

Community sets prayer services for Nepal quake victims

On Sunday, May 3, at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Florence will hold a community prayer service for the victims of the earthquake that struck Nepal, India and China. The service, weather allowing, will begin in the Labyrinth Garden behind the church at 2136 19th St., one block east of Spruce Street.

The church recommends donations to: Habitat for Humanity (the international program has a large presence in Nepal, and is already active in relief efforts there); Episcopal Relief and Development, an international aid pro-

gram with an outstanding record of efficient international disaster relief; or the International Red Cross.

The donations will be symbolically walked to the center of the labyrinth, and then will be gathered into three large envelopes and mailed immediately to the three organizations after the contributions have been prayed over by the assembled community.

For more information on this community effort, call the church, at 541-997-6600 on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday morning, or Bob and the Rev. Georgia DuBose at 541-590-3371.

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 Mitige

Ready Player One

by Ernest Cline

Book review by Susie Voth
I loved this book. It is a fun-filled, exciting blast to the past — specifically, the 1980s.

In 2044, Wade Watts is a teen growing up in “the stacks” — recreational vehicles stacked one on top of another using modular scaffolding to hold them upright.

The stacks came into existence after an economic collapse caused a flood of refugees from the country to relocate into cities. Life is hard, food is scarce and jobs are hard to come by.

Wade lives in abject poverty. However his avatar, Parzival, lives in relative luxury inside OASIS (Ontologically Anthropocentric Sensory Immersive Simulation).

Inside OASIS is where Wade/Parzival thrives.

OASIS is an online simulation available free to anyone with a computer, haptic gloves, and an OASIS visor. This virtual paradise was created by James Halliday, a multi-billionaire whose final will and testament invited everyone to discover an egg hidden within OASIS and the one who found the egg would inherit his vast fortune. Let the search begin.

Because Halliday was fascinated by the 1980s, the time period in which he was a teenager, the clues to finding the egg are concealed within '80s movies, computer games, music and television shows.

“Ready Player One” is overflowing with '80s references. It is a walk — no, wild ride — down memory lane. Parzival's best friend Aech (pronounced H) is one of the main contenders in the race to discover the egg, as are Art3mis (no, it is not misspelled), Daito and Shoto.

Of course there are the bad guys, Innovative Online Industries (IOI), led by Nolan Sorrento.

“Ready Player One” has been optioned for a movie and so far the only decision made is that it will be directed by Steven Spielberg. I am anxiously awaiting the opening weekend.

Celebrate the library's centennial

On Thursday, May 7, starting at 6 p.m., the library will be hosting a “Chamber After Hours” in celebration of its 100th birthday.

The library began on May 7, 1915, when the Women's Conservation League opened the door's of Florence's first library

in the Commercial Club, a forerunner of the Chamber of Commerce.

Several months later, the library received its first book donations from the state library, and the library was off and running. It's been growing and serving the community ever since.

Join the library community for food and drink, live music, door prizes, the opportunity to have your photo taken in front of a giant library card, visiting with friends and library users and a lot more.

Everyone, young and old, are invited to this birthday celebration.

Hang-It All theme: “Water”

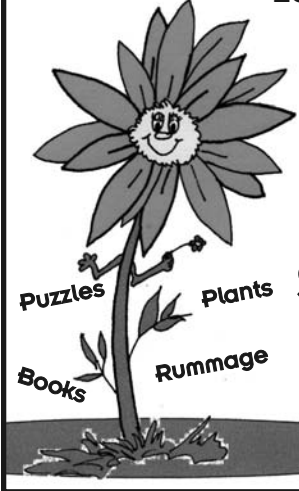
The library will be presenting its second annual, “Hang-It All 2” during the month of May.

This year's theme for western Lane county is “water.” Any types of art, including photographs, watercolors, oils, charcoal, pottery and other three dimensional objects that represent “water” are encouraged.

Drop-off for your art will be Saturday, May 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pick-up will be Saturday, May 30. See library staff for more information.

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IN BRIEF

Register for Siuslaw kindergarten

Kindergarten registration for

fall 2015 within the Siuslaw School District will be through April 30, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day at Siuslaw Elementary School. Enrollees must be 5 years

old on or before Sept. 1, 2015. Parents should bring proof of age and an immunization record.

No child will be admitted or allowed to attend school in the fall without proof of age and immunizations.

LCC closed May 1

Lane Community College will be closed for its annual Spring Conference in-service on Friday, May 1.

Classes will not be held and services will not be available, unless otherwise announced by a department or program.

Church on the Rock to host Boutique

The Lace Boutique Sale hosted by Church of the Rock will be Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be handcrafted items and a bake sale.

Church on the Rock is at 1750 18th St.

The sale is a fundraiser for the COR Women's Ministry.

Roblan speaks to Dems Saturday

Florence Area Democratic Club will hold a business meeting May 2, from 1 to 2 p.m., in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library.

At 3 p.m., everyone is invited to join the Town Hall in the Bromley Room with Sen. Arnie Roblan.

Meet the chief

The City of Florence invites everyone to come meet Florence's new Police Chief Tom Turner at the Florence Events Center on Tuesday, May 5, from 4 to 6 p.m.

LCC hosts program on sustainability

The LCC Florence Center, 3149 Oak St., invites the public to attend “Sustainability: Surviving and Thriving in a Changing World,” presented by LCC faculty member Margaret Robertson, on Thursday, May 7, at 5:30 p.m.

Learn about the possibilities for a regenerative future in a healthy and sustainable world. Refreshments will be served.

Coastal Women Vets luncheon May 8

The Coastal Woman Veterans monthly luncheon will be held at Jerry's Place, 88274 Rhododendron Drive, on Friday, May 8, at 11:30 a.m.

All women veterans are welcome to attend.

RSVP at 541-952-4951 or judithturk@kickmetopaul.com.

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