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Summer Events!

- June 5: The Festival of Gardens at the Connie Hansen Garden
- June 6: Finding the Schooner in Siletz Bay
- June 10-13: Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall
- June 10-26: Cascade Head Music Festival (Thursdays & Saturdays)
- June 18-20: Glass Weekend Gallery Hop
- June 19-20: Devils Lake Fishing Tournament
- June 20: Soap Box Derby
- June 26-27: Summer Kite Festival
- July 4: Fireworks on the Bay
- August 7: Sandcastle Building Contest
- October 8-10: Annual Fall Kite Festival



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FUN UNDER THE SUN

Movies and Music Under the Stars

Summer family film festival brings folks downtown.
 BY EMMA JUHLIN



A cool breeze, family and friends huddled close together under the night sky, and *Jaws* sinking his teeth into Nantucket Sound — the perfect recipe for a summer night of family fun and entertainment. Throw some food, games and live music into the mix and voilà — Moonlight Serenade & Cinema at Broadway Plaza begins.

The event, sponsored by Downtown Eugene, Inc. and Impact! Arts, will feature three films on an outdoor screen. The films include *Jaws* on July 23, *Dr. Strangelove* on July 30 and *Modern Times* on Aug. 6.

Modern Times will begin after 8 p.m. to accommodate those going on the First Friday Art Walk.

The films begin at dusk, but people can enjoy concessions and live music an hour before the show. Bands lined up for the festival include Fiddlin' Big Sue and Beatles' cover band Number Nine.

The summer festival is a spin-off of the winter Family Fun Film Festival, also sponsored by Impact! Arts, which took place at the McDonald Theatre. Those films drew in younger crowds, but Randy Lord, co-founder of Impact! Arts and the Lord Leebrick Theatre, says the summer films are aimed more at adults.

"Each evening will attract a different audience based on the movie playing," says

Lord. He says *Jaws* may be too scary for young children, but anyone brave enough is welcome.

Lord recalls seeing the movie at age 12 when it was first released. "Everyone was afraid to go into the water," he says.

Lord says the event is a way "to offer more fun activities on the downtown mall and help support Impact! Arts."

Lord and partner Katina Paxino run Impact! Arts, a local non-profit organization that focuses on youth arts education. Co-sponsor DEI is a non-profit association of business owners geared toward improving the downtown area.

"Downtown Eugene is the arts and entertainment hub for the Lane County regional area," says Michelle Emmons, marketing director for DEI and coordinator of the event. Emmons says the Broadway Plaza is a traditional gathering space, perfect for viewing the films on a full-sized movie screen.

Admission is free with a \$2 suggested donation to Impact! Arts. Lord says the event costs several thousand dollars to put on, and any contribution is appreciated.

"We couldn't be doing it without community support," says Lord. He expects a big turnout for this year's festival. "We've got Spielberg, Kubrick and Chaplin," he says. "It'll be a great line-up."

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