

Meet author Rene Denfeld at library's author series

Happy 2018 to all of our library friends and visitors! It may be cold and drizzly outdoors, but inside the Library the fireplace is lit, the shelves are well-stocked with books to read and DVDs to watch, and we have some upcoming experiences to share with all of you!

First of all, Cannon Beach Reads, our library reading/discussion group will be meeting at the library at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17.

For January the group has been reading "Life on the Mississippi," by Mark Twain. The book contains anecdotes about Twain's training on the Mississippi River as a steamboat pilot. In the second half of the book, the author describes a trip many years later on a steamboat from St. Louis to New Orleans. Tom Schaeffer will be the discussion leader. As always, the group encourages and welcomes new participants. Call the library for more information.

AT THE LIBRARY
CARLA O'REILLY



We welcome author Rene Denfeld on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 2 p.m. for our Northwest Author special event. As well as being an author, Rene is a licensed investigator in the state of Oregon and a therapeutic foster-adoptive parent. She will be talking about her latest novel "The Child Finder," which is a literary thriller examining the role of a young woman in finding a missing child. Her talk promises to be interesting as well as informative.

Cannon Beach ESL Literacy Program continues! Thanks to the city of Cannon Beach grant in the spring of 2017, the literacy liaison position sponsored by the Clatsop Community College was able to continue its outreach efforts to provide adult English language classes for the second year.

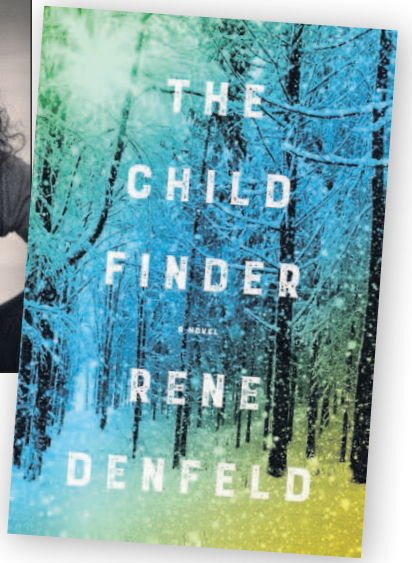
In partnership with the Cannon Beach Library, weekly English classes resumed Nov. 14, at the library, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday nights. These ESL (English as a Second Language) classes have served a close-knit group of adult students, mostly immigrant women who work in hospitality and service industry jobs. These students aspire to learn English so that they can better perform their jobs plus learn the skills that will enable them to eventually become active, contributing members of their new community. The program continues to need volunteers who can provide English language instruction to an individual learner for at least one hour per week on a one on one basis. Please contact Judith Pearson at 971-201-6605 for more information.

Looking ahead to early February, we eagerly anticipate our first library membership meeting of the new year. As always it includes a delicious brunch prepared by our hosts/hostesses, as well as what



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Book discussion centers on "The Child Finder," by Rene Denfeld.



promises to be an interesting and informative talk by our own Marc Bates, a well-known cheese maker. Marc has also provided much assistance to our library over the years. Plan on attending the meeting if for

no other reason than sampling his delicious cheeses! So as you can see, library supporters, the Cannon Beach Library remains warm, cozy and active over the course of our winter! Come join us!

Term limits are needed on all federal government legislators

Are you in any way satisfied with the way our country is being run? I'm not referring to the president. I'm speaking of our representatives in the House and Senate. Those people whose sole large accomplishment for 2017 was to pass a bill that according to our president, "made the rich a lot richer."

I don't care if you are a Republican, Democrat or independent, it's pretty clear that our elected officials are not doing our bidding. They all seem most interested in retaining their jobs. This seems their first priority. As a result, money in the form of political contributions is what they all spend much of their

MAKING WAVES
JOHN HUISMANN



time pursuing. Our representatives literally spend at least half their time every day "dialing for dollars" at offices near the Capitol. Both Republicans and Democrats maintain offices just for this purpose.

Yes, a lot of us contribute to our personal favorites, but this is just pocket change for our representatives. The big money, for both parties, comes from big business, millionaires, billionaires and special

interests like the NRA and others. Hold on — it's just one example of a special interest. I will address that issue another time.

It seems that most people favor term limits, except for their own senator or representative. My guy is good — it's the others that are bad.

The point is, when any particular issue comes up, there are always interested parties looking for a return on their investment (read campaign contributions). Big money is the reason that nothing is getting done in the congress. Senators and congressmen cannot get reelected without a big pile of cash to make it possible. The price paid for that cash is selling their votes on any

number of issues. No wonder we can't get them to work for us! They've been bought and paid for by the wealthy and special interests.

So how do we get out of this situation that our founding fathers never contemplated? I believe that it's really pretty simple; take the money out of politics. Do I really believe that our legislators would really vote for something like this? No! Their desire seems to be to continue feeding from the public trough.

What we as citizens could do is to petition for a constitutional amendment that would impose strict term limits on all federal government legislators. I believe that two

terms is sufficient for any office. It is the same thing we did for the office of the president. As part of this amendment, we should provide federal funding for all federal elections and forbid private fundraising.

This, of course, is far easier said than done. But, if we actually did it, think what we could accomplish for our country. The money would be gone from the election process and our legislators would be forced to work for us again.

As Bobby Kennedy once said, "Some people look at things as things are and ask why. I try to look at things as they could be and ask why not?"

John Huismann is a Cannon Beach resident.

LETTERS

Candidate would 'hit the ground running'

After considerable reflection on my 20 years as a Tillamook County commissioner, it is time to announce what my plans are for the future.

I have decided not to run for reelection as Tillamook County commissioner when my term expires on Dec. 31. This was a very difficult decision for me to make because I love being a county commissioner. Not only do I enjoy working with commissioners Baertlein and Yamamoto, but I am honored to serve the citizens of Tillamook County and to work alongside the county's dedicated staff. Being a county commissioner has been a truly meaningful experience.

Before becoming a Tillamook County commissioner, I served for eight years as a state representative until term limits, which existed at that time, forced me to leave. As a county commissioner, I have had the privilege to work with

people across the state and the nation to find creative solutions to complex issues. As a result, I have determined that the time is right for me to run again for the Oregon State Legislature as the District 32 representative.

Several people have encouraged me to run again for the Legislature, including my family, State Rep. Debbie Boone, and State Sen. Betsy Johnson. My experience as a former legislator and a county commissioner gives me a unique opportunity to be effective in solving Oregon's complex budgetary, social and environmental issues.

If elected, I would hit the ground running. Fortunately, I know the legislative process very well through almost 30 years of experience. I also have a solid understanding of the issues and problems that we face at the local, regional, state and national levels. Most importantly, I have learned how to work collaboratively with both Democrats and Re-

publicans to forge solutions that fit our needs and move us in a positive direction.

We face a number of challenges that must be resolved soon. Many of our cities and counties are in, or soon will be in, financial crisis due to an outdated state tax structure that was initiated in the mid-1990s through the referendum process. My experience as a county commissioner has given me a firsthand understanding of the critical services that cities and counties provide to the public, and these services that are too important to see go away.

Another hurdle that can and must be overcome is the Public Employees Retirement System. Unfortunately, the Legislature's failure to stem the rising PERS cost for schools and public services across the state has already compromised our future. Solving this financial crisis will allow us to allocate our limited resources to more productive areas, such as en-

suring our schools and civic facilities are earthquake ready to improve public safety and upgrading our infrastructure to support and encourage economic development.

I hope you will support my effort to serve you once again as a member of the Oregon State Legislature as your state representative for District 32.
Tim Josi
Tillamook County commissioner

Proper precautions needed

"Rope and rescue team saves stranded dog off cliffside in state park," the Dec. 26 article detailing Felix's dramatic rescue by Cannon Beach Fire and Rescue personnel with Seaside Fire Lt. Genesee Dennis scaling a 60-foot sharp cliff face to bring the dog to safety has been widely shared on Facebook. As a long-time dog owner and lover, I'm relieved everyone emerge unscathed.

However, the article didn't detail the fact that Felix's owner is a fan of letting her dog run off leash as this helps him "decompress." It didn't note that Ms. Stremming had Felix running off-leash through the park — a park that requires dogs to be on leash at all times.

Nor did the article detail that the entire incident — one that put rescuers in harm's way, took them away from their family and friends at Christmas time, saw expenditure of municipal money, like-

ly caused Felix stress from being trapped on a narrow ledge without food or water, and caused his owner and her friends heartache — could have been avoided had Ms. Stremming simply obeyed Ecola State Park's leash law and had Felix leashed.

If Ms. Stremming continues to have Felix run off leash, perhaps doing so on her own property or within the confines of a securely fenced area is best.

Dorianne Almnn
Hinsdale, NH

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Monday, Jan. 15

Ecola Creek Watershed Council, 4:30 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Tuesday, Jan. 16

Cannon Beach Public Works Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Utility Rate Discussion, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Seaside School District Board of Directors, 6 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin, Seaside.

Thursday, Jan. 18

Cannon Beach Parks and Community Services Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Cannon Beach Design Review Board Meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall,

163 E. Gower St.

Monday, Jan. 22

Utility Rate Discussion, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Thursday, Jan. 25

Cannon Beach Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Thursday, Feb. 8

Cannon Beach Academy, 5:30 p.m., 3718 S. Hemlock St.

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Seaside School District Board of Directors, 6 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin, Seaside.

Thursday, March 8

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Tuesday, March 20

Seaside School District Board of Directors, 6 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin, Seaside.

Thursday, April 12

Cannon Beach Academy, 5:30 p.m., 3718 S. Hemlock St.

Tuesday, April 17

Seaside School District Board of Directors, 6 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin, Seaside.

Thursday, May 10

Cannon Beach Academy, 5:30 p.m.,

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Tuesday, May 15

Seaside School District Board of Directors, 6 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin, Seaside.

Thursday, June 14

Cannon Beach Academy, 5:30 p.m., 3718 S. Hemlock St.

Tuesday, June 19

Seaside School District Board of Directors, 6 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin, Seaside.



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