

Foundation honors Mapleton graduates

Western Lane Community Foundation has announced the 2015 scholarship winners for Mapleton High School.

WLCF gave three Mapleton graduates a total of \$2,750 in scholarships.

On behalf of Alan and Virginia Robertson Fund, Jesse Reeves received a \$1,500 scholarship.

Tyler Bendix was awarded the Justin Black \$500 scholarship, which he will be using while attending Lane Community College.

Tucker Ford received one of the Beachcomber Community Scholarships in the amount of \$750.

The generosity of these and many other families and organizations have given local students hundreds of scholarships worth more than \$300,000 to help them reach goals through furthering their education.

Western Lane Community Foundation has been awarding scholarships for the past 41 years as trustees for these and other scholarship funds.

For more information on how to become a scholarship donor, contact Gayle Waiss, executive director of Western Lane Community Foundation, at 541-997-1274 or email her at wlcfo@wlcfoonline.org.

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

Tula Pink's City Sampler: 100 Modern Quilt Blocks

By Tula Pink

(2015 endowment book)

Book review by Susie Voth

I am an experienced enough quilter that I have progressed beyond "how to" quilt books. Now, when I look for a quilt book, I am looking for inspiration. I'm looking for new ways to use beautiful fabrics.

In "Tula Pink's City Sampler: 100 Modern Quilt Blocks," I found a treasure trove of ideas for new-to-me, creative ways to make modern quilt blocks.

Tula Pink is a textile designer and quilt maker. She is known for her bold, unique use of color and patterns.

The 100 blocks in this book use fabrics from her fabric lines, so one can see the deep, rich colors and unusual designs.

Pink gives very simplistic directions for making each block. She gives the dimensions for cutting the fabric, tells how many different fabrics are used and how many actual pieces of fabric are needed for each block.

Interestingly, she does not name the blocks; they are numbered.

In her words, "I have not infused the blocks with any meaning. This is your quilt. The fabrics that you choose, the colors that you use and why you are making it are what will give the quilt a purpose. Name your blocks..."

Perhaps I will do just that.

I don't intend to make all 100 blocks, but pick and choose the blocks that most appeal to me. I tell you what else — I don't intend to make all of my blocks 6.5 inches by 6.5 inches either.

I might expand to make them 12 inches by 12 inches or 12 inches by 6 inches or 9 inches by... you get the picture.

Oh happy day, I can hardly wait to start!

Travel to Mongolia

On Saturday, June 27, at 1 p.m. in the library's Bromley Room, join Vicki Sieber Benson and Bill Benson as they take us on a wild journey to Mongolia, a little-known country in the heart of Central Asia.

Not coincidentally, this program is accompanied by a lobby art display featuring the beautiful photographs of Mongolia by Sieber-Benson.

The Westlake couple visited

Mongolia for three weeks in July of 2014.

They went specifically to attend the Naadam Festival, an annual celebration of the three national "manly" sports of horseracing, wrestling and archery. Women only participate in archery.

Many festivals are held in towns and villages around the country, giving both nomadic peoples and city dwellers a chance to visit and compete with their neighbors.

Besides visiting the capital city of Ulaanbaatar, they visited Gorky Terelj National Park, Lake Khovsgol, the second deepest lake in the world, the Gobi desert and many other beautiful sites.

This program is free and open to the general public. It is a part of the Adult Summer Reading program at the Siuslaw Public Library.

Holiday closure

The library will be closed both Friday, July 3 (the official holiday this year) and Saturday, July 4, in honor of Independence Day.

May you all have a safe and wonderful holiday.

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Toastmasters welcome three new members

Toastmasters International and Florence's own representative club, the Siuslaw Tale Spinners, inducted three new members last month.

Sharon Sweet, Eric Knudsen and Jim Walak were all welcomed aboard by vice-president of education Cathy French, who performed the honors for acting president Anne Machalek, who was unable to attend.

Sharon Sweet, a certified craniosacral therapist, joined the Toastmasters after attending one of several special events hosted by the Tale Spinners.

"I joined Toastmasters to learn how to speak with greater ease and fluidity ... it helps to have supporters and guideposts when it comes to public speaking," she said.

Eric Knudsen, a chef at Fresh Harvest restaurant, said he kept hearing how people's lives and outlook were dramatically changed through the Toastmasters program.

"I feel liberated and no longer stay on the sidelines when it comes to conversing with others," said Knudsen. "Toastmasters offers the tools and training to become a more confident speaker."

Jim Walak is a new member of the Florence speaking and leadership club, but is no stranger to Toastmasters.

Walak has been involved in

the International Club for years, serving most recently as a Toastmasters Area Governor.

"Toastmasters is a non-profit organization that helps people achieve their goals and live up to their potential for very little cost," said Walak. "People don't know what they are missing in life by being too shy or too timid to stand up and present themselves with confidence and ease."

Walak is in the process of

moving to Florence to enjoy a semi-retired life of traveling and pursuing his great love, photography.

The Siuslaw Tale Spinners, meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 5:25 to 6:30 p.m., at the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Station, Highway 101 at 26th Street.

All who wish to improve their communication skills, gain confidence and learn the art of leadership are encouraged to attend.



COURTESY PHOTO

From left: New Toastmasters Jim Walak, Sharon Sweet and Eric Knudsen

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