collection of five stories of which four recount Fleagle's most memorable rescues (two dogs and two cats). These animals beat the odds to become not just good, but great animal companions, and their stories are over-the-top.

The fifth story includes the bizarre tale of Devil Cat where neighbors try everything to protect their pets from an aggressive feline in the town of Los Gatos,

Calif., — which strangely enough means "The Cats."

These stories written over the years as they actually occurred form a memoir of the author's life as seen through her most remarkable pets.

This program is free and open to the general public.

Writing workshop with Barbara Giles

Barbara Giles, local author and educator, will be holding a free writing workshop, on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 2 to 4 p.m., in the library's Bromley Room.

Titled "Create Intriguing Characters," the workshop will focus on how to begin a short story or novel by creating the character and setting before discovering the plot. Attendees will learn tips for bringing characters to life, developing the setting, and expanding the storyline.

While this workshop is free, it is limited to 16 participant and preregistration is required.

The list is filling up so stop by the library or call 541-997-3132 to register.

If you attend the workshop please be sure to bring pen and paper with you.

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During any earthquake... DROP, COVER, HOLD

until the shaking stops; then get your "grab and go bag" and evacuate preferably on foot to an assembly area.

However, if you must drive make sure you always keep your gas tank at least half filled.

Be sure to tune into 106.9 FM KCST as the local emergency broadcast station for further information.

The rule of thumb is if there is violent shaking and it lasts more than 10 seconds once the shaking stops - evacuate immediately if you are in a low lying inundation zone area.

This message brought to you by the West Lane Emergency Operations Group

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IN BRIEF

Coastal Women Vets luncheon Friday

The Coastal Women Veterans will meet for lunch Sept. 11, at 11:30 a.m., at the Bridgewater Fish House and Zebra Bar, 1297 Bay St.

All women veterans are welcome to attend. RSVP to Rita Cadagin at 209-747-8459.

Matson to perform in Yachats Sept. 12, 19

Wendy Matson returns to

the Yachats Underground Pub and Grub for the third year. She will perform two Saturday nights, Sept. 12 and 19, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Matson forms a unique blend of folk, blues, jazz, rock and country to create music in the tradition of Woody Guthrie, Bob Dylan and Joan Baez.

Yachats Underground Pub and Grub is at 125 Ocean View Drive in Yachats. For more information, call 541-547-4600.

SAPPSA to meet at library Monday

The Siuslaw Area Partnership to Prevent Substance Abuse (SAPPSA) will meet Sept. 14, at 3:30 p.m., at the Siuslaw Public Library.

The meeting is free and

open to the public.

Rhody Society to discuss plant propagation

The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet Sept. 15, at 6:30 p.m., for refreshments followed by a 7 p.m. presentation on rhododendron care and propagation.

The public is invited to come to the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw 3996 Highway 101 in Florence.

For more information, call 541-997-3082.

Port to discuss campground fees

The Port of Siuslaw Board of Commissioners will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m., at the Port office, 100 Harbor St.

Port meetings are open to the public.

For more information contact the port office at 541-997-3426.

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