

CAT announces auditions for 'Grace and Glorie'

Class Act Theatre (CAT), along with Florence Actors Theatre (formerly Florence Repertory Theatre Company), aka FATCAT Productions, announce auditions for the part of Gloria in an upcoming production of Tom Ziegler's "Grace and Glorie."

Audition dates for "Grace and Glorie" are Saturday, May 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Sunday, May 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. at CAT.

A prepared monologue is not necessary, but those auditioning are encouraged to borrow a script from the Siuslaw Public Library or by calling the Class Act Theatre at 541-997-4815 to check out a script.

Gloria is a stage age 30 to 40ish year old woman transplanted from Manhattan to rural Virginia in this heart-warming, surprisingly funny play about preparing for end of life, recovery from trauma and the healing, life-affirming

power of simple friendship. "Grace and Glorie" will be performed the weekends of Aug. 5 to 7 and 12 to 14 at the Class Act Theatre, at 509 Kingwood St. at the corner of Kingwood Street and Rhododendron Drive.

Director Paula Lindekugel-Willis called the script, "an artfully written play surrounding the themes of human contrast, life lessons and building respect and friendships."

"I feel honored that Class Act Theatre has agreed to produce this for their 2016-17 season," Lindekugel-Willis said. "One would think that a play dealing with an eighty something, dying, remote West Virginia mountain woman who encounters a younger, former New York professional who is now volunteering as a rural hospice worker would not have humor but this does. These are two real and believable characters."

GARDEN CLUB SPRUCES UP GALLAGHER'S PARK



JACK DAVIS/SIUSLAW NEWS

Florence Garden Club members clean up Gallagher's Park, at the corner of Spruce Street and Highway 126, in time for next month's Rhody Days, May 20 to 22. Club volunteers clear debris and prune back shrubs and azaleas three times a year as part of the club's participation in the City of Florence Adopt-A-Park program. Gallagher's Park is also designated as the Florence Garden Club Memorial Park. Club spokeswoman Carol Dowty said, "This park is the first thing people see when they drive into town and we like to keep it nice."

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Fuller family breaks ground on Habitat home

On Thursday, April 7, Florence Habitat for Humanity volunteers gathered to help Nathan and Amber Fuller celebrate the Groundbreaking for their new home on 37th Street in Florence, an event they have been working toward for more than a year.

Habitat volunteers and supporters will be working hard over the next six or seven months to raise funds for the building materials while building committee members and the Fullers work with



COURTESY PHOTO

Florence Habitat for Humanity's Diane Bailiff and Ginny Kelley help break ground with Amber Fuller and Nathan Fuller, along with their children Destani, Alexandra, Lelend and Joycelynn. Pastor Jack Armer led the ceremony on 37th Street.

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shovels, saws and hammers to build a four-bedroom house.

A minimum of 500 hours of "sweat equity" will be compiled by the Fuller adults and their friends before the house is completed.

Family partners Ginny Kelly and Diane Bailiff will work closely with the family to guide it through the building process and the financial literacy, budgeting and home maintenance classes required of all Habitat families.

This was Kelley's 28th groundbreaking in Florence.

When the house is completed it will be sold to the Fullers via a 30-year, zero-

interest mortgage. The partnership between Habitat for Humanity and its home buyers is a very long-term association.

The Fuller children, Destani, 14, Alexandra, 10, Lelend, 4, and Joycelynn, 8 months, will have a stable home in which to grow up while their parents become contributing members of their new neighborhood and the Florence community.

Anyone who is interested in helping Habitat for Humanity is encouraged to call 541-902-9227, or stop in the Habitat Office at 2004 Highway 101, in the Grocery Outlet shopping mall.

WORD ON THE STREET

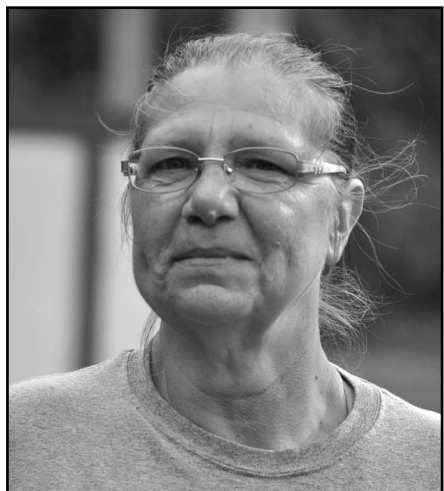
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"Definitely the 110-meter hurdles. Both of my daughters competed in that event in high school back in Minnesota."
—JAY BLAKE
FLORENCE



"I like the long jump because it looks fun."
—MASON FLANSBERG
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"Pole vaulting is my favorite. It's scary and I sometimes close my eyes, but it's exciting to watch."
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