

Sponsors sought for Scare-CROW Maze

Children's Reperto- clowns, for "Freak Show." CROW invites the public to join them in their macabre celebration under the tent. This will be CROW's fifth haunted maze and each year the event gets bigger and scarier. This year's maze will be Oct. 25, 26, 29, 30 and 31, from 6 to 9 p.m. "Family Hour" will be on Oct. 29 from 5 to 6 p.m. for smaller children and bigger chickens. Haunted Maze sponsorships are \$250 and sponsors will receive four free maze passes and two complimentary tickets to the 2019 Holly Jolly Follies, CROW website recognition, Facebook mentions, as well as their name visually featured within the "Freak Show" maze area. Haunted Maze sponsorships can be reserved until Sept. 25 only. If you are interested in a sponsorship, contact Heard at: 541-999-8641 or crowtheatrekids@yahoo.com.



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2nd Saturday to celebrate local voices

Literary art is now part of the 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour in Old Town Florence starting in September. Writers on the River invites all writers and poets to a "Second Saturday Literary Salon & Writers Social" on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 3 to 5 p.m., at the Bodega Wine Parlor, 180 Laurel St. off of Bay Street in Old Town Florence. Free and open to the public, the event is hosted by award-winning journalist and author Catherine Rourke to bring writers of all genres together in the spirit of literary camaraderie. Writers can share excerpts from their books, poems and works in progress or converse over wine and

coffee in a relaxed parlor atmosphere away from the writing desk. Designed as convivial gatherings, literary salons celebrate local writers and the literary arts. They help inspire, unite and celebrate all writers while providing cultural enrichment and entertainment in the style of the literary salons of 1920s Paris. Reading slots are limited to five minutes on a first-come basis. Join them at Florence's new art hub and parlor and showcase your creativity at the Second Saturday Salon and Social. For more information, call 541-708-2120 or email CJReditorgmail.com. Recently opened by Flor-

ence restaurateur Marianne Brisbane, Bodega Wine Parlor serves wines by the glass and bottle, select small plates and appetizers, coffee, tea, sweets and refreshments in an intimate gallery setting with fine art. The Bodega serves from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Mondays. Call 541-361-0232 for more info. Writers on the River offers literary arts programs and events as an opportunity for open exchange and networking to support writers of all levels and genres. The next workshop is the Summer's End Writing Boot Camp on Sept. 21. Contact Rourke for details.

Gurtov to teach on US Foreign Policy at LCC Florence

Mel Gurtov, professor emeritus of Political Science at Portland State University, will be teaching a course at Lane Community College Florence Center this fall, titled "Pivotal Events in U.S. Foreign Policy." The course will be offered Tuesdays, 2 to 4 p.m., starting Oct. 1 for six weeks at the Florence Center, 3149 Oak St.

According to the course description: "Nothing so informs evaluation of U.S. foreign policy and national security today as a close examination of the past. Six events in post-World War II U.S. history have had long-standing consequences for current foreign policy and domestic politics: the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Iran-Contra Affair, the Iraq war and the U.S.-China trade war. "Their importance lies in their impact across more than one administration, the questions they raise

about diplomacy and the use of force, and their regional and even global impact today." Gurtov's class will explore the background to these events, the characteristics of decision making, the roles of various institutions of government, the viewpoints of different analysts, and the tantalizing question of policy alternatives and might-have-beens. Lane Community College Florence Center Dean Russ Pierson categorizes Gurtov as a "regional treasure" thanks to his history in political science as well as his

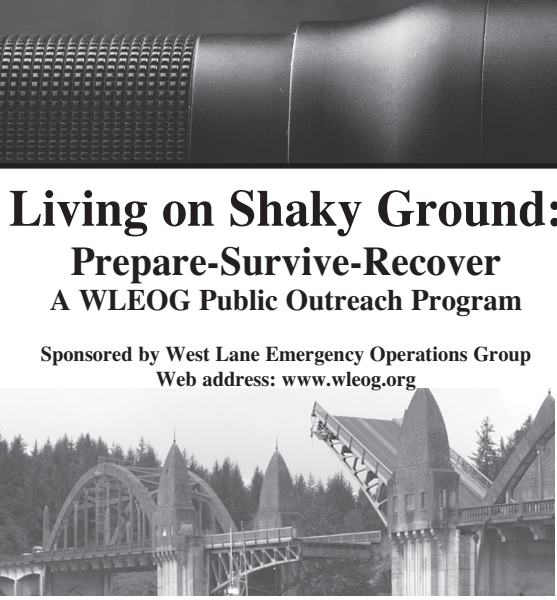
authorship of the "Pentagon Papers" in the 1960s and '70s. Gurtov has published more than 25 books and numerous articles on East Asian affairs, U.S. foreign policy and global politics. His newest book is "Engaging Adversaries: Peacemaking and Diplomacy in the Human Interest," published in 2018 by Rowman & Littlefield. Learn more at melgurtov.com. Tuition for the "Pivotal Events in U.S. Foreign Policy" class will be \$54 for adults and \$40.44 for seniors.

Roots of Empathy seeks participants

Florence and Mapleton first graders will be a part of the internationally acclaimed "Roots of Empathy" program again this year. This brilliant curriculum teaches emotional awareness, social problem-solving skills, child development, diversity appreciation and overall

kindness by observing a baby and engaging in thematic activities from their observations. This year, the Siuslaw Elementary School Program still needs four babies born between June 1 and Aug. 1. The parent(s) and babies visit the classroom nine times during the school

year for about 30 minutes per visit. If you are interested, call Suzanne Mann-Heintz at 541-590-0779. Roots of Empathy participants gratefully acknowledge community support from the Florence Elks, Siuslaw and Mapleton School Districts and several private donors.



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Flooding Safety

Floods are frequent natural disasters that can cause widespread damage to homes, businesses and property in a hurry. They can also take lives.

In water year 2012 (Oct. 1, 2011–Sept. 30, 2012), flooding caused 34 fatalities nationwide, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (www.noaa.gov). Flooding was also directly responsible for \$500 million worth of damage.

TYPES OF FLOODING

Once a river reaches flood stage, the National Weather Service places flood severity into one of three categories: minor, moderate and major. Each category has a definition based on property damage and public threat, and are explained below.

- Minor flooding: Zero or very minimal property damage, but possibly a chance of public threat.
- Moderate flooding: Some inundation of structures and roads near streams with necessary evacuations of people and property.
- Major flooding: Extensive inundation of structures and roads with significant evacuations of people and property.

PREPARING FOR A FLOOD

The American Red Cross put together a list of essential items that can help you better prepare to withstand flooding. Here are a few highlights. Visit www.red-cross.org/prepare/disaster/flood for the full list.

- Water: At least a three-day supply; one gallon per person per day
- Food: At least a three-day supply of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food
- First-Aid Kit
- Seven-day supply of any critical medications
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Extra cash
- Maps of the area
- Baby and pet supplies if applicable
- Insect repellent and sunscreen

TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN

A flash flood can happen in a hurry, which can cause people to act without taking the time to think about potential dangers. Half of all people killed in floods are those in vehicles, according to the NOAA. The organization urges drivers to



remember the simple mantra "Turn Around, Don't Drown" — return to higher ground — if faced with flood waters on the road.

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