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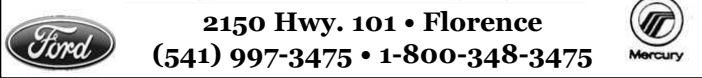
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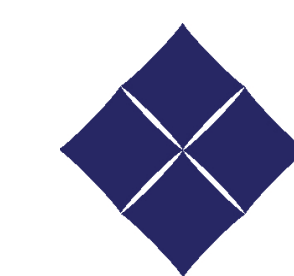
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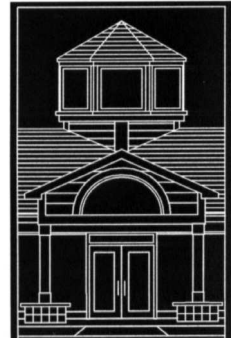
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Library Tidings



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

Comfort food cookbooks

Review by Susie Voht

We have had a string of over-cast chilly days recently. The grey skies make me long for comfort food. To eat a big bowl of mac and cheese, or a plate of spaghetti, or mashed potatoes and gravy, or something as simple as a cup of tomato soup and a grilled cheese sandwich delights me.

I have learned from a search of our catalog that there are books and books about the preparing of comfort food.

Melt: The Art of Macaroni and Cheese focuses on the multitudes of ways that pasta can be combined with cheese.

Especially intriguing is chocolate pasta with bucherondin, hazelnuts and cherries on page 44.

Chocolate pasta? Never heard of it. This is a book filled with mac and cheese recipes far superior to the kind available in a box.

Quick, Cheap Comfort Food: 100+ Fresh Recipes for Meals in a Hurry is the perfect book for a busy, working mom or dad. Right on the front cover it states "most recipes have a prep and cooking time that total fewer than 30 minutes."

I loved the recipe for slow cooker baked potatoes on page

100.

All too often I would like a baked potato with a meal but don't have an hour for the baking. With a little forethought (and a slow cooker), the baked potato can easily be added to a meal.

There are cookbooks with an emphasis on not only comfort but other dietary restrictions or preferences. These include (but are not limited to) Gluten-free Vegan Comfort Food: 125 Simple and Satisfying Recipes, and The Braces Cookbook 2: Comfort Food with a Gourmet Touch (recipes for people with braces), and The Diabetes Comfort Food Cookbook.

Longing for comfort food?

Peruse our cookbooks and find a treasure trove of delicious recipes.

Summer reading has started

Summer reading registration began on Monday: Have you registered yet? All ages are invited to take part in two months of fun and informative programming and reading.

The children's theme this year is "Every Hero has a Story."

Librarian Gayle Waiss has a wide range of programs planned, including family movie nights each Tuesday at 6 p.m.,

"Discover your Inner Hero" each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. (1 p.m. in Mapleton), story times on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m., and Lego Club from 2:30 to 4 p.m. June 5 and July 6.

Kids will complete their "hero log" and collect rewards and prizes for their reading activities.

Teens, whose theme is "Unmask," will have two movie marathons, one in June and July. Teens can also submit entries for each day they read 30-minutes or more and be entered into drawings for prizes.

Adults are "Escaping the Ordinary" this year. There are a wide variety of programs scheduled this summer, from the presentation of the 2015 Endowment Books, a talk about the U.S. Foreign Service, a discussion and movie featuring moderator Ryan Cronk, editor of the Siuslaw News, and much more.

Look here in Tidings for regular program information.

Endowment books

On Thursday, June 11, at 1 p.m., librarian Kevin Mittge will be presenting many of this year's endowment books, the purchase of which is made possible by the contributions to the library's endowment fund by many individual and organizational donors.

Local NARFE chapter receives distinguished service award



COURTESY PHOTO

NARFE members Charles Brodigan, Lynda Hansen, Jim Parrish and Eric Stolsig.

The Siuslaw Chapter 1751 of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) recently received a Citation for

Distinguished Service in recognition of outstanding contributions to NARFE's Alzheimer's program. In addition, the chapter won the first place award

for outstanding contributions to the Alzheimer's program with chapters of 99 people or fewer.

The chapter also contributes half the money it raises to the

Alzheimer's caregiver group located at the Senior Center.

For more information about NARFE, call Jim Parrish at 541-999-2692.

CDABA 'TREES' ARTIST CHALLENGE RECEPTION SET

REEDSPORT — Coastal Douglas Arts and Business

Alliance (CDABA) is issuing a challenge to all local artists in and around the communities of Reedsport, Gardiner and Winchester Bay.

The theme for the 2015 Artist Challenge is "Trees."

An Artist Challenge reception will be held on Friday, June 19, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Mindpower Gallery, 417 Fir Ave., in Reedsport.

CDABA will supply cash prizes for viewers' choice: first

place is \$100, second place is \$50, and third place is \$25.

The Judge's Choicewinner will receive \$100.

Artists who wish to submit an entry must register his or her piece (limit two entries per artist) on Friday, June 12, between 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., at the Mindpower Gallery.

All art mediums are welcome.

An entry fee of \$5 per piece will be applied. No early or

late registrations will be accepted.

Friday, June 12, will be the day to submit art pieces to be included in the challenge.

For a registration form or more information, contact Theresa Chickering at tjckickering@yahoo.com or call her at 541-271-4608.

This event is sponsored by Coastal Douglas Arts and Business Alliance.

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