

HONORING 100 YEARS OF SIUSLAW RIVER COAST GUARD STATION PARADE BEGINS AT 1PM

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## CROW earns grants totalling \$8,000

Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW) isn't clowning around, even Foundation (OCF) awarded though youth and community actors dressed up in costume for the second annual Scare-CROW Haunted Maze last weekend. CROW's serious dedication to the arts was honored with two new grants this week.

"It was the best news to get this weekend," said CROW Artistic Director Melanie Heard. "I went out to my mailbox and found the news. I almost did a happy dance!" No wonder Halloween is

one of Heard's favorite holidays.

CROW received \$3,000 from the Autzen Foundation. This grant has been awarded to social service, arts and culture, educational and youthcentered organizations in

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Oregon since 1951. Oregon Community CROW \$5,000 in its Small Arts and Culture Grant. Ninety-six statewide organizations received grants from \$1,000 to \$5,000, totalling \$300,000.

CROW was one of 16 organizations honored in the South Willamette Valley region.

"OCF grants are as varied as our state ... but they all have a single goal: improving our community," OCF's website said.

Heard said, "Both grants are for general operational support such as ticketing fees and Florence Events Center rental costs. These funds make it possible for CROW to operate more smoothly and without dividing our focus so

a damaged area is only one

element of the repair. Cost is

will run into thousands of

dollars, when you include

staff time, resource applica-

Helberg requested that any

visitors to the park call the

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greatly. This way, we can utilize more of our small profit margin from ticket sales and et cetera for future arts programming for the kids."

As a nonprofit, all of CROW's proceeds funnel back into arts programming for area kids. Dance classes, acting instruction and workshops are all part of what CROW has to offer, as well as the yearly mainstage musical at the events center and several smaller productions throughout the year.

"CROW is exceptionally grateful to both organizations for truly understanding that the arts really do matter. Thank you for supporting the arts - and CROW - in Florence," Heard said.

For more information on CROW, visit www.crowkids. com.

#### Turf

"The scale of damage, since it is torn up so horribly, is really going to take some serious rehabbing," Helberg said. "First you have to take out the clumps of dirt and rake the area so it grows in evenly and then you have to reseed, so it's a long process of recovery."

The time required to rehab

#### Outbreak

"They are having a disproportionate number of cases compared to the population. It is spreading very rapidly," Davis said. "We are working with the schools. A letter went out Friday to parents, instructing them on what to do and how to keep their kids safe, get their flu shots and practice good respiratory hygiene."

Flu shots are available at

Fred Meyer, Bi Mart, Rite Aid and syphilis with the decline in and the Peace Harbor walk in clinic.

"Back in 2009, the H1N1 Swine Flu cost about \$9 billion nationally. We shouldn't be spending that on healthcare. We shouldn't be spending money on a disease that is preventable," Davis said.

Davis said Lane County is also experiencing a significant rise in the number of syphilis cases.

"Our syphilis rates are out of control as well. We are seeing over a 1,000 percent increase in Lane County. Four or five years ago I thought syphilis was extinct, but it has had a resurgence," he said.

Disease Control (CDC) sees a link between the rise in HIV

want to bring it to everyone's attention that this kind of behavior is going on in our dav use area. We would just love a hand. If anybody sees anything out of the ordinary or if they see something they are unsure of, they should just report it to us."

Honeyman State Park is three miles south of Florence on Highway 101. The park office can be reached at 541-He said,"Really we just 997-3851.

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safe sex practices.

"In 2010, Lane County saw two cases of syphilis, which is on par for a county of 330,000 people. Our new average is 50 to 60 cases and is into both our male and female populations," Davis said.

Untreated, syphilis can lead to internal organ break down and dementia.

Davis said all these conditions are preventable. Flu can be avoided through vaccinations and sexually transmitted diseases can be avoided through simple, inexpensive proactive precautions.

For more information, call PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Davis said the Center for Medical Center at 541-997-6300.

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

### Burns's Riverside Chapel – Florence Funeral Home 2765 Kingwood Street • 541-997-3416 • www.burnsriversidechapel.com

With a nearly 30-year history serving the Florence area, Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home is the best place for your end-of-life needs.

"We're pretty much a traditional funeral home," said coowner Alan Burns. "We do help any family we can in any way possible. We have crematories here, and the public cemetery."

The chapel offers many services to best fit the client's needs.

"The loss of a close friend or family member can be one of the hardest challenges many of us face. Although a natural part of life, the process of mourning is important and personal. Each of us handles the mourning process differently. Because of this, we tailor each funeral service to the exact specifications of our patrons," the website said.

This includes traditional funeral service, cremation,

memorial services, transportation and even donation to a university.

Alan and Karen Burns moved to Florence from Roseburg in 1987, bringing nine years of past experience with a funeral home. They wanted to provide a familyoperated, professional funeral service with the highest quality and compassion for coastal residents.

"My wife and I serve everybody we can," Burns said.

Chances are, you know a person or family who has benefited from the Burns' care. They provide



service to the communities of Florence, Reedsport, Deadwood, Mapleton, Swisshome and Yachats. They also provide pet cremation services as the only pet crematorium on the Oregon coast.

"Our family is honored and privileged to serve your family," the chapel's website said.

Burns's Riverside Chapel has been at its current location at 2675 Kingwood St. since construction completed in 2006. Before then, the chapel was located in Old Town.

The Burns family has also been involved with city government and community organizations over the years. Burns served as city councilor and mayor of Florence.

"Back in the early 1990s, there was nobody representing the business community and young families. Everybody in service was a lot of retirees," Burns said.

With his young family, he was able to offer a perspective that reflected the growing Florence community. And with his small business — the chapel employs four people — he was able to see how the community should work with business owners.

"Our family will take care of yours when you need it most," Alan said. "It's so important to provide the utmost kindness and comfort for people at such a challenging time."

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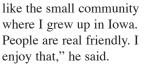
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experience and understanding will be very keen in leading our people that way," Langborg said.

Dickerson, who was raised in Iowa, enjoys the similarities between Florence and his old hometown.

"The community is a lot



Dickerson moved to Florence with his wife Danielle.

SVFR Fire Marshall Sean Barrett said, "His background is impressive and his people skills have been really positive."



