

MAPLETON

MAPLETON FARM TO TABLE CLASS REAPS HARVEST



The Farm to Table class at Mapleton Middle and High School received grants from the Western Lane Community Foundation and the Mapleton Community Foundation to begin a permaculture food forest. Last year's class worked hard to get fruit trees, bushes, herbs and some annuals planted. This year's class is reaping the benefit of these generous donations and the work of last year's class. This year, everything they have made has had elements from the garden: rhubarb crunch, watermelon mint salad, fresh herb Italian dressing and other yummy recipes. — Submitted by Mapleton School District Resource Teacher Elisa Gray

COASTAL COMMUNITY

SCARE-CROW HAUNTED MAZE A REAL FREAK SHOW

Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW) once again delights and dismays with the fifth annual Scare-CROW Haunted Maze Oct. 25, 26, 29, 30 and 31 at the CROW Center for the Performing Arts, 3120 Highway 101 in Florence.

Last year's "Quarantine" maze tied for first place for "Best Haunt in Oregon" by Oregon Haunted Houses. This year's theme, "Freak Show" hearkens back to yesteryear and carnivals, circuses and freaks.

Usually, when the carnival comes to town, it's time for fun and merry-making. But this time, something is different. Something just isn't right about the performers. One by one, humanity has been drained from the traveling carnival troupe, until all that is left is utter darkness. They want YOU to join them in their macabre celebration under the tent. Will you enter the Freak

The 'Best Haunt in Oregon' runs Oct. 25, 26, 29, 30 & 31 at the CROW Center for the Performing Arts, 3120 Highway 101 in Florence.

Show to see what's on display? And once you enter, will you ... stay?

"Each year, the event gets bigger and scarier," said Ringmaster Melanie Heard, artistic director of CROW. "We're excited to let this out of the cage."

She took inspiration from iconic carnival imagery for this year's show, and built on past favorites of the haunted maze — creepy clowns, spookily talented youth and other special surprises. Plus, the community has stepped up in a big way to help with sets, makeup, specialty props and all-around atmosphere.

Each night will open the maze



from 6 to 9 p.m. On Oct. 29, a special family hour will tone down the scary from 5 to 6 p.m.

Admission is \$6 per person, cash only. CROW will not accept checks or credit cards.

CROW will also partner with The Dipper food truck this year. Based in Eugene, The Dipper will provide dip sandwiches and other food for sale.

For more info on the 2019 maze, including a FAQ, visit www.crowkids.com.

Apply now for 2020 Rhody Court

Applications for the 113th Rhododendron Court are now available through Siuslaw and Mapleton schools, the Florence Visitor's Center and the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce website at florencechamber.com.

The Senior Court is open to high school senior girls and boys who exhibit exceptional character and are Siuslaw region residents.

Queen Rhododendra and her Junior and Senior Princess Courts, as well as the King of the Coast and his Senior Prince Court, will reign over the 2020 Rhododendron Festival, act as the goodwill ambassadors for this event and make many promotional appearances between the start of the year and the annual Rhody Festival in May.

The Rhododendron Court will

benefit from experiences with public speaking and media relations. Queen Rhododendra and the King of the Coast, along with their Senior Court, will be awarded scholarships on the night of the coronation.

Applications for the Rhododendron Court will be accepted until Monday, Dec. 6, at 5 p.m. For more information about the court, participant obligations or the application, call 541-997-3128.

The 113th annual Rhododendron Festival is presented by the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce and will take place May 15 to 17 in Florence.

For information about the festival, parade participation, vendor registration or volunteer opportunities, visit www.florencechamber.com or call 541-997-3128.

PTA continues to earn with Box Tops for Ed

Consumers may have seen some different looking Box Tops on the more recent products they are purchasing. Over the summer, participating brands have begun to change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label.

This means the Box Tops for Education program is changing the way communities can earn cash for our schools!

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store as packages transition to the new Box Tops labels. Be sure to continue to clip and save these, and send them to the Florence Community PTA or to any one of the Siuslaw schools.

If people still have traditional Box Tops clips at home, be sure to send them in. If they have Box Tops coupons that have an expiration date of Nov. 1, 2019, get those in to Siuslaw Elementary School by Oct. 28. Florence Community PTA will get those sent off immediately so that we don't lose out on earning for those.

Going forward, instead of clipping from packages and checking expiration dates, all Box Tops will be earned digitally by scanning receipts. The Box Tops for Education team has worked hard to build a new-and-improved, user-friendly Box Tops mobile app, which is available now.

The new app features state-of-the-art technology that allows you to scan your store receipt. Redeem anywhere, anytime within 14 days of purchase.

People can use the app to



Box Tops are still worth 10¢ each for your school. While traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, they can still be found on many products throughout the store.

snap a photo of their receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.

Be sure to download the new app or update your existing app. Learn more about these changes at BTFE.com.

Florence Community PTA will still earn cash for all clipped Box Tops until they expire. Better yet, people can "double dip" during the packaging transition by clipping traditional Box Tops AND scanning their store receipt containing participating products.

While people can turn in clipped Box Tops anytime throughout the year, there are two competitions within the school district that focus on collecting as many as possible in a designated time frame. The Siuslaw Middle School Civil War challenge will run from Nov. 4 through 26, ending just in time for the real Civil War football game between the Ducks and Beavers. Then in February, Siuslaw Elementary School will host the "Box Tops are Popping Up Everywhere" challenge. Members of the public are welcome to turn in Box Tops at one of these schools during those times.

Florence Community PTA uses funds earned from Box Tops to provide grants



to teachers and school staff for classroom projects and supplies, as well as to help fund scholarships for graduating high school seniors going on to post-secondary education.

Many people are surprised at the wide variety of products that participate in the Box Tops program, and often overlook the lesser known items. Here is a list of participating brands:

- Nestle Pure Life Water
- Lysol
- Boise Paper
- Paper Mate
- Annie's Homegrown and Naturals
- Hamburger Helper
- Old El Paso
- Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bites
- Pillsbury
- Totino's
- Yoplait
- Bugles
- Cascadian Farm
- Cereal Treat Bars
- Chex Mix
- Fiber One Bars
- Food Should Taste Good Chips
- Fruit by the Foot
- Fruit Roll-Ups
- Gardetto's
- General Mills Fruit Snacks
- Gushers
- LARABAR Kid
- Mott's Fruit Snacks
- Nature Valley

Find a complete list of participating products at BTFE.com.

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