

## STEP meeting tonight to discuss hatchery research

Tonight's Florence Salmon Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) meeting will include a presentation from the Oregon Hatchery Research Center.

The goal of the Oregon Hatchery Research Center (OHRC) is to answer scientific questions related to fish recovery and hatchery programs, including the differences that may exist between wild and hatchery fish, and how to better manage those differences.

The center is also charged with helping Oregonians understand the role and per-

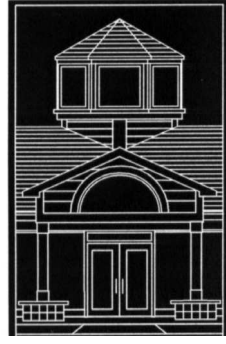
formance of hatcheries in responsibly using and protecting Oregon's native fishes.

Research facilities include four artificial stream channels that simulate actual stream conditions, four concrete raceways, a tank farm comprised of 44 fiberglass tanks, an analytical lab and a complete wet lab with heated, chilled, filtered and UV-treated water.

The STEP meeting is held in the back room of the Elks Club at 7 p.m.

The meeting is open to the public.

## 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 "The Death and Life of the Great Lakes"

By Dan Egan

The Great Lakes — Erie, Huron, Michigan, Ontario and Superior — hold 20 percent of the world's supply of surface fresh water and provide sustenance, work and recreation for tens of millions of Americans.

But they are under threat as never before, and their problems are spreading across the continent.

"The Death and Life of the Great Lakes" is prize-winning reporter Dan Egan's compulsively readable portrait of an ecological catastrophe happening right before our eyes, blending the epic story of the lakes with an examination of the perils they face and the ways we can restore and preserve them for generations to come.

For thousands of years the pristine Great Lakes were separated from the Atlantic Ocean by the roaring Niagara Falls and from the Mississippi River basin by a "sub-continental divide."

Beginning in the late 1800s, these barriers were circumvented to attract oceangoing freighters from the Atlantic and to allow Chicago's sewage to float out to the Mississippi.

These were engineering marvels in their time — and the

changes in Chicago arrested a deadly cycle of waterborne illnesses — but they have had horrendous unforeseen consequences.

Egan provides a chilling account of how sea lamprey, zebra and quagga mussels and other invaders have made their way into the lakes, decimating native species and largely destroying the age-old ecosystem. And because the lakes are no longer isolated, the invaders now threaten water intake pipes, hydroelectric dams and other infrastructure across the country.

Egan also explores why outbreaks of toxic algae stemming from the over application of farm fertilizer have left massive biological "dead zones" that threaten the supply of fresh water. He examines fluctuations in the levels of the lakes caused by manmade climate change and overzealous dredging of shipping channels.

And he reports on the chronic threats to siphon off Great Lakes water to slake drier regions of America or to be sold abroad.

In an age when dire problems like the Flint water crisis or the California drought bring ever more attention to the indispensability of safe, clean, easily available water, "The Death and Life of the Great Lakes" is a

powerful paean to what is arguably our most precious resource, an urgent examination of what threatens it and a convincing call to arms about the relatively simple things we need to do to protect it.

### Friends Book Sale

The next Friends of the Library book sale will be this weekend with all proceeds going to support the Friends and the Siuslaw Public Library.

The sale will be on Saturday, Feb. 10, and Sunday, Feb. 11, in the library's Bromley Room, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day.

Friends members will be allowed in for an "early bird" sale on Saturday at 9 a.m., and memberships are available at the door. Books, DVDs, CDs and more, from fiction to nonfiction, come from donations from the community as well as materials withdrawn from the library.

### Blind Date with a Book

Are you ready to take part in the library's fifth annual Blind Date with a Book program?

For the adventurous reader this program offers the opportunity to let fate take a hand in selecting what you read.

The program's books can be selected through Wednesday, Feb. 28.

## Florence In Bloom

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- Sunday Worship 9:00am and 10:45am

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## Mapleton Foundation accepting grant applications

The Mapleton Community Foundation is currently accepting grant applications from nonprofit organizations for community projects within the Mapleton School District boundaries.

Applications should demonstrate how the funding would educationally, culturally, physically or civically improve the students or residents of the

area. Applicants must be a not-for-profit organization. Funds will not be awarded to individuals or for operating expenses.

Grant applications can be obtained at the Mapleton Post Office, Mapleton Public Library or by calling Kathy West at 541-268-4665.

The application deadline is March 15.

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Are you ready to enjoy the good life? Spectacular lakefront jewel. Gorgeous kitchen, open floor plan with views galore.  
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3 Bdrm, 3 full 2 partial Ba 4479 sq ft  
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**NEW LISTING**  
Don't rent it - Own it! Great floor plan, vinyl windows, large livingroom with fireplace. Double car garage. Additional room for parking  
3 Bdrm, 2 Ba 1188 sq ft  
**\$219,000** BH7612 ML#17013726



**FEATURED LISTING**  
Beach Cottage. Located near beach, eateries & market. Walk to beach. Live full time or part time  
1 or 2 Bdrm, 1 Ba 840 sq ft  
**\$125,000** BH7394 ML#17200307



**NEW LISTING**  
Charming vintage style home set back for privacy. Upgraded electrical, vinyl windows, plumbing, all new appliances. RV parking spot.  
2 Bdrm, 2 Ba 1284 sq ft  
**\$239,900** BH7626 ML#18699596



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Lovely home, open floor plan, real hardwood floors, fireplace, deck & much more  
3 Bdrm, 2 Ba 1999 sq ft  
**\$368,000** BH7357 ML#16340702