

# THIS WEEK ON THE COAST

## A WEEKLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE FLORENCE AREA

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### Saturday, Nov. 21

#### Adopt Wiggly Dogs

The Wiggly Dogs adoption clinic will be at Mini Pet Mart, 2630 Highway 101, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Oldtime Fiddlers to play

The Oregon Oldtime Fiddlers Association, District 5 will be playing onstage from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Winchester Bay Community Center, with an acoustic circle jam following from 3 to 4 p.m.

The public is invited to listen and/or dance and become a member.

The Oldtime Fiddlers is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote, preserve and perpetuate Old Time fiddling and Old Time music. The musical events are free.

For more information, call 541-759-3419.

#### Ada Grange to host bingo

Come to the Ada Grange, 10 miles out Canary Road, for bingo tonight. The kitchen opens at 5 p.m. Play bingo starting at 6 p.m. and win a turkey.

For more information, call Nancy Flatley at 541-997-2380.

#### Ken Lavigne sings at FEC

Vocalist Ken Lavigne will grace the Florence Events Center stage at 7 p.m., in what organizers say will be a great date night or girl's night out.

Lavigne is the second in a seven-performance lineup SEACOAST Entertainment Association is bringing to the Florence Events

Center this season.

Tickets can be purchased at the FEC box office, 715 Quince Street, or by phone at 541-997-1994.

Tickets are \$30 each, and \$10 for those under 18.

#### Rocky Horror at City Lights

City Lights Cinemas, 1930 Highway 101, will screen cult-favorite "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" at 8:30 p.m., along with two short horror films by local filmmakers Sean Sisson and Alexander Sevan.

For tickets and more information, visit [www.citylightscinemas.com](http://www.citylightscinemas.com).

### Tuesday, Nov. 24

#### SHS pie social for seniors

Florence-area senior citizens are invited to a Thanksgiving Pie Social from 1 to 2 p.m. at Siuslaw High School inside the main entrance in the "Mall" area.

The KCST "Viking Hour" radio show crew is hosting this event to connect the senior citizen community with high school students.

### Thursday, Nov. 26

#### Free Thanksgiving dinner

The annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be at the Florence Elks Lodge, from noon to 2 p.m.

Dinner, with all the traditional Thanksgiving trimmings, is free to the public. More than 500 dinners are served each year.

The Florence Kiwanis Club organizes this annual event and the cost is

funded by the Florence Kiwanis Foundation. Volunteers from the local Kiwanis club, churches and other individuals will be on hand to cook, serve and visit with diners.

River Cities Taxi will once again provide free transportation within city limits to and from the lodge.

Donations of cash and non-perishable food items will be accepted at the door.

### Saturday, Nov. 28

#### Festival of Trees at FEC

Get in the holiday spirit during the Florence Festival of Trees, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. this weekend at the Florence Events Center, where trees and wreaths will be on display.

Come enjoy the festive atmosphere and purchase a holiday wreath.

All wreaths and trees have been decorated and donated by local businesses, groups or families, with all proceeds going to support the Oregon Coast Military Museum.

Santa will also be in attendance at the festival to hear children's Christmas wishes.

#### Holiday festival lights tree

Tradition brings Santa and Mrs. Claus back to Historic Old Town Florence for the annual Tree Lighting, beginning at 3:30 p.m. at Gazebo Park on Bay Street, when Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive by fire truck.

Santa will love taking photos with you in the Gazebo.

Hot cocoa and cider will be available.

At 4:30 p.m., at the Siuslaw Interpretive Center, the Flo-Tones lead Christmas Carols until 5:30 p.m. when Mayor Joe Henry will illuminate the huge Christmas Tree.

Historic Old Town store fronts will be aglow with twinkling lights and a hayride shuttle will run from the Lotus and Port of Siuslaw parking lots starting at 3:30 p.m.

### Sunday, Nov. 29

#### Gala of Giving sells trees

The Festival of Trees continues from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Gala of Giving, a semi-formal ticketed event. The gala will have champagne and hors d'oeuvres to kick off the live auction of the festive trees. There will be more than a dozen large trees as well as tabletop trees available.

Tickets for the gala are available at the Gilday State Farm Insurance office or TR Hunter Real Estate Office.

### Monday, Nov. 30

#### Tree of Giving returns

The "Tree of Giving" is now in its 15th year at Siuslaw Glass and Mirror, at 1780 Kingwood St.

Starting Monday, stop in for some holiday cheer and select an ornament from the tree. Each ornament represents specific needs of a high school teen in need of necessities.

Gifts must be dropped off at Siuslaw Glass and Mirror no later than Dec. 16, to be distributed before Christmas break. Help make the season brighter for a high school teen.

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