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FLORENCE, OREGON

Huge turnout for Fourth festivities

Holiday celebration deemed a success, despite foggy fireworks show



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Visitors flock to the annual Wings and Wheels, watermelon-eating contest and Oregon Coast Military Museum's grand opening Saturday.

RECORD CROWDS FILL FLORENCE

BY CHANTELE MEYER
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Independence Day in Florence saw the grand opening of the Oregon Coast Military Museum (OCMM), clear skies for the Wings and Wheels Aircraft Fly-In and Car Show, packed events in Historic Old Town and a foggy evening for the fireworks.

Despite the disappointing end of the day, Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Cal Applebee said July 4 was a success.

"Everything went well," he said. "I'm sure a lot of people were disappointed that the fog came in and spoiled the fireworks, but that's the price you pay for living on the coast. You don't have control over those kinds of elements."

Like last year, the fireworks were lit off from the east end of the Port of Siuslaw parking lot.

"I have talked to people who were right down there at the port and they said they could see the fireworks, but they were just about right underneath them. People on Bay Street, across the river in Glenada or on Highway 126, none of them could see it," Applebee said.

See **RECORD 7A**



Military museum celebrates opening

BY PAT SAPP
For the Siuslaw News

Hundreds of people flocked to Saturday's grand opening of Florence's newest museum — the Oregon Coast Military Museum (OCMM). Cars were parked for blocks up and down Kingwood Street near the museum.

Beginning at 10 a.m., visitors were treated to free hot dogs and hamburgers, sitting at tables in the beautiful summer sunshine.

A ceremony was held at 1 p.m., with the ribbon cutting by Florence Mayor Joe Henry and the governing board. Following was a "Rosie the Riveter" dance by the Florence Dance Guild.

The local U.S. Coast Guard Color Guard presented the flags, and Nyah Vollmar, a Siuslaw sixth grader, sang the National Anthem.

Local "Rosie the Riveter" Ginger Taylor led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Nancy Pearson and Wayne Sharpe were joined by everyone in singing "America the Beautiful."

Sharpe, vice president of the OCMM board, emceed the event and introduced past and present board members.

See **MUSEUM 7A**

HEALTH ALERT

Sutton Lake area without clean water temporarily

Residents required to boil drinking water until district gives OK

BY JACK DAVIS
Siuslaw News

Between 300 and 400 homes surrounding Sutton Lake received door-hanger notices Monday from Heceta Water People's Utility District informing residents that water would be shut off for eight hours yesterday to allow for the installation of new pipes to the existing water system.

"They have been putting new pipe in and now they are connecting it to the old pipe. They have to flush the entire line out, as they reconnect it," said Heceta Water PUD representative Vickie Kennedy.

The work is part of the district's capital improvement project.

According to Kennedy, the short notice time was due to the Fourth of July weekend and uncertainty as to when the contractor would be able to complete the project.

Affected residents in the Sutton Lake area, about four miles north of Florence, also were warned to boil all drinking water from when the water was turned back on until notified by a second door-hanger that it is safe to drink, estimated to be tomorrow, July 9, by 4:30 p.m.

A boil order is required by Oregon law any time water pressure is reduced in a water line.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends bringing water to a rolling boil for at least one minute to kill most bacteria and viruses, including Giardia.

For more information, contact Heceta Water People's Utility District at 541-997-2446.

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COOL PLACES TO VISIT THIS SUMMER

Umpqua Discovery Center

409 Riverfront Way, Reedsport | 541-271-4816

AT A GLANCE: The Umpqua Discovery Center on Reedsport's riverfront features cultural and natural history exhibits using a combination of genuine historical artifacts and high-tech sound and light to enhance the experience for visitors.

Listen as the early pioneers tell stories about life in a tidewater town, watch videos of how logging was done in the past or walk through the fish cannery



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and go on a simulated outdoor adventure.

The Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is required.

This summer, it hosts a free outdoor concert series called Riverfront Rhythms. On July 9, Soul Pie performs, followed by Timberwolf on July 23. Both concerts are from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the front lawn.



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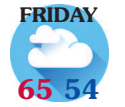
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