

GENERAL NEWS

Tickets for annual Crab Crack now available

Tickets for Florence Food Share's annual Crab Crack fundraiser are now on sale on a first come, first serve basis. The event will be held Saturday, Feb. 3, from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at Food Share, 2190 Spruce St., Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tickets can also be purchased with a credit card over the phone at 541-997-9110. The number of tickets available is 400, and have traditionally sold out. The deadline to purchase them is Jan. 25. No tickets will be available for purchase at the door.

Saturation patrols continuing through New Years Day

During this New Year's holiday, Lane County Sheriff's deputies are participating in a nation-wide DUII saturation patrols focusing on reducing impaired driving and related vehicle crashes. The Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) received allocated funding from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association to provide for overtime patrols with a focus on traffic and life safety, emphasizing Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII) enforcement. Through the grant funding, LCSO deputies will be conducting overtime patrols in the Lane County area through Monday, Jan. 1. This saturation is in conjunction with a nation-wide effort to reduce drunk and impaired driving. Preliminary crash data sup-

plied by ODOT reports that there were 16 alcohol-involved crashes in Lane County in December of 2016. Of those 16 crashes, there were 2 fatalities and 25 injuries. The Lane County Sheriff's Office reminds motorists to drive safely during the typically hazardous conditions this time of year, drive sober and utilize designated drivers, taxis or other public transportation if you choose to drink. With the passage of Oregon's marijuana laws, this is also a reminder of the impairment marijuana can have on motorists, impacting their ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII) applies to drivers under the influence of marijuana, as it does with alcohol.

FLORENCE HELPING HANDS FEEDS CHRISTMAS DINNER TO RECORD NUMBER THIS YEAR

Florence's Helping Hands had its Christmas celebration Friday, Dec. 22, providing attendees with a meal of ham, turkey and all the trimmings, with this year's turnout being a record number for the program's annual event. "Normally, we feed 50 to 60 people, said Debe Hamilton of Helping hands. "This year, we fed 115, and also gave them stockings packed full of needed and wanted items." Helping Hands also provided three presents to each person and a packed stocking to each of the 12 children who attended. "We also had a raffle with 10 special items, and a large donation of warm hats and scarves that were given out," Hamilton said. "St. Andrews Church donated 70 hygiene packages to give out, and we had several volunteers from Peace Harbor, along with our fabulous volunteers." Helping hands is already planning next year's Christmas



COURTESY PHOTOS
Volunteers (above) helped provide meals and hand out gifts to 115 people this year.

celebration and dinner, which will be held at the New Life Lutheran Church (next to Florence Food Share).



Voter registration for Special Election ends Tuesday

The voter registration deadline for the Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018 Special Election is Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018. People who are not registered to vote in any Oregon county can register online at oregonvotes.gov no later than 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 2. The online option is available only to those with a valid

Oregon driver's license, DMV-issued identification card or learner's permit. Other registration options: • Submit a voter registration form to the Elections Office by 4 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 2. • Mail a voter registration card to the Elections Office with a postmark no later than Tuesday, Jan. 2.

New voters who will turn 18 on or before the Jan. 23 Election Day can register by the Jan. 2 deadline and receive a ballot, even if they are still 17 on the deadline date. For any questions on voter registration and elections in Oregon, go to www.lanecounty.org/elections or call Lane County Elections at 541-682-

4234. Lane County Elections is located at 275 W. 10th Ave., on the corner of 10th and Lincoln streets in downtown Eugene. Public office hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. On Election Day, Jan. 23, the Lane County Elections Office will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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SCAMMERS TARGET OREGONIANS WITH THREATENING CALLS

SALEM — The Oregon Department of Revenue has seen a spike in concerned taxpayers reporting fishy phone calls. The callers fraudulently identify themselves as IRS or Department of Revenue employees and threaten the taxpayer with arrest if they don't provide personal identifying information, such as Social Security or credit card numbers. The tell-tale sign is the caller threatening arrest or other con-

sequences, which is an attempt to goad a taxpayer into a bad decision. Revenue employees may ask a taxpayer to verify some personal information, but they won't make threats or demand personal or financial information. If a caller says they're with the Department of Revenue, but something about the call doesn't seem right, taxpayers can call the department directly at 800-356-4222 to check the validity of the call.

Tips: • Collectors with the Department of Revenue will always send a letter to a taxpayer about their debt before making a phone call. • Revenue agents never ask a taxpayer to wire money. • Tax payments don't have to be made over the phone. Payments can also be made online or by mail. To see payment options for each tax program, visit oregon.gov/dor/payments.

• The Department of Revenue maintains a list of official mailing addresses for all offices in the "Contact Us" section of oregon.gov/dor. Revenue staff won't ask taxpayers to send information or payments to any addresses that aren't on this list. • Report scams and fraud to the Oregon Department of Justice Consumer Hotline at 877-877-9392 or www.doj.state.or.us/consumer-protection or the IRS at 800-366-4484.

CITY LIGHTS CINEMAS

DEC 29 - JAN 4

	FRI 29	SAT 30	SUN 31	MON 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4
THE GREATEST SHOWMAN PG 105 MIN - "The Greatest Showman is the feel-good (and feel good about it) movie every holiday season needs. P.T. Barnum is famous for saying there's a sucker born every minute and he's still right. For 105 minutes I'm a sucker for his movie, that may not be the greatest show on Earth but close enough." Tampa Bay Times	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:30 PM 9:00 PM	11:00 AM 3:00 PM 5:50 PM 9:00 PM	12:40 PM 3:30 PM 6:30 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 7:00 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 7:00 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 7:00 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 7:00 PM
LAST FLAG FLYING - Stars Steve Carell, Bryan Cranston, Laurence Fishburne R 125 MIN - "This is one of the best movies of 2017." Chicago Sun-Times	3:20 PM 8:40 PM	3:50 PM 8:20 PM	3:20 PM	3:40 PM	12:30 PM 6:50 PM	3:40 PM 6:50 PM	12:30 PM 6:50 PM
LBJ - Woody Harrelson, Jennifer Jason Leigh R 98 MIN - "Rob Reiner's "LBJ" captures a tumultuous political era and one of its most profanely colorful leaders with a good deal of insight and emotional torque." RogerEbert.com	12:30 PM 6:20 PM	1:25 PM 6:30 PM	12:30 PM 6:20 PM	12:30 PM 6:50 PM	3:40 PM	12:30 PM 6:50 PM	3:40 PM
JUMANJI: WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE PG-13 119 MIN - Stars Duane Johnson "In the end, the filmmakers have given us one of the most fun movie-going experiences I've had this year. Huge kudos go to Johnson, Hart and especially Black for providing some truly entertaining performances for kids of all ages." Chicago Sun-Times	12:20 PM 3:20 PM 6:10 PM 9:10 PM	12:20 PM 3:20 PM 6:10 PM 9:10 PM	12:20 PM 3:20 PM 6:10 PM	12:20 PM 3:30 PM 6:40 PM	12:20 PM 3:30 PM 6:40 PM	12:20 PM 3:30 PM 6:40 PM	12:20 PM 3:30 PM 6:40 PM
STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI PG-13 150 MIN. - "Easily its most exciting iteration in decades - the first flat-out terrific "Star Wars" movie since "The Empire Strikes Back." LAT	12:00 PM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM 8:50 PM	12:00 PM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM 8:50 PM	12:00 PM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM	12:00 PM 3:20 PM 6:30 PM	12:00 PM 3:20 PM 6:30 PM	12:00 PM 3:20 PM 6:30 PM	12:00 PM 3:20 PM 6:30 PM

Events & Performing Arts:

	FRI 29	SAT 30	SUN 31	MON 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4
NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: YOUNG MARX 180 MIN - 1 st play at 1 st new theatre in 80 years Box Office opens 30 min. prior to 1 st Film 1930 HWY 101 www.citylightscinemas.com Times: 541-305-0014		11:00 AM					

Annual firefighter Christmas tree pick-up Jan. 6

Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue will be holding its Annual Christmas Tree Pick-up the next two Saturdays, Dec. 30 and Jan. 6.

A \$5 donation is requested but not required. Donations can be placed in a small plastic bag and attached to the tree before pick-up.

For more information or to arrange for pick-up, call SVFR at 541-997-3212.

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
DECEMBER 30	DECEMBER 31	JANUARY 1	JANUARY 2	JANUARY 3	JANUARY 4	JANUARY 5
Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Showers
50°F 36°F	52°F 39°F	52°F 41°F	52°F 42°F	54°F 44°F	53°F 42°F	54°F 44°F

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