

SPECIAL EVENT

Oregon Cavy Breeders Show returns

If you're a fan of Guinea pigs or cavies, this show is for you.

The Florence Events Center will be alive with the happy, unmistakable squeal of Cavies (Guinea pigs) and their enthusiasts when the Oregon Cavy Breeders Society hosts its Cavy Show on Saturday, July 29, at the FEC, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cavy owners and breeders from around the region will bring their favorite cavies to be judged and assessed for their quality.

Top winners will be awarded prizes. In addition there will be a free youth cavy show open to the public.

Everyone is invited to see some of the most beautiful cavies in the Northwest.

Though there are 13 breeds of Guinea pig, only a few breeds are commonly found off the show table as pets. The short-hair, Abyssinian, Peruvian and Sheltie (aka Silkie) breeds are those most frequently seen



A wide variety of cavies will be available during the cavies show in July.

as pets.

For the uninitiated, here's a quick look at how to determine the difference:

- Short Haired: The short coated

cavy, often called the American, Self, or English, has consistently short, glossy hair without a part.

- Abyssinian: Known for its short, rough coat that has cowlicked rosettes

of hair

- Peruvian: The Peruvian is the progenitor of all modern long-haired breeds, being a Guinea pig with hair that grows long continuously all over its body — sometimes to an excess of 20 inches.

- Silkie or Sheltie: A Silkie has long hair that flows back over its body and never forward over the face (as in the Peruvian).

- Texel: Like a Silkie, but with curls.

The show will be a unique opportunity to see and interact with the many breeds of this popular animal, as well as see what determines the best of the best in the eyes of professional breeders.

Enthusiasts as well as first-time attendees are welcome to see these spectacular examples of cavies, ask

questions and become introduced to the wonderful world of these unique animals.

For more information, call the FEC at 541-997-1994.

COMMUNITY EVENT

Relay For Life venue changes to Florence Events Center

When this year's annual Relay For Life fund raising event for the American Cancer Society takes place in Florence, the event will see a few changes — beginning with a new venue at the FEC rather than Miller park.

In addition, rather than an overnight event, it will be held from noon to midnight, with registration beginning at 10 a.m.

Scheduled for Saturday, July 22, the

event will officially kick off at noon by celebrating everyone who's been affected by cancer during a special Survivor's Walk.

Whether someone's been diagnosed for 10 days or been cancer-free for 10 years, they gather together for the crowd to cheer them on.

Survivors define courage and inspire those facing a cancer diagnosis. Their strength is honored with each step they take around the first lap. If

you know anyone who's overcome cancer, invite them to join.

Laps by teams or individuals raising funds for cancer research will continue throughout the day, along with other special events leading up to the Luminaria Ceremony at 9:30 p.m.

Each Luminaria bag represents a loved one lost to cancer, brings support to those affected by it, and honors survivors. This powerful moment gives people the opportunity to grieve but

also offers hope and comfort.

Finally, at 11 p.m., the closing ceremony will begin.

During that time, participants will celebrate together what this year's relay has accomplished together while also remembering those we've lost.

Come to this year's Relay For Life and join others in the Florence community who will be taking action to help end the pain and suffering of cancer.

COLLECTORS EVENT

Coin show is for collectors as well as the curious

At the 19th annual Coin and Stamp Show, nearly 50 vendors from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California and as far away as Connecticut will be exhibiting, trading and selling coins from around the world. On hand will be U.S. territorial gold coins, as well as coins from Greece, Italy, the Middle East and more.

For anyone who is new to coin collecting, or who has never been to a major coin show, here are a few tips to make the show more enjoyable:

- Plan to arrive early in the day rather than later. This will allow plenty of time to look at all the exhibits and talk with dealers.

- Bring a good coin guide with prices for reference. There will be many coin dealers at the show. Find out who can offer the best value by having the current pricing chart handy and visible.

- Bring a notebook or use the memo function in your smart phone to keep track of contact information for dealers

you may want to contact again in the future.

The show will be held Saturday, Aug. 19, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is free to the public and coin appraisals will be available.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Get the 'scoop' on annual Van Fans Ice Cream social

The Van Fans annual Ice Cream Social fundraiser will bring Florence residents and Van Fan members together for an afternoon of ice cream, pie and other treats while supporting the Cancer Van for the Florence community.

The social will take place Saturday, July 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door. There will be homemade pie and ice cream served by BJ's Ice Cream, with hot and cold beverages available.

The Friends of Florence Van Fans, a non-political volunteer organization, is sponsoring this event. All proceeds donated go to support the van that transports cancer patients daily to Eugene and Springfield for radiation

treatment. This service is free of charge to the community. Come and spend a relaxing afternoon enjoying pie and ice cream and listening to music, while helping a fellow neighbor or friend in need.

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