

GENERAL NEWS

Noon Forum features NW regional speaker tomorrow

Anna Salick from the Northwest Region of the US Chamber of Commerce is scheduled to present at the Florence Area Chamber Noon Forum tomorrow.

Chamber Executive Director Bettina Hannigan invites neighboring chambers and community members to attend this meeting, held starting at noon at Best Western Pier Point Inn, 85625 Highway 101.

Lunch is available for purchase.

Salick is responsible for developing and maintaining relationships with lawmakers and their staffs, creating and cultivating relationships with local and state chambers and activating U.S. Chamber

members on key policy issues. She also develops grassroots legislative strategies and identifies emerging issues in the region to enhance the legislative agendas of and provide services to chamber members.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, headquartered in Washington, D.C., is the world's largest business federation representing the interests of more than 3 million businesses of all sizes, sectors and regions, as well as state and local chambers and industry associations.

For more information, go to the Visitors Center at 290 Highway 101, visit www.florencechamber.com or call 541-997-3128.

'Living Voices' come to life for local students

History walked the halls last week at Siuslaw elementary and middle schools as "Living Voices" actress Rachael McClinton reenacted the lives of two turn-of-the-20th-century immigrants.

More than 300 students participated in the four performances, which were sponsored by Seacoast Entertainment Association, the Florence Elks Lodge #1858 and through a grant from the Elks National Foundation, all in association with Siuslaw Schools.

Living Voices is a production company that combines live acting and multimedia presentations including archival photos, sound and film, to create a realistic picture of the everyday life experiences of Americans from past decades. Living Voices performs across the U.S. and Canada.

While the characters are fictional, all Living Voices presentations are based on historical incidents taken from contemporary newspaper accounts, government records, personal letters and mementoes; all illustrated by period photos, music and movies.

Classroom and teacher aid materials were provided to all SES teachers whose students attended.

Rachel Pearson, Seacoast's Educational Outreach Coordinator, said, "For the last several years, SEAcost has collaborated with Living



COURTESY PHOTO

Heather Wiggins (left), eighth-grade Social Studies teacher, and Rachael McClinton, of "Living Voices" (right) prepare to present "The New American."

Voices, a nationally recognized educational theater company, and our schools, to integrate this multi-media performance into the school curriculum."

McClinton, the touring actress and co-founder of Living Voices, along with two other women who run the company, coordinates the 16 programs enacted by 30 different actors across the U.S. and Canada.

"We deeply appreciate that SEAcost has been so supportive, and now that we are also partnering with the Elks Lodge #1858 via the Elks Promise Grant, we were able to expand the number of students reached three-fold," said Pearson.

Pearson noted that special thanks go out to the principals, teachers and staff at Siuslaw elementary and middle schools. Bringing these programs means that they must adjust the scheduling of the entire school for those days.

"Special kudos also to the Board of SEAcost Entertainment Association, and to The Florence Elks Lodge #1858, Exalted Ruler Joyce Middleton and her officers," said Pearson.

On Jan. 30, every eighth-grade student in Heather Wiggins' Social Studies classes experienced an Ellis Island immigration story: "The New American."

McClinton reenacted the immigration story of a fictional character, "Bridget Fitzgerald," a 15-year-old traveling alone to New York City in 1910 to escape the poverty

and starvation of Clare County, Ireland.

After setting the historical content for the students, McClinton went into character and started the multimedia presentation. The students experienced the wrenching process of Bridget leaving her home and family, the wretchedness of an ocean voyage in steerage class on a steamship, the fear and excitement of being processed at Ellis Island, and the noise and chaos of New York City's tenements.

The New American narrative highlights the poor working conditions of the time, including the terror of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire in 1911, which killed 147 workers.

It closed with the thrill of Bridget finding meaningful work with kind employers, and her triumph at gaining citizenship and becoming "A New American."

The SMS students became very involved in the question and answer sessions. Topics included difficulties of travel, prejudice, poverty, hunger, immigration difficulties and the dangers of the working conditions offered to immigrants.

This was the third year Wiggins has been able to incorporate "The New American" into her Ellis Island Immigration unit, and she continues to build on how this presentation fits into her curriculum, including donning period dress to help set the

stage.

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, the entire fourth- and fifth-grade classes at Siuslaw Elementary were able to become involved in the changing world of the Pacific Northwest in 1900, as seen through the eyes of a Swedish family who settled in a remote logging town.

Again, McClinton used her acting talents and a multimedia presentation to bring to life the struggles of immigrant families, as well as the existing populations, as they adjusted to changing ways of life and rapidly advancing technologies and new difficulties.

Logging and fishing camps as well as the various factories where new Americans found work were described and brought to life.

This show highlighted the many new immigrant groups who traveled to the Pacific Northwest over the last 150 years, as well as the Native Peoples who were displaced or were expected to adapt to American ways.

The program also touched on the devastation caused in America by World War I when soldiers from the U.S. and Canada fought overseas, and by the Influenza Epidemic of 1918.

The students' attention to the program, and their questions and comments, were all remarkable, said Pearson.

"Siuslaw Elementary staff and students are to be commended for their efforts to make this a successful learning experience," she said.



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CITY LIGHTS CINEMAS

THIS WEEK'S FEATURES: \$9 | \$8 Senior/Student/Military | \$7.50 Matinees Before 3 | \$7 Child | \$6.50 Members

FEBRUARY 10 -16	FRI 10	SAT 11	SUN 12	MON 13	TUE 14	WED 15	THU 16
FIFTY SHADES DARKER R 115 MIN - The sexy sequel While Christian wrestles with his inner demons, Anastasia must confront the anger and envy of the women who came before her.	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM	12:10 PM 2:40 PM 5:15 PM 8:15 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:00 PM 8:35 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM	12:50 PM 3:30 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM
THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE PG 90 MIN - Bruce Wayne must not only deal with the criminals of Gotham City, but also the responsibility of raising a boy he adopted.	12:10 PM 4:20 PM 6:25 PM	12:10 PM 4:20 PM 6:25 PM	12:00 PM 4:10 PM 6:35 PM	12:10 PM 4:20 PM 6:25 PM	12:10 PM 4:20 PM 6:25 PM 9:35 PM	12:10 PM 4:20 PM 6:25 PM	12:10 PM 4:20 PM 6:25 PM
THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE 3D "A thing of wonder. There are around four (great) films' worth of action and jokes here, crammed into a story so streamlined it might have been assembled in the Lockheed wind tunnel."	2:15 PM 8:35 PM	2:15 PM 8:35 PM	2:05 PM 8:45 PM	2:15 PM 8:35 PM	2:15 PM	2:15 PM 8:35 PM	2:15 PM 8:35 PM
LION -6 Academy Award Noms! PG-13 129 MIN - "A beautifully told, uplifting story of courage and determination." Chicago Sun-Times	12:30 PM 3:40 PM 6:00 PM 8:45 PM	12:30 PM 3:40 PM 6:00 PM 8:45 PM	12:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:45 PM	3:40 PM 6:00 PM 8:45 PM	12:30 PM 3:40 PM 8:45 PM	12:30 PM 3:10 PM 6:00 PM	12:30 PM 3:40 PM 6:00 PM 8:45 PM
SPLIT PG-13 116 MIN - Thriller M. Night Shyamalan Returns - "This is a gripping thriller of the mind that'll make the hairs on the back of your neck stand up. It's also funny as hell just when it needs to be." Chicago Sun Times	12:40 PM 3:20 PM 6:30 PM 9:00 PM	12:40 PM 3:20 PM 6:30 PM 9:00 PM	12:20 PM 3:00 PM 6:15 PM 8:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:20 PM 6:30 PM 9:00 PM	12:40 PM 3:20 PM 6:30 PM 9:00 PM	12:40 PM 3:20 PM 8:45 PM	12:40 PM 3:20 PM 6:30 PM 9:00 PM

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS: Films are regular prices | Performing Arts \$19/\$15 Member/\$10 Student

FAKE NEWS WITH NED HICKSON ACE IN THE HOLE - w/Kirk Douglas One of Billy Wilder's greatest (and timeless) films	Movie + Talk	3:00 PM					
SIUSLAW HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR: VALENTINE PROGRAM	All Proceeds	Benefit SHS		7:00 PM			
BOLSHOI BALLET: THE SLEEPING BEAUTY NR 170 MIN Choreographed by the legendary Yuri Grigorovich						6:00 PM	

Box Office opens 30 min. prior to 1st Film | 1930 HWY 101 | www.citylightscinemas.com | Times: 541-305-0014

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 8	FEBRUARY 9	FEBRUARY 10	FEBRUARY 11	FEBRUARY 12	FEBRUARY 13	FEBRUARY 14
Rain	Rain	Rain	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
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