

Elks host Christmas party for children Dec. 19

Florence Elks Club will host its annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 19, from 1 to 3 p.m. There will be a performance by CROW, a children's theater company, and the Elks' line dancing group. The Ladies of Elks will provide homemade cookies, served with BJ's Ice Cream, the Past Exalted Rulers will provide the pinata games and, of course, Santa Claus will make a special visit. For more information, call the Florence Elks at 541-997-2610.

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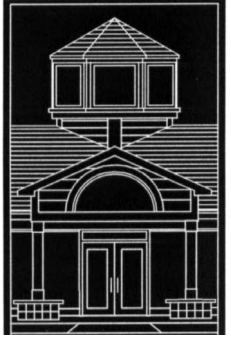
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Library Tidings



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

These Shallow Graves
By Jennifer Donnelly
Book Review by Susie Voth
Josephine Montfort (Jo for short) is in her last year at Miss Sparkwell's School for Young Ladies when she receives the news of her father's death. Although she is devastated by the news she cannot accept that her father accidentally shot himself while cleaning a gun. She knows that cannot be true, she knows her father too well. However, if not an accident, then what? "Fac quod faciendum est." Translation: "Do what must be done." This is the motto of the Monfort family and Jo Monfort takes these words to heart and vows to investigate her father's death. These Shallow Graves is anything but shallow. It is the story of a strong-willed young lady, one who does not go gently into the future that is expected of her in New York during the gilded age of the 1890s. Jo's Grandmamma expects her to marry into a family of wealth and prestige. Jo's mother and uncle both agree. Jo, however, does not wish to marry, she has a dream. She wants to write provoca-

tive newspaper articles in the style of her heroine, Nellie Bly. These Shallow Graves is populated with engaging characters. Eddie is working his way up in the world of newspaper journalism. He is instrumental in helping Jo discover answers to her questions. Oscar is a medical student with a fascination for forensic medicine. Fay is an orphan under the protection of The Tailor, but is she being protected by him or enslaved by him? This thought-provoking novel pushes the boundaries of young adult literature. Murder, betrayal, and dark family secrets — a crime thriller to keep readers riveted until the last page is turned.

Friends of the Library annual meeting
The Friends of the Library will hold their annual members meeting on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 11 a.m. in the Bromley Room. A slate of officers will be presented for election by the entire membership. Please bring a food item dish to share as part of the potluck luncheon. Those interested in learning about FOL or who wish to join the organization are welcome.

New members and those renewing membership prior to the end of December 2015 may join at this meeting and will be eligible to win a free ticket to City Lights Cinema!

Library survey
Don't forget that the library, starting its 5-year strategic planning process, is seeking input from patrons and nonpatrons alike through a survey. The survey can be found linked at the library website, www.siuslawlibrary.org, and hard copies are available at the library to be filled out. We want to hear from everyone, from Florence to Deadwood, young and old, library users and non-users alike. Thank you very much for sharing your ideas!

Come fly a kite!
Well, at least come look at kites at the library! The library is pleased to be displaying ten Rokkaku kites from Gomberg Kite Productions in Neotsu, Oregon through March of 2016. Rokkaku is a traditional Japanese bowed kite design. A basic hexagon in shape, it features six corners, a long center spine, and two cross spars.

Florence opens survey on business in city

The City of Florence asks:

- Do you own a business in the City of Florence?
- Are you interested in expanding your business?
- Would you be interested in support for your business operations?
- Do you have advice or input for the City's Economic Development efforts?

Then take the time to complete the City of Florence Economic Development Business Interest Survey. This survey has been dis-

tributed on the back of the 2016 City of Florence Business License Renewal application and is available on the City of Florence website at www.ci.florence.or.us/economicdevelopment/business-interest-survey. Completion of this survey helps give the city a wealth of knowledge about how it can help expand the economic development program in the most effective way possible. For more information on business licenses, contact Kelli Weese, City Recorder, at 541-997-3437 or at kelli.weese@ci.florence.or.us.

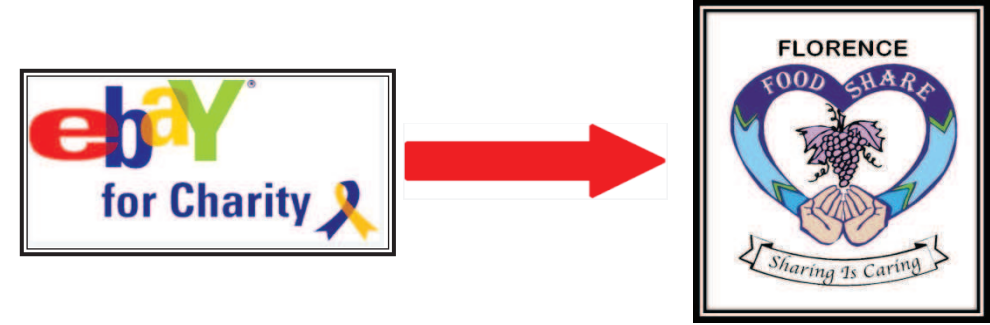
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Florence Municipal Court
Nov. 17
Dean Eric Anderson pleaded no contest to criminal mischief. He was sentenced to 40 hours community service and must report to treatment. He must pay \$675 in fines and not contact or be in or about the premises or place of employment of the victim. William James Hoey pleaded no contest to theft and theft by receiving. He was sentenced to seven days in Florence City Jail. He must pay \$625 in fines. Stephanie Anne Carey pleaded guilty to DUII and property damage from a hit-and-run accident. She was sentenced to four days in Florence

City Jail and must report to treatment. She must pay \$2,430 in fines and her driver's license is suspended for one year and 90 days. *Nov. 24*
Brandon Leroy Chambers pleaded guilty to four counts of criminal mischief, assaulting a public safety officer, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and theft. He was sentenced to days 90 in Florence City Jail and must report to AMP and Emergence Addiction and Mental Health Services. He must pay \$1,617 in fines and not contact or be in or about the residences, premises or places of employment of the victims.

Want to win \$2,500 this holiday season?

From now until December 27, 2015, "Favorite" Florence Food Share on eBay, and you could win big! Through "eBay for Charity", if you choose Food Share as your "Favorite", you will be entered into a drawing to win \$2,500 and Food Share will be entered to win \$25,000. Go to www.ebay.com/mfc and choose Florence Food Share as your charity. You do not have to purchase or sell anything to be entered, and there is absolutely no charge to you.



Desde ahora hasta December 27, 2015, "Favorite" Florence Food Share en eBay, y usted podría ganar a lo grande! Por medio de *eBay for Charity* (eBay para la Caridad), si usted selecciona a Compartiendo Alimentos como su "Favorita", usted entrará en un sorteo para ganarse \$2,500 y nuestra agencia entrará en un sorteo para ganar \$25,000. Vaya al sitio web www.ebay.com/mfc y seleccione a *Florence Food Share* como su favorito. Usted no tendrá que comprar o vender nada para poder entrar en el sorteo, y ellos no le cobrarán absolutamente nada.

Food Share thanks the community for their continued support in helping to alleviate hunger in Western Lane County.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

Merry Christmas! ¡Feliz Navidad!

Happy Hanukah!

Swinging On A Star

A Jazz Kings Christmas 2015



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