



Thinking of Selling or Buying Real Estate? Do you have the following questions: How much is your property worth? What kinds of homes are in my price range? How much can I borrow? What happens in escrow?



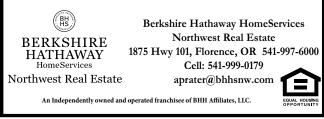
Annette Prater Broker-Licensed in Oregon with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Northwest Real Estate is sponsoring a:

Meet & Greet

Come and meet some of us that can help you understand what may be a few of the things involved when you want to buy or sell real Estate.

Annette Prater - Broker with Berkshire Hathaway Maree Beers - Residential Loan Officer with Oregon Pacific Bank Sandi Page - Escrow Officer with First American Title

Date: January 25th Time: 1 pm - 4pm Place: Florence Senior Center



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

"Fruit of the Drunken Tree" *By Ingrid Rojas Contreras* "The Fruit of the Drunken

Tree" by Ingrid Rojas Contreras a wonderful debut novel set in Colombia at the height of Pablo Escobar's violent reign, about a sheltered young girl and a teenage maid who forge an unlikely friendship that threatens to undo them both.

Seven-year-old Chula and her older sister Cassandra enjoy carefree lives thanks to their gated community in Bogota, but the threats of kidnappings, car bombs and assassinations hover just outside the neighborhood walls, where the godlike drug lord Pablo Escobar continues to elude authorities and capture the attention of the nation.

When their mother hires Petrona, a live-in maid from the city's guerilla-occupied slum, Chula makes it her mission to befriend the aloof teenager.

But Petrona's mysterious behavior conceals a powerful yearning. She is a young woman crumbling under the burden providing for her family as the riptide of first love pulls her in the opposite direction.

As both girls' families

scramble to maintain stability amid the rapidly escalating conflict, Petrona and Chula find themselves entangled in a web of secrecy that will force them to both choose between sacrifice and betrayal.

Inspired by the author's own life, and told through the alternating perspectives of the willful Chula and the achingly hopeful Petrona, "Fruit of the Drunken Tree" portrays two very different but inextricably linked coming-of-age stories.

In lush prose, Rojas Contreras has written a pow-erful testament to the impossible choices women and girls are often forced to make in the face of violence and to the unexpected connections that can blossom out of desperation.

Holiday Closure

In honor of Martin Luther King Day, the library will be closed on Monday, Jan. 21. Regular hours resume the next day, Tuesday, Jan. 22.

"Irish Wake" for Mary Colgan-Bennetts

The Siuslaw Public Library will be hosting an Irish wake on Sunday, Jan. 27, from 1 to 4 p.m., in honor of Mary Colgan-Bennetts, our long-time Circulation Supervisor, who

passed away in November.

The library will be closed that day and the entire community is invited to come cele-brate Mary, who was such an integral part of the library and the community.

More information will be available closer to the date. This event is open to everyone.

Living Voices Program

The library is pleased to co-sponsor, along with the Siuslaw Genealogical Society, a return of Living Voices on Sunday, Feb. 3, at 1 p.m.

This year the presentation will be "Hear My Voice: The Women's Suffrage Movement" with re-enactor Rachel Atkins playing the role of "Jessie," the daughter of political columnist from Tennessee, growing up in Washington, DC, during the early 1900s.

When her great-aunt, a longtime suffragette comes to town, she introduces Jessie to the movement and she begins to learn about the history of women who started the movement.

Living Voices combines dynamic solo performances, with archival film and sound, turning history into a moving and personal journey.

Tickets available for Yachats Lions Club Crab Feed

The Yachats Lions Club Hall. The Commons is loannual Crab Feed will fea- cated at 441 Highway 101 ture "all the crab you can N, and the Lions Hall is one eat" on Saturday, Jan. 26.

The trek to Yachats to eat Fourth St. Dungeness crab is a tradition for many families and groups. For many years, the Yachats Lions have served more than 1,500 pounds of fresh crab to an average of 500 people at afternoon seatings at the Yachats Com-

block west of there at 344

The \$40 per person tickets may be purchased locally, or they may be ordered by mail, email, or phone, indicating time and venue. To order by mail, send to Yachats Lions Crab Feed, P.O. Box 66, Yachats, OR 97498; by email, mons and the Yachats Lions send to lionscrabfeed2019@

gmail.com; by phone, call to eat early and does not Kevin or Peggy, 541-563-5629. People may purchase tickets at Judith's Kitchen Tools or the Lions Thrift Store in downtown Yachats.

Seating is available at the Yachats Commons on Jan. 26 at 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. (reserved seating only groups of 6 or more), and at the Yachats Lions Hall at 4 p.m. The 12:30 p.m. seating is for anyone who may wish

have reserved seating. The 4 p.m. seating at the Lions Hall is open to first come, first served cafeteria style seating. Some people prefer the Lions Hall venue, as they get a chance to meet new people there.

All proceeds from the Crab Feed support the Lions Club's community service projects.



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Thinking about downsizing?

Moving to a smaller home can mean more money in the bank. In addition to income from the sale of your previous home, savings on property taxes, insurance, and utility bills can add up to significant savings.

In addition to saving money, a smaller home can simplify your life and allow you to focus on the things or people you love the most.

Contact your Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Northwest Real Estate broker to discuss your options. We can help.



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