

Library hosts author

Author and essayist Robert Leo Heilman will read from his latest book at the Mapleton Branch Library on Thursday, March 24, at 5:15 p.m.

The prolific writer of community life in what he terms his "home valleys" will be reading from the recently released 20th anniversary edition of his book, "Overstory: Zero: Real Life in Timber Country."

Originally published in 1995, Overstory is a collection of essays, memoirs and other assorted nonfiction writings. The 2014 anniversary edition includes revisions to some of the earlier works (written from 1988-1994) and 10 newly published pieces.

The original publication received the 1996 Andres Berger Award for nonfiction and was runner-up for a 1996 Oregon Book Award in the nonfiction category.

Seattle Weekly commented that in the 1995 publication "Heilman eloquently captures the struggle to carve out a good honest life."

The author states in the introduction to Overstory that through his writing he has "tried to...look at connections, between my life and the lives of my neighbors, between our work and our place, our families and our community."

The intimate interior of the Mapleton Library is the perfect place to enjoy Heilman's delightful and introspective



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Robert Heilman

writings of small town Oregon.

Join fellow community members at the Mapleton Branch Library for this opportunity to hear Heilman share his touching stories and thought-provoking essays.

This program is free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be served.

The event is appropriate for high school-aged young adults and above.

The Mapleton Branch Library is in the Lion's Club building, 88148 Riverview Ave.

For more information about the program, visit the Siuslaw Public Library in person, call 541-997-3132, or visit www.siuslawlibrary.org.

Nashville gospel group to perform in Florence

The Blackwood Legacy Quartet, direct from Nashville, will be in concert Sunday, March 20, at the Church of the Nazarene in Florence.

Admission is free to the community-wide, nondenominational event and a free-will offering will be received for the group.

The popular Blackwood Legacy Quartet blends the best of traditional Southern Gospel with today's newer Country Gospel for a unique mix for audiences of all ages.

The group most recently performed at the prestigious Fanny Cosby Memorial Concert, televised live across the U.S. from Nashville.

Group owner and bass singer, Rick Price, was originally a protégée of the late Cecil Blackwood, of Blackwood Brothers fame, and began his 40-year career singing with the Blackwood Brothers. He was honored with induction into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame with the legendary group in 1998.



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Blackwood Legacy Quartet

Spokane native Luke Yates sings baritone with the group, and is also an accomplished pianist and Nashville recording artist.

Tenor singer Paul Secord, formerly a featured singer for Disney World, is one of the most talented in Gospel Music

today. Lead singer Hunter Sparkman is a talented Christian recording artist and musician from Nashville.

Performing since 2001, The Blackwood Legacy Quartet was signed to Mansion Entertainment in 2010, and continues the grand tradition

of gospel music, performing nearly 250 dates annually nationwide.

The performance begins at 6 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene, 1536 12th Street.

For more information, visit the group's website at www.BlackwoodLegacy.com.

Lutherans to host Holy Week, Easter services

Holy week, the week preceding Easter, is quickly approaching and in the Christian tradition, begins with a Palm Sunday service at Resurrection Lutheran Church

in Florence. It carries on through the week with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday evening services. The week culminates with an Easter morning breakfast in the fel-

lowship hall, followed by Easter services.

Holy Week and Easter services are as follows:

- Palm Sunday service, March 20, at 10 a.m.

- Maundy Thursday service, March 24, at 7 p.m.

- Good Friday service, March 25, at 7 p.m.

- Easter Sunday breakfast, March 27, at 8:45 a.m.

- Easter Sunday service, March 27, at 10 a.m.

Palm Sunday celebrates the historical and biblical account of Jesus humbly entering Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, with people placing palm branches on the ground in front of him. The church will provide palm crosses for each attendee during the celebration service.

Maundy Thursday worship initiates the Easter "Triduum," the period which commemorates the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. This period includes Good Friday, Holy Saturday and ends on the evening of Easter.

The term "Maundy" comes from the Latin term mandatum, meaning a command from Jesus to love one another.

Pastor Randy Bencoter will share a message on the section of the Lord's prayer, "Lead Us Not into Temptation," during the service, followed by Holy Communion.

Good Friday is a solemn day reflecting on the day that Jesus died on the cross as he bore God's judgment of the sin of mankind.

At the service, Pastor Bencoter will share a message on the final part of the Lord's Prayer, "Deliver Us from Evil." Following the message, the service will continue with a series of songs, scriptures and growing darkness reflecting the impending death of Jesus as he reconciles the world to God.

Easter breakfast will be served by the men of the congregation, followed by the Easter Resurrection Celebration Service at 10 a.m.

This is a most joyous celebration culminating the Holy Week services observing Jesus' resurrection and its meaning for eternal life.

Resurrection Lutheran Church, 85294 Highway 101 South, is located about a mile south of the bridge.

For more information, contact Pastor Randy Bencoter at 541-997-8038, or visit www.rlcflorence.com.

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