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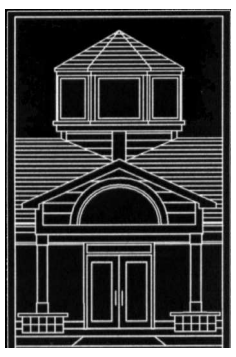

News about the Siuslaw Public Library

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.

Library Tidings by Kevin Mittge

Book Review
"The Strange Case of Dr. Couney"
by Dawn Raffel

In "The Strange Case of Dr. Couney: How A Mysterious European Showman Saved Thousands of American Babies," author Dawn Raffel tells the spellbinding tale of a mysterious doctor who revolutionized neonatal care more than 100 years ago and 7,000 babies.

Dr. Martin Couney's story is a kaleidoscopic ride through the intersection of ebullient entrepreneurship, enlightened pediatric care and the wild culture of world's fairs at the beginning of the American Century.

As Raffel recounts, Couney used incubators and careful nursing to keep previously doomed infants alive, while displaying these babies alongside sword swallowers, bearded ladies and burlesque shows at Coney Island, Atlantic City and venues across the nation.

How this turn-of-the-20th-century émigré became the savior to families with premature infants — known then as "weaklings" — as he ignored the scorn of the medical establishment and fought the rising popularity of eugenics is one of the most astounding stories of modern medicine.

Couney, for all his opportunistic entrepreneurial gusto, is a surprisingly appealing character, someone who genuinely cared for the well-being of his tiny patients. But he had something to hide…

Drawing on historical documents, original reportage and interviews with surviving patients, Raffel tells the marvelously eccentric story of Couney's mysterious carnival career, his larger-than-life personality and his unprecedented success as the savior of the fragile wonders that are tiny, tiny babies.

demARTS

The fourth annual demARTS will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the library. This free celebration of art and creativity for all ages will include dozens of artist demonstrations and how-to sessions, where you can learn about everything from coppersmithing, calligraphy and beading, to origami, photography and more. Drop in or stay for the whole day.

At noon, a special dedication will be held in the lobby for the newly-named Mary Colgan-Bennetts Gallery. At 2:15 p.m. there will be a preview performance from Last Resort Players' upcoming show, "Grey Gardens: The Musical." There will also be make-and-take crafts, a community art project, great door prizes and more.

The first 50 attendees will receive a special gift. For the full schedule of artists and activities, visit www.siuslawlibrary.org.

Upper Siuslaw Library Committee Seeks Members

If you live in the upper Siuslaw region, such as Mapleton, Deadwood, Swisshome and other communities, and you are a library user and supporter, we invite you to apply to serve on the Upper Siuslaw Library Committee. The group serves as an advisory committee about upriver library needs, providing feedback to the library board and staff. The committee also helps plan events, such as the Mapleton Branch Library Open House.

People can pick up applications to join the committee at the Mapleton Branch, 88148 Riverview Ave., during regular business hours, noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. We look forward to having some community members join us in helping provide library service to the upper Siuslaw region.

Western Lane Community Foundation grant applications open

Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) has announced the beginning of its 2019 grant cycle with the availability of the Grant Application. The application can be found on its website located at www.wlcfonline.org.

Each year, WLCF awards several grants to local non-profit organizations for projects/programs in its target area of western Lane County. Grants are awarded in the areas of education, medicine and science, the arts, and social and civic services. In 2018, more than $73,000 was awarded to several of these worthy causes. The annual amount to be awarded is determined by the performance of the invested portfolio of discretionary funds during the current year.

Grant requests for the 2019 grant cycle will be accepted between Oct. 1 and Jan. 15, 2019. The application may be downloaded at WLCF's website and it is highly recommended that applicants review the Grant Guidelines included there.

Submit applications to Western Lane Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1589, Florence, OR, 97439 or by email to wlcf@wlcfonline.org in PDF format.

Completed applications must be postmarked or received no later than close of business on Jan. 15, 2019. Applications will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and each applicant will be contacted by a Board Member for an interview regarding the request for funds.

Grants will be selected in February and then awarded in late March. Selected grant recipients will be required to submit a grant report by Aug. 31, 2019.

Grant requests and awards will be selected based on merit, need, and benefit to the community at large. Grant requests and award amounts vary greatly, but are usually between $100 and $5,000, depending on the nature of the grant project and funds available for distribution.

For more information, contact the WLCF at the address above, or by calling 541-997-1274.

Education Foundation seeks part-time development specialist

The Siuslaw Education Foundation has received a grant from the Oregon Community Foundation to hire a part-time development specialist. This contracted position is for one year.

The development specialist will work to create a blueprint for sustainable fundraising, grants acquisition, publicity, and financial management.

The development specialist will work with the board to plan fundraisers, both passive and active, so watch for news of these.

The request for proposals for the development specialist position will be available Oct. 1 with an anticipated start date of Nov. 1. If you would like to be sent the RFP, please call or email Foundation President Suzanne Mann-Heintz at 541-590-0779 or Suzanne@siuslaweducation foundation.org.

St. Mary's holds St. Francis Blessing of The Animals today

During this Season of Creation, all are invited to join together to bless their pets and pray for creation on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 6 p.m. at St. Mary, Our Lady of the Dunes, Church, 85060 Highway 101.

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October 19th - 7:00 pm.

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October 20th 6:00 p.m

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Bring notebook computer or tablet and basic computer operations is pre-requisite.
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THIS MONTH ON OUR TOWN:
• Meet Republican candidate for State Representative district 9 Teri Grier.
• We speak with the 3 candidates for Florence City Council, Maureen Miltenberger, Woody Woodbury, and Geraldine Lucio.
• We will also talk with Angela from True Value about this years Great Pumpkin Giveaway.
• Bob Teter joins us for a discussion about Domestiv Violence Awareness Month.
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