

What's your favorite scary movie?

Staying in on Halloween doesn't mean you can't get your spook on. Coast Weekend rounded up experts from local video stores to offer recent film recommendations guaranteed to horrify your home theaters. Look next week for more picks.

By RYAN HUME

It Follows (2015)

Rated R

Recommended by Neal Cummings

Video Horizons

750 Astor St. Astoria, OR 97103

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David Robert Mitchell's second feature is a pitch-perfect homage to the horror films of the '70s and '80s. Cummings explained this one doesn't rely on gore or cheap jump scares. "This film instead relies on psychological fright, great cinematography and eerie atmosphere. The musical score truly lends itself to the tension. The characters are interesting and you actually care about them."

Recommended for: "It Follows is a masterpiece in every respect and an absolute must-watch for horror fans that thought the genre was completely drained of originality," Cummings said.

Insidious (Chapters 1-3) (2010, 2013, 2015)

Rated PG-13

Recommended by Jim Haugen

Universal Video

47 N. Holladay Drive, Seaside

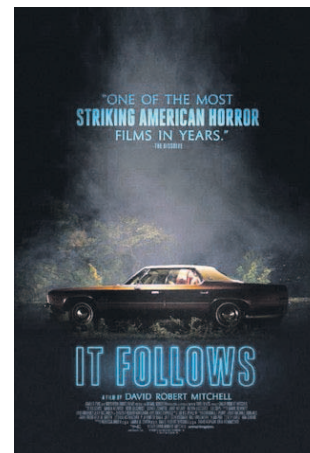
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The takeaway: "It's not the house that is haunted. It's your son." So begins the saga of the Lambert family's dealings with the evil spirits that inhabit another realm known as the Further. Over the course of the first two films, father Josh and son Dalton are forced to confront the inhabitants of the Further that want to hijack their bodies in order



to cross over. Really these are tales of two worlds colliding — the everyday and otherworldly — both of which are infected with bumps and jumps thanks to the superior timing of director James Wan. The third entry is a prequel that follows parapsychologist Elise Rainier (played with aplomb in all three films by veteran character actress, Lin Shaye) on an important case that happened before she met the Lamberts and is directed by Leigh Whannell, who penned all three scripts, as well as the original "Saw," which Wan directed.

Recommended for: While light on gore, there are enough jump scares in these films to get your adrenalin pumping, and some of the spirits are memorably disturbing. Halloween tweens might spend a good amount of time with their hands over their eyes.



The takeaway: "Last year we had 'The Babadook' and this year the movie to beat is 'It Follows,'" Cummings said. The premise is simple: A young woman contracts a sexually transmitted disease that takes the form of a supernatural stalker. It can look like anyone. And yep, it follows — relentlessly. Director

BREWERY PICKS

Keep your pumpkin spice lattes and hot apple cider — these seasonal drinks from local breweries will warm you up in a different way. Coast Weekend has rounded up a few offerings for you to check out this fall. Read, sip and savor; then come back next week for Part Three. Cheers.

Picks and photos by DWIGHT CASWELL

Fort George Brewery

Wet hope beers are tricky to make because of the timing. Everything in the brewery has to be put on hold until the precise moment of ripeness — then the fresh hops are picked from the vine and driven to the tanks with haste; two weeks later the beer is released. Fort George's wet hop beer is appropriately called Fresh IPA. If you're looking for a beer that defines early fall,

this is it. Drink it while you can. It won't be around for long.

The Fort's Drunkin Pumpkin Ale is now called Squash Buckler, because it's available in 22-ounce bottles and you can't put "drunkin" on a bottle of beer. Same beer, with a smooth malty and pumpkiny flavor without a lot of spices.

Fort George also has the "North" series of beers, which are strong seasonal beers. They're available whimsically and include North the Seventh, a barrel-aged imperial Belgian-inspired IPA, and North the Eighth, a



Submitted photo

Fort George brewers worked around the clock for two days to brew Fresh IPA.

Russian imperial stout. Also arriving this fall is Plaid, a Scotch ale, strong and bittersweet.

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The Sunset Thriller and Fall Fun Fest

This hair-raising event will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2015, the weekend prior to Halloween. The haunted house is held at the Sunset Pool from 6:00pm to 9:00pm this year. We recommend the haunted house for attendees ages 7 and up as it can be verrrrrry scarrrrrry! The event is free for pass holders (Annual, Monthly or 3-Month passes) or for those making a two can donation to the South Clatsop County Food Bank. For all others it's \$2 at the door (under 3 is free).

The Fall Fun Fest Carnival includes a cakewalk, carnival games, cookies and punch, music and a costume contest. The Fall Fun Fest Carnival will be held in the cafeteria at Broadway Middle School.

Thriller and Fall Fun Fest Schedule at a glance:

- 5:00pm - Doors open at Broadway Middle School for the Fall Fun Fest
- 6:00pm - Doors open for the Thriller at Sunset Pool
- 7:00pm - Costume contest at the Fall Fun Fest
- 8:00pm - Fall Fun Fest concludes
- 9:00pm - Sunset Thriller closes

Join us this year on Saturday, October 24, 2015 for a howling good time!

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