

# Annual Crab Crack tickets on sale Dec. 1

The fifth annual Florence Crab Crack will take place Saturday, Feb. 6, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Tickets will be available starting Dec. 1. Ticket price is \$35 per person and only 400 tickets will be sold; there will be no tickets available at the door.

Enjoy Oregon coast crab along with pasta, coleslaw, garlic bread, sodas, coffee and

dessert. A no-host bar will be available. There will also be a silent auction held during the event.

All proceeds from this event benefit Florence Food Share.

For more information, to arrange group seating, or to purchase tickets, contact Bob MacDuffee at 541-997-9599 or email dunesguy97439@yahoo.com.

# City Club to hear about medical center foundation

On Friday, Nov. 20, the City Club of Florence will be offering a presentation by Michele Diffenderfer, program director of development for Peace Harbor Medical Center Foundation.

Diffenderfer will be providing an update on the progress of the remodel and expansion of Peace Harbor's Emergency Department. The building construction commenced on July 1, 2015, following a successful \$5 million philanthropic campaign.

In addition to the update, Diffenderfer will also focus on upcoming Peace Harbor events and the next goals of the foundation.

The City Club meets the first and third Friday of each month at the Ocean Dunes Club House on Munsel Lake road.

The meeting begins at noon and concludes at 1 p.m.

A light lunch is available at 11:30 a.m. and all are welcome.

# Donate decorated wreaths for festival fundraiser

The Florence Festival of Trees is seeking donations of new decorated Christmas wreaths.

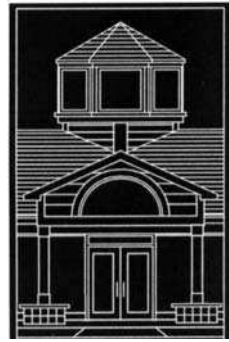
The wreaths will be sold at the annual community event and gala on Saturday, Nov. 28, and Sunday, Nov. 29, at the Florence Events Center.

All proceeds benefit the Oregon Coast Military Museum in Florence.

There is an entry fee of \$25 for live wreaths and they will be available at the State Farm office at 1275 Rhododendron Drive beginning Monday, Nov. 23. You may also opt to donate a decorated artificial wreath.

Contact 541-997-7161 for more information and an entry form.

# 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

### The Murderer's Daughter

By Jonathan Kellerman  
Book Review by Susie Voth  
Readers of Jonathan Kellerman's "Alex Delaware" series will be surprised by this stand-alone novel featuring a new character, Dr. Grace Blades. Dr. Blades is a psychologist who specializes in treating patients that have suffered extreme trauma. She is very good at her job having a personal history with extreme trauma.

However, Dr. Blades has a dark side and readers get to know it through both her backstory (given in flashbacks throughout the book) as well as her late night escapades described in her present day story.

As a child Grace Blades lived a dismal life. Her parents (whom she referred to as "the strangers") were low-life drug users. Home life in the down and out trailer park did not nourish young Grace, who always excelled, teaching herself to read, to fend for herself, and stay out of the way.

Grace Blades is a character admired for the obstacles that she has overcome. After the deaths of her parents, she becomes a child of the foster

care system, and most of her foster care placements were less than desirable.

However, because of a dedicated case worker, Wayne Knutsen, ultimately she arrives into the home and comes under the care of Ramona Stage. She has three years at Stagecoach Ranch before unpredictable events move Grace onto her next foster care placement.

This is a book of murder and mayhem, a book about a strong female character who knows her own mind, makes no excuses for her actions, and is able to defend herself. This is a book in which events from Grace's past circle into her present and catch the reader off guard.

An FYI for audiobook listeners — Kathe Mazur narrates the audiobook and does an excellent job.

### Author Tim Palmer to discuss Oregon rivers

On Friday, Nov. 20, at 11 a.m., the library will present award-winning author Tim Palmer, who will show a beautiful slide program about Oregon's rivers.

The author of the newly published Field Guide to Oregon Rivers, Palmer is the author of

22 books about rivers, conservation and adventure travel, and has been featured on OPB's Oregon Field Guide show.

For more than 30 years, Palmer's writing and photography work have braided together his love of rivers and nature with his drive for creative expression and his deep commitment to conservation.

He has also served on the board of the national river advocacy group American Rivers and on the board of the national river organizing group River Network. Palmer is currently an Associate at the Pennsylvania State University's Riparia Center and is a Visiting Scholar at Portland State University.

### Thanksgiving holiday closure

In honor of Thanksgiving, the library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26, Thanksgiving Day, as well as Friday, Nov. 27.

Also, don't forget that the library closes at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25.

The library staff wishes all of our community a wonderful holiday!

# Community Chorus hosting Christmas concert

On Dec. 13, the Community Chorus of Florence Oregon will present Appalachian Winter, a cantata that celebrates the legacy of early American carols.

This concert will take place at 2 p.m. at the Florence Event Center.

Composed by Joseph Martin in the spirit of folk music, the cantata combines traditional sounds with more rustic elements. Popular American carols like "Away in a Manger" and "O' Little Town of Bethlehem" blend with traditional spirituals such as "Children, Go Where I Send Thee" and "Go, Tell It on the

Mountain."

Sacred Harp tunes are retooled and stand alongside new versions of Shaker hymns and Appalachian melodies. Thoughtful narration weaves the movements together in a meaningful tapestry of song and Scripture.

Between sections of the Appalachian Winter cantata, the choir and special guests will entertain us with familiar Christmas songs. Coming from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Eugene, the Intrada Bell Choir directed by Donna Snyder will present two selections. This six-person choir will play "Angels We Have

Heard on High" and "I Saw Three Ships."

Florence's own jazz combo, the Flotones will entertain us with several tunes including one of our favorites, Snowfall. Elise Arnold will direct the Siuslaw Children's Choir composed of 26 local third to sixth grade children.

They will perform several folk and Christmas songs. There will also be a group of six instrumentalists providing accompaniment for Appalachian Winter.

The band will include Nancy Ash (violin), Chris Campbell (cello), Linda Yoder (mandolin), Greg Wood (guitar),

Barbara Bublari (flute), and Johanna Bonisteel (piano).

The Community Chorus will also include several well-known carols and folk selections, including The Holly and the Ivy, I Wonder As I Wander, Sweet Little Jesus Boy, and others.

Co-directors for the concert are Dr. Paul Guthmuller and Elise Arnold.

Crystal Farnsworth will be narrator and Johanna Bonisteel will provide piano accompaniment.

Tickets can be purchased for \$10 for adults; children can attend free. Call 541 997-1994 for tickets and more information, or visit the chorus website at www.communitychorusflorenceor.org.

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### FLORENCE

Florence Events Center  
715 Quince St., Florence  
November 23 • 11:00 AM  
December 2 • 11:00 AM

### COTTAGE GROVE

Cottage Grove City Hall  
400 E. Main St., Cottage Grove  
December 4 • 10:30 AM  
December 21 • 10:30 AM

### CRESWELL

City of Creswell  
Community Center  
99 S. 1st St., Creswell  
December 4 • 2:30 PM  
December 21 • 2:30 PM

### EUGENE

Veterans Memorial Assn.  
1626 Willamette St., Eugene  
November 19 • 10:30 AM  
December 7 • 2:30 PM

Campbell Senior Center  
Elsie's Room  
155 High St., Eugene  
November 30 • 2:30 PM  
December 3 • 10:00 AM

Countryside Pizza & Grill  
645 River Road, Eugene  
November 30 • 10:30 AM

Papa's Pizza  
1577 Coburg Rd., Eugene  
December 1 • 2:30 PM

### JUNCTION CITY

Junction City  
Community Center  
175 W. 7th Ave., Junction City  
November 18 • 10:30 AM  
December 7 • 10:30 AM

### SPRINGFIELD

Papa's Pizza  
4011 Main St., Springfield  
November 20 • 2:30 PM  
December 3 • 2:30 PM

### OAKRIDGE

City of Oakridge  
47674 School St., Oakridge  
November 25 • 10:30 AM  
December 23 • 10:30 AM

### VENETA

City of Veneta  
Community Center  
25192 E. Broadway, Veneta  
November 24 • 2:30 PM  
December 2 • 2:30 PM  
December 9 • 11:00 AM

### EVENING SEMINARS

Trillium Community Health Plan  
Cascade Rm.  
1800 Millrace Dr., Eugene  
November 19 • 5:45 PM  
December 3 • 5:45 PM  
December 10 • 5:45 PM  
December 17 • 5:45 PM

# "Tis the Season' for music at City Lights on Dec. 10

It's About Time Productions presents "'Tis the Season" at City Lights Cinemas on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m.

This one-night-only presentation will offer performances by some of Florence's finest acts in an evening of traditional and contemporary holiday music and dance.

Tickets are \$12.50 for non-members or \$10 for members.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Oregon Coast Military Museum.

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