

# GENERAL NEWS

## SVFR removes holiday trees

Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) volunteers will pick up Christmas trees Saturday, Jan. 2, from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 541-997-3212 to schedule a time. The SVFR Firefighters Association is requesting a \$5 donation to assist in its programs. The trees will be mulched.

## Auditions for 'Shrek the Musical, Jr.' Jan. 11, 12



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CROW members reveal the upcoming spring production of "Shrek the Musical, Jr."

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"Let Your Freak Flag Fly" at Shrek Jr. auditions later this month. "Shrek the Musical, Jr." is based on the story and characters from William Steig's book "Shrek," as well as the DreamWorks Animation film "Shrek," the first chapter of the "Shrek" movie series. "Shrek the Musical, Jr." tells the story of a swamp-dwelling ogre who goes on a life-changing adventure to reclaim the deed to his land. Joined by a wise-cracking donkey, this unlikely hero fights a fearsome dragon, rescues a feisty princess and learns that real friendship and true love aren't only found in fairy tales.

Children's Repertory of OR Workshops (CROW) will hold open auditions Jan. 11 and 12, for the musical comedy gem, with book and lyrics by: David Lindsay-Abaire, and music by Jeanine Tesori.

This marks CROW's fifth

mainstage production.

The show will be performed April 15 to 17, at the Florence Events Center, and for invited school audiences April 14.

CROW is a Florence-based nonprofit organization and is dedicated to giving back to the community by providing quality performing arts experiences to local youth. Unlike the majority of youth theatre organizations in the nation, CROW charges no fee or tuition to participate in its spring mainstage musicals. This is possible due to a tremendous amount of local support, as well as fundraisers, grants, and sponsorships that allow the organization to provide these top-notch opportunities to local children.

In addition to providing a very professional work environment for the cast members, CROW utilizes the highest caliber costumes, sets, lighting

design, choreography, music, sound, stage makeup and more.

There are great roles in the "big show" for ages 6 to 22, and all children, teens and young adults are encouraged to try out regardless of previous stage experience.

Mature 4- to 6-year-olds will be considered for "Telegrammers."

Auditions will be held at the Siuslaw Middle School cafeteria Jan. 11 and 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Invited callbacks will be held on Jan. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

There are approximately 40 to 45 onstage roles, and several behind the scenes jobs for kids interested in technical theater.

To perform or participate backstage, kids must attend the audition. Onstage performer hopefuls will need to bring 16-32 bars from a song that they would like to sing (sheet music

or a CD, MP3 track with no background voices is also acceptable), and a headshot and resume if you have one.

Prospective cast members will also be taught a short dance combination, and those asked to come to callbacks will read sides from the script.

Interested families are strongly encouraged to check out the CROW website for all of the information you need to prepare for the audition.

There will also be a free "audition prep" event for new and returning families on Jan. 6.

Visit CROW's website or Facebook page for information.

For a casting breakdown, FAQ's and detailed audition information, visit [www.crowkids.com](http://www.crowkids.com) or contact Melanie Heard at 541-999-8641 or by email at [crowtheatrekids@yahoo.com](mailto:crowtheatrekids@yahoo.com).

## Crab Crack event to benefit Food Share

The fifth annual Florence Crab Crack will take place Saturday, Feb. 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. (or until all the crab is gone) at the Florence Events Center.

Only 400 tickets will be available and, in the past, this event has had early sellouts. This year is expected to be a sellout as well, so get tickets early.

Guests will enjoy Oregon coast Dungeness crab with all the trimmings, including

pasta, coleslaw, French bread, BJ's dessert, sodas and coffee.

A no-host bar will also be available.

In addition, an array of items will be up for bid at a silent auction to be held during the event. All proceeds from the Crab Crack will benefit Florence Food Share, the local food pantry that provides resources to those facing hunger in West Lane County.

Currently, Florence Food Share serves approximately

650 households made up of some 1,800 individuals.

There will be no ticket sales at the door for the event. For information, group seating or tickets, call Bob MacDuffee at 541-997-9599 or email [dunesguy97439@yahoo.com](mailto:dunesguy97439@yahoo.com).

Tickets are also available at Florence Food Share, 2190 Spruce St., Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Deadline to purchase tickets is Jan. 22.

## Road repair on North Jetty to begin Tuesday

Beginning Jan. 5, and continuing through Jan. 8, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., North Jetty Road past Harbor Vista County

Campground will be undergoing road maintenance.

Expect delays and possible road closures during this time.

For more information, contact the Jessie M. Honeyman Memorial State Park Office at 541-997-3851.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 30	THURSDAY DECEMBER 31	FRIDAY JANUARY 1	SATURDAY JANUARY 2	SUNDAY JANUARY 3	MONDAY JANUARY 4	TUESDAY JANUARY 5
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