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## RHODY FEST FLAIR



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Thousands of people turned out for the many festivities going on during the 108th Annual Rhododendron Festival in Florence. Clockwise from top left, J. Johnson Tree Service wins the Grand Marshal award for its float; Siuslaw librarian Gayle Weiss goes green during the parade; the carnival ferris wheel spins in the night; spectators check out classic cars at the annual Show 'n' Shine; and colorful rhododendrons bloom at the flower show. Below, Rhody Court senior princesses rock out before the parade.

# RHODY ROCKS!

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After a weekend with more than 25,000 people in attendance, the 108th annual Rhododendron Festival in Florence has come to a close. People flocked to Old Town and the Port of Siuslaw to attend the festival's events. The Grand Floral Parade had 80 entries, many featuring rhododendron flowers and the

festival's theme, "Let's Rock 'n' Rhody." Florence Police Chief Tom Turner and his son Luke led the parade from its start on 27th Street, down Highway 101 and through Old Town. Local dignitaries gave awards to floats. Parade Grand Marshal Amy Clawson, local country singer, awarded J. Johnson Tree Service her award for a float that "climbed higher" than

## RHODY FEST COMMEMORATIVE ALBUM INSIDE

the others. Queen Rhododendra Kennedy Roylance gave her award to Banner Bank's Rhododendron Court float. King of the Coast Keoni Castro honored Three Rivers Casino Resort's live-music float, with Marty Adams and friends performing classic songs.

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# All the world's a stage

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City Lights Cinemas recently partnered with It's About Time Productions to put up the new Chaplin Stage in Theater 4. "An Evening of Music," at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, will open the new stage with a performance by and fundraiser for Siuslaw High School's jazz band and DynaMics a capella group.

City Lights owner Michael Falter said he got the idea to add a stage after having musical group Miles to Go play in the space.

"It's amazing jazz," he said. "We kind of felt that it would be even better if there was an actual stage."

"The acoustics are great," said Judy Adams, director at It's About Time.

Adams' partner Nate Kaplan is



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The new Chaplin Stage in Theater 4 at City Lights Cinemas opens Thursday at 7 p.m. with "An Evening of Music" featuring Siuslaw High School's DynaMics and Jazz Band.

also a musician and has played in the space.

Together, Falter, Adams and

Kaplan decided to put up the stage. The DynaMics and jazz band will be the first to perform on the

## City Lights' new stage offers another venue for artists

new stage. Hosting local students seemed like a good way to open the stage, organizers said.

City Lights is donating \$2 from every ticket sold to the music groups.

"Both teachers are really excited that we're doing this to support them. Music is expensive. Arts just don't get (as much) support in the schools," Adams said.

She added, "This is a great opportunity for the community to see that this venue exists and it will help keep it alive. Michael has done amazing things with the building. It's so much nicer than it ever has been."

The theater and stage will have lights and sound equipment and offers HDMI capabilities for professional presentations. It seats up to 148 people.

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## ELECTION

# Looking for election results?

Readers looking for results from the May 19 Special Election will have to wait until Saturday's issue of the Siuslaw News to see them in print.

The results were made public last night beginning at 8 p.m., after the paper's print deadline, but an updated tally can be found online under Breaking News at [www.TheSiuslawNews.com](http://www.TheSiuslawNews.com).

Lane County Elections will continue to provide updates on the results until all ballots are processed.

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