

Military museum assists VFW with rifle raffle

The Oregon Coast Military Museum (OCMM) is partnering with Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3232 in Florence, which is raffling off a vintage M1 Garand rifle from WWII.

The proceeds from the raffle go to the VFW's building fund, and it is the second time the same rifle has helped contribute to that goal of the local VFW Post.

"We raffled this same weapon off last year and a local supporter won it, then donated it back to us to do all over again, doubling the impact of the effort," said Post Commander Paul Gargis.

The .30-caliber weapon was manufactured in January 1945 by Springfield Armory of Massachusetts and is the iconic weapon carried by GIs throughout WWII and Korea.



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Museum Chief of Staff Geoff Cannon takes delivery of iconic M1 Garand from VFW Post Commander Paul Gargis.

It is on display at the museum during business hours, Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., where raffle tickets are available for \$10 each.

Tickets can also be purchased from any VFW Officer.

The winning raffle ticket will be drawn Saturday, July 1, during the annual Wings & Wheels Fly-In and Car Show at the Florence Municipal Airport.

The OCMM is at 2145 Kingwood St. in Florence, and open to the public.

For more information, visit www.oregoncoastmilitarymuseum.com.

Forest officials prepare for in anticipation of solar eclipse crowds

Corvallis, OR - Siuslaw National Forest officials are working on plans to accommodate the large numbers of visitors anticipated to be coming to Oregon this summer to view the solar eclipse. Recreation managers expect the high meadows of Marys Peak and Mt. Hebo to be of great interest to community members and visitors who are looking for prime viewing locations along the 'path of totality'; the swath of land where viewers will witness a total eclipse.

By mid-March, the forest expects to release full details regarding viewing opportunities on Marys Peak and Mt. Hebo for the August 21 eclipse, which some consider a once-in-a-lifetime event.

Access to Marys Peak and Mt. Hebo will be managed to provide a unique viewing experience, while ensuring public safety, clear access for emergency vehicles, and protection of sensitive meadows.

Additional details will be available in mid-March, but eclipse viewers starting to make plans now can anticipate the following:

For Marys Peak, private vehicle access for day use will be available by reservation up to the capacity of parking areas via Recreation.gov.

Trailhead parking may be by reservation only or, in some cases, unavailable.

The forest is also in discussions with a potential recreation event permittee that may offer shuttle service to the peak, camping, and enhanced services. The road up Marys Peak will remain open to bicycles, though cyclists should anticipate significant congestion on area roads.

For Mt. Hebo, private vehicle access for day use will be available up to the capacity of parking areas by reservation via Recreation.gov.

Access will also be open to

those arriving by foot and bicycle, though trailhead access may be unavailable or extremely limited.

For other forest areas, many Siuslaw National Forest campgrounds are available by reservation and are already booked for the nights leading up to the eclipse.

Some areas of the forest are available for dispersed camping, yet the steep slopes and dense forests of the Coast Range limit the availability of suitable camping locations.

While access to other forest recreation sites will be available as usual, standard recreation fees may apply and crowding and congestion should be anticipated.

"We love how excited people are to witness this natural phenomenon and it is our intent to welcome them to the national forest to do so," said Jerry Ingersoll, forest supervisor. "We also know that viewing opportunities on the

Siuslaw will be limited by the terrain, the tall trees, and our need to protect safety and resources in a few special places. We're encouraging folks to plan ahead so they'll have a memorable eclipse experience."

With the amount of visitors expected in western Oregon for the eclipse numbering in the hundreds of thousands, it is likely roadways will be congested the weekend prior to and on the day of the eclipse.

Emergency personnel will

stretched thin and response times may be slow.

Visitors to the national forest should plan their visit well ahead of time, expect limited or no cellphone service, and have eye protection that is certified as safe for viewing a solar eclipse.

Many events are being planned throughout western Oregon.

For information on events and viewing opportunities near you, contact your local chambers of commerce or tourism outlets.

For more information on viewing the eclipse on the Siuslaw National Forest, contact Lisa Romano, public affairs officer, at 541-750-7075.

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includes Josi Hays, who had state appearances in both the shot put and discus last season.

"Josi looks to make top-three finishes in the discus and shot put at state and has competed in two sports during the fall and winter to be conditioned to do so," said Longo, who added that Hays will also compete in the javelin as well as the hammer throw.

Haley Wells, who reached state in the discus last year, is looking for a shot at redemption after being edged out of the finals as a freshman last year at state.

"She's competed in two seasons of sports as well, so she's looking for big improvements in both the shot put and discus,"

said Longo.

Incoming talent for the girls team includes sophomores Bailey Messick and Brittany Wilson.

"These two girls are incredibly promising," Longo said.

Wilson competed as a freshman last season in the 800-meter run, where she came in third at district. This year, Messick was a member of Mapleton's newly established cross country team last fall.

Messick has been working out in the sprints and 300-meter hurdles.

"Bailey has a lot of strength and a great work ethic," Longo said.

On the boys team, senior Tyler Packebush, who competed at state in both the 110-meter hur-

dles and pole vault, returns with junior Tanner Wilson, who reached state in his first season competing in the javelin.

"Tyler is very driven in the pole vault and hurdles, and Tanner is looking for a top-three finish at state in the javelin," said Longo. "He's also going to try the discus this season."

Freshman Richy Gastelum will be a key player in the 1,500 meters, utilizing his conditioning from cross country and basketball to land a top finish at district.

Gastelum will also compete in the triple jump.

"I'm excited to be working with so much talent and such a hard working, goal-driven group of athletes," Longo said.

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Harrisburg, La Pine, Pleasant Hill, Santiam Christian and Sisters.

In Draft 13, there would be a slight variation with the addition of a ninth team in a league made up of Creswell, Elmira, Harrisburg, Junction City, La Pine, Philomath, Pleasant Hill, Sisters and Siuslaw.

The committee is encouraging input from member schools to help determine which draft draws the most support.

The next OSAA meeting will be Monday, March 20, at the OSAA office in Wilsonville.

For more information or to read the minutes from previous meetings, visit www.osaa.org/docs/committees/classification.20170227update.pdf

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