

# THE RECORD

## Chamber to present old-fashioned July Fourth

The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce will present Florence's annual Independence Day celebration on Tuesday, July 4, with food, fun and a 50 percent larger fireworks display. A number of area merchants will be offering holiday-themed specials.

The event is preceded on Saturday, July 1, by The Florence-Siuslaw Lions Club's Wings and Wheels Aircraft Fly-In and Car Show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Florence Municipal Airport.

This year, Wings and Wheels organizers have invited a World War II SDB Dauntless dive bomber and a number of great classic cars, airplanes, firetrucks and military vehicles. Raffle tickets will be available at the event for a ride in the plane.

Food will be available from the Lions Club and Ada Grange.

In addition, the Oregon Coast Military Museum, located adjacent to the airport on Kingwood Drive, will celebrate

its first anniversary on July 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thanks to a number of generous Florence-area businesses and organizations, Tuesday's fireworks show will be launched from a barge in the Siuslaw River.

According to Chamber director Bettina Hannigan, this gives more people a better vantage point for viewing the show and adds depth and drama by allowing the show to reflect off the water. The show itself will last between 20 and 30 minutes and be accompanied by patriotic music on KCST (106.9 FM) and KCFM (1260 AM/104.1 FM).

The show begins shortly after dusk.

Key sponsors include the City of Florence, American Legion "Yost Post" 59, Brisbane Enterprises, Florence Band of Brothers, Florence True Value, Hop Valley Brewing, Lofy Construction, Shorewood Senior Living and The Siuslaw News.

During the day on Tuesday,

people can enjoy traditional pie- and watermelon-eating contests sponsored by Crossroads Assembly of God Church.

The contests take place 1499 Bay St. (the former Silver Sand Dollar store) from 1 to 4 p.m. (or until the pies and watermelon are gone). Participants will be divided into three age brackets for the contests: 8 to 12, 13 to 17, and 18 or older.

Prizes will be awarded for first and second place in each division. Sign-ups begin at 1 p.m. The church will also have an inflatable bounce house and obstacle course at the church, 1380 10th St., from 1 to 4 p.m.

Both events are free.

At 1 p.m. on Tuesday, people will enjoy the spectacle of watching up to 2,000 rubber ducks being dumped into the Siuslaw River during the 20th annual Kiwanis Duck race.

Tickets are available at the Chamber Visitors Center, Coast Insurance or Roby's Furniture. Tickets can also be purchased directly from Kiwanis Club

members, in front of Florence Tech Solutions at 1431 Bay St., July 1-3 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and July 4, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The race begins out in the river off the docks at ICM Restaurant on Bay St. Proceeds go to college scholarships for local high school graduates, funding for local non-profits, and to underwrite the Kiwanis' annual free community Thanksgiving dinner.

For more information call 541-999-1889.

Also on Tuesday, the Florence Senior Center, 1570 Kingwood Drive, is hosting a barbeque for all ages from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Chamber and the City of Florence remind everyone that private fireworks are no longer allowed on publicly-owned property within the vicinity of Old Town as well as the Port of Siuslaw.

This also applies to public streets and right of ways throughout the community, including beaches, dunes and forests.

### COURTS

#### Florence Municipal Court Jan. 20

Dustin Steven Lafrance pleaded no contest to harassment. He was sentenced to two days in Florence City Jail and must report to treatment. He must pay \$525 in fines and not contact or be in or about the

residence or place of employment of the victim.

Jodi Diane Wentlandt pleaded guilty to reckless endangerment. She must report to treatment and pay \$950 in fines. Her driver's license is suspended.

Douglas William McLean pleaded no contest to driving with a suspended driver's license. He must pay \$620 in fines.

### WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
June 20	67	53	0.00
June 21	64	43	0.00
June 22	70	44	0.00
June 23	79	45	0.00
June 24	76	51	0.00
June 25	64	48	0.00
June 26	65	55	0.00

Rainfall Month: 3.46" Week: 0.00" Year: 71.90"

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## State Fire Marshal issues illegal fireworks warning

The Office of State Fire Marshal, Oregon fire service, Keep Oregon Green, the Pacific Northwest Wildfire Coordination Group, natural resource agencies, Oregon fireworks wholesalers and safety experts encourage Oregonians to "Keep it Legal and Keep it Safe" when using fireworks.

The 2017 Oregon fireworks sales season opens Friday, June 23 and runs through Thursday, July 6.

The OSFM and their partners want everyone to know what fireworks are legal in Oregon, where they are permitted and the important steps to take for fireworks safety.

"I want to remind all Oregonians that consumer legal fireworks can only be purchased from Oregon permitted fireworks retailers and stands," says State Fire Marshal Jim Walker. "And regulations limit where those fireworks may be used. July Fourth holiday forest visitors are advised to leave all fireworks at home.

The use of fireworks is prohibited on all national forestland, and most other public lands. "Fireworks compound the threat to already dry forests," states Keep Oregon Green President Kristin Babbs. "Enjoy fireworks where they belong: on the pavement- safely away from houses, vehicles and flammable vegetation."

Oregon law prohibits possession, use, or sale of any firework that flies into the air, explodes, or travels more than 12 feet horizontally on the ground, without a permit issued by the OSFM.

Fireworks commonly called bottle rockets, Roman Candles and firecrackers are illegal in Oregon, without a permit.

There were 192 reported fireworks-related fires in Oregon during 2016, resulting in more than \$519,000 in property damage.

Over the past five years, from 2012 through 2016, there were 944 reported fireworks-related fires in Oregon resulting in one death and more than

\$2.1 million in property damage.

Officials may seize illegal fireworks and fine offenders up to \$500 per violation.

Those who misuse fireworks or allow fireworks to cause damage are liable and may be required to pay fire suppression costs or other damage.

Parents are also liable for fireworks damage caused by their children.

"All Oregonians share the responsibility to use only consumer legal fireworks and use them carefully," adds Walker. And we encourage you to be aware and considerate of neighbors and their pets, before deciding on when and where

you choose to light fireworks."

The OSFM encourages everyone to use the four B's of safe fireworks use:

- Be Prepared before lighting fireworks: keep water available by using a garden hose or bucket.
- Be Safe when lighting fireworks: keep children and pets away from fireworks.
- Be Responsible after lighting fireworks: never relight a dud. Wait 15 to 20 minutes then soak it in a bucket of water before disposal.
- Be Aware: use only legal fireworks and use them only in legal places.

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50 GREAT PRIZES

Proceeds from Duck Race ticket sales provide funding for local college scholarships and grants to local non-profits

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## Governor signs new car seat law

Oregon Governor Kate Brown recently signed a bill into law that requires children under age two to ride in rear-facing car seats.

The new law makes Oregon the sixth state in the country to raise car seat standards to align with recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Research shows children under age two are five times less likely to suffer injuries or death when using a rear-facing car seat compared to a forward-facing one.

For more information visit [www.OregonRN.org](http://www.OregonRN.org).

## Correction

In the front-page article of the June 24, 2017 edition titled; Zanzibar looks to Florence for guidance, advice, the subject of the article, Rodger Bennett's name was spelled incorrectly. Siuslaw News regrets the error.



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