

# THIS WEEK ON THE COAST

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

SUBMIT ALL EVENTS INFORMATION VIA EMAIL TO [PRESSRELEASES@THESIUSLAWNEWS.COM](mailto:PRESSRELEASES@THESIUSLAWNEWS.COM)

### Sunday, May 29

#### CELEBRATE PEACE AT 'AWAKENING'

The third annual "Awakening Peace" event will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Recreational Meeting Hall at Honeyman State Park.

The purpose of the event is to reflect on and experience peace, individually and collectively.

Featured artists include the Indian Education Program drummers and dancers, poets Noah Schultz and Stephen Fowler, singer Jeff Lovejoy, flautist Bruce Jarvis and Stephen Pierce of "Dances for Peace International."

There will also be craft activities and snacks; bring your own lunch.

There is no charge and everyone is welcome to attend.

### Monday, May 30

#### PIONEER MEMORIAL AT DEADWOOD

A special Memorial Day service will be held at the Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery, just north of Highway 36 on Deadwood Creek Road, beginning at noon.

Hear about Civil War and Oregon history. David Burkett of the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Tami Dreiling, will provide pioneer reenactments and storytelling, and Ken Sawyer will bring his Civil War and Native American memorabilia.

The community is invited.

There will also be free hot dogs, chili, cookies and bottled water. Potluck items for salads and desserts are welcome.

#### MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

The Florence Elks Lodge will hold Memorial Day services at 10 a.m. at the

Elks Lodge, 1686 12th St.

At 11 a.m., the Florence American Legion, along with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, are hosting a Memorial Day service at Veteran's Memorial Park located on Bay Street. The local U.S. Coast Guard will perform a wreath-laying ceremony on the river.

At 1 p.m., there will be a VFW dedication of a new flag pole and veterans memorial at the Florence cemetery.

A shuttle will be available at 12:30 p.m. at the lodge to take people to the cemetery for the 1 p.m. service and dedication.

#### LCC CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

Lane Community College will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday.

No classes will be held and no services will be available, unless otherwise announced by a department or program.

To review the academic calendar, visit [www.lanecollege.edu/calendars/academic-calendar](http://www.lanecollege.edu/calendars/academic-calendar).

### Wednesday, June 1

#### VAN FANS TO HOST LUNCHEON

The monthly meeting and luncheon for the Florence Van Fans will be held at The Shorewood on Spruce Street at 11:45 a.m.

The group will be planning its annual Ice Cream Social and is always looking for new members. It's free to join Van Fans. All help is appreciated.

Come eat lunch for \$8.50.

For more information, call Karen Lee at 541-997-9669.

#### IMPROVE YOUR SPEAKING SKILLS

Visit the Toastmasters open house from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the Siuslaw

Valley Fire and Rescue Station No. 1, 2625 Highway 101.

There's more to communication than just talking. Learn how you can listen, process information and give specific feedback to communicate effectively during productive meetings.

Contact Anne Machalek, Siuslaw Tale Spinner Toastmaster, at 541-902-8008 for more information.

#### RAIN HOLDS FIRESIDE CHAT

Three Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (RAIN) innovators will speak at the Founders' Fireside Chat from 5 to 7 p.m. at Ocean Dunes Golf Links, 3345 Munsel Lake Road.

The event is free to attend. Light food and beverage will be served.

For more information, go to [bit.ly/FloCo\\_FiresideChat](http://bit.ly/FloCo_FiresideChat).

### Saturday, June 4

#### McKEOWN TO SPEAK TO DEMS

The Florence Area Democratic Club will meet at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 4, in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St.

Guests will be Dan Carpenter, Siuslaw Watershed Council and Oregon Rep. Caddy McKeown.

Everyone is welcome.

#### THREE RIVERS FIRES UP BBQ

Three Rivers Casino Resort will host the official Oregon State barbecue championship Fire It Up! featuring Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS) official judges to find the state's best chicken, pork, ribs and brisket.

Event attendees are welcome to sample the state's finest barbecue from noon to 5 p.m. The public will vote

People's Choice for chicken, pork, ribs, and brisket. The winners will walk away with bragging rights for the very best fare in the Northwest, a cash award and free casino play.

#### KXCR FUNDRAISER INCLUDES BLUES

Blues master Walker T. Ryan will be performing at the Kenneth B Gallery, 1458 First St., Saturday, June 4, in a special benefit for KXCR. Refreshments, beverages and a silent auction will kick off festivities at 7 p.m., followed by Ryan at 8 p.m. with his blues guitar mastery and stories of his long, hard-working career in front of blues lovers everywhere.

Cover charge is \$10 at the door.

### Upcoming events

#### COASTAL WOMEN VETS TO MEET

The Coastal Women Veterans will meet Friday, June 10, at 11:30 a.m., at the Shorewood Senior Residence, 1451 Spruce St. Cost of lunch will be around \$8.50.

To confirm attendance, call 541-997-1249 or email [towanda1249@yahoo.com](mailto:towanda1249@yahoo.com) before June 4.

#### FRIENDS OF POETRY

The Friends of Poetry meet every Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. at The Shorewood Retirement Residences, 15th and Spruce streets. For more information, call 541-373-0065.

#### VFW SETS MEETING DATES

The VFW meets every second Tuesday of the month at the Elks Club, 1686 12th St., at 4:45 p.m. for hamburgers and hot dogs. The next meeting is June 9.

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