Storytime coming to Siuslaw Pioneer Museum

The public is invited to hear the stories of Tiernan, told by local resident Carl Mason, on Friday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m.

Tiernan, which is located five miles west of Mapleton, is named after R. Tiernan of San Francisco, who was leasing a local sawmill in the area. Mason grew up in Tiernan dur-

ing the 20s and 30s, attended school in Mapleton and has many stories to tell of those early days. Find out more about the history of this littleknown area in this free event, located at the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum, 278 Maple St.

For more information, call 541-997-7884.



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

Book Review "My Mother's Kitchen" By Peter Gethers

"My Mother's Kitchen: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner, and the Meaning of Life," by Peter Gethers, is a funny, moving memoir about a son's discovery that his mother has a genius for understanding the intimate connections between cooking, people and love.

Gethers wants to give his aging mother a very personal and perhaps final gift: a spectacular feast featuring all her favorite dishes.

The problem is, although he was raised to love food and wine, he doesn't really know how to cook. So he embarks upon an often hilarious and always touching culinary journey, that will ultimately allow him to bring his mother's friends and loved ones to the table one last time.

The daughter of a restauranteur — the restaurant was New York's legendary "Ratner's" - Judy Gethers discovered a passion for cooking in her fifties. In time, she became a mentor and friend to several of the most famous chefs in America, including Wolfgang Puck, Nancy Silverton and Jonathan Waxman; she also

wrote many cookbooks and

taught cooking alongside Julia

In her 80s, she was robbed of her ability to cook by a debilitating stroke. But illness has brought her closer than ever to her son; Peter regularly visits her so they can share meals and he can ask questions about her colorful past while learning her kitchen secrets.

Gradually his ambition becomes manifest: he decides to learn how to cook his mother the meal of her dreams and thereby tell the story of her life to all those who have loved

With his trademark wit and knowing eye, Gethers has written an unforgettable memoir about how food and family can do much more than feed us — they can nourish our souls.

Chamber after **Hours: At the Library**

Business works at your library! Tomorrow, Sept. 21, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., stop by the Siuslaw Public Library for a special evening event. We'll be showing you all the ways the library is here to help support your business, nonprofit organization, and employees.

Check out our financial, marketing and business materials; classics in basic computer skills; and online language learning with Mango.

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some beer, wine and pizza!

John Daniel to **Keynote Florence Festival of Books**

Oregon author John Daniel, who has just this year published the novel "Gifted," will be the keynote speaker at this year's Florence Festival of Books on Friday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m. at the Florence Events Center.

Daniel has received the Oregon Book Award for two prior books, "The Far Corner: Northwestern Views on Land, Life", and "Literature and Looking After: A Son's Memoir.'

"Gifted" tells the story of a young man with a spiritual imagination and a rare affinity for wild creatures who comes of age under harsh circumstances, negotiating the wildness of his home country, his human relationships and the emerging complexities of his own being.

While Daniel will be signing books after the keynote address, the library also has copies of all of his books available to check out.

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