

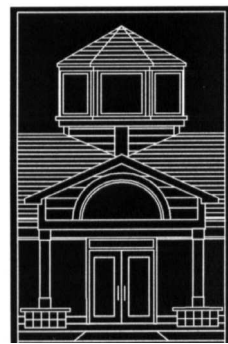
KNIGHTS DONATE TO LOCAL CHARITIES



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Knights of Columbus Assembly from St Mary's, Our Lady of the Dunes, contributed \$500 each to two tremendous charities on Friday. The first charity is "Food Backpack for Kids," an all-volunteer program that provides food to "at risk for hunger" children from Siuslaw and Mapleton schools. This program supplies three nutritional meals for Saturdays and Sundays for approximately 100 children who might otherwise go hungry. The second charity is Florence Area Veterans Relief Agency (FAVRA) that assists military veterans that could use financial assistance and those who qualify for limited emergency stop-gap funding for food, utilities, transportation and medical needs. "We particularly appreciate the fact that we have the opportunity to help those in our own town", said a spokesman from the Knights.

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 Mitge Adult Services Librarian

Siuslaw Public Library 541-997-3134

Book Review "Salt Houses" by Hala Alyan

A dazzling new literary voice, Hala Alyan, in her book "Salt Houses," tells the story of a family caught between present and past, between displacement and home. On the eve of her daughter Alia's wedding, Salma reads the girl's future in a cup of coffee dregs. She sees an unsettled life for Alia and her children; she also sees travel and luck.

While she chooses to keep her predictions to herself that day, they will all soon come to pass when the family is uprooted in the wake of the Six-Day War of 1967.

Salma is forced to leave her home in Nablus; Alia's brother gets pulled into a politically militarized world he can't escape; and Alia and her gentle-spirited husband move to Kuwait City, where they reluctantly build a life with their three children.

When Saddam Hussein invades Kuwait in 1990, Alia and her family once again lose their home, their land, and their story as they know it, scattering to Boston, Paris, Beirut and beyond. Soon Alia's children begin families of their own, once again navigating the bur-

dens (and blessings) of assimilation in foreign cities.

Lyrical and heartbreaking, "Salt Houses" is a remarkable debut novel that seeks to confront the most complicated of all truths: you can't go home again.

Living Voices: Northwest Passages

This Sunday, Jan. 28, in a program jointly sponsored by the Siuslaw Genealogical Society and the Siuslaw Public Library, Seattle-based Living Voices will be presenting "Northwest Passages," the story of a Swedish immigrant to the Northwest at the turn of the 20th century.

In "Northwest Passages," witness the dynamically changing Northwest at the turn of the century. The expansion of the railroad, the discovery of gold, labor struggles, and world war — these are the passages experienced by a young Swedish immigrant and her community, as she adjusts to life in a new ethnically diverse community.

The free event will be at 2 p.m. in the Bromley Room.

Living Voices is a Seattle-based regional and national touring educational theater company, producing 12 different

original shows in ongoing repertory, with a focus on social justice, racial diversity and cultural responsiveness.

Living Voices creates dynamic, interactive multi-media performances to bring life to history. Using historical perspectives based on real people and events, the Living Voices technique combines live performance with video, audio, visual aids and discussion.

Archival film footage and photographs, blended with audio and presented in synchronization with a live solo actor, give the audience a chance to experience how the world looked, sounded and felt during a significant time in history, and to consider its relevance to their own lives.

Mapleton Branch

The Mapleton library is located at 88148 Riverview Ave., in the Lion's Club Building. With a nice view of the Siuslaw River, it's a wonderful place to sit and enjoy a good book or read the newspaper. The library also has books, magazines, DVDs and videos, recorded books, internet computers, wireless internet and more. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.

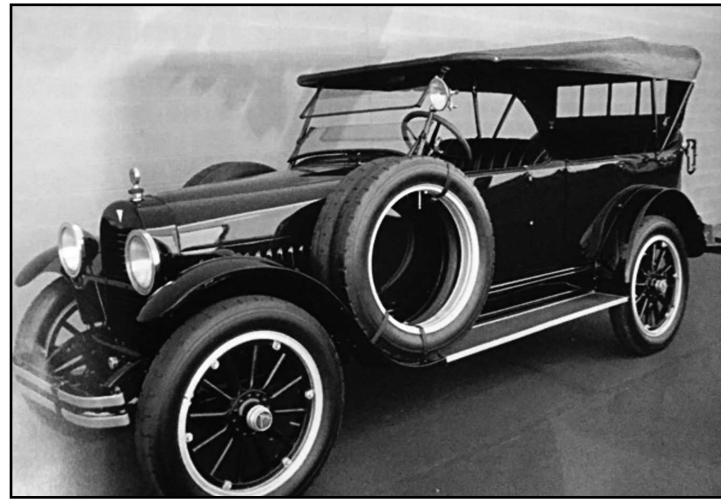
Museum's Heritage Players bring local history to life

An enthusiastic crowd at Spruce Point Assisted Living was entertained and informed by several early Siuslaw area settlers on Jan. 15.

Members of the John Quay Heritage Players of the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum portrayed historic figures Clara Gamble Haring, the first white woman on the North Fork (portrayed by Alyson Scott), entrepreneurs William and Christina Kyle (Lynn Taylor and Cathy Dupont) and an unnamed household helper (Nancy Sobottka).

Each provided vignettes from their early days in and near Florence.

Of particular interest to the



COURTESY PHOTO

A 1920 Hudson Touring Car similar to the one owned by Florence entrepreneurs William and Christina Kyle, original owners of the Kyle Building in Old Town. Thiers was among the first four cars in Florence.

residents were photos of the Kyle Building at different time periods, as well as the early touring car used by the Kyles when they travelled between Florence and Long Beach, Calif.

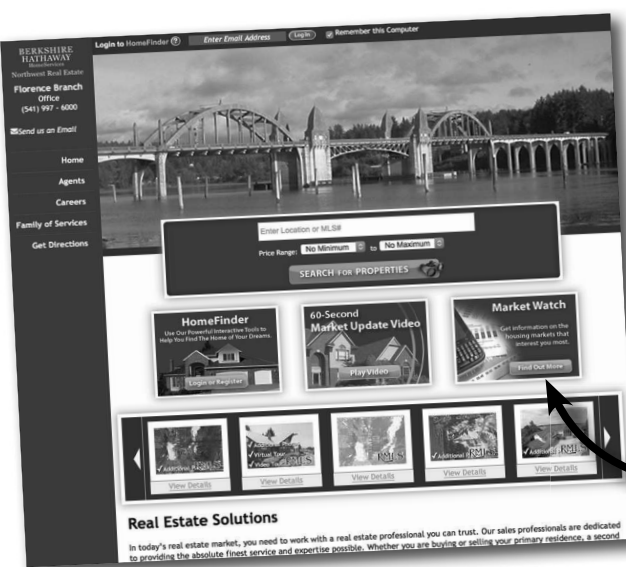
Several of the residents who were from the area reminisced about the Hurd Mansion, which sat on a hill behind the Kyle Building (now the Bridgewater Restaurant), as well as the renaissance of Old Town and the groups that made that happen.

The John Quay Heritage Players are available to entertain and inform at any venue.

For more information, contact Nancy Sobottka at 541-997-1249.

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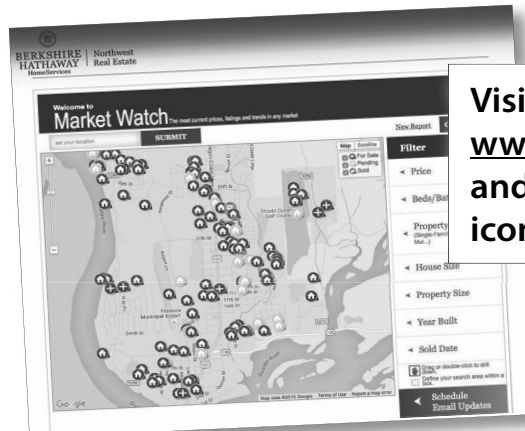


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