

# Community News

## FACE SUSPENDS WINTER MUSIC FESTIVAL 2022

Oh, the weather outside's improving, but the COVID-19 situation's ... disconcerting. Given those two conditions, the Winter Music Festival Committee of FACE (Florence Arts, Culture, and Entertainment) reluctantly decided to suspend plans for the festival in January 2022.

of all the "knowns" of the current pandemic situation, and a review of the many unknowns, the WMF committee members realized that it would be unwise to commit to an indoor festival at the Florence Events Center a little over eight months from now. "Oregon, and the world, are not reopening to the point where we can commit fully to creating

a festival experience of the caliber worthy of our patrons and sponsors," stated Winter Music Festival Chair Kirk Mlinek. FACE has spent weeks poring over press releases, news articles, YouTube live stream concerts and announcements from music producers across the US. "So far, there is no 'best way' to ensure the safety of performers and patrons while still providing

a top-quality live entertainment experience," Mlinek said. In particular, Janet Wellington, committee member in charge of jam sessions, cited data from the Oregon Health Authority and the Mayo Clinic on risk factors and requirements for indoor and outdoor gatherings. "Based on that data, we realized we would not be able to plan a festive, cost-effective event,"

Mlinek said. FACE, the festival committee and Mlinek thanked everyone who has supported the festival. The committee will continue to monitor all available resources in the days and weeks ahead. "I am certain that we can put a four-day together that will make us all proud if/when the circumstances allow," Mlinek said. "Just not now."

## — April 2021 is National Child Abuse Prevention Month —

National Child Abuse Prevention Month is an annual observance in the United States dedicated to raising awareness and preventing child abuse. April

has been designated Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States since 1983. Florence and other cities and towns in Lane County



Each April, 90by30 West Lane Regional Leadership Team installs pinwheel gardens all over the Siuslaw Region to remind people to keep childhood "safe, happy and carefree."

are committed to take action as volunteers give their time and energy year round to play a part in the cause to prevent child abuse and neglect as planning and action have been, and continue to be taken to support programs that do so. 90 by 30 is an organization formed by two passionate individuals desiring to do what they could to help prevent child abuse and neglect specifically in Lane Coun-

ty, with the aspiration to have programs implemented throughout the county, unifying and teaming up with other institutions that are already established, and with the support of other passionate individuals that would like to join the effort in trying to lower child abuse and neglect by 90 percent by the year 2030, hence the name 90 by 30 came into existence. No parent or family

should ever feel alone and unsupported. Much of the issues causing child abuse and neglect could be avoided if only there was some sort of community support. Children can thrive, be carefree and happy. Also, by feeling supported, parents can be the parents they would like to be for their children, thus creating a happier household. People can look out for pinwheels spinning in the

wind throughout Florence as they symbolize the joy of a carefree childhood, which should be every child's privilege. If you would like to get involved, are wondering what you could do to help in this effort or are in need of support, visit 90by30.com or knowmore.org. There are local programs that support families all the way from pregnancy, babies, children and parents.

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## Garden Club opens applications for adult scholarship

The Florence Garden Club is offering a \$500 scholarship award for a local adult student in certain environmental fields. The club is seeking adult applicants who are pursuing technical certifications to enter or enhance their careers in specific environmental fields. The candidate must be over the age of 18 and be from the Florence or Mapleton areas. The candidate

must be pursuing certification or extended studies in fields such as: watershed management, watershed science, water conservation, water plant operator, or other sustainability/renewable energy careers. Applications and information are available by email request to: DeEtte-

Miller@gmail.com. The deadline for submitting applications is April 26 for the spring or summer 2021 terms. People should note this is a different scholarship than the one offered to high school students. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/FlorenceGardenClub.

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April 2 - 8	FRI 2	SAT 3	SUN 4	MON 5	TUE 6	WED 7	THU 8
<b>GODZILLA VS. KONG</b> - 113 MIN - "A crowd-pleasing, smash-'em-up monster flick and a straight-up action picture par excellence. It is a fairy tale and a science-fiction exploration film, a Western, a pro wrestling extravaganza, a conspiracy thriller, a Frankenstein movie, a heartwarming drama about animals and their human pals, and...a voluptuously wacky spectacle that plays as if the creation sequence in "The Tree of Life" had been subcontracted to the makers of "Yellow Submarine.""	1:15 PM 4:15 PM 7:15 PM	1:15 PM 4:15 PM 7:15 PM	1:15 PM 4:15 PM	1:15 PM 7:15 PM	1:15 PM 7:15 PM	1:15 PM 7:15 PM	1:15 PM 7:15 PM
<b>FRENCH EXIT</b> - Comedy (In English) starring Michelle Pfeiffer - R 110 MIN - The costume design from Jane Petrie creates a timeless elegance. And Pfeiffer's performance only becomes richer as her character reveals the kindness that's been buried within her cool, stylish persona all this time." RogerEbert.com	12:45 PM 3:45 PM 6:45 PM	12:45 PM 3:45 PM 6:45 PM	12:45 PM 3:45 PM	12:45 PM 6:45 PM	12:45 PM 6:45 PM	12:45 PM 6:45 PM	12:45 PM 6:45 PM
<b>NOBODY</b> - R 92 MIN - "Yes, it's gruesome and violent, but it's also wickedly funny and surprisingly poignant. And while those Keanu comparisons are always going to be there, Nobody easily holds a candle to Wick." IGN	1:30 PM 4:30 PM 7:30 PM	1:30 PM 4:30 PM 7:30 PM	1:30 PM 4:30 PM	1:30 PM 7:30 PM	1:30 PM 7:30 PM	1:30 PM 7:30 PM	1:30 PM 7:30 PM
<b>RAYA AND THE LAST DRAGON</b> - PG 117 MIN - "On its own gorgeously depicted terms, this film sticks the landing as a celebration of hope, a manifestation of what unfettered trust in our shared humanity could look like." Slant	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM	1:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 7:00 PM

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Cloudy	AM Showers	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	AM Showers	Showers	Showers
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