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Holly Jolly Follies founder Pat Sapp chose CROW's Melanie Heard to take over the annual December show.

Passing the Santa hat

CROW to take over annual holiday variety show, Holly Jolly Follies

BY CHANTELE MEYER
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Holly Jolly Follies has been a holiday tradition in Florence since 2009. After a year without the variety show last December, founder Pat Sapp knew it was time to hang up the Santa hat — or pass it on.

Sapp said in a news release that she recognized that her love of the show wasn't enough to carry her into another production.

"I'm tired. Not enough oomph," she said.

One group in town, Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW), has plenty of "oomph," energy and creativity under Artistic Director Melanie Heard and an efficient board of directors.

"I knew that Melanie was very busy with her own productions and with fundraising for their new building,

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Real Food Co-op may close doors for good

Lack of customers could force organic food store to shut down

BY JACK DAVIS
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Real Food Co-op, located at 1379 B Rhododendron Drive, temporarily closed its doors last week, but its long-term fate and viability remains shrouded in uncertainty.

According to General Manager Karen Hazelwood, the organic food store hopes to reopen Monday, June 20. But, the question is, for how long?

"We closed because we were putting out more money for product and people weren't coming in to buy it," Hazelwood said. "We have completely revamped the inside of the co-op. We have brought in all these new products and we have done a lot of advertising."

In addition, the co-operative, which was founded in 2007, has recently applied for an Oregon Liquor Control Commission license to sell beer and wine like grocery stores. Whether that license will ever become a reality is as uncertain as the store's future.

Hazelwood said the biggest problem facing the co-op is a lack of regular customers and cash flow.

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Fire board approves budget of \$2.5M

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Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Board of Directors voted to approve fiscal year 2016-17's budget of \$2,518,391 in a 4-to-1 vote at its June 15 board meeting.

Fire Chief Jim Langborg presented the budget committee's work.

The budget includes a general fund of \$2,220,003, consisting of \$1.22 million in personnel services, \$451,863 in materials and services and \$418,209 in debt service, with the remainder in capital outlay, contingency and special payments.

See **FIRE 7A**

GUIDING LIGHT



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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, members of the Florence Jewish community and representatives of PFLAG join together with approximately 60 community members at a candlelight vigil Thursday evening for the victims of the deadly shooting at an Orlando nightclub last Sunday. St. Andrew's labyrinth provided the setting for the unified, interfaith service, during which grieving people could speak, sing, pray and hold moments of silence in solidarity.



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BARK FOR LIFE 2016

Who let the dogs out?

More than 60 dogs and their families attended the third annual Bark for Life at Miller Park last Saturday. Dogs circled the park's track; watched as Surf City Dog trainer Dina Pavlis and Cheryl Pinnock led Tru, the champion trick dog, in obedience and trick-training; participated in an obstacle course; had their nails painted and won contests for best costume and more. Oregon Coast Humane Society provided concessions. In all, Bark for Life raised \$5,700 for American Cancer Society's Relay for Life through registration fees and a silent auction, about \$1,300 more than last year's record.

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