

**Radio** from 1A

television at KOIN-TV in Portland.

Youngblood made his way back to radio in the late sixties and worked in various on-air and managerial capacities at radio stations in Eugene, Coos Bay, Salem and Vancouver, Wash., over the next 30 years.

Youngblood moved to Florence to retire in the 1990s, but his retirement was short-lived.

This change in plans was precipitated by Jon Thompson, Coast Radio owner and general manager.

Thompson said he met the retired Youngblood in a barber shop in Florence in the late '90s and coaxed him out of retirement at the age of 71.

"Harley was truly an extraordinary person. I met him in the chair at Joe's Barber Shop back in the late '90s when I still needed haircuts. He had recently retired but was interested in

getting back into local radio," Thompson remembers. "I hired him on the spot to read the local news. He would eventually fill several different part time positions at the station over the next 18 years, most recently working with Calista Cates on the KCFM morning show."

Thompson points out that, like many who have retired to Florence, Youngblood had a tremendous professional background and a skill set that can be an asset to local businesses.

"The entire staff benefited from Harley's knowledge of broadcasting, half a century of experience and attention to detail. We were all inspired by this incredibly talented man who loved broadcasting and stayed active in the industry until the age of 89," Thompson said. "He was kind of a patriarch, and definitely a mentor, and definitely an inspiration to all of us who are in broadcasting."

For information on a celebration of life, visit [kcfmradio.com](http://kcfmradio.com).

**Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society's 2017 Rhody Show**

**Sweepstakes Award**  
Liz Hultin

**Best Spray**  
Larry Rosenbalm

**Best in Show**  
Tom Dickson

**Best American Hybrid**  
Jack Olson

**Best Foliage**  
Jack Olson

**Best Azalea**  
Liz Hultin

**Best Macrophyllum**  
Ron and Cheryl Prchal

**Best Rose**  
Tom Dickson

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Other vehicles were featured in the BeachKomber Car Club's 25th annual Show 'n' Shine, which featured stock and modified classic cars, rat rods and trucks in the Grocery Outlet and City Lights Cinemas parking lot.

Hundreds of guests viewed the cars under the bright blue sky as Saturday morning saw the last of the weekend's rain.

BeachKomber gave out 29 awards during the event. Pete Coyle of Florence won Best of Show for his 1956 Ford F-100. Rick and Tracey Thackeray of Newport won Host's Choice for Best Car with their 1967 Chevy Camaro and Dan and LaDonna Bartholamew of Drain won Best Truck with their 1972 Chevy Pickup 4x4.

Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bettina Hannigan said, "One hub of activity was the Florence Events Center. It hosted the Rhody Coronation, the Rhododendron Society's show and sale, the Florence Regional Arts Alliance show and sale and the Jazz Kings concert."

Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society named six people winners in various categories for rhododendron and azalea growth. Liz Hultin of Bandon won the Sweepstakes Award.

Children and youth caught the sunshine during the Junior Parade, put on by Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue, and the Kiwanis Kids Games.

Firefighters led the Rhododendron Court in the parade. It also featured tractors, walking groups, bicycles, teams, clubs and characters from Star Wars.

After the parade, youth participated in sack races, fishing and other energetic events with the Kiwanis Club of Florence.

"While Memorial Day weekend is often thought of as the beginning of the summer travel season, Florence is a step ahead of the fun with Rhody Weekend," Hannigan said. "There's always so much to do in and around Florence, and this weekend adds even more fun to this place we call 'Oregon's Coastal Playground.'"

Carrying on 110 years of tradition, Florence continued the Rhododendron Festival with the Grand Floral Parade on Sunday. Nearly 100 entrants joined the route from Highway 101 at 27th Street down to Old Town — including dignitaries, bands, equestrian groups, classic cars and floats from commercial and nonprofit groups.

Several groups honored the Coast Guard theme and many floats sported festive rhododendrons.

The Grand Marshal's Award went to the Florence Elks Lodge 1858, Florence Mayor Joe Henry's award went to Food Backpack 4 Kids, the Queen's Award went to Banner Bank's

**2017 Grand Floral Parade**

**Grand Marshal's Award**  
Elks Lodge 1858

**Queen's Award**  
Banner Bank — Rhody Court

**King's Award**  
City of Florence

**Mayor's Award**  
Food Back Pack 4 Kids

**Best in Show:**  
City of Florence  
— service entry

Boy's & Girls Club  
Drum Corp  
— best band

Food Backpack 4 Kids  
— non-commercial entry

Banner Bank  
— commercial entry

Eugene Pro Rodeo  
— best equestrian group

John "Teach" Girard  
— vehicle

Rhody Court entry, and the King's Award went to the City of Florence.

Florence Police Chief Tom Turner led the Grand Floral Parade for the third year.

Rhody Days also saw the return of the Maple Street Vendor Fair and the Port of Siuslaw Boardwalk Market, the 38th annual Rhody Run 5K and 10K and the Coast Radio Classic Car Cruise, as well as the annual Elks Lodge breakfast, barbecue and pie sale; Oregon Coast Humane Society's hot dog and hamburger sale and the traditional Rhody Queen and Court Display at the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum.

Florence Police Department, Oregon State Police and Lane County Sheriff's Office provided thorough public safety coverage throughout the weekend.

Florence Area Chamber of Commerce estimates that 35,000 people attended the Grand Floral Parade and other events throughout the weekend.

"Florence and its visitors were truly 'ready to rhody' this year," said Hannigan.

Florence's famous festival will continue next year.

For more information, visit [florencechamber.com](http://florencechamber.com).

**BeachKomber 25th annual Show 'n' Shine**

**Best of Show**  
1956 Ford F-100  
Pete Coyle

**BeachKomber Choice: Best Car**  
1967 Chevy Camaro  
Rick & Tracey Thackeray

**BeachKomber Choice: Best Truck**  
1972 Chevy Pickup 4x4  
Dan & LaDonna Bartholamew

**Additional Winners:**  
1952 Jaguar XR120  
Frank & Judy Viena

1926 Forde Coupe  
Barney Pierce

1945 Willys Jeep  
Rex

1970 GMC C20  
Ken Dunegan

1965 Chevy Impala  
Larry Kirkpatrick

1969 Chevy Camaro  
Mike & Cindy Ramsey

1975 Chevy Corvette  
Bob Eaton

1970 Ford Mustang  
KD Hobin

1965 Ford Mustang  
Peter Hill

1929 Ford Model A  
Richard Burton

1934 Ford 3 Window  
Bill & Anita Gardiner

1947 Ford  
Maguire Mach

1954 Ford Skyliner  
Rick Stanton

1955 Chevy Belaire  
Terry Stanger

1955 Chevy  
Mark Roemell

1969 Chevy Chevell  
Patty & LeeRoy Rigsby

1974 Chevy Vega  
Gary McDaniel

1969 Dodge SuperBee  
Gerry Hine

1957 Ford T-Bird  
Ron & Dena Weise

1955 Ford Ranchwagon  
Steve & Jayne Smoley

1971 Chevy El Camino  
Jim Wasson

1952 Studebaker 2RG  
Ed Losta

1956 Ford F-100  
Fred Wahl

1965 Cobra Roadster  
Robert Fyancovich

1925 Ford Model T  
Scott Fisk

1941 Chevy Truck  
Bill Kughn

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