

HOLIDAY MUSIC

Jazz Kings to perform holiday favorites

A night of Christmas song favorites will take place Dec. 14 at the Florence Events Center when Jesse Cloninger and the Emerald City Jazz Kings perform their ninth annual Christmas concert.

Cloninger promises to bring back all our holiday

favorites, from “White Christmas,” “The Christmas Song,” “I’ll Be Home For Christmas” and “Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas.”

to “Button Up Your Overcoat,” and “Mele Kalikimaka,” along with a fine selection of sacred and traditional songs,

including “O’ Holy Night” and “Silent Night.”

As usual, make sure you’ve spruced up your singing chops to join in on some good old-fashioned carol sing-alongs.

An evening for the entire family not to be missed.

The Wednesday, Dec 14 concert, will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets can be reserved for \$30 (or \$15 for youth high school age and younger) by calling the FEC at 541-997-1994 or online at www.eventcenter.org.

SPECIAL EVENT

‘Light Up a Life’ to shine for loved ones

PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Hospice is seeking photos of community members’ loved ones who have passed away.

These memories will be featured at the 21st annual Light Up A Life Ceremony in a memorial slide show.

This annual ceremony

will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Florence Events Center.

The event will include an opening prayer, introduction of the Peace Harbor Hospice team, ceremonial reading of the names of those who have passed and music per-

formed by Strings of Compassion.

The evening will conclude with the lighting of the holiday tree and Menorah.

There is no cost to attend and refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

Family and friends are

all invited to share in remembrance and compassion for those who have passed.

All contributions to Light Up A Life remain in Florence to benefit programs and services offered through Peace Harbor Hospice and the community it serves.

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COURTESY PHOTO

THE GRINCH (MIKE JACOBSON) KIDNAPS SANTA (DORLAND NEALE) as part of his plan to make it big in Hollywood.

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Proceeds will go toward future arts programming for youth, and a new graduating senior scholarship

fund that CROW has created.

In addition, See’s Candy will be sold in the lobby, and those who bring two non-perishable food items to any performance for

Florence Food Share will receive a free See’s Candy lollipop.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 541-997-1994 or by visiting www.eventcenter.org.

COMMUNITY

PeaceHealth to host town hall meeting

The City of Florence and PeaceHealth are hosting a second health care Town Hall as a follow-up to the inaugural forum in August.

The public is invited and encouraged to participate in this free event, which will occur from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at the Florence Events Center.

During this second town hall, PeaceHealth leaders will provide an update on the recruitment of providers, and also discuss the importance of Team Medicine and full integration of physician assistants and nurse practitioners to improve access to care.

Community members also will have the opportunity to ask questions during the forum.

The provider shortage is not unique to Florence. Nationally, rural communities are struggling to recruit and retain providers. Nationwide, physician shortages are expected to balloon in the next five years, estimating that by 2020 there will be 90,000 fewer physicians than needed.

In Florence specifically, many factors are influencing this trend: Most physicians prefer to live and work in major cities; one-in-three practicing physicians in the U.S. is over the age of 55 and close to retirement; Florence has an increasingly older local population.

Visit facebook.com/peaceharbor to share your questions and concerns leading up to the event.

For the latest information about the event and PeaceHealth’s provider recruiting efforts, visit peacehealth.org/WeCare.

FRAA ART

Annual Holiday Arts Festival Dec 2 and 3

Holiday Arts Festival 2016 is the perfect place to shop for unique gifts for the coming holiday season.

This show is presented by Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) and opens Friday, Dec 2, and runs from 1 to 7 p.m., and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Florence Events Center.

Meet craftsmen and artisans offering their latest creative designs and unique works of art in many genres.

This year’s participants include: Annette Bignami (wood vases); Peggy Goodrow (stained glass); Patti Land (pottery); Julie Ellington (scarves); Kristin Anderson (fused glass); Pam Parker (watercolor and pyrography); Ken McDougal (photography); Carol Strenkoski (knitted dog sweaters); Debbie Kiturkes (hand painted pottery); Janette and Kevin Square (intarsia and fractal art); Ralph and Vicki Martin (scrollsaw wood art); Cindy Covert (crocheted art); Tina Shoys (mosaics); Karen Skulley (knits and quilts); Norma Burkett (dolls and fabric art); Kat Cunningham (painted clothing); Maggie Bagon (fiber art); Bonnie Wilson (fairy houses); Jeanne Ternahan (fabric creations); Patti Williams (paintings and lampwork beads); Pat Tellez (beadwork); Foggy Bay Studios (wood items and felted scarves); Lisa Evans (miniature paintings); Rich Huckins (wood creations); and Claudia Brown (bead and wirework.)

Ten percent of sales goes to the FRAA Art Center.

Admission is free.

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