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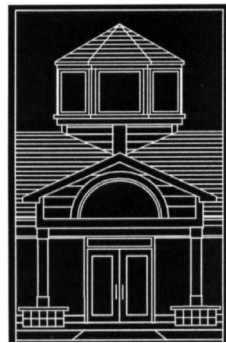
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News about the Siuslaw Public Library

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.

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Book Review "Forty Autumns"

By Nina Willner

Growing up in a provincial country village outside of Berlin, Hannah was encouraged by her schoolteacher father to learn about life beyond their small town and to follow her dreams.

But at the end of World War II, the Soviets took control of the eastern part of Germany and established a repressive communist satellite state — East Germany — which used brutal force and a massive wall to cut off East from West.

Determined to live free, Hanna made a dangerous escape to West Germany. But the price of freedom — leaving behind her parents, her eight siblings, and her home — was heartbreaking. Uprooted, Hanna eventually moved to America, where she settled down with her husband, a U.S. Army officer, and had children of her own, but she never forgot her parents and siblings trapped on the other side of the Berlin Wall.

Throughout the Cold War, the West knew little about East Germany, except that it was a bleak authoritarian state ruled by a communist dictator, controlled by a ruthless secret police, and

that it was a staging ground for Soviet aggression into the West.

Growing up near Washington, D.C., Hanna's daughter Nina Willner, became the first female U.S. Army intelligence officer to lead sensitive intelligence collection operations in East Berlin at the height of the Cold War.

Though separated by only a few miles, American Nina and her German relatives — a large family that included her aunt Heidi and cousin Cordula, a member of the East German Olympic training team — were kept apart for more than four decades by a bitter political war.

"Forty Autumns: A Family's Story of Courage and Survival on Both Sides of the Berlin Wall," brings into focus these resolute women who fought to preserve what matters most — three generations whose lives embodied one nation's birth and demise.

This is a personal look at a tenuous era that divided a city, a nation, and the world — and continues to haunt us today.

Pete Seeger: the Man and the Music

On Thursday, July 29, at 6 p.m., the library will present Pete Seeger: the Man and The Music.

Musical duo Hank & Claire take listeners back in time with their banjo and 12-string guitar as they sketch the line from folk legend Pete Seeger's passion for social justice issues; labor, war, civil rights and the environment to the music he inspired.

Learn the back stories and sing along with songs like "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" and "Turn, Turn, Turn."

Pacific Northwest duo Hank Payne and Claire Favro-with their guitars, psalteries, banjo and dulcimer-celebrate the legacy of live acoustic music-making.

Whether interpreting a contemporary or standard song, digging into traditional or composed mountain music, or sharing award-winning original tunes, the duo sing terrific stories with rich harmonies.

Cuba in Transition:

A photographic journey

Don't forget that on Saturday, June 24, at 1 p.m., Vicki Sieber-Benson and Bill Benson will be presenting their photographs of a recent trip to Cuba.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about this enigmatic nation and people.

Florence republicans hear from Spivack, Perkins and Grier

A group of more than 50 attendees were entertained by writer and speaker Loren Spivack during a barbecue on Saturday sponsored by the Republican Club of Florence and Florence Liberty Alliance.

Spivack has appeared as a guest on CNN, the Glenn Beck Program and NBC News and others, and is the author of three political parody books. He was joined by candidates JoRae Perkins (U.S. District 4 House of Representatives) and Teri Grier (Oregon House District 9).

In addition to hamburgers

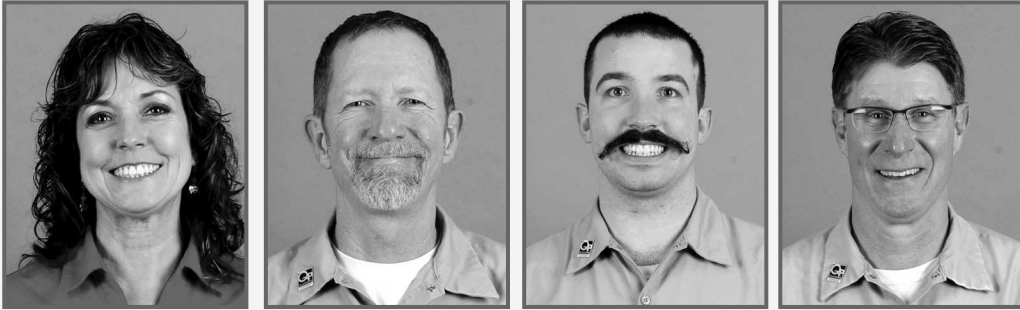


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Guest speaker Loren Spivack spoke at the Republican Club of Florence and Florence Liberty Alliance barbecue on Saturday.

and hot dogs, the group enjoyed homemade potluck dishes and a flag-decorated American pie. The Elks RV

Park provided the venue for the event.



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Heritage Players to perform at museum

On Friday, June 30, at 7 p.m., the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum will present the return of the John Quay Heritage Players, at this month's "Storytime," held at the museum.

The Heritage Players were started in 1995 by then Museum Director John Quay and have performed intermittently since then.

The goal of the players is to historically reflect the area from a diversity of viewpoints. The presentation is shared through personal monologues of early settlers and dramatizations of fact-based incidents.

The Players hope to educate as well as entertain and there is no charge for the presentation.

A group of new actors as well as some old faces have come together to once again bring the Siuslaw Pioneer experience to life at the museum.

The public is encouraged to come and meet local historical figures Christina and William Kyle, Clara Gamble Harding, Elizabeth Knowles, Harvey Hanson, Elizabeth Holverstott Morris and Indian Dan.

Light refreshments will be served before the show.

For more information on The Siuslaw Pioneer Museum, call 541-997-7884.

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