

**Music** from 1A

Falter hopes it will continue to be a versatile performance space for musicians.

"We're also hoping to attract some talent that is circling through the northwest, but either don't have a date in Eugene or know that we have an audience for it," he said. "A lot of musicians would actually enjoy a day at the beach. There's definitely a lot of potential."

While the people in audiences will ultimately determine which shows they want to see, the Chaplin Stage will allow for a greater variety.

"It has the potential to get musicians excited about the

room. Here it's about the music. If I want to listen to classical, or jazz, or world music, I want to sit down until it's time to dance," Falter said.

It's About Time plans to use the stage for smaller productions after its current show, "Whose Wives are They Anyway?," performs at Florence Events Center in August.

"We plan to have something every month," Adams said, whether that is music groups, small-scale theater or even bellydance performances.

"I think in a town of this size, you really have to broaden your scope," Falter said.

"We're looking forward to using the stage," said Adams.

**Fest** from 1A

The casino handed out colorful beads and also brought a pig.

Florence Mayor Joe Henry gave his award to McKenzie View Acres for their "rocking" tribute to local police and military organizations.

After the parade, Rotary Club and the City of Florence partnered to feed more than 500 people at the Florence Events Center (FEC).

"I want to thank everybody for their participation," said Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Cal Applebee. "It's a huge undertaking, and we wouldn't be able to do it without all the volunteers that step forward from the community. We had a great parade, great turnout and, of course, we had great weather."

The City of Florence had their first parade entry in years.

"That was a great experience. We had a lot of fun. ... Thank you to everyone for your support," said City Manager Erin Reynolds.

On Saturday, the 18th annual Coast Radio's Classic Car Cruise had 100 vintage automobile entries ranging from the 1920s to the 1970s.

Crowds cheered in Old Town as the cars drove by.

**2015 Grand Floral Parade**

**Grand Marshal's Award**  
J. Johnson Tree Service

**Queen's Award**  
Banner Bank – Rhododendron Court float

**King's Award**  
Three Rivers Casino Resort

**Mayor's Award**  
McKenzie View Acres

**Best in Show:**  
City of Florence – service entry

Siuslaw High School – best band

Elks Lodge – non-commercial entry

Sheriff Byron Trapp and the Lane County Sheriff's Mounted Posse – best equestrian group

**BeachKomber 2015 Show and Shine**

**Best in Show**  
1952 Chevy Bel Air  
Carol Palmer

**Best Car**  
1956 Chevy Nomad  
Jim and Mary Wilson

**Best Truck**  
1964 Chevy Suburban  
Brian Nelson

**2015 Flower Show**

**Sweepstakes Award**  
Larry Jensen

**Best Native Macrophyllum**  
P. Wilson

**Best in Show – Lepidote**  
Jack Hackett

**Best in Show – E-Lepidote**  
Jack Olson

**2015 KCST Classic Car Cruise**

**Best in Cruise**  
1965 Ford Country Squire Woody Wagon, Yellow  
Rose and Greg Hill, Florence

**Best Truck**  
1935 Dodge Truck body on 1978 Chev Dually Chassis (stretched 2'), Black  
Ross Kroenert, Florence

**Best Stock Restored**  
1964 Amphicar 770, Red  
Fred Calosso, Florence

**Best Unrestored**  
1965 Chev C10 PU, Green and rust  
Kyle Oakley, Florence

**Best Muscle Car**  
1966 Chevrolet Corvair Corsa, Blue  
George & Wilene Insley, Roseburg

**The Florence Organic Farmers' Market will start its 19th season on May 23 and continuing through October 31.**

The market will be open THIS SATURDAY from 10am-2pm at 310 Highway 101 ( Pro Lumber)

The market accepts WIC and Farm Direct Nutrition vouchers.

For more information, call Maria at 541-902-8815.



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Drivers interacted with the audience and blew bubbles, handed out candy, revved engines and honked horns.

Coast Radio hosted a live radio show, with Bob Sneddon and Mike Groshong offering commentary on the cars and playing classic rock songs.

The Best in Cruise award went to Greg and Rosie Hill of Florence for their bright yellow 1963 Ford Country Squire Wagon.

Proceeds from the cruise went to the Siuslaw Volunteer Firefighter Association.

Many of the cars also were part of the Beachkomber Car Club's 23rd annual Rhody Days Show 'n' Shine earlier that day.

Hundreds of classic cars filled the parking lot at Grocery Outlet on Highway 101.

Carol Palmer won Best in Show for her 1952 Chevy Bel Air.

Florence Area Humane Society hosted a barbecue during the Show 'n' Shine.

The Junior Parade on Saturday, sponsored by Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue, featured floats and marching groups by Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Coast Fitness, the Rhododendron

Junior and Senior Court princesses and Queen, equestrian teams and quads.

Parents, families, children and more lined Oak Street to watch the parade go by.

At one point, Mayor Henry teamed up with Darth Vader and a Storm Trooper to push start one of the trucks.

Many parade participants joined the Kiwanis Kids Games afterward. Children got a chance to compete for awards by sprinting, jumping in a sack race, fishing, throwing and crab crawling.

The Davis Shows NW carnival ended their 65th year at Rhody Days with the return of favorite rides, like the ferris wheel, Ring of Fire, Zendar and the Zipper.

They will be back next year with more elephant ears, funnel cakes, rides, games and prizes.

Right next door, Airboat Tours Northwest gave 45-minute airboat rides on the Siuslaw River.

Down the street, Florence Area Chamber of Commerce closed the first block of Maple Street for the Old Town Vendor Fair. They opened a second location, at The Shippin' Shack on Highway 101, this year.

It was also the start of the port's Boardwalk Market season.

Food vendors offered tasty noodles, smoked barbecue, gourmet sausages, cool and warm drinks, cheese samples and a variety of desserts.

Booths featured clothing, collectables, artwork, beads, jewelry, vegetables, plants, facepainting, toys and more.

Local restaurants, food carts and coffee shops were kept busy all weekend as well.

The FEC held Florence Regional Arts Alliance's Art Fest and the American Rhododendron Society's Festival Flower Show and Plant Sale. Both two-day events featured local color as artists and flowers showcased their best features.

Nearly 800 rhododendron and azalea flower entries were displayed in the 45th year of the floral event.

Larry Jensen won the sweepstakes award, P. Wilson won for the best native rhododendron, Jack Hackett won best in show for his spotted-leaf variety and Jack Olson won best in show for his non-spotted-leaf variety.

Besides the big events, the Moose Lodge offered a meal each day from Friday to Sunday and the Elks Lodge held a barbecue, pie sale and breakfast over the weekend. Music groups in different genres performed at Three Rivers Casino Resort, FEC and Kenneth B Gallery.

Florence Police Lt. Pitcher said, "It was a very good weekend. It was pretty calm. ... A lot of people wanted to meet the new chief."

Rhody Days will return in 2016 with the 109th annual Rhododendron Festival.



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