

Community News

CROW closes curtains on fall, winter events

CROW has decided to cancel the 2021 Scare-CROW Haunted Maze and 2021 Holly Jolly Follies, in light of the rising COVID safety concerns in the immediate area.

"It is with great sadness that this decision was made by the CROW Board of Directors in a unanimous vote on August 30," said CROW Artistic Melanie Heard.

Due to the extensive preparation that must occur for both events, and the fact that there is so much uncertainty about the COVID 19 variants, the board felt that canceling the events was the responsible choice.

"We are currently working on some safe alternatives and virtual activities for our local children and families," Heard said. "We hope that everyone stays healthy and takes precautions as the

new school year begins." Many months of work go into planning events such as live theater performances or interactive holiday activities. CROW has a team of volunteers and staff who craft complicated designs, build extensive sets and create dozens of costumes and props for each production.

"Our Haunted Maze takes at least two months to design and build, and the Holly Jolly Follies requires months of rehearsals, which we don't feel can be done safely at this time," Heard said. "The finished product that our audiences see is only the tip of the iceberg."

To stay up to date with CROW (Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops), visit www.crowkids.com or www.facebook.com/crowtheatrekids.

— DAV seeks drivers —

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) is in need of volunteer drivers who are willing to drive veterans, in the DAV van, to Portland for medical appointments.

The drive is about four

hours to Portland, four hours for the return trip, plus four hours waiting for vets at the hospital. This is a total of about 330 miles and 12 hours.

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Filling backpacks with milk and fruit



In August, Kiwanis Club of Florence presented Food Backpack for Kids with a check for \$5,420. These funds will purchase all the milk and fruit for the nearly 100 students Food Backpack serves in the Siuslaw and Mapleton Elementary Schools during the upcoming school year. (From left) Cross Road Assembly of God Pastor Dale Edwards and Food Backpack founder Marilyn Barba accepted the donation from Kiwanis President Megan Messmer on Aug. 23. For more information, visit www.foodbackpackforkids.com and www.florencekiwanis.org, or find both organizations on Facebook.

Starlight Cabaret presents Mark Levy in outdoor concert

On Friday, Sept. 10, Starlight Cabaret alights at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (FUUF) for an Outdoor Concert with singer/songwriter Mark Levy.

For over five decades, Levy has been writing and performing songs covering the vital social and political issues of our times. He has traveled through 48 states and 10 countries with his guitar and banjo in hand, singing for change.

His mentor Pete Seeger once said Levy is "inspiring. I don't often hear someone with such

a good voice and clear sense of direction." Levy is known for both satirical and serious songs and also sings in several languages.

He was born in New Jersey, a fact that is not lost on his detractors. His mother submits he did not speak until almost four years, but has subsequently more than made up for it. His first words were, "Look, there's a man singing on TV," possibly foreshadowing what became his career.

Levy's brief brushes with fame were more like brush-offs.

"I didn't want to be known, and prefer obscurity. You can get a lot more done that way," he said.

An activist to the core, Levy pens songs about social, political and environmental issues, often laced with satire.

"You can't make everything funny, so some songs are serious, though occasionally I cross the line," he said. "To paraphrase Mary Poppins, a spoonful of humor helps the message go down."

Like most traveling musicians, he's been laid up at home for the past

year and a half, opting to stay alive. This will be his first in-person concert since March 2020.

Attendees are asked to bring comfortable chairs, as the event will be outside in the fresh evening air. Masks will be required.

A sliding scale donation of \$10-20 is greatly appreciated.

The concert will take place on Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at FUUF, 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach road.

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Siuslaw School District announces educator COVID case

This week, just days before the start of the 2021-22 school year, Siuslaw School District learned that a professional educator at Siuslaw Elementary tested positive for COVID-19.

"The school district is working closely with Lane

County Public Health to respond to this news to protect the health of the staff and the community," said Superintendent Andrew Grzeskowiak.

According to the district, each situation calls for different protocols. In this case, the district will follow the following steps:

1. The person will be in quarantine, as per the direction of Lane County Public Health, for a period of up to 14 days.
2. The building administration has notified the person determined to be a "close contact" and is following Lane County Public Health isolation protocol.

3. The common planning space used has been disinfected with an electrostatic sprayer, in addition to the high-touch disinfection routines of the custodial staff.

"The best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is through vaccinations for those who are eligible, wearing face coverings, physical distancing and to practice good health hygiene habits," Grzeskowiak stated. "Be sure to wash your hands frequently with soap and water, cover your coughs and sneezes, and avoid contact with people who have signs of illness. Get plenty of rest, exercise

and eat healthy food."

The Siuslaw School District will keep families and the community updated with any new information as it comes out, while meeting the requirements to honor everyone's right to privacy.

More information can be found on the Oregon Department of Education's "Ready Schools, Safe Learners" page at www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/healthsafety/Pages/Planning-for-the-2020-21-School-Year.aspx and the Oregon Health Authority's COVID-19 page at healthoregon.org/coronavirus.

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September 3 - 9	FRI 3	SAT 4	SUN 5	MON 6	TUE 7	WED 8	THU 9
CANDYMAN - R 91 MIN A 'spiritual sequel' to the popular cult film from 1992, this one is co-written and produced by Jordan Peele (Us, Get Out).	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 7:10 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 7:10 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 7:10 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 7:10 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 7:10 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 7:10 PM	12:50 PM 3:40 PM
FREE GUY - PG-13 115 MIN - "A candy-coated hybrid... brims with digital wizardry, and there are several broad winks towards Disney's expanded universe of franchises."	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 3:50 PM 6:30 PM
JUNGLE CRUISE - PG-13 127 MIN FINAL WEEKS! "Packs in everything satisfying about an adventure movie, with some of its own twists. There are cryptic archaeological clues and spooky legends..." Polygon	12:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:40 PM
SHANG CHI AND THE LEGEND OF THE TEN RINGS - PG-13 132 MIN - "They'd be crazy not to give Meng'er Zhang, as Shang-Chi's ferociously watchable sister Xialing, her own spin-off, and Awkwafina, who spends at least a third of the movie in a fanny pack and lime-green parachute pants, polishes her sardonic slacker M.O. to a high one-liner shine. Even the end credits' inevitable tease of a sequel feels less like a threat, for once, and more like a promise." Entertainment Weekly	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:50 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:50 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:50 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:50 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:50 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:50 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:50 PM

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Events & Performing Arts: \$17/\$13	FRI 20	SAT 21	SUN 22	MON 23	TUE 24	WED 25	THU 26
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