

MAPLETON

MAPLETON PRIDE

The Mapleton Pride Clean Up Challenge this year is Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to noon. This is a major community event, and all are invited to participate.

Participants will check in at Mapleton Food Share, 10718 Highway 126. To celebrate Cinco De Mayo, Mapleton Food and Fuel will give a taco lunch to the volunteers. People can get their lunch tickets at the check-in table.

There will be two team awards, one for the team with the most volunteers and one for those that gather the most trash/brush. The two winning teams will also get tacos from Rosa's Mexican Restaurant in Florence.

Plenty to be thankful for

In October, Mapleton high and middle schools were challenged to write 1,000 thank you notes to remind them that they had much to be thankful for. Some thank you notes were large and some were very tiny. Some were decorated with glitter. And they more than met the challenge, with 1,029 notes written and delivered.

— Submitted by Elisa Gray, Resource Teacher



COASTAL COMMUNITY

SPRING DANCE SHOWCASE FEATURES AREA TALENT

Dancers of all ages will take the stage on May 11 as CROW (Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops) presents a mixed genre Spring Dance Showcase at 7 p.m. at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St. The event is open to the public, and CROW encourages local audiences to come and support the wonderful performers.

"This is an opportunity for the talented youth and adults in our dance community to show off their amazing skill, while inspiring and educating the general public and generations of future dancers," said Melanie Heard, CROW's artistic director and director of CROW's Flight Dance Team. "Dance is my first love and will always hold a very special place in my heart."

Heard's artistic background stems from the genre of classical ballet, and she studied with the Joffrey Trainee Program, Kirov's Universal Ballet School, Ballet West and Houston Ballet in her youth. She is committed to bringing that same level of dance pro-



CROW Flight Dance Team and soloists will perform May 11 at the Florence Events Center in the first CROW Flight Spring Dance Showcase.

fessionalism to Florence, and is excited about the future of dance in the community.

She said she looks forward to debuting several new choreography pieces, including her two favorites.

The 2018 Spring Dance Showcase will feature new works by Flight, CROW's new dance team, as well as class performances by CROW's Youth Ballet and Hip

Hop classes, taught and choreographed by Mackenzie Calvert and Cara Beere.

In addition, local dance celebrities such as Angela Palmer and Jennifer Marus are slated to dazzle audiences, and CROW is excited to welcome Kumu Iwalani and dancers for a taste of hula!

There will also be a piano solo by local high-schooler Ramiro Ramirez. To keep it fresh, there

will be several mesmerizing solo dance performances by Ramirez and his sister Isabella, Elyse Stewart, Alex Fuller and Victoria Schlager. Last but not least, the "Tip Top Tappers," Heard's adult and teen tap dance class, will perform two exciting and entertaining tap numbers.

Adult tickets are \$12 and student/senior tickets are \$10. All proceeds from the show support the dance education program, including costumes and scholarships for youth to attend future dance classes and workshops.

For tickets to the Spring Dance Showcase, visit the FEC Box Office, or call (541) 997-1994. Tickets can be purchased online at eventcenter.org.

Additional information is available at www.crowkids.com.

Tribes youth photography at CAM

Coos Bay—Youth and adult photography from the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI) will be on display at Coos Art Museum April 27 through June 30.

In response to some of the historical and contemporary issues facing Native American youth, one recognized intervention is the creation of a personal story that leads to better self-understanding and gives the mind a way to process pain and loss but also a way to express joy, identity and hope for the future.

In an exhibition organized by Leslie Lintner, Behavior Health Specialist, young participants were provided digital cameras, quick instructions on how they work and a short presentation on

contemporary Native American artists like Wendy Red Star and Will Wilson. These established artists provided the young photographers with inspiration and ideas of how to create art from their unique perspective. The exhibit represents a selection of works by a CTCLUSI panel.

Coos Art Museum has been a cultural focal point of Oregon's Southern Coast since 1966. It occupies an historic 1936 Art Deco US Federal Building in downtown Coos Bay. The Museum offers a wide range of art activities including exhibitions, art classes and lectures. Museum admission is \$5 general, \$2 students, veterans and seniors and free to museum members.

For more info, visit www.coosart.org.

APPLY NOW TO SCHOLARSHIPS

The following are the deadlines for some scholarships available to Mapleton and Siuslaw high school seniors and juniors.

Students who apply for student aid and scholarships should also check their two- and four-

year colleges, universities and technical schools for additional scholarships and funding resources.

In addition, the application period is open to file for federal student financial aid. To apply

today, visit fafsa.ed.gov to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. The FAFSA is open to all students planning to attend schooling, not just current high school students.

- **Oct. 1 to June 30** – FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at fafsa.ed.gov
- **April 25** – Siuslaw Valley Firefighters
- **April 25** – Oregon Jaycee
- **April 30** – CROW
- **May 4** – Delta Gamma, Tammy Nivens and Andrea Wright
- **May 1** – Daughters of the American Revolution
- **May 1** – Florence Community PTA
- **May 4** – Florence STEP (Salmon Trout Enhancement Program)
- **May 15** – Central Coast of Oregon Realtors
- **May 15** – Ronnie Catalfamo Memorial Scholarship
- **May 15** – Tony's Garage Scholarship
- **May 15** – Jose De La Mora Memorial
- **Anytime** – Coastal Celtic Society

Take a leap and audition for CROW Flight

Open Auditions for CROW's Flight Dance team will be held on Saturday, June 9, at 10 a.m. at the CROW Center for the Performing Arts, 3120 Highway 101. No experience is required, and dancers must be ages 10+ by that date to audition.

Youth who audition are asked to wear dance attire and bring ballet and/or jazz shoes. Dancers will be taught a challenging but brief combination and judged on their ability to pick up new choreography quickly, variety of dance/performance skills, stage presence and overall technique.

Flight is an annual program, and the team is required to re-audition each year. There are limited spaces available, and dancers will be selected based on merit, attitude, professionalism and

work ethic.

There are two income-based full scholarships are available for Flight.

Cost to participate in Flight for 2018-2019 is \$300 for new members and \$240 for returning members. Tuition may be paid in two installments over two months.

Flight dancers are responsible for purchasing two to three costumes per year, with an approximate per costume cost of \$40 to \$50, as well as several pairs of shoes.

Practices will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 4:15 to 6:30 p.m. and run July 2018 to May 2019. Summer Flight practices will be held in July and August, but dancers may be excused if unavoidable family vacations are

planned, etc.

New this year will be several dance workshops taught by various instructors in an effort to broaden technique, increase stamina and build overall skills.

"My long-term goal is to provide opportunities for the Flight Dance Team to travel and participate in dance competitions," said Heard. "In the meantime, Flight dancers will be provided with as many local opportunities to perform as possible."

These will include The Holly Jolly Follies, CROW's Spring Dance Showcase, Elks Christmas Party, Rhody Pageant, and miscellaneous community events.

If you have questions, feel free to email Heard at crowtheatrekids@yahoo.com or call 541-999-8641.

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Look for KID SCOOP

Kid Scoop runs every Wednesday during the school year in the Siuslaw News and features educational stories and fun activities for families. The activity page is part of the Siuslaw News' Newspapers In Education program, in which teachers from Siuslaw and Mapleton school districts may request copies of the local paper to use as curriculum in their classroom. Call 541-997-3441 for more info.