Food drive to benefit **Mapleton Food Share**

ing the Mapleton Food Share en. "In addition to providing on Saturday, Aug. 18, for a food for area families, we have food drive to help replenish furnished sack lunches three the food share's shelves for the times a week for the kids of

The food share is hoping Deadwood all summer." to fill its new van with much zation is hoping to collect one will also be accepted. ton of food.

budgets hard with the kids com or call 541-268-2919. home from school, and in as well," said Mapleton Food www.mapletonfoodshare.org.

Grocery Outlet will be host- Share President Karen Hard-Mapleton, Swisshome and

The drive will be held from needed canned foods and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will be nonperishables, such as Spam, located in the Grocery Outlet chili, spaghetti, ravioli, soups, parking lot, located at 2066 veggies and cereal. The organi- Highway 101. Cash donations

For more information, con-"Summer hits family food tact Harden at trzrhntr@gmail.

For more information about turn it hits our shelves hard Mapleton Food Share, visit

Florence Senior Center hosts lunch fundraiser Friday

On Friday, Aug. 17, Florence its events, many of which are Senior Center invites the com- open to all ages. munity to a lunch fundraiser.

BLT sandwiches, chips, bever- Center, 1570 Kingwood St. ages and ice cream sundaes for For more information, call just \$5, this fundraiser will help 541-997-8844 or visit www. raise money for the center and florenceseniorcenter.org.

The event begins at 11:30 Featuring hamburger soup, a.m. at the Florence Senior



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 Cooking Gene" by Michael W. Twitty

In "The Cooking Gene," culinary historian Michael W. Twitty brings a fresh perspective to our most divisive cultural issue, race, in this illuminating memoir of Southern cuisine and food culture that traces his ancestry — both black and white - through food, from Africa to America and from slavery to freedom.

Southern food is integral to the American culinary tradition, yet the question of who "owns" it is one of the most provocative touchpoints in our ongoing struggles over race. In this unique memoir, Twitty takes readers to the white-hot center of this fight, tracing the roots of his own family and the charged politics surrounding the origins of soul food, barbecue and all Southern cuisine.

Twitty travels from the tobacco and rice farms of colonial times to plantation kitchens and backbreaking cotton fields to tell of the struggles his family faced and how food enabled his ancestors' survival across three centuries. He sifts through stories, recipes, genetic tests and historical documents, and visits Civil War battlefields in Virginia, synagogues in Alabama and black-owned organic farms in Georgia.

As he takes us through his ancestral culinary history, Twitty suggests that healing may come from embracing the discomfort of the South's past. Along the way, he reveals a truth that is more than skin deep - the power of food to bring the kin of the enslaved and their former slaveholders to the table, where they can discover the real America together.

Friends of the Library **Book Sale**

The Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library will be holding their next book sale Labor Day weekend, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 1 and 2, in the library's Bromley Room.

Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, this sale is a good place to pick up some great summer reading at bargain prices.

Books for sale come from donations as well as books weeded from the library's collection. And, as always throughout the year, the Friends accept donations of all kinds of books, DVDs, and CDs.

The proceeds from the book sale go to support the library.

Open Computer Lab

Next Tuesday, Aug. 21, the library will be holding a com-

puter lab at 1:30 p.m. Come learn about how to organize your email inbox, send messages, work with attachments

and more. Computer labs and classes are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month and are a low-key, friendly place to ask questions about your computer, other devices, programs and apps.

Grant Workshop

The Lane County Cultural Coalition (LCCC) will be offering a grant workshop at the library on Thursday, Aug. 23, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

LCCC will discuss the process and how to write a successful grant application. If you are involved in the arts in any way, this workshop is a must!

LCCC has funded a wide variety of programs in the county ranging from dance and music programs in the schools, to historical restoration, multi-cultural festivals and even the historical photograph display at the Mapleton branch library.

For more information about the Siuslaw Public Library or its programs, stop by 1460 Ninth St. in Florence or 88148 Riverview Ave. in Mapleton, or visit www.siuslawlibrary.info.



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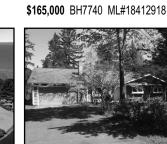
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