

Van Fans to scoop ice cream at FEC

The Van Fans' annual Ice Cream Social fundraiser will bring Florence residents and Van Fan members together for an afternoon of ice cream and pie and other treats while supporting this special service to the community. The event will take place Saturday, July 18, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Florence Events Center.

Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the

door.

There will be homemade pie and cake, a la mode, along with hot and cold beverages, along with homemade candies and breads for sale.

The Friends of Florence Van Fans, a non-political volunteer organization, is sponsoring this event. All proceeds support the vans, which transport cancer patients daily to Eugene and

Springfield for radiation treatment. Vans run five days a week free of charge, and all workers are volunteers.

Come spend a relaxing afternoon enjoying ice cream and music while doing something that will help a neighbor or friend.



Strike up the band!



The 234th Army Band will perform a free concert at the Florence Events Center on Tuesday, July 28, beginning at 7 p.m. "Oregon's Own" band was formed and federally recognized as The Band Section, Service Company, 162nd Infantry Regiment, on June 20, 1919. The band remained part of the 162nd Infantry Regiment until 1940, when the band was inducted into federal service Sept. 16, 1940 in Portland.

Band members have seen service in the South Pacific and received credit for the Luzon, New Guinea and Southern Philippines campaigns. After being deactivated after the

end of WWII, it was reassigned as the 234th Army Band on May 7, 1947, and attached to the Oregon State Militia. Since 1947, the band has provided musical support for Oregon troops, toured the state, performed with the Eugene Symphony and entertained thousands of Oregonians with an ever-evolving musical line-up that incorporates the classics as well as pop culture.

Tickets are free and will be available while supplies last at the Siuslaw News office, 148 Maple Street in Old Town Florence, prior to the concert. For more information, call the office at 541-997-3441

Siuslaw Athletics Boosters to host annual dinner, auction

The 10th annual Siuslaw Booster Club Athletic Dinner and Auction will be held Saturday, Aug. 1, at 5:30 p.m. at the Florence Events Center. Guests can enjoy a delicious meal, followed by the ever-popular Dessert Dash. Guests can also peruse thousands of dollars' worth of auction items ranging from original art to getaways, as well as many regional and local goods and services.

Proceeds from the auction go to benefit the athletic departments of Siuslaw middle and high schools.

The dinner will come on the heels of the Siuslaw Hall of Fame induction ceremony,

which will also be held at the FEC a day prior, on July 31. During the ceremony, Siuslaw High School alumni and community members will gather as seven individuals and three teams are honored for their achievements and contributions to Siuslaw's athletics program. With names spanning nearly 40 years of athletic achievement and community service, this year's honorees include individuals who made their mark on everything from golf, track, basketball and football, as well as a spirit of volunteerism that has helped Siuslaw cross country and track programs become one of the best in the state.



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