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Mapleton High School art program receives donation from FRAA

Thanks to support from the Florence community and beyond, and the generosity of the artists at Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA), a check for \$500 was recently presented to art instructor Jessi Nelson, representing the Mapleton Art Program.

Nelson thanked FRAA and said the funds would be used to purchase much needed art supplies.

FRAA's Art Center and Gallery, located at 120 Maple St., put up a "Giving Tree" from mid-November through the end of December. This was decorated with handmade ornaments and other adornments donated by FRAA member artists. All proceeds from the sales went to the Mapleton Art Program.

The check was presented by FRAA Board members John Leasure, Claudia Ignatieff and Andrew Nelder, representing the FRAA membership.

FRAA donates the proceeds of its November-December "Giving Tree" to Mapleton Art Program.

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Thinking of Selling or Buying Real Estate? Do you have the following questions:
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Date: January 25th

Time: 1 pm - 4pm

Place: Florence Senior Center

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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 Island That Disappeared" by Tom Feiling

Few people today know the story of the passengers aboard the *Seaflower*, who in 1630 founded a rival Puritan colony on an isolated Caribbean island called Providence. They were convinced that England's empire would rise not in cold and barren New England, but rather in tropical Central America. However, Providence became a colony in constant crisis: crops failed, slaves revolted ... and then there were the pirates. And, as Tom Feiling discovers in this surprising history, the same drama was played out by the men and women who resettled the island 100 years later. "The Island That Disappeared" presents Providence as a fascinating microcosm of colonialism — even today. At first glance, it is an island of devout churchgoers; look a little closer, and you see that it is all dependent on its smugglers. At once intimate and global, this story of Puritans and pirates goes to the heart of the contradictory nature of the Caribbean, and shows us how the Western World took shape.

Library Closure

The library will be closed on Sunday, Jan. 27, as described below. Regular hours resume on Monday, Jan. 28.

"Irish Wake" for Mary Colgan-Bennetts

The Siuslaw Public Library will be hosting an Irish wake this 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 celebrate Mary, who was such an integral part of the library and the community. This event is open to everyone!

Friends of the Library Meet Tomorrow

The Friends of the Library will be meeting tomorrow, Thursday, Jan. 24, at 11 a.m. in the library's Bromley Room. All Friends members and library supporters are encouraged to attend.

AARP Tax Service

Beginning on Monday, Feb. 4, the AARP tax service will be available at the library on Mondays and Thursdays

through April 11, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. AARP will also be here two Saturdays, March 23 and April 13, which will be the last day of the service. AARP requests that you bring your 2017 tax return, a photo ID, Social Security card and 2017 tax documents and medical coverage documents.

AARP offers free tax preparation help to anyone of any age — but especially if you are 50 or older and can't afford paid tax preparation. The service is first-come, first serve, with the first couple of weeks usually seeing the biggest crowds. Check a book out of the library while waiting your turn!

Tax Forms

Once the library has received tax forms from the IRS we will make them available (to date they have not been received). Note that there is only one basic form this year, the 1040; the 1040A and 1040EZ have been eliminated. Additional schedules (A, B, C, etc.) are added to the 1040 as needed.

Oregon does not send tax forms to libraries but both IRS and state forms can be found online. Check with the Reference Desk for assistance.

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Decking to enjoy the sunsets. Lower level 1609 sqft is unfinished possible in law quarters (for a total sqft of 4535) Loft above entire triple garage
3 Bdrm, 3 ½ Ba 2926 sq ft
\$950,000 BH7795 ML#19405870

PRICE REDUCED

2017 manufactured home-spacious open living, amazing kitchen, jetted tub, breakfast room, fireplace. You'll fall in love!
3 Bdrm, 2 Ba 1296 sq ft
\$189,900 BH7765 ML#18078503

PRICE REDUCED

So much to offer. End of the road privacy, parking galore. Family room, bedrooms at opposite ends of the house. Deck off family room, formal dining area, a must see!
3 Bdrm, 2 Ba 1872 sq ft
\$295,000 BH7722 ML#18547747

FEATURED LISTING

Back on the market & ready for you. Spacious living room with slider to backyard. Room to have a garden. Space for RV parking
3 Bdrm, 2 Ba 1188 sq ft
\$219,500 BH7612 ML#17013726

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2 Bdrm, 1 Ba 864 sq ft
\$199,000 BH7787 ML#18681590

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Enchanted Valley. Community dock on beautiful Mercer Lake. Build your dream home.
.77 acres
\$39,000 BH7568 ML#17341221

FEATURED LISTING

2 acres of peacefulness. Community dock & boat access. Approximately 191 ft of paved road frontage. Possible lake view. If you can dream it, you can build it!
2 acres
\$109,900 BH7767 ML#18419852

NEW LISTING

Panoramic coastline ocean view with amazing sunsets in gated community of Fine Ocean View Homes.
3 Bdrm, 2 ½ Ba 2631 sq ft
\$699,900 BH7782 ML#18333105

NEW LISTING

Private, spacious, partially fenced lot in beach area. City services to lot line. Minutes to hospital, shopping, library & beach access
.40 acre
\$67,500 BH7783 ML#18607798

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