

CROW TAKES ‘FLIGHT’

The Children’s Repertory of Oregon Workshop’s (CROW) Flight Dance Team was formed in 2017 and is nearing completion of its second full year. The team is looking forward to two performances on Friday, May 10, and Saturday, May 11, at the CROW Spring Dance Showcase at the Florence Events Center (FEC), 715 Quince St. Both performances will be at 7 p.m.

Flight will debut three new choreography group pieces, plus many solos and duets.

On Saturday, June 15, Flight will be holding auditions for its annual roster. New and returning dancers are asked to audition to either win or keep their spot on the team.

Flight receives tremendous

praise from the local community, and has performed for many organizations and events, as well as each year in the Holly Jolly Follies. Last February, two Flight dancers, Jonathan Olson and Graci Immel, competed at a regional dance competition in Portland called Spotlight Dance Cup and scored in the Ruby category.

“Being selected for the Flight Dance Team is a huge privilege,” said CROW Artistic Director and Flight Director Melanie Heard. “The team has come a long way in only two short years, but there’s always room for improvement and growth.”

Heard plans to push dancers to explore new styles and to improve upon dance technique, precision and emotional expression onstage.

The 2019-20 Flight audition will take place at noon at the CROW Center for the Performing Arts, located at 3120 Highway 101.

Interested students should wear dance attire and bring ballet or jazz shoes for the audition. A dance combination will be taught. Dancers must be 11 years and older and hold some previous dance experience.

Flight team requirements, including cost, participation expectations and schedule, can be found at www.crowkids.com under the “Flight Auditions” tab.

Questions can be emailed to Melanie Heard at crowtheatrekids@yahoo.com.



Church rummage sale helps kids go to camp

The Florence Evangelical Church will be holding a rummage sale Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come find items of all kinds or donate items and get some extra space in your garage or closets — all while helping kids go to church camp this summer.

The church can use donations of gently used items, such as books, toys, tools,

household items and clothing, to sell at the sale. All proceeds from the rummage sale will go toward paying for summer church camp.

To donate an item, contact Dave at 541-999-6646 to arrange a pickup of your donation.

The sale will be held at the Florence Evangelical Church, 1318 Rhododendron Drive, one block from Highway 101.

‘Local Matters’ education series to begin at Florence Farmers Market on Tuesday

Florence Farmers Market is pleased to announce “Local Matters,” a free education series available at the Market. The educational workshops will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. on the first three market days of the 2019 season: Tuesday May 14, May 21 and May 28. The Florence Farmers Market is located next to the Veteran’s Memorial Park, at the intersection of Bay and Kingwood streets in Historic Old Town Florence.

These events are free and open to the public.

“Local Matters” offers short workshops on food-related topics of interest to Siuslaw residents. These fun and informal education sessions are presented by local

instructors and will include plenty of time for Q & A.

The first workshop, “Growing in Florence,” will be held Tuesday, May 14. It will feature a panel of local gardeners sharing their experience and tips for growing food in the Florence area.

On May 21, Jen Nelson will present “Backyard Wild Edibles.” She will share information about edible plants commonly found in backyards.

“Plants that we call weeds are often nutritious and delicious!” says Nelson.

The third and final workshop is “Basic Backyard Beekeeping” on May 28. Dave Williams will provide information on beekeeping,

equipment and varieties of honey. Williams is a Journey level beekeeper with the Oregon Master Beekeeper Program and a member of the Lane County Bee Association.

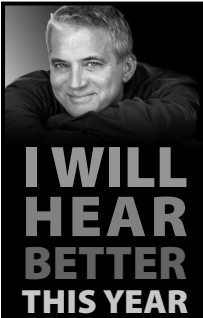
All “Local Matters” workshops will begin at 4 p.m. at the market.

Florence Farmers Market, a nonprofit organization, promotes awareness and access to healthy, local foods for Siuslaw residents. The 2019 season begins May 14 and runs through Oct. 15, every Tuesday from 3 to 6 p.m. The market offers the Double Up Food Bucks program for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) recipients, allowing

SNAP shoppers to redeem up to \$10 in matching funds to purchase fresh, local produce.

Florence Farmers Market vendors sell only local foods that are grown or produced within 60 miles of Florence. The Market is fiscally sponsored by the Florence Area Community Coalition and receives funding support for the 2019 season from the Western Lane Community Foundation and the Rosemarie Sweet Fund. Florence Farmers Market is an initiative of Siuslaw Vision.

For more information about Florence Farmers Market, email contact@florencefarmersmarket.org or visit RiverCal.org.



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Jorah LeFlour (second from right) will return as emcee for this year's poetry slam, hosted by FRAA.

Fourth annual ‘Big Wave Poetry Slam’ returns this month

Florence’s 4th annual Big Wave Poetry Slam will take place Friday, May 24, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Florence Event Center, 715 Quince St. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for registration, or register online.

Over the past three years, the contest has included poets who travel to Florence from all over Oregon and beyond.

Slam poet Jorah LeFleur from Eugene will return as emcee. LeFleur is well known as the Slam Maven, administrator and host of the Tsunami Poetry Slam in Eugene since 2006. This year’s Slam

contest is limited to 20 participants with a \$15 entry fee.

First prize is \$250, second prize \$100 and third prize \$50. An Open Mic will precede the Slam contest at 6:30 p.m., with a three-minute time limit per poet.

Admission is \$10 general, \$5 for LCC students and free to those age 18 and under.

Slam Poetry is a type of competition where people read their poems without props, costumes or music. After performing, they receive scores (0-10) from five randomly selected judges from our audience.

The judges can be anyone:

they don’t even need to be poets. Scores are awarded based on how much each judge likes a poem.

The rules vary from slam to slam, but the basic rules are: Each poem must be of the poet’s own construction; Each poet gets three minutes (plus a 10-second grace period) to read one poem. If the poet goes over time, points will be deducted from the total score. There will be three appointed time keepers.

Florence Big Wave Spoken Word is a group of poetry lovers dedicated to the promotion and enjoyment of Poetry in Florence.

The group is part of by the Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) and hosts First Tuesday Open Mic plus three competitive events per year: Love Gone Wrong in February, Spooky Word in October both of which take place at FRAA, 120 Maple Street in Old Town Florence, and the Annual Poetry Slam in May at the Florence Event Center.

Come out to support poets and enjoy an entertaining night of Spoken Word poetry.

Tickets and pre-registration available at FRAA or online at www.bigwavespokenword.org.

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Help “Clean Up Mapleton” Saturday

The community is invited to join the fun on Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to noon

for the annual “Clean Up Mapleton Event.” From the main bridge to the gas station on

Highway 126, participants will be picking up trash, weeding and clearing brush.

This year, there will be a friendly competition forum. Winners will be determined by two categories: the team with the most trash collected and the team with the greatest number of team members. In addition, there will be team prizes donated by the Gingerbread Village Restaurant.

People are asked to bring their own work gloves, garden tools, etc.

Check in will be at the Mapleton Food Share. Disposable vinyl gloves, trash bags and safety vests will be provided. Lunch will also be served afterwards.

Students and staff from the Mapleton Middle and High school will be helping along with community members.

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