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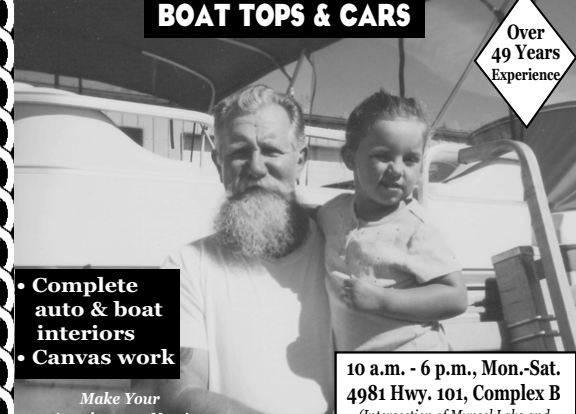
Habitat making most of donated left-over paint

Florence Habitat for Humanity is taking donated left-over paint that can either be used, resold or recycled. A drive-through drop-off point was set up this past Saturday in the Florence Habitat ReStore parking lot. For more information, call 541-997-5834, email restore@florencehabitat.org or visit the ReStore.

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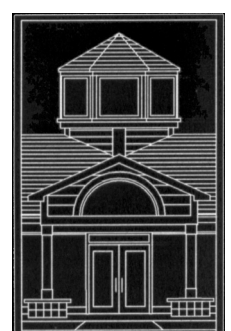
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Library Tidings



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:
“Tiger Girl and the Candy Kid”
By Glenn Stout

Before Bonnie and Clyde, there were Tiger Girl and the Candy Kid. In the wake of world war, a pandemic and an economic depression, Margaret and Richard Whittemore, two love-struck working-class kids from Baltimore, reached for the dream of a better life.

The couple headed up a gang that in less than a year stole over \$1 million worth of diamonds and precious gems — a value of over \$10 million dollars today.

Margaret was a chic flapper, the archetypal gun moll, a partner to her husband’s crimes. Richard was the quintessential bad boy, whose cunning and violent ambition allowed the Whittemores to live the kind of lives they’d only seen in the movies.

Along the way he killed at least three men, until prosecutors managed a conviction.

As tabloids across the country blared the details of the couple’s star-crossed romance, they became heroes to a new generation of young Americans who sought their own version of freedom.

Against the backdrop of the Roaring 1920s’ excesses, acclaimed author Glenn Stout takes us from the jailhouse to the speakeasy, from the cabarets where the couple celebrated good times to the gallows where their story finally came to an end — leaving Tiger Girl pining for a final kiss.

“Tiger Girl and the Candy Kid” is a thrilling tale of rags to riches, tragedy and infamy.

Changes to Computer Appointments

Due to Lane County entering the COVID-19 “high risk” category once again, the library will be making changes to internet computer occupancy.

While at this time computers will continue to be available, the number of patrons able to utilize them at one time will decrease.

The library is trying to be flexible in quickly increasing or decreasing access as allowed by state guidelines, so please contact the library directly, either in person during browsing hours, or by phone, 541-997-3132, to check on the current status.

We’ll try to get you an appointment as soon as possible.

Federal Tax Forms

This year the Internal Revenue Service extended the date for filing your taxes from April 15 to May 17.

The library still has plenty of basic federal IRS tax forms and instruction booklets. We can usually print any additional forms you may need.

While the state of Oregon hasn’t provided libraries with state tax booklets in about a decade, we can print out the basic Oregon tax forms for you.

The forms and instructions are available just inside the lobby, but be sure to wear a mask.

Borrowing Material from Other Libraries

Do you ever need a book or other material which we don’t have here at the Siuslaw Public Library? You can always ask if we can order it on “interlibrary loan,” whereby we search for the material at other libraries and request to borrow it for you.

There are many libraries which still haven’t reopened or reestablished full services yet, so patience is required, but we are happy to try to find any materials our patrons might need.

Local kids serve up a refreshing fundraiser for OCHS

What began as an experiment in entrepreneurialism ended in a self-taught lesson in philanthropy. Two big multisyllabic words not found in the typical second grader’s vocabulary, but concepts that course within their hearts and imaginations.

As a result, Bella Graybill and Gia Flosi of Florence can also add “hero” to their resumé.

“We had two young ladies come to the shelter to donate \$73.08 last Monday from a Kool-Aid stand they held over the previous weekend,” said Oregon Coast Humane Society (OCHS) Executive Director Elizabeth Thompson. “We were as humbled as we were delighted and surprised.”

The 8-year-old second graders from Siuslaw Elementary are long-time friends who love hanging out together.

Bella wanted to try a Kool-Aid stand and see how it went. Gia, who lives a few



(From left) Eight-year-olds Bella Graybill, holding her dog Kelso, and Gia Flosi decided to sell punch to benefit the Oregon Coast Humane Society

blocks away, came over and helped out and, over the course of a couple of days, they sold a lot of punch to passersby. Black cherry may have been their biggest seller.

“There were lots of generous people,” said Bella. “One person gave us \$5 and didn’t even buy a drink. Another person only bought a half a cup and gave us \$20.”

“Lots of people came by,” added Gia. “Most of them were thirsty, but some just gave us money and said, ‘good luck.’”

Bella estimated more than

50 people stopped by during the sale.

Both girls are animal lovers. Bella lost her kitty during last year’s fire crisis when smoke filled their neighborhood and has a dog named Kelso; Gia has a dog named Yoshi.

The girls said, very specifically, that they want OCHS to “buy cat food, cat treats, dog food and dog toys” because life can be lonely in an animal shelter.

Thompson gladly agreed to the terms.

Bella’s mom, Valerie Gray-

bill, said the girls were doing so well that they came running to the house saying they wanted to give all their proceeds to OCHS’s shelter animals.

“They were so giddy. I asked, ‘All of it?’ and they said ‘Yes, all of it!’ They were super excited,” she said.

Gia’s mom, Vanessa Flosi said, “We’re so proud of both girls. Initially it was all for fun, but the donation happened organically. It blew me away and brought me to tears.”

Graybill posted on Facebook, “These two girls are amazing, unselfish, kind-hearted angels! They sold Kool-Aid this weekend for fun and wound up making a lot of money and decided they wanted to donate it to the humane society. We want to thank everyone who helped support them this weekend!”

The moms agreed, “We need more heartwarming stories like this these days.”

OCHS is a local nonprofit, no-kill community that promotes a lifetime commitment to pets. To learn more or how to support its ongoing work in the Florence area, call OCHS at 541-997-4277 or visit OregonCoastHumaneSociety.org.

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