

Conference from 1A

The schedule for the rest of the conference includes presentations from representatives of the office of U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley and a panel discussion on "Innovations in Coastal Governance."

This workshop is scheduled to include elected officials Arnie Roblan, Caddie McKeown, David Brock Smith, David Gomberg and Deb Boone.

The day-long symposium will also feature discussions of a more practical nature, including how to grow oysters in Oregon, a cooking demonstration highlighting unusual seafood products and an update on the status of the invasive green crab.

There will be a poster and art session later in the day and a related workshop entitled, "The Creative Coast: Innovations in Arts Learning and Community Engagement."

Conway believes the diversity of subjects and presenters make for balanced and interesting assortment of opportunities for attendees.

"We conduct an evaluation of each conference. If this year is like last year and the years

before, I can tell you that people come to the conference to learn about coastal issues and enjoy the opportunity to network with others who care about the coast," she said. "They enjoy the focus being on both science and art, they tend to love the keynote speaker and they enjoy the student art and science poster session."

Additionally, there will be scientists from differing disciplines participating in panels and presentations on new developments in technology and gear used in observation techniques by marine mammal specialists.

The conference will wrap up with a reception, awards and a raffle.

Organizers want to encourage interested local residents to attend the State of the Coast conference and suggest registering as soon as possible, as remaining available spots are filling quickly.

The cost for attending the conference is \$35 for general admission, or \$25 for students, and includes snacks, lunch and a reception.

Reservations can be made online or by calling the Florence Events Center at 541-997-1994.

CROW CAPTURES GHOULS ON FILM

It became obvious that winter is coming when the Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW) attempted to film video scenes for its upcoming "Nightmares Haunted Maze," which runs next weekend.

Once all of the actors dressed up for the video, which will be showcased in the maze, rain the size of dinner plates fell on the crew of ghouls and ghosts.

"Nevertheless, talented local filmmaker Alex Grady managed to get some seriously creepy footage, even coaxing a Sasquatch out of the woods and a tiny girl into Lake Woahink," said CROW Artistic Director

Melanie Heard. "Not only did he shoot the footage, but he edited the film in an effort to 'get people in the mood' as they enter the haunted attraction."

To see the finished film, visit the Scare-CROW Haunted Maze on Oct. 27, 28, 30 and 31 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the CROW Center for the Performing Arts at 3120 Highway 101 in Florence.

Suggested ages are 8 and up, and entry is at parents' discretion. Tickets are \$5 per entry and are sold at the door. Cash only.

For more information, visit www.crowkids.com.



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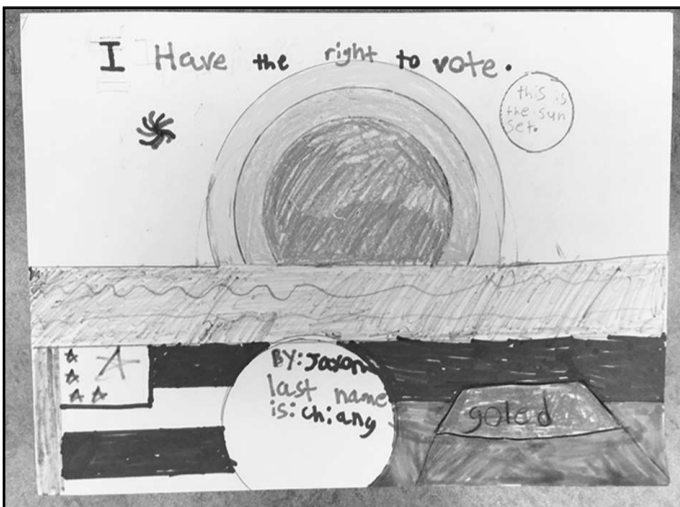
Local filmmaker Alex Grady films a Sasquatch for CROW's "Nightmares Haunted Maze," which opens Friday.

Election from 1A

This is the only western Lane County measure up for consideration during this election cycle.

The renewal will not increase property taxes for local residents. It will simply continue the tax structure that is currently in place, which is \$.75 for every \$1,000 of assessed value of an individual's property.

The Siuslaw School District Board of Directors has made statements that the option levy is essential to operations at the school district, even though it constitutes less than seven percent of overall operations funding, Siuslaw School District Superintendent Andy



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Fourth-grade students at Siuslaw Elementary School want community members to know "they have a right to vote" in the upcoming election.

Grzeskowiak emphasized the critical nature of the levy in a recent statement released to the community.

"The Local Option Levy is very important to our day-to-day operations here in the Siuslaw School District.

While 6.5 percent of the general operating fund may not seem like much, it is the piece that keeps many aspects of school operations going. It is the margin between running a full school year or cutting days," he said.

According to Grzeskowiak, funds from the levy also help to keep class sizes reasonable at the elementary and middle school levels.

Lane County residents should have already received their ballots for the Nov. 7 special election in the mail. Ballots can be turned in at the Lane County dropsite located outside the Florence Justice Center, 900 Greenwood St., or mailed to 275 W. 10th Ave in Eugene.

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Giveaway from 1A

The pumpkins are donated by the Lemhouse family, who own Florence True Value, the Florence Saw Shop and Old School Furniture, and has hosted the event since 2008.

Along with the pumpkins, the family has tasked its employees with figuring out activities to run during the event, with Halloween tic-tac-toe tables, a pumpkin ring toss and the perennial favorite, pumpkin bowling, on this year's docket.

"We also got some art students over at the high school to help us put together a big photo board where kids are going to get to have their pictures taken," said True Value employee Angela Hufford, who helps organize the event.

"They created a festive autumn theme on a board for a photo prop," said Siuslaw School District art teacher Kim Pickell,



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who helped coordinate the project. "There are cutouts for children and their parents to put their faces and

Kim Pickell's art students Annika McClellan (left) and Zoe Leach (right), along with Cassidy Moore, helped prepare a photo opportunity for families during KCST's Great Pumpkin Giveaway on Oct. 26.

get some fun photos."

The event starts at 3 p.m., where the Lions Club will be cooking free hot dogs and passing out A&W Root Beer. Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue will also be on hand with their ladder truck.

"Then at 4 p.m., we give the pumpkins away," Henry said, who also cautioned that kids need to be on time to get one. "By 4:30, they're pretty much gone. If you're there late, you may not get one."

The 28th annual Great Pumpkin Giveaway is located in the parking lot of the Florence Saw Shop, located at 1550 Sixth St. across from Safeway.

Henry will be broadcasting live from the event from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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Roblan is the chairman of the Senate Committee on

Education and a member of the Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

The town hall will also fea-

ture presentations from Oregon Innovation Officer and Oregon Department of Education Interim Director Colt Gill and Oregon Department of Transportation Regional Manager Frannie Brindle.

Earlier in the day, both McKeown and Roblan will be participating in 2017 State of the Coast Conference at the Florence Events Center. The legislators will be part of the "Innovation in Governance" panel.

There will be no charge for the town hall at the library, 1460 Ninth St. in Florence.

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