

MERRIMENT, MIRTH AT FEC AUG. 8, 9

For the first time, the Florence Events center will host the Second Star Festival, which brings together more than 40 vendors showcasing wares meant to inspire, spark the imagination and foster creativity.

Activities will include acoustic musicians, local and regional art, kids events, inspirational talks about the creative process and more.

Festivities will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, and last until 10 p.m. There will be a break from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for visitors to grab dinner, followed by a performance in the auditorium by Tricky Pixie, as well as a film by critically acclaimed puppeteer and filmmaker Touby Froud.

Tricky Pixie is a fusion of talents from a musical trio that blends a myriad of instruments, strings, voices and drums to perform songs about pirates, dancing satyrs, gypsies and pixies to create a unique musical and visual experience.

The film “Lessons Learned,” by Froud and his team of puppeteers at Strikey Pajamas Productions, is the story of a boy who is surprised by special treatment from his grandfather



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Strikey Pajamas Productions puppeteers pose with their creations for the film, “Lessons Learned,” which will be featured in the FEC auditorium during the Second Star Festival.

during his annual birthday visit — when he presents the boy with an intriguing gift offering adventure and other-worldly experiences.

The merriment continues

Sunday, Aug. 9, with more music, mirth and creative mayhem from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Obtain a weekend pass plus a concert ticket to see the entire two-day festival, with special

pricing for children so that the entire family can attend.

Children ages 6 and under can attend free, with admission for kids between 7 and 12 years old admitted for \$7.

Gear up for annual Habitat BeachWalk

Waves are rolling in with the Florence Habitat for Humanity registration forms for the annual BeachWalk. It's time to start getting teams together and gathering your sponsors before the beach walk, from the North Jetty to Driftwood Shores, on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Every donation raised goes to purchasing building materials to build Florence Habitat

for Humanity houses here.

Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1976 to eliminate poverty housing in the world.

All are welcome to join in this fun event, including leashed dogs. Walkers will be entertained with music, have refreshments, can hunt for glass floats and keep what they find, and participate in a sand sculpture contest with awards.

Any walker raising at least \$100 will automatically be given a Habitat T-shirt.

Participants will also gain the benefits of a relaxing walk on the beach, the sea air giving a feeling of tranquility, burning calories, improving bone strength and toning muscles.

Florence Habitat seeks passionate individuals and organizations to join the fight against

substandard housing.

Anyone who would like to join the BeachWalk, volunteer, or donate can pick up a brochure form for the 2015 Habitat BeachWalk at the Florence Habitat for Humanity office in the Grocery Outlet shopping center.

For more information, call 541-902-9227.

Proposals sought for watershed restoration

CORVALLIS — Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation and Development (CPRCD) is accepting pre-application proposals for watershed restoration projects in the areas represented by the Alsea, Hebo, Marys Peak and Siuslaw stewardship groups.

Approximately \$400,000 is available for projects that improve or restore fish and wildlife habitat on private and other non-federal lands where there is a demonstrated benefit to national forest lands.

CPRCD, working in con-

junction with the Siuslaw National Forest and the four partner stewardship groups, will help to administer the process of project application, technical review, prioritization and final award of funds to approved project proposals.

Funding requests generally should not exceed \$100,000. It is recommended that projects be scalable. A 25-percent match in funding or in-kind contributions is recommended.

Pre-application proposals are due Monday, Aug. 3.

The Siuslaw Collaborative

Watershed Restoration Program was developed after the Wyden Amendment authorized that retained receipts from stewardship timber sales may be used on nearby lands that benefit resources within watersheds of the Siuslaw National Forest.

“The program allows the Forest Service and its partners and neighbors to consider the whole landscape when planning restoration efforts,” said Kirk Shimeall, CPRCD executive director. “It’s a valuable and effective collaborative pro-

gram that we’re pleased to host and administer.”

All required forms, including the pre-application, timeline, stewardship group area maps, final application and more are available online at www.cascadepacificstewardship.org/multilist_1/documents-forms/documents-forms.

For more information, contact Connie Barnes, Program Administrator, Cascade Pacific RC and D, at 541248-3094, or email her at connie@cascadepacific.org.

Workshop to teach grant writing for nonprofits Aug. 12

An opportunity to meet program officers from three of Oregon’s biggest community foundations will be offered Wednesday, Aug. 12, at the Florence Events Center.

Sally Yee, of the Meyer Memorial Trust, Jeff Geiger representing the Oregon Community Foundation and Louis King, program coordinator for Spirit Mountain Community Fund, will be on hand to share their knowledge about the challenges and opportunities that exist in rural communities.

The event is free but participants must preregister by calling King at 503-879-1462 or by emailing louis.king@thecommunityfund.com.

Email should include name, organization, telephone and email contact.


The afternoon event begins at 1 p.m. with a “Meet the Funder’s Panel.” The three program officers will describe their foundation and the work they are doing before opening up a panel discussion with participants.

Following that two-hour panel discussion, an hour-long grant writing fundamentals session will be held, from 3 to 4 p.m.

“This is a fantastic opportunity for rural nonprofits to meet funders,” said Becky Goehring, who is helping spread the word among nonprofits in the Siuslaw region.


The event is a Rural Community Outreach Event for Southwest Lane County.

Space is limited to about 45 participants, according to organizers.



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FRAA to host outdoor moving sale Aug. 8

Florence Regional Arts Alliance will be having an outdoor parking lot moving sale (or indoors, depending on the weather), Saturday, Aug. 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The sale will be at 4969 Highway 101, Munsel Lake Plaza, just north of Fred Meyer, in the back parking lot area.

Come early for coffee and doughnuts.

Members and friends are asked to bring household items and other treasures they would like to donate to the Art Center on Friday, Aug. 7, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Items should be priced before bringing them to donate.

In addition, FRAA is selling

53 metal display screens, 6 feet tall by 30 inches wide, and carpeted fabric office dividers of various sizes — all priced to sell quickly.

Other large items include two dining room table and chair sets, a baker’s rack, and storage cabinet. There will be clothing, shoes, bedding, vases, baskets, art supplies, knick-knacks and more.

Look for dails in the Siuslaw News “Garage Sale” section the week before the event.

FRAA is a nonprofit organization, and proceeds from this sale will help to defray the moving costs as we establish residency in its new location, 120 Maple St., beginning Wednesday, Sept. 2.

Relay seeks photos for memorial slideshow

The Relay For Life of Florence is seeking photos of those who have been lost to cancer for the annual memorial slide show during the event’s luminaria ceremony.

The luminaria ceremony is at 9 p.m. at Miller Park on

Saturday, Aug. 8.

Photos of departed loved ones (including pets) that have battled cancer can be sent to bob.evans@opbc.com, along with the name of the person being memorialized.

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