

## Buy a Dutch Bros., help local children Thursday

On Thursday, Sept. 29, Dutch Bros. will celebrate by donating \$1 from every drink sold to local children's organizations.

On Thursday, all Dutch Bros locations in the seven states the company operates will donate \$1 from every drink sold to local youth organizations to celebrate National Coffee Day.

Each Dutch Bros. location is locally owned and operated, enabling each franchisee to select a local nonprofit organization that strives to better the lives of youth in their area.

"It's National Coffee Day, and we're super stoked to show our love and appreciation for kids," said co-founder Travis Boersma. "We're going to donate \$1 from every drink to show our support for kids,

which is where our heart really lies.

"This year, we get to celebrate and thank our customers while supporting children's organizations in our communities."

Buck for Kids is an annual event that in the past has been held on the first Friday of December. This year, the company wanted to disrupt the rules in the coffee industry, and use National Coffee Day as a platform to positively impact the communities Dutch Bros. employees are thankful to call home.

Buck for Kids is an opportunity for Dutch Bros. to partner with its communities to support organizations that strive to positively mentor, support and better the lives of local youth.

## Walk Against Domestic Violence set for Sunday

The community is invited to take a walk on Bay Street with other community members on Sunday, Oct. 2, in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Walkers will gather at 12:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial at the west end of Bay Street, and there will be music performed by band members from Siuslaw High School.

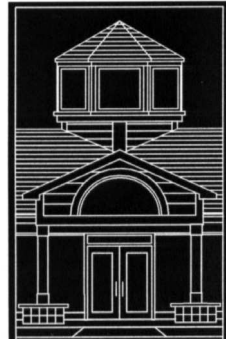
The march itself starts promptly at 1 p.m., and will be led by Siuslaw High School cheerleaders.

"We are very proud that we will have these young people participating in a demonstration of support for a serious issue that affects all communities," said Siuslaw Outreach Services executive director David Wiegand.

The march proceeds along Bay Street to the boardwalk, and only takes about 15 minutes.

"We would love to have as many people as possible join us as a show of support for victims of domestic abuse," said Wiegand.

## 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

**demARTS is coming!**  
Mark your calendars! Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 am to 4:30 p.m., the library will be hosting its third annual demARTs celebration.

demARTS features 18 artists or groups demonstrating a wide variety of crafts and art, including calligraphy (get your name written in calligraphy), fiber arts, altered journals, felting, watercolor, button making, zentangle, watercolors and much more.

The Fiber Arts Guild will have a demonstration in the library lobby of needlepoint, weaving, spinning and more, and The Last Resort Players will be presenting a preview of "Pirates of Penzance" at 1 p.m. at the library.

Don't miss this wonderful, art filled day!

### Banned Books Week

Celebrate the freedom to read, read a banned book! Look for a Banned Books Week display at the library with bookmarks and a list of recently challenged books, as compiled by the American Library Association.

BBW is sponsored by the American Library Association, the American Booksellers Association, Association of American Publishers and is cele-

brated annually.

Many of the books are commonly challenged, particularly in schools. Among the commonly challenged books are "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian" by Sherman Alexie, "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini, "Beloved" by Toni Morrison and "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain.

Other books include "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot and "The Namesake" by Jhumpa Lahiri.

### Dr. King to discuss carcinogenesis

What causes cancer? Why does it happen? Will too much of anything give you cancer?

Dr. Charles King will address these and other issues in a presentation at the library on Tuesday, Oct. 4, beginning at 1 p.m. in the Bromley Room.

King was awarded his Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Minnesota, and began a lifetime's work of researching the origins of cancer, on which he has published extensively. In this program designed for a general audience, King, a Florence resident, will explain what carcinogens are, changes in

cancer rates over time, the environmental basis for cancer and much more.

Anyone interested in science and medicine should not miss this important program.

### Free storytelling workshop

On Saturday, Oct. 22, from 2 to 4 p.m., Portland Story Theater (PST) will be presenting a workshop on the art of storytelling. In its workshops, PST teaches "intentional storytelling" where people will learn how to tell stories improvisationally by being resourceful and using the power of spontaneity.

Attendees will get a chance to learn about story structure, the power of presence, the differences between writing and telling and to find the story that needs to be told. The workshop will give a taste of that ancient art form in a fast-paced, fun environment.

Workshop size is limited to 25 participants, so pre-registration is required.

Stop by the Reference Desk or call 541-997-3132 to sign-up.

For those who would just like to listen to storytelling, the PST will be doing a free show at the library that evening at 7 p.m.

Look in future Tidings for more information.

## Dog my cat, 'Sylvia' is one canny canine

### 'Sylvia' Review

BY BURNEY GARELICK

It's a dog-eat-dog world, and everyone needs a forever friend, even at the risk of weaving a tangled web of marital discord. A love triangle is a trying situation with three individuals at odds, especially when one of them is a dog named Sylvia.

"Sylvia" is a play by A.R. Gurney currently on stage at Class Act Theatre, the second show in CAT's first season. A playwright who turns a phrase with sparkling wit, Gurney is

best known for "Love Letters," the popular epistolary romance that played twice in Florence in recent decades.

"Sylvia" is a situation comedy, a dire situation for Greg and Kate whose kids have left the nest, freeing them for fresh pursuits. Kate is excited to teach inner-city kids the joy of Shakespeare, but Greg is depressed by his career in high finance. He spends his days sitting in the park in vague discontent.

Enter Sylvia, a talking dog, nimbly played by a female actor whose bark is brilliant, biting, and hilarious. Sylvia gloms on to Greg who brings her home, much to Kate's dismay.

"Where is Saliva?" Kay mocks.

"Sylvia!" Greg corrects.

Greg's attachment to Sylvia borders on pathological. He dotes on her as if she were a child and talks to her as if she were a person. Sylvia does not cotton to philosophical discourse. She is more interested in sexy Bowser, the stud at the dog park. Greg can't understand that a dog is just a dog.

Kate schemes a way to get Sylvia out of their lives, but her plan sends Greg into a tailspin that sends them both to a cockeyed, androgynous marriage counselor.

Without giving anything away, it's safe to say that, for the most part, all's well that ends well — which happens to be the title of a comedy by Shakespeare and a book of Kate's that Sylvia has swiped, chewed and stashed.

Sylvia is featured in another of the Bard's comedies, "Two Gentlemen of Verona." Greg quotes the passage: "Who is Sylvia? What is she that all our swains commend her?"

Sylvia is downright irresistible, especially as played by Polly Fleming, who absolutely nails the part. Fleming's loose-limbed flexibility mirrors the leaping, jumping, sniffing and snuffling of a canine. Her snarky attitude and speech propel the comedy, dissolving any suggestion of soapy melodrama.

Show director and CAT coproprietor David Lauria's role as Greg is an understated performance without irony — a warm, intelligent, middle-aged man out of tune in a frazzled world. Paula Burnette's Kate is also understated in her genuine concern and unabashed frustration.

Alexander Grady captures the comedy in two roles. He plays Greg's dog park buddy, Tom, who flourishes a litany of psychology regarding man and beast. Grady also plays Leslie, the marriage counselor in need of counseling.

Rosemary Lauria, CAT coproprietor, does a comic turn as Phyllis, Kate's ditsy college classmate, distressed by Sylvia's exuberant affection.

The stage is set with the cheerful elegance of a New York apartment. Unobtrusive lighting transforms it to the counselor's office and back again, with faux trees to the right and left for the park scenes. Incidental music tickles the ears, especially Cole Porter's "Every Time We Say Goodbye," sung by Ella Fitzgerald with Greg, Sylvia and Kate joining in because parting is such sweet sorrow.

"Sylvia" plays Fridays and Saturdays, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 2, at 2 p.m.

For more information, call 866-967-8167 or access the website at [catproductions.org](http://catproductions.org).

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