

CROW invites public to ‘Share Your Heart’

Florence-based youth theatre organization, Children’s repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW), will present “Share Your Heart 2016,” a Valentine’s Day themed fundraiser featuring performances by the CROW children, as well as silent and live auctions, a dessert auction, kissing booth and a new “Heartbreaker” game.

Tickets include wine and hors d’ oeuvres.

In the spring of 2015, an investor temporarily secured CROW’s new home, located at 3120 Highway 101 in Florence. This generous gesture allowed CROW to begin renovations on the facility, with hopes of open-

ing its doors to permanent, high-quality arts instruction for local children. CROW is actively writing grants and reaching out to the community in hopes that it can raise \$220,000 in time to permanently secure the building — but time is running out and CROW needs the community’s help.

“Please join us for this celebration of how the arts can make a difference in the life of a child,” said CROW artistic director Melanie Heard. “Share your heart and we promise to melt yours.”

The Share Your Heart event will be Saturday, Feb. 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the FEC.



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Members of CROW invite the community to a special fundraiser this February at the Florence Events Center.

Doors open at 6 p.m.

The cost is \$40 per person, or \$300 for a table of eight.

For tickets, call 541-997-1994 or visit www.eventcenter.org.

CROW is a nonprofit organization and donations are tax-deductible.

For more information on the CROW program, visit www.crowkids.com.

Citizen from 1A

exceeded the original \$10,000 fund target for Western Lane Community Foundation.

Gayle Weiss has served numerous nonprofit organizations in a variety of roles including Rotary Club of Florence, Florence Habitat for Humanity, Western Lane Community Foundation and Friends of South Coast Kids Foundation. She is also the children’s librarian at Siuslaw Public Library.

There are four nominees for the 2015 Future First Citizen, an award that goes to a student at Siuslaw High School (SHS). These four students have been chosen because of their high level of academic and community involvement.

One of the Future First Citizen nominees is Holly Hicks, the daughter of Jeremy and Yumiko Hicks. During her time at SHS, she has been involved with the LINKS program and served in student



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Future First Citizen nominees are, from left, Holly Hicks, Hannah Bartlett, Alexis Scheer and Mikaela Siegel.

government at the school. She is currently the ASB President and is a member of the National Honor Society. Holly is involved in Rotary Interact, and volunteers at her church for community projects.

The next nominee is Hannah Bartlett, the daughter of Dan Bartlett and Lorena Bartlett, a senior at SHS. She is president

of the National Honor Society and has participated in multiple high school athletic programs during her four years at Siuslaw. Hannah is involved in Leadership class, participates in Key Club and is also involved in Children’s Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW) theater and musical programs.

The third nominee is Alexis Scheer, the daughter of Eric and Natalie Scheer. Alexis is a member of the National Honor Society and participated in Siuslaw Varsity Volleyball for four years, providing leadership this last season as Captain of the team. She has also been a member of Kiwanis Key Club and Rotary Interact. As a student tutor, she helps math students at the high school.

The fourth nominee is Mikaela Siegel, the daughter of Steven and Caren Siegel. Mikaela is a member of the National Honor Society, Leadership class, Rotary Interact and Viking Hour. She has done four years of track and cross country at the high school level. She was named a state champion in track last year.

The 2014 Future First Citizen was Courtney King.

Tickets to this event are \$35 and available at the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 541-997-3128.

FUUF to host Starlight Cabaret of Wonder Friday

Just recently returning from her debut West Coast tour, Wonder offers a collection of whimsical, autobiographical songs to listeners.

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Wonder’s hope is to turn the tables on the pursuit of answers to life’s haunting questions through her performances, inspiring others to become obsessed with the asking questions.

With soaring melodies and poignant lyrics, Wonder is here to woo audiences back into uncertainty.

Wonder’s “Starlight Cabaret” will take place Friday,

Wonder

Jan. 15, beginning at 6 p.m., at Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Highway 101 in Florence. There is a suggested donation of \$10.

There will be tea and coffee, or guests over the age of 21 can bring alcoholic beverages if they wish.

Port from 1A

Prior to that, Leskin worked as an intern assistant to the general manager of the Port of Cascade Locks.

In addition to earning a law degree from Lewis and Clark College in 1992, Leskin has received the Pacific Coast Congress of Harbor Managers Certification Level III and Port Operator certification.

Leskin spent 23 years as an attorney and municipal judge in Oregon.



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“I was an attorney for 23 years in Portland,” Leskin said. “I needed a break and I wanted to do something that I felt passionate about. I have been a sailor most of my life and I wanted to work in a maritime environment.

“When I was deciding to make a career change and exploring whether being a port manager was a viable option, I spoke with port managers all over the state. There are 23 port managers in Oregon and I spoke with 21 of them,” he added.

Leskin was one of two final candidates port commissioners interviewed during the second round of applicant interviews.

After the first round, a special meeting was held on Nov. 18 but commissioners could not reach a consensus on any of the first round applicants.

Port of Siuslaw Board President Ron Caputo said, “When he made his presentation, he was very thorough

Steven Leskin

and probably gave the best presentation. He has port experience. He was very professional and we unanimously selected him.”

Interim port manager Dina McClure said that Leskin’s background as an attorney should benefit the port. She was also pleased to know that he had worked with the Port of Bandon to update the port’s ordinances, a project that is on her “to do” list.

“He researched what we have done in the past so well that I learned a couple of things from his presentation,” Caputo said. “It looks like he will do a very nice job for the Port of Siuslaw. We are very pleased to bring him on board.”

“I’m very happy for the opportunity,” Leskin said, “and look forward to moving to Florence and becoming a part of the community. It is a great port. I am looking forward to working with the commissioners and the staff.”

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