

Chadburn, Nichols perform to benefit animals at OCHS

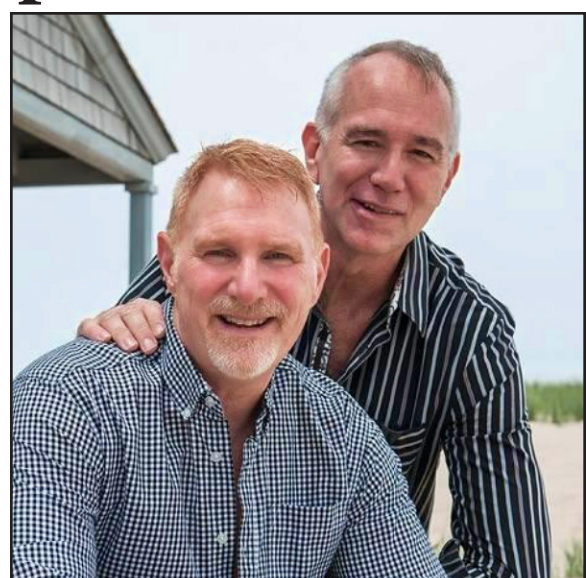
On Sunday, Oct. 10, Dan Chadburn and Tom Nichols will be performing their eighth annual benefit concert to support the animals at Oregon Coast Humane Society (OCHS). The concerts were originally held at the home of Florence resident Kathy Parsons as part of her House Concerts series, but shifted in 2020 to an online benefit streamed through YouTube. The artists' 2020 concert raised more money than ever before as they reached music fans and animal lovers worldwide.

Chadburn and Nichols have impressive careers individually, and together create a powerful musical duo.

Chadburn has released eight albums of his own and been

featured on several compilation recordings produced for charitable causes. Nichols has produced 15 full-length albums and is an accomplished guitarist, pianist, singer/songwriter, recording engineer and producer. Each has performed at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center and Boston's Symphony Hall among other international venues.

Parsons' impact on the OCHS goes well beyond her ability to organize creative fundraisers. As a volunteer for the last three years, Parsons has spent over



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450 hours caring for the shelter's animals and was named Volunteer of the Year for 2020.

Professionally, Parsons is known for her website MainlyPiano.com where she interviews artists, reviews music and connects music lovers with musicians worldwide.

For OCHS Executive Director Elizabeth Thompson, Chadburn, Nichols and Parsons are having a tremendous impact on the animals in her care.

"The generosity of these three is a real testament to their love of animals and their desire to make the world a better place. This fundraiser supports our mission to provide

exceptional care to the animals in the shelter and our community," Thompson said.

The concert will be streamed on YouTube on Sunday, Oct. 10, at 3 p.m. It will be available on YouTube indefinitely, and the link to the concert is <https://youtu.be/Db1prYkz4uY>.

The concert is free, but donations to the humane society are encouraged and may be sent by mail or through their website.

For more information, contact Parsons at 541-999-9720 or kathypiano@gmail.com or Thompson at 541-997-4277 or exec.director@oregoncoasthumane.org.

OCHS is a nonprofit, limited intake shelter promoting a lifetime commitment to pets.

Firewood cutting permits available

Personal and commercial use firewood permits are now available for the Central Coast Ranger District of the Siuslaw National Forest. For the Hebo Ranger District, personal use permits will be available starting Oct. 12, with commercial use permits available starting Oct. 13.

Commercial and personal use permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis and are required when harvesting or transporting firewood. Personal use permits will be free of charge and commercial use permits will cost \$20 per cord; both types of permits carry a limit to number of cords allowed to be harvested, a set time-frame, and only permit cutting in specific designated locations.

"This year we are excited to provide personal use firewood permits free of charge to the public," said Robert Sanchez, Forest Supervisor. "In conjunction with other national forests in Oregon and Washington, we believe the free

personal use firewood program will benefit our forest and the communities that surround us."

Rules, restrictions and locations for firewood cutting are specific to each district and can be found on the Siuslaw National Forest Firewood Cutting webpage at <https://go.usa.gov/xMyZE>. A valid government ID is required at the time permits are issued.

Persons interested in a firewood permit are encouraged to visit the cutting areas before requesting a permit. Roads leading to the firewood cutting areas may be primitive and require 4-wheel drive. Avoid cutting, piling or gathering firewood near any stream, pond, lake, marshy or wet area, to help Siuslaw National Forest protect water quality and fish habitat.

For more information about the firewood cutting permits, call the Central Coast Ranger District at 541-563-8400 or the Hebo Ranger District at 503-392-5100.

Apply now for Community Foundation 2022 grants

Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) has announced the opening of its 2022 grant cycle. The grant application has been updated and can be found at wlcfonline.org.

Each year, WLCF awards grants to local non-profit organizations for projects/programs in its target area of western Lane County. Grants are awarded in the areas of education, medicine and science, the arts, and social and civic services. In 2021, over \$89,000.00 was awarded to many of these worthy causes.

The annual amount to be awarded is determined by the performance of the invested portfolio of discretionary funds during the current year.

The deadline for 2022 grant requests is Jan. 15, 2022. The application may be downloaded from WLCF's website. It is highly recommended that applicants review the updated Grant Guidelines.

People can submit applications to Western Lane Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1589, Florence, OR, 97439 or by email to wlcw@wlcfonline.org in PDF format.

Completed applications must be postmarked or emailed no later than close of business on Jan. 15.

Applications will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and each applicant will be contacted by a Board Member for an interview regarding the request for funds. Grantees will be selected in February and awarded in late March. Selected grant recipients will be required to submit a grant report due by Sept. 30, 2022.

Grant requests and awards will be selected based on merit, need and benefit to the community at large. Grant requests and award amounts vary greatly, but are usually between \$100 and \$5,000, depending on the nature of the grant project and funds available for distribution.

If applicants have questions or concerns about the new grant application, they are encouraged to contact WLCF at wlcw@wlcfonline.org or 541-997-1274.

CROW plans something spooky to fill the air(waves)

Local nonprofit youth theater organization CROW has created a safe and creative new alternative event for families to enjoy this Halloween season.

Throughout October, the public is invited to come and enjoy CROW's four highly decorated "Macy's style" window displays, which will be co-designed by retired Senior Art Director from

Disneyland, Brian Sandahl, and CROW's Artistic Director, Melanie Heard.

"The displays will be lit up with spooky lighting and packed with tons of fun props you'll have to see to believe," said Heard. "They will be family friendly, with a big dash of seasonal humor added in."

Starting on Oct. 7, 8 and 9, and continuing on

Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 5 to 8 p.m. through the end of the month, CROW will be offering original parking lot radio programming.

"Come and park your car in our lot, and tune into the station specified on the sign on the front of our building," said Heard. "Our kids and adults will tell you some hair-raising stories, mixed with clever Halloween jokes, and perhaps a few groaners. We will also be mentioning the names of some local sponsors, so let us know if you want to sponsor one of the jokes."

"It will be nice for families and the general public to have a destination that they can go to and enjoy some Halloween fun," said Heard.

CROW's Technical Di-

rector Chris Owens offered to figure out the radio broadcasting logistics. And from there, the idea took off.

"CROW hopes you'll bring your friends and family to see the window displays, and to tune in to "K-R-O-W" in the parking lot," Heard said.

The CROW Center for the Performing Arts is located at 3120 Highway 101.

The radio program will be about 30-ish minutes in length.

"We may not be able to do our big Haunted Maze this year, but this IS something we can do, and we hope it will make you grin like a Jack-o-lantern."

For more information, follow CROW on Facebook or visit crowkids.com.

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