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17TH ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE



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Keeping in step

Teams raise \$53K for American Cancer Society at Relay for Life

Relay for Life of Florence went back to a 24-hour event Aug. 13 and 14 for the 17th annual fundraiser for American Cancer Society (ACS) at Miller Park. Teams raised more than \$53,000.

Participants walk in remembrance, support and celebration of lives affected by cancer.

ACS spokesman John Bacon said 14 teams brought more than 150 participants to walk the track at Miller Park.

The teams, from all over the area and as far away as Ada and

Reedsport, spent the past year hosting sales, running events at schools and fundraising. Some attendees have been relaying for more than 15 years.

"Going into the weekend we had raised over \$42,000," Bacon said. "We should come in with an event total of over \$53,000."

Bobbi Harris, Relay 2016 chairwoman, said, "It takes a lot of courage to be here ... and a lot of hard work. We want to thank everyone who helped put this together, came out today and made it work."

Mr. Relay returned for its second year, with four area men dressing to the theme of "Lights! Camera! Cure!" and raising \$4,000.

Emcee Bob Sneddon named Lucille Ball, portrayed by Chris Saltmarsh, the winner. Best Supporting Actresses go to Kayle Horton dressed as Cleopatra, Ned Hickson dressed as Marilyn Monroe and local filmmaker Sean Sisson dressed as the main character of his film, "Glorious."

The stage also showcased karaoke and songs by local music

instructor Jason Wood and his vocal students.

While relay teams walked laps, A Taste of Hawaii and Siuslaw High School football and cheer-leading teams served concessions.

As the sun set, Relay volunteers lit rows of luminarias lining the track in honor of individuals' fight against cancer.

"This is going to be the start of a lot of amazing things," Bacon said.

Money raised goes to ACS and its efforts to research cancer cures.

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BY CHANTELE MEYER
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Coin, Stamp Show starts Saturday

19th annual show features designer Thomas Rogers

More than 45 vendors from across the country will attend the 19th annual Coin and Stamp Show Aug. 20 and 21 at the Florence Events Center.

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The show, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, is free to the public. People are encouraged to bring in coins and stamps for evaluation or to buy, sell or trade.

This year features nationally recognized coin designer Tom Rogers, who will be offering some of his own medal designs.

Rogers is a sculptor and engraver who used to work with the U.S. Mint.

"He designed the original reverse side of the Sacagawea dollar coin in 2000," Coin and Stamp Show coordinator Terry Woodward said. "He also designed the reverse of the current Native American dollar coin."

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New preschool blossoms in Florence

Wildflower Montessori School opens Sept. 12

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Wildflower Montessori School, for children ages 3 to 6, opens Sept. 12 in the Children's Repertory of Oregon Workshops (CROW) Performing Arts Center at 3120 Highway 101.

The school will be operated by certified International Montessori instructors Kristen Goodman-Christiansen and lead teacher Lori Foskett.

"I felt the community needed this," Goodman-Christiansen said. "There is not a Montessori option in town and there hasn't been for a year. Lori and I worked together for two years at Florence Montessori School and we always talked about having our own Montessori school."

She said the school will be the only non-religious preschool in Florence. In addition, Wildflower will follow the public school calendar for days off and weather closures.

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COOL PLACES TO VISIT THIS SUMMER

SPECIAL FEATURE:

This summer we are highlighting unique spots that make the central Oregon coast one of the coolest places to live and play. New locations will be featured each month.

Washburne State Park

Highway 101 North, Florence | 541-997-3641

AT A GLANCE: Carl G. Washburne Memorial State Park is a five-mile stretch of beach 14 miles north of Florence on Highway 101.

The flat, easily accessed beach contains driftwood, sights of the Pacific and trails connecting to the Washburne campground across the highway and the Oregon Coast Trail system.

The day-use area offers picnic areas, restrooms and a paved parking lot.

People come to the beach to explore, fly kites, view the wildlife and admire constellations on a clear night. Heceta Head at the far southern end of the beach has tide pools for those wanting more of a



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walk. On windy days, find shelter in wind-carved, pocketed coves in the sandstone cliffs.

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