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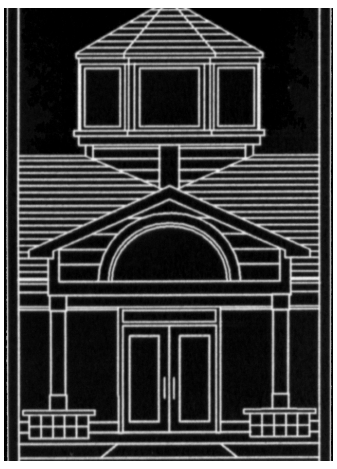
Library Tidings

News about the Siuslaw Public Library

Library Tidings by Kevin Mittge 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.



Book Review

"The Impossible Climb"
by Mark Synnott

In author Mark Synnott's unique window on the ethos of climbing, his friend Alex Honnold's astonishing "free solo" ascent of El Capitan's 3,000 feet of sheer granite is the central act.

When Honnold topped out at 9:28 a.m. on June 3, 2017, having spent fewer than four hours on his historic ascent, the world gave a collective gasp.

The New York Times described it as "one of the great athletic feats of any kind, ever." Synnott's personal history of his own obsession with climbing since he was a teenager — through professional triumphs and defeats and the dilemmas they render — makes this a deeply reported, enchanting revelation about living life to the fullest.

What are we doing if not an impossible climb?

Synnott delves into a raggedy culture that emerged decades earlier during Yosemite's Golden Age, when pioneering climbers like Royal Robbins and Warren Harding invented the sport that Honnold would turn on its ear.

Painting an authentic, wry portrait of climbing history and profiling Yosemite heroes and the harlequin tribes of climbers known as the Stonemasters and Stone Monkeys, Synnott weaves in his own experiences with poignant insight and wit: Tensions burst on the mile-high northwest face of Pakistan's Great Tango Tower; fellow climber Jimmy Chin miraculously persuades an official in the Borneo jungle to allow Honnold's first foreign expedition, led by Synnott, to continue; armed bandits accost the same trio at the foot of a tower in the Chad desert…

"The Impossible Climb: Alex Honnold, El Capitan and The Climbing Life," is an emotional drama driven by people exploring the limits of human potential and seeking a perfect, choreographed dance with nature. Honnold dared far beyond the ordinary, beyond any climber in history. But this story of sublime heights is really about all of us.

Who doesn't need to face down fear and make the most of the time we have?

Library closure

The Siuslaw Public Library will be closed Monday, Oct. 14, for a staff training day. We'll reopen with regular hours in Florence and Mapleton the next day, Tuesday, Oct. 15.

Alzheimer's Class — Legal and Financial Issues

Tomorrow, Thursday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m. to noon in the library's Bromley Room, the Alzheimer's Association will be offering a class on Legal and Financial Planning for Alzheimer's Disease.

The class is an interactive two-part program where you will have a chance to learn about important legal and financial issues to consider, how to put plans in place, how to access legal and financial resources near you, and much more.

While registration is preferred by calling 1-800-272-3900, it is not required. This program is free and open to the general public.

Computer Classes this month

This month's second Open Tech Lab will be held Tuesday, Oct. 15, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the library's Bromley Room. Bring your own device or use one of ours to explore basic skills and get your techie questions answered. All experience levels of computer and device users are welcome.

Woahink Lake Assoc. to host trash collection day

The Woahink Lake Association is seeking volunteers to help with its semi-annual roadside litter collection day on Saturday, Oct. 12.

Volunteers will meet, rain or shine, at the East Woahink Lake Day Use Area at 11 a.m. to get location assignments and pick up safety vests.

The clean up along Canary Road and Clear Lake Road will take place between about 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Volunteers should plan to dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes and bring work gloves.

The fall cleaning gives residents an opportunity to spruce up roadways around the lake — and volunteers have unearthed some surprising finds along the roads.

To volunteer or find out more about cleanup day, contact John Colwell at 541-590-3357.

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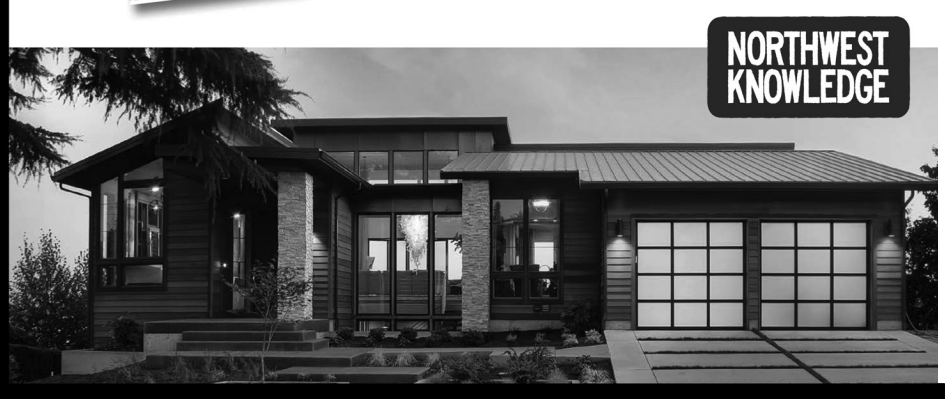

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Charming well maintained manufactured home with large enclosed covered back deck with hot tub. Two 10 x 20 outdoor storage/shop buildings
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$189,900 BH7935 ML#19577875

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.5 acre
$175,000 BH7898 ML#19374521

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Looking for a place to call home....Don't miss this one. Large living room, built-in China hutch, kitchen/family room combo, covered patio in gated community
2 Bdrm, 2 Ba 1440 sq ft
$207,000 BH7858 ML#19618705

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