

Siuslaw schools volunteer orientation tomorrow

All new, current and potential school volunteers are invited to attend an orientation to learn more about volunteering in Siuslaw schools.

Discussion of the newly adopted volunteer handbook, rights and responsibilities for our volunteers and ideas to engage high-impact support of

teachers and students will take place at the orientation.

The orientation will be held at the school district office, 2111 Oak St., from 2 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8.

For more information, contact Vonnice McClellan at 541-997-2651.

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Welcome Baby Konnor Isaiah Kade Henson



Born:
January 3, 2015, 2:05 am
7 lbs., 12 oz
19 & 6/8 inches

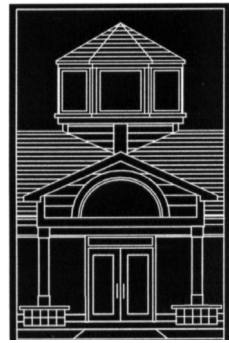
Excited Mom & Dad: Michael & Amber Henson
Proud Big Sister: Zoya

Grandparents: Stan & Edie Torgison
Frank & Cathy Dietz

Great Grand Parents: Lily Phelps
Delbert & Betty Phelps



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

Epilogue by Will Boast: A Memoir

Book review by Kevin Mittge

Imagine for a moment that you're 24-years-old, English, but raised in small-town Wisconsin, a university student, and getting the news that your father has just died. And your father's death was only the latest as just three years previously your only brother, a teenager, dies in a car accident and five years previously your mother dies of cancer.

And then in cleaning out papers after your father's funeral you discover that your father had been married before your mother and that you have two older half-brothers back in England that you never knew existed.

This is what happened to author Will Boast.

This memoir, sad, heartbreaking, and ultimately redemptive, must have been a cathartic process for the young author, now in his mid-30s.

The secrets his parents kept, the confusion of being British in America or being an American in Britain, the loneliness of being the last one alive in your family, and the awkwardness of newly found siblings is a moving story, very well told.

Boast, a former Wallace Stegner Fellow, has previously

written a book of short stories and was going to write this story as a novel.

But he was told no one would believe all of those events in a novel and so this memoir, Epilogue, is the result.

Cover Oregon

Today from noon to 3 p.m. there will be a Cover Oregon health insurance open house at the library. At this enrollment event an expert can guide you through the application on HealthCare.gov and help you sort through your health plan options.

You'll also find out how much you can save on insurance costs. Who should attend? People who had a private plan through Cover Oregon in 2014. People without insurance, or people who want to comparison shop for 2015 coverage.

You will need to bring the following information for everyone in your family who wants coverage: Social Security number, if you have one; non-citizen ID number, if you have one; and income documents or self-employment records if you don't already know your yearly income.

Walk-ins are welcome or you can register for the event at:

www.bit.ly/13mhEmW.

Anime Club

The next meeting of the library's Anime Club will be on Friday, Jan. 9, at 3 p.m., in the library's Bromley Room. There will be a showing of the movie Summer Wars.

Don't miss this fun event for anime and Japanese animation fans!

Borrowing material from other libraries

Do you ever need a book or other material which we don't have here at the Siuslaw Public Library? You can always ask if we can order it on interlibrary loan.

Interlibrary loan is a system where we search for the material at other libraries and request to borrow it for you. Books are usually the easiest to borrow. Many libraries have restrictions on lending audiovisual materials such as DVDs, videos and recorded books, as well as special collections such as genealogy or local history, but it's always worth a try to see if we can borrow it. The next time you need something just stop by the reference desk and we will see if we can help you out!

Solve It seeks Earth Day volunteer leaders

Solve It is currently accepting applications for volunteers to lead Earth Day projects for the 26th annual Solve It event. Solve It events will take place across the state on Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also as part of Solve It, teachers are encouraged to involve their students in service-learning activities between April 13 and 24.

The deadline for applications is Saturday, Jan. 31.

Project leaders receive assistance for Earth Day volunteer

projects, including free project planning assistance and training, event flyers and pre-event publicity, online volunteer registration, and cleanup project supplies. Solve It also has a limited number of grants of up to \$100 for reimbursement of project expenses.

The Solve It program supports Oregonians who help take care of our parks, waterways and neighborhoods by picking up trash, pulling invasive weeds, planting trees and taking care of watersheds in other

ways.

Last year, Solve It helped 6,700 Oregonians volunteer at more than 180 sites across Oregon.

"The health and beauty of Oregon depends on the volunteer leaders who step up and commit to making a positive difference in the environment for Earth Day," said Quintin Bauer, Solve It statewide team leader. "Solve It is ready to help individuals, community groups and government agencies organize successful volun-

teer events in their community to take care of the special natural areas, parks and neighborhoods they love."

Since 1990, Solve It volunteers have removed more than 15 million pounds of invasive plants and litter from illegal dumpsites, neighborhoods, and natural areas.

Interested volunteer leaders can visit www.solveoregon.org to apply online, or call Solve It at 503-844-9571.

Voice your opinion! Submit letters to:
Editor@TheSiuslawNews.com.

The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Presents 2015 Rhododendron Court

Seeking dedicated young women and men
To form the
2015
RHODODENDRON
COURT

REQUIREMENTS:

You must be a Junior or Senior at Siuslaw or Mapleton High Schools
Must have a 3.0 grade point average

The Rhododendron Court will compete for the title of Queen Rhododendron and King of the Coast and scholarships on **May 6th** at the **Florence Events Center**

DON'T MISS OUT!!!!

Pick up your application at
--> www.florencechamber.com/
--> Siuslaw High School Main Office
--> Mapleton High School Main Office
--> or email request to cindywobbe@msn.com

For more information visit our website
www.florencechamber.com or
Call 541-997-3128

Application
DEADLINE
JANUARY 15TH
2015

WLCF grant deadline is Jan. 15

Western Lane Community Foundation is reminding all western Lane nonprofits that the deadline for submitting a grant application is Jan. 15. The application can be found on the WLCF website at wcfonline.org.

Each year, WLCF awards several grants to local nonprofit organizations for projects/programs in its target area of western Lane County.

Grants are awarded in the areas of education, medicine and science, the arts, and social

and civic services.

In 2014, more than \$77,000 was awarded to several of these worthy causes. The annual amount to be awarded is determined by the performance of the invested portfolio of discretionary funds during the current year.

Submit 11 copies of the application to Western Lane Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1589, (or hand delivered at 1525 12th St., Suite 18) Florence, OR 97439.

Completed applications

must be received no later than Jan. 15, 2015.

Applications will be reviewed by the board of directors and each applicant will be contacted by a board member for an interview regarding the request for funds.

Grants will be approved in February and then awarded in late March.

For more information, contact WLCF at the address above, call 541-997-1274 or email wlcfc@oregonfast.net.

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Cougars and Bears; Coyotes and Raccoons

Featuring Wildlife Biologists
Doug Cottam and Nick Leonetti
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

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Eugene Author and speaker
Bob Welch

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Rick Little
Oregon Department of Transportation

Full Day Kindergarten
Featuring Siuslaw Elementary Principal
Mike Harkelrode
And 97J Superintendent
Ethel Angal