

House: A historic Halloween haunt

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curs at their house each evening until 10.

Pumpkins in the upstairs windows come alive and speak and sing to each other.

There are lightning strikes and creaky doors.

Lights on the house and in the yard dance to the beat of a live radio station he broadcasts from the property.

Just pull up outside the house across from the Skipanon Marina and tune the radio to the Adelmanns' FM station.

The 1962 novelty song "Monster Mash," and Michael Jackson's "Somebody's Watching Me" and "Thriller" are on the playlist.

Programming or choreographing each song takes 40 to 60 hours, Mike said. "There are 48 different light channels and Christmas is 16 more channels than that."

Added Teale: "Every beat of the song is a click of the mouse."

Decorating the great outdoors is Mike's thing.

"I do the inside of the house," Teale said. "But if he needs help, he tells me what he needs and where. He's the wizard and I just listen and do what he tells me."

Mike honed his programming skills while working as an electronics technician.

These days, he and his wife run Lifting Large, an Internet company that sells weight-lifting supplies. Next month,

they plan to move the company's warehouse from the east end of Astoria into a new warehouse and small private gym they're building a few blocks from home.

It will give them even more time to devote toward making Warrenton a cool place to live.

Teale wouldn't say how much her husband has spent on the displays.

"I'd rather they know about the man-hours he puts in, his dedication and the passion he has," she said.

This year, they put a collection box out front for folks to contribute not toward their holiday displays, but toward the Assistance League of the Columbia Pacific, which provides clothes and school supplies for needy children.

Last weekend, their home was featured on the Assistance League's annual Home & Chef Tour fund-raiser.

The couple, who have been married 14 years, each has a grown child. They moved to Warrenton from New Mexico and learned the history of their 132-year-old house while touring it with a real estate agent.

Wildlife rescue center celebrates 20 years on coast

Wildlife Center of the North Coast, a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation center east of Astoria, celebrates 20 years of service with a fund-raising dinner Nov. 3 in Seaside.

"Yes, this is a fundraising event, but more importantly, it's a celebration of the partnerships we've forged over the past two decades with individuals, organizations, and businesses, and a celebration of how far we've come together," Executive Director Joshua Saranpaa said.

"We wouldn't be the organization we are today if we didn't have concerned citizens calling us with injured and orphaned wildlife needing critical care, or without a group of dedicated donors

Founded in 1997 by Sharnelle Fee, the center specializes in seabird rescue and rehabilitation – something no other wildlife rehabilitators in Oregon were doing at the time.

With no other wildlife rehabilitators in the area, Fee saw a great need along the coast, and gave up her paralegal career to follow her passion of helping wildlife.



Christina Vitazko-Merten

A northern saw-whet owl rescued by the Wildlife Center.

The wildlife center has been a volunteer-driven organization since its start, and has a network of volunteers who help the small staff with rescue and transport of patients to the hospital on Highway 202 near Olney.

WCNC helps all kinds of wildlife native to Oregon, including small mammals like chipmunks and squirrels, porcupine, beaver, and river otter, and an immense variety of birds – from songbirds

If you go

Wildlife Center of the North Coast Founder's Dinner is 5:30 p.m. Nov. 3 at Seaside Convention Center. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased on the center's website or by calling 503-338-0331.

and waterfowl, to seabirds and raptors.

The Founder's Dinner includes silent and live auctions and a pledge drive with all proceeds benefitting the center's rehabilitation fund.

"We have some exciting and unique items to share in the auction, a few surprises, and will be honoring some incredible people at this event," Saranpaa said. "We hope the community will come out to support us, and help us celebrate such a wonderful achievement."

More info is available at CoastWildlife.org.

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