

Mapleton Grange Spring Renewal set for Saturday

This Saturday, May 9, is the date of the Spring Renewal For Women at the Mapleton Grange.

Women are invited to treat themselves to a full day of healthy fun: a morning stretch or yoga, instruction in preparing a healthy meal, a nature and wild-crafting walk, creative arts and an afternoon Zumba or Yoga workout.

Local and area experts are the instructors as guests learn more about healing stretches, creative and healing beverages and ingredients, and stress-release through movement and creative arts.

This is for women by community friends, and benefits the Mapleton Grange.

Guests can pre-register and get their ticket at the Real Food Co-op in Florence or the Banner Bank in Mapleton.

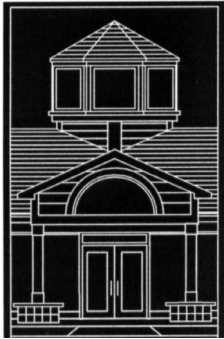
Celebrate your health at the Spring Renewal for Women, Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are full price \$45; seniors, aged 65 and older, \$30; or with a 15 percent reduced price for Mapleton Grange members.

Tickets will also be available at the door, but pre-registration helps us prepare materials and food needs.

Come and celebrate health while learning more.

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

Haunted Ground

by Erin Hart
Book review by Susie Voth

I often peruse the Library2Go Downloadable Books when I'm at home without an audiobook. I've finally figured out how to search the catalog, how to limit the search to the type of book I want (audio or e-book), the type of device I use, how to find the genre I most like to read and how to download the book.

I just finished "Haunted Ground" by Erin Hart, a Library2Go audiobook.

Before I get into the book review, just let me say that the woman who narrates the book, Jennifer McMann, is a fantastic reader. The lilting Irish accent was like a caress to my ears.

"Haunted Ground" is really two mysteries in one book. The mystery of the caili'n rua (pronounced col-leen rua), the bog-preserved head of a woman with long red hair, brings Irish archaeologist Cormac Maguire and American pathologist Nora Gavin together.

Both are intrigued by the fact that there is no body attached to the head and both wonder what might be the story behind that.

A complication to answering their questions is that bog bodies

(or heads as the case may be) do not decay because of the acidic watery environment of the bog — so the head could have been buried for two years or two centuries.

The second mystery involves a missing mother, Mina Osborne and her young son. Hugh Osborne has been suspected of murdering his wife and child since they went missing over two years ago. When the news of the found body part reaches Hugh, he races to the site to discover if it is the head of his missing wife.

This is the first book in a series featuring Nora Gavin and Cormac Maguire by Erin Hart.

All of the books in the series are available either at the library or from Library2Go.

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

So, join the community May 7. There will be food and drinks, 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 more.

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

Answerland

Did you know that you can ask a question of a reference librarian 24-hours a day, seven days a week?

You can through a statewide Internet service called Answerland.

Go to www.answerland.org and either chat with, email or text a question to a librarian.

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Upgrades, Memorial Day, more on 'Our Town' today

Upgrades to the local electrical utility, a century of libraries, Memorial Day observances in Reedsport, an attempt to "refloat" the pool in Mapleton and both sides of the Lane County ballot measure seeking approval of a \$35-per-year vehicle registration fee will be the topics on today's edition of KCST's Our Town on 106.9 FM.

It airs on KCST, FM 106.9, today, May 6, beginning at 4 p.m.

Host Bob Sneddon will talk to a variety of different guests during the program, including Jim Wells from Reedsport, who will talk about the planned Memorial Day observances in that community. He will bring an invitation to Florence area residents to come watch their Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, May 31.

Also in the program will be Jay Bozievich and Ed Scarberry. In separate segments, the pair will talk about why voters should or should not vote "yes" on measure 20-231. That's the Lane County Vehicle Registration Fee that, if approved, would generate



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roughly \$11,000,000 each year for road and bridge maintenance and repairs in Lane County.

Bozievich, the chair of the Board of Commissioners, is advocating a "yes" vote; Scarberry is voting "no."

Also on the docket, Meg Spencer, Kevin Mittge and Dave Forsberg with Siuslaw Public Library.

Spencer, the Library Director, will talk about tomorrow's 100th anniversary celebration of the library's existence.

The library's Adult Services Librarian, Mittge, has researched the history and will talk a little about that.

Forsberg is on the library's Board of Directors.

The library will host a Florence Area Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours" on Thursday, May 7, from 6 to 8 p.m., to commemorate the occasion.

Lauren Hess is with the Siuslaw Regional Aquatics Center. The group, which now goes by the acronym of SWIM (Siuslaw Wellness in Mapleton) refers to the health benefits of swimming for more mature people.

They also advocate swimming lessons at an early age to help prevent drowning tragedies.

SWIM is currently working on raising local matching funds for renovating and bringing the pool back on line in the near future.

The current target is \$600,000, only about 10 percent of which needs to come from within the community.

Wrapping up the program will be an extended conversation with Central Lincoln PUD's Communications Manager Chris Chandler, Chief Engineer Bruce Lovelin and General Manager Debra Smith.

They'll talk about a current \$6,000,000 project to upgrade the electrical system in the Florence area, including installation of the largest transformer in CLPUD's system to be located in a new substation being built right now on Kingwood Street in the business park.

Our Town is sponsored by Andy Baber of Edward Jones Investments; Holloway and Associates CPAs; the Archives Photo Restoration Specialists and PeaceHealth.

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