

## Caregiver support group meets twice a month

The bimonthly meeting of the Caregiver Support Group is held at Spruce Point Assisted Living Center on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month starting at 11 a.m.

Spruce Point supports this group by providing a complimentary lunch for the participants.


The meetings are facilitated by Mary Ann Earl, RN and

BSN retired.

Anyone needing support caring or assisting another person with their responsibilities for health, welfare, finances or decision-making can be supported in that process in this group.

For more information, contact Annette Poston at 541-997-6111 or Mary Ann Earl at 541-997-4866.

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Church of the Nazarene  
1536 12<sup>th</sup> St, Florence

*Non-denominational, community wide events!*  
ADMISSION IS FREE!! A love offering will be received

## The Red Cross to the Rescue!



**March is American Red Cross Month**

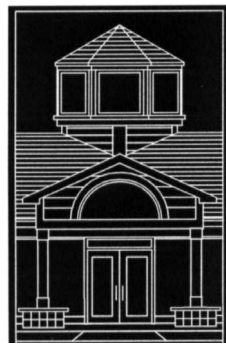
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## Library Tidings



### 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

### Love Letters to the Dead

By Ava Dellaira

Book review by Susie Voth

Laurel is a freshman in high school. She chose not to go to the high school where all of her friends go, the school in her district. Instead she chooses to go to a school where no one would know her and no one would have known her sister, May.

The story begins when Laurel's ninth grade English teacher has the students write a letter to a dead person, any dead person. Laurel decides to write to Kurt Cobain because May loved him.

The assignment is cathartic for Laurel and she continues to write letters to dead people throughout her freshman year. She writes to Amy Winehouse, River Phoenix, Heath Ledger, Jim Morrison and Janice Joplin.

She writes to dead people who in some way have an influence on her life in that moment and the people are not always pop stars. She writes to Elizabeth Bishop, Amelia Earhart, Judy Garland, John Keats and a few more.

Because of writing the letters, Laurel begins to accept her sister's death, deal with her parent's divorce, seek help for herself,

make friends, fall in love and learn that she is her own person, not a shadow of her sister.

This story is an emotional rollercoaster. Sometimes I had to close the book and walk away. Ultimately, every uncomfortable moment was worth it. A heart-wrenching read available in the "Young Adult" section of our library.

### Tip of the Week:

#### Book purchase requests

Are you anxious to be the first to read the next Lee Child book? Have you noticed that the library seems to be missing a particular book in a young adult series?

Is there a new movie you would like to see? Or a musician you'd like to hear? Or is there a wonderful new author you want the library to know about?

Many of our patrons request that the library purchase books, DVDs, audiobooks and other materials.

We receive requests in person, on the phone, and through our website. Each request is assigned to the appropriate staff member who purchases for that area of the collection. A couple of things we look at:

1) is the book fairly new or was it published long ago?

2) Does the material fit within our collection?

Sometimes it is determined that the item is more easily available through interlibrary loan (more on that next week), though the majority of requests are purchased.

Books are usually ordered twice monthly, while audiobooks are ordered on a quarterly schedule.

Due to the quantity we can't respond individually to every request, but we will notify patrons once the item is available (either through purchase or interlibrary loan) or if we are ultimately unable to obtain the item.

Keep those requests coming!

### Robert Leo Heilman to read in Mapleton

Robert Leo Heilman, author of "Overstory: Zero: Real Life in Timber Country," will be reading from his book Thursday, March 24, at 5:15 p.m., at the Mapleton Branch Library.

Heilman, from Myrtle Creek, Ore., has worked in the timber industry as well as many other occupations.

For more information, contact the library at 541-997-3132.

## Hot dogs, burger sales to benefit FAHS Saturday

Hot dogs and hamburgers hot-off-the-grill will be available Saturday, March 19, at the Grocery Outlet parking lot.

This event, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., raises money to help provide care for the onchomeless cats and dogs at the Florence Area Humane Society's (FAHS) no-kill shelter.

This month's event also features "Stuff the Van," when FAHS supporters donate cat and dog food to help feed the kittens, cats, puppies and dogs awaiting a home at the shelter. Stuff the Van also provides food for families who cannot afford to feed their companion animals.

Hamburgers cost \$4, hot dogs and Polish dogs are \$3. Customers can add cheese to any order for .50 cents. Cold drinks are \$1 and include a variety of soft drinks plus bottled water.

Also featured are homemade items by FAHS volunteers.

Inside the store, adoptable cats with FAHS volunteers will be the main attraction.

These volunteers also offer information about the services offered by the Humane Society.

Grocery Outlet owner Woody Woodbury generously sponsors this fundraising event for FAHS.

## Comedy Thursdays at Three Rivers Casino

Three Rivers Casino Resort's Comedy Thursdays continues through March, with stand-up comedians from around the Northwest performing each Thursday in Blue Bills (located inside Three Rivers), from 7 to 8 p.m.

On March 17, Susan Jones will headline with opener Amanda Arnold.

Susan Jones brings her larger than life personality to the stage in a big way. Jones just appeared on Uplate NW and has opened for Rob Schnieder, Brad Garrett and Jeffrey Ross.

This empty-nesting single mom has more than 20 years of comedy and radio experience.



COURTESY PHOTO

Susan Jones

Jones is a must-see comic that has won Jack FM's "Funniest Comic" in Washington and was a finalist in California's "Funniest Female Contest."

## Spaghetti dinner to raise funds for church camp

Enjoy a great meal and help send local students to church camp. Florence Evangelical Church is raising money to send children and youth to camp this summer. The church is raising money through several fundraisers, along with a grant from the Western Lane Community Foundation.

The first fundraiser is a spaghetti dinner at the church Saturday, March 19, from 4 to 7 p.m. The dinner includes

spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert.

Cost is \$8 per person or \$18 for a family of three or more.

Children and youth going to camp will be waiters and waitresses at the dinner.

The church is at 1318 Rhododendron Dr., on the corner of Rhododendron and Laurel streets.

For more information, call 541-997-5159.

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