

Donations being taken for 'SeaDog' fishing boat fire

On Aug. 23 at midnight, the SeaDog fishing boat caught fire. While its deckhand escaped, the vessel's bridge was declared a total loss.

The long-time Newport community fishing fleet team members are taking donations to help rebuild the SeaDog.

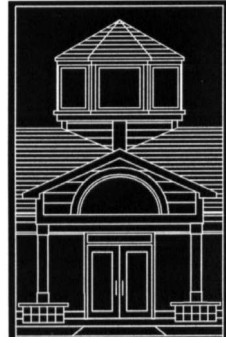
Donations can be made at any Banner Bank Branch. Make checks payable to: Seven Fires Foundation

(memo: SEADOG FUND) Any funds not used to rebuild the SeaDog will go to the Maritime Angels fund to support future needs of fishing families.

"Thank you to everyone who has come forward to help," said SeaDog captain John Mygatt.

Online donations can be made at www.SaveTheSEADOG.com.

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 Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper

By Phaedra Patrick

Book review by Linda Weight
Sixty-nine year old Arthur Pepper is a quiet man, living a quiet life. He gets out of bed at exactly the same time he always did when his wife was alive, dresses in the same gray slacks and mustard-colored sweater-vest that he always did, and usually hides from his well-intentioned neighbor when she brings him casseroles and cakes.

His daughter is worried about him but can't seem to help. His son emigrated to Australia and is busy with his new life, job and family and never calls.

Then, on the one-year anniversary of his wife's death, Arthur decides to finally dispose of her clothes. And he finds something unusual: a gold charm bracelet which he doesn't ever remember seeing his wife wear in their 40 years of marriage, tucked into the toe of one of her boots.

There are eight heavy gold charms on the bracelet, and one of them, an elephant with a ruby eye, has, of all things, a phone number etched into it

Curious, Arthur calls the number, which turns out to not only still be connected, but is in India, and discovers that, before they were married, his wife lived in India for a time.

Now even more curious, Arthur begins to search for the stories behind each charm, and with each discovery, learns more and more about the beloved wife he thought he knew so well.

Along his path of discovery, Arthur meets and befriends people he never would have encountered in his quiet life, and finds that he is stronger and more resilient and adaptable than he (or his family) ever believed him to be.

"The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper," by Phaedra Patrick, is a sweet (but not saccharine) story about grief and recovery, hope, healing and self-discovery, told with humor and whimsy.

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.

Books are usually the easiest to borrow. Many libraries have restrictions on lending audiovisual materials such as DVDs, videos and recorded books, as well as special collections such as genealogy or local history, but it's always worth a try to see if we can borrow it.

The next time you need something just stop by the reference desk and we will see if we can help you out!

Story Times to resume

Twice weekly story times with Ms. Gayle are set to resume on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 10:30 a.m.

Little ones and their parents are invited to come and enjoy some great stories, games and activities each Tuesday and Friday morning.

Holiday closure

The library will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5, in honor of Labor Day. Regular hours resume at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6, in Florence, and noon in Mapleton.

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Habitat for Humanity BeachWalk set for Sept. 10

The 17th annual Florence Habitat for Humanity BeachWalk will be taking place Sept. 10, with all monies raised going to support Habitat's mission of building affordable housing for people in need.

This year, Florence Habitat has started on the 28th Habitat for Humanity home. The family of six will move in after contributing 500 or more hours of

"sweat equity" working with community volunteers to build their home and the home of another Habitat family.

They will buy and pay for their home with a no-interest 30-year mortgage.

The community is invited to drive by or stop and look around and see the volunteers

working on the homesite.

These volunteers range from carpentry, painting, baking cookies or making sandwiches. Lots of lunches are packed each work day and delivered to the worksite by volunteers willing to bring sandwiches and other treats.

The latest home is on 37th

Street, 1 1/2 block from Highway 101 across from the printing shop and laundry.

All monies collected at the BeachWalk stay in Florence to build or repair homes. Anyone who would like to contribute to this endeavor can send a check made out to Florence Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 3302 Florence, OR 97439, or come by the Habitat office at 2004 Highway 101.

Come to the beach and take a walk, fly a kite, watch the waves or just listen to the music while helping with a worthy cause in the Florence community.

Thursday is World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

Sept. 1 was proclaimed as a day of prayer for creation by the Orthodox Church in 1989, and many other Christian churches have joined since then, such as the Anglican Church in 2012 and the Catholic Church most recently in 2015.

All are invited for an hour of prayer for Care of Creation at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 85060 Highway 101 S., on Thursday, Sept. 1, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



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