

Spoken Word poetry contest this Saturday

The next Spoken Word Poetry Contest will take place on Saturday, Aug. 8, at 6 p.m., at the new FRAA Art Center, located at 120 Maple St.

The goal of this event is to give spoken word artists a venue to perform or read their original poems.

There is a time limit of three minutes.

Entry fee for poets is \$10, with all of the proceeds going to the winners — up to \$250 for first prize, and if additional funds are available, a second prize will be offered.

Public admission is \$5. This event is now being

sponsored by Florence Regional Arts Alliance, a nonprofit organization with a mission to “unify and support all the arts, enrich cultural life and stimulate economic vitality in the Florence area.”

Past winners of this monthly contest include Noah Schultz with a poem called “Spring Into Life” and Eric Sprado, who first performed his winning poem, “Wait ’til You Become a Man,” at the Elko, Nev., National Cowboy Poetry Gathering.

For more information, visit www.fraaoregon.org or call Bettie Egerton at 503-910-3625.

Space available for Lions Club ‘huge’ yard sale

The Florence-Siuslaw Lions Club is looking for participants for its upcoming large-scale, multi-family yard sale set for Saturday, Aug. 22.

Twenty 20x20-foot spaces are available for rent with a donation of \$20 to the Lions Club.

The Yard Sale will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Coffindaffer residence, 5495 North Fork Road.

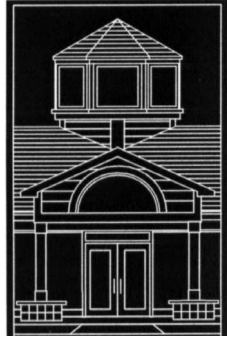
Vendors can begin setting up at 7 a.m.

Money raised by from the sale will go toward the Lions Club mission of providing eyeglasses and hearing aids for those in need.

The Lions Club concession cart will be onsite with hot dogs and drinks available for purchase.

To reserve a space, contact Linda Brown at 541-997-3320.

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

“A Fine Summer’s Day”

by Charles Todd, narrated by Steven Crossley

Book review by Susie Voth

A Fine Summer’s Day is the 17th book in the Ian Rutledge mystery series written by the mother/son writing team know as Charles Todd.

This book, however, does not pick up where book number 16 left off — it is what might be called a prequel. It starts in 1914, on a fine summer’s day in June.

Rutledge paid little attention to the assassination of an archduke in Sarajevo. His attention on that sunny day was on Jean, the woman he loved and intended to marry. Soon enough, though, his attention was back at Scotland Yard where a number of well-respected men from different communities committed suicide in the same manner; drinking milk laced with laudanum.

What was the thread that connected the lives of these men?

What would link a farmer, a furniture maker, a judge, a businessman and a court-appointed prosecutor?

And how does the vandalism in two cemeteries tie to the suicides?

These are questions Rutledge asks himself time and again as he

drives his motor car all over the English countryside.

This is a slow paced novel.

Much time is spent with Rutledge in the motor car ruminating on the intricacies of his current investigation.

Those familiar with the series will most likely enjoy coming to know Rutledge prior to his enlistment, the back story that reveals the humanity of an ethical man haunted by his actions during war.

For those who have not read any of the books in this series, this book is a good place to start.

Then follow it with “A Test of Wills,” the first book written in the series.

The audio book narrated by Steven Crossley is excellent. He aptly portrays many characters using distinctive British accents.

Applicants sought for library board

The Siuslaw Public Library District has a vacancy on its board of directors due to the resignation of current board member Dave Forsberg.

The board will interview applicants and appoint a replacement for the unexpired term of Forsberg at a regular meeting Aug. 19.

The person who is selected by the board as a replacement will be eligible to run for election in May 2017 at the end of Forsberg’s current term.

The library board is comprised of five residents of the district who are elected to four-year terms. All members serve without remuneration. Meetings are held monthly.

Applications are available at the Florence and Mapleton branches, and more information is available from library director Meg Spencer by calling 541-997-3132. Application and other materials must be received by 4 p.m. this Friday, Aug. 7 — no exceptions.

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. So, the next time you need something that we don’t have, just stop by the reference desk and we will see if we can help you out.

City Lights celebrates anniversary with 3D, Casablanca, jazz music

City Lights Cinemas turns a year old on Saturday, Aug. 8, and it will be celebrating with several events and announcements, including a new 3D system and a free member reception and screening of “Casablanca” on Thursday, Aug. 13.

Owners Michael Falter and Susan Tive relocated from Bellingham, Wash., to reopen the defunct theater last summer, installing more than \$200,000 worth of new digital cinema equipment and re-

talizing the cinematic arts in Florence.

“We have had overwhelming support and encouragement from the community since day one,” said Tive. “In fact, we are proud to announce that we passed the 1,000-member mark in June — more members than many film organizations in much larger towns.”

Tive, who also serves as the development director of the Salt Lake Film Society, added, “That kind of community support is the key to a thriving film organization.”

“The hybrid idea was a little confusing at first,” said Falter. “As a long-time programmer, I felt optimistic that mixing up our offerings to include commercial and independent films, as well as elevating access to the best performing arts in cinema (like National Theater Live), would bring a broader variety of audiences to the theater, which is what a small town needs.”

“Gauging what patrons want to see and then moving them toward more adventurous viewing opportunities

gives us a unique opportunity to be a strong voice in film arts exhibition.”

One of the advisors to Falter and Tive during the planning of City Lights was Bruce Humphrey, owner of several theaters in North-Central Oregon.

“His support was amazing, and illustrated once again how dedicated people are in this business to help others,” said Falter. “He called us in July to say he wanted to donate a 3D MasterImage system to City Lights. We were blown away by his generosity — and we’ll pass along the savings to Florence by not having a surcharge like most theaters.”

The new 3D system is expected to be operational by mid-August.

In addition to expanding their service to include beer and wine, City Lights recently welcomed Florence BoxLunch, a food cart, to be part of the magic.

“We wanted more options in mid-town Florence to have a great meal,” said Falter. “This way, patrons can use our lobby as a restaur-

ant setting or take their meals inside the theater. Lunch or dinner and a movie takes on a whole new meaning here.”

To celebrate its first year, City Lights is hosting the Miles to Go Quartet this Thursday, Aug. 6, from 7 to 9 p.m., in collaboration with It’s About Time Productions.

“I love straight-ahead jazz, and these cats are as good as any I’ve seen. This is a special group,” said Falter.

And to cap it off, a week later on Aug. 13, City Lights will host a free-for-members screening of the film classic “Casablanca,” featuring Dave Craddock on piano during the reception, and light appetizers from Fresh Harvest with a Casablanca theme.

“Celebrating Hollywood’s golden past and our own bright future should make this a night to remember,” said Falter.

The reception starts at 6 p.m. for City Lights members, with the movie at 7 p.m.

More information on membership is available online or at the box office.

During any earthquake.....

DROP, COVER, HOLD

until the shaking stops; then get your “grab and go bag” and evacuate preferably on foot to an assembly area.

However, if you must drive make sure you always keep your gas tank at least half filled.

Be sure to tune into 106.9 FM KCST as the local emergency broadcast station for further information.

The rule of thumb is if there is violent shaking and it lasts more than 10 seconds once the shaking stops — evacuate immediately if you are in a low lying inundation zone area.

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With Host Bob Sneddon

Kids invited to New Life’s ‘Summer Splash’

All youth are welcomed to participate in the Summer Splash children’s event at New Life Lutheran on Saturday, Aug. 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The time together will include singing songs and story

time, outside time in the ABC Preschool playground and craft and art project time.

A youth-friendly lunch will be served.

New Life Lutheran is located on 21st and Spruce streets,

between Food Share and ABC Preschool.

The theme is “water,” so kids should prepare to get splashed.

For more information, call Pastor Lori Blake at New Life Lutheran at 541-997-8113.

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 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015, 2:00 PM

Dangers exist all around your home, and unless safety precautions are in place, you leave yourself in danger. Recognizing these dangers, and making some common sense decisions, will go a long way in protecting you and your family.

All Participants will be entered into a raffle for a \$25 Gift Card. To RSVP and to find out about our Move In Specials call (541) 997-6111 or visit us today!

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