

THREE RIVERS DONATES TO CROW

On Jan. 19, The Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW) announced it had been selected by the Three Rivers Foundation, the giving arm of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, to receive \$10,000 to help put a new heating system into the CROW Center for the Performing Arts.

The new center is at 3120 Highway 101, and will house ongoing classes in the arts, as well as rehearsal,



The entrance to CROW's performing Arts Center on Highway 101

storage and workshop space for the nonprofit youth theatre organization.

"We are truly grateful to the Florence community for its ongoing support of children in the arts," said program director Melanie Heard. "We hope everyone will join us Saturday, Feb. 13, at CROW's 'Share Your Heart' event."

The second annual event is a fundraiser at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

For more information, visit www.crowkids.com.

Register Monday for Community Chorus

Register to sing with Community Chorus Florence Oregon on Monday, Jan. 25, at 6:30 p.m., at Cross Road Church on 10th and Maple streets.

The first rehearsal will follow immediately afterwards until 8:30 p.m. All singers from high school age and up are welcome.

There is a registration fee of \$60 to cover the cost of music and other expenses. Several scholarships are available and may be discussed at registration.

The chorus regularly rehearses on Monday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The May 1 concert will take place 2 p.m. at the Florence Event Center.

Dr. Paul Guthmuller will direct the Chorus. The chorus will be singing selections from Irving Berlin's song book and other music from that era. The performance will include a number of patriotic songs.

The chorus is also seeking volunteers for a number of non-singing roles, such as fund raising, bookkeeping, computer graphics, secretarial and other administrative chores.

For more information, call 970-618-6307 or visit www.communitychorusflorenceor.org.

Add your voice to region's 10-year plan

The final opportunity for community members to help shape a vision for the Siuslaw Region will be held Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

The meeting is the next step in nearly a year of exploration and conversations, led by the Vision Action Team from the Siuslaw Pathways Program.

An open house format will run from 5 to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m., with a formal presentation of the ideas and concerns from 6 to 7 p.m.

Light refreshments will be available during the evening.

Anyone residing in Dunes City, Florence and upriver communities from Mapleton to Deadwood is encouraged to attend.

"We want to share this and get input from as many people as we can," commented Becky Goehring, a member of the visioning team. "This is a great opportunity to let your voice be heard."

The Siuslaw Visioning team has held 10 Focus Group meetings, inviting between 10 to 20 individuals to each meeting, ranging in scope from economy and business, education,

health care and age demographics youth to seniors.

The 2025 Siuslaw Vision is the culmination of the work being done by the Siuslaw Region Visioning Project, supported by Rotary of Florence, The Siuslaw Public Library, the City of Florence and The Ford Family Foundation.

The work has grown out of the 2014 Pathways program, which was offered to the region by The Ford Family Foundation.

For more information, visit the Pathways website at www.siuslawpathways.com.

Siuslaw Watershed to discuss Archie project

The Siuslaw Watershed Council's general meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 27, at the Mapleton Grange, 10868 E. Mapleton Road.

Doors open at 6 p.m., and the meeting gets underway at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting agenda includes

a presentation on the Archie Knowles Campground Rehabilitation Project, given by Ed Alverson, natural areas coordinator, Lane County Parks.

The annual Spirit of Siuslaw Award will be presented to a recipient for outstanding contributions to the improvement of

the community and environment in the Siuslaw.

Dan Carpenter, the SWC's new executive director, will share why he is excited to be part of the Siuslaw Watershed Council team, and there will be updates on current SWC projects and efforts.

Author Owen Cummings to lead Lenten Renewal

The Ecumenical Lenten Renewal Weekend, now in its 20th year, brings nationally known speakers to Florence during the liturgical season of Lent, a traditional time of reflection in anticipation of Easter.

Writer, professor and Catholic deacon Owen Cummings, chair of theology at Mt. Angel Seminary in St. Benedict, Ore., will headline the 2016 Lenten Renewal Weekend, Feb. 20 to 21.

Cummings will give three lectures on Saturday, Feb. 20, and deliver the message at the Sunday service at New Life Lutheran Church, 21st and Spruce streets, in Florence.

The theme of his presentations is "Lift High the Cross." His Saturday lectures are entitled "A Radical Lent," at 10:30 a.m.; "The Cross and St. Paul," at 1 p.m.; and "The Way

of the Cross," at 2:30 p.m. His message, "Transfiguration Through the Cross," will be given at the Sunday service at 10:30 a.m.

The Lenten Renewal Choir, under the direction of Laura Merz, will sing at the service.

Brian Lindsey will be organist.

Cummings is the author of 18 books, including "One Body in Christ," which highlights ecumenical voices primarily in the 20th century, and "Mystical Women, Mystical Body," which examines the spirituality of 10 women mystics, among them Hildegard of Bingen, Teresa of Avila and Edith Stein.

He previously served as deacon and director of religious education for the Cathedral of the Madeleine in Salt Lake City, Utah, and remains a permanent deacon

of that diocese.

A native of Glasgow, Scotland, he holds a bachelor's degree in Semitic languages, a bachelor's and a master's degree in theology and a doctor of divinity degree, which he earned during the course of his theological studies in Dublin, Ireland.

The congregations in Florence who sponsor the event include host New Life Lutheran Church, Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, St. Andrew Episcopal Church, St. Mary Our Lady of the Dunes Catholic Church and Florence United Methodist Church.

All will participate in the joint worship service on Sunday.

There is no charge for the Lenten Renewal lectures, and the public is invited to both the lectures and the ecumenical worship service.

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