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Sensational sparkle



Sparkle on the Siltcoos draws large crowd for fireworks, barbeque & fun

arlings Marina presented the second annual Sparkle on the Siltcoos fireworks show Saturday night on Siltcoos Lake.

The festivities began in the early afternoon with a barbeque, music, fishing and boating, all of which continued until the fireworks display began after 10

Hundreds of individuals and families made the trip to Dunes City for the free event. People young and old set up small grills and picnic blankets along the lakeside at the marina for most of the day.

Darling's owners, Rich and Lori Olson, thanked the sponsors and those who supported the event. "Wow! What a fun and amazing show. Thanks to

everyone who came out," they posted on social media. Since the Olson's purchased and began making improvements to the business, located at 4879 Darlings Loop, they have helped revitalized not only the marina but also other motels and retail establish-

This year's fireworks display had a number of sponsors, including Dunes City, Shervin's Tire and Automotive, Torex ATV Rentals, Zolezzi Insurance, Wacoka Farm and Rick's Quality Imports. Music was provided by Shoot Jake from Yakima, Wash.



An Americana holiday

Florence embraces old-fashioned 4th of July

tars and Stripes Forever" will be the

centerpiece of Florence's Fourth of July

Fireworks Show at sundown Wednes-By Chantelle Meyer SIUSLAW NEWS

day, with other songs by famous American composer John Philip

Sousa the American Heritage Orchestra playing in time with a synchronized fireworks show. People can view the show from the Port of Siuslaw Boardwalk, areas in Historic Old Town and across the river in Glenada.

"The old-fashioned Fourth of July is one of the nicer family-oriented events we do here," said Chamber Executive Director Bettina Hannigan. "It's a wonderful family event with a lot of people coming in and hanging out around the Port of Siuslaw."

Banner Bank is this year's "Big Bang" sponsor of the 30-minute show, leading contributions from community members and organizations in supporting the chamber's annual fireworks display. In addition, KCST 106.9 FM morning show host Wayne Sharpe will broadcast Sousa's and patriotic music from the port parking lot from 8 to 10 p.m.

"The Fourth of July is a big deal in town," said Chamber Assistant Director Terry Abeyta. "In my previous years in Florence, it feels very Americana and small town. It's a very special feeling when you're walking down Bay Street and around the area."

The pyrotechnics will be launched from a barge on the Siuslaw River near the Port of Siuslaw.

"It's exciting to be able to do it off the barge this year," Hannigan said. "It will be very special place to do it, as this is not something that happens in other communities."

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DRIVING OUT CANCER

Friends of Florence helps isolated patients receive treatment

By Jared Anderson SIUSLAW NEWS

ments around the lake.

"I do it because my father, years ago, had lung cancer," said Friends of Florence Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Bart Mealer. "My folks need it. were living in Sauvie Island and my mother had to drive my faand they had to do it every day, back and forth. This is just my way of helping somebody not to do that."

For the past 10 years, Mealer has been driving the Friends bus, helping transport those with cancer to receive chemotherapy in Eugene and Springfield.

gram, which has been in exthousands of patients receive Oregon Urology Institute, remuch needed treatment five days a week, 52 weeks a year, free of charge to all those who began in 1984, when Florence

"Our riders come from all ages and demographics," Mealer ther to Portland every day. It's a said. "Anybody that is suffering wicked drive in the winter time the malady of cancer getting treatment. They live in and around the Florence area, but Lymphoma cancer. we also do pickups in between. We'll pick up people in Mapleton, Veneta and Noti."

8 a.m. and generally arrive back at noon, are needed due to the lack of chemotherapy programs in the area. The closest treat-

The Friends of Florence proment centers are in Eugene and Springfield at the Willamette istence since 1985, has helped Valley Cancer Center and the spectively.

> The genesis of the program resident P.T. Smith was told a story about a man outside Sacred Health Hospital in Eugene. Smith had known the hospital well, taking his wife, Esther, there for treatments related to

The story went like this: A elderly man was lying on a bench outside the hospital, out of sorts. The trips, which head east at The police were called, and they asked the man if he had been drinking.

this week's

<u>weather</u>

Full Forecast, A3

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Wings & Wheels touch down

The eighth annual Wings and Wheels Car Show and Aircraft Fly-in will take place this Saturday, July 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the

By Mark Brennan SIUSLAW NEWS

Florence Municipal Airport, 2001 Airport Road.

Each year, this

free event brings together fans of vintage cars, airplanes and military vehicles.

As always, the Oregon Coast Hot Rod Club has invited the owners of collector level classic cars to participate in the event, with a winner for Best in Show awarded at the event's closing ceremony, held at 3 p.m.

"This is one of the most entertaining shows in Oregon," Mike Groshong, Wings and Wheels organizer, said. "In addition to 100 really cool cars, there are many antique and hot rod airplanes, plus military, police and dire displays. It is a full day of action with over 20 local and regional groups involved with displays and activities."

There will be two special aircraft this year, a Vought F4U Corsair and a North American T-6

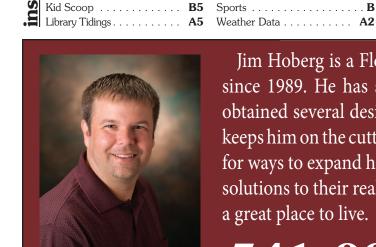


Vintage planes and automobiles bring enthusiasts to the Florence Municipal Airport on July 7 for the eighth annual Wings & Wheels.

Texan. Both featured planes should arrive at the airport on Friday afternoon, weather permitting.

The Corsair was a workhorse for the American military, but also was used by the British, The Royal New Zealand Air Force and the French Navy in military operations around the globe.

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