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Building Peace Harbor

*PeaceHealth Peace Harbor
Medical Center celebrates 30 years*

“Six years of planning and dreaming of a modern hospital facility in Florence became a reality Saturday as Peace Harbor Hospital was officially dedicated, the culmination of hundreds of donations, volunteer hours and several months of preparation,” the Siuslaw News reported on July 12, 1989.

BY JARED ANDERSON
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It was the grand opening of PeaceHealth Peace Harbor which will be celebrating its 30th anniversary on Friday, July 12, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the hospital's Conference Room C.

Progress on the hospital had been



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Dignitaries at Peace Harbor's dedication ceremony cut the ribbon on July 1989. The ceremony capped six years of planning for the \$5.2 million facility, now in its 30th year.

reported periodically before the hospital officially opened in 1989. Construction on the hospital began on June 1, 1988, and the official groundbreaking was on June 15. Around 250 people attended the ceremony.

“Peerless sunny skies prevailed Saturday morning as local citizenry and visiting guests gathered for the long-awaited ground breaking for Florence's new \$5.2 million hospital,” the Siuslaw News reported at the time.

“How sweet it is,” quipped New Hospital Steering Committee chairman Tom Grove, quoting Jackie Gleason.

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Wings & Wheels takes off

10th annual event honors longtime volunteer Mike Groshong

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The 2019 Wings and Wheels Fly-in and Car Show was staged under mostly sunny skies with just the right amount of a tailwind Saturday at the Florence Municipal Airport. Next door, the Oregon Coast Military Museum celebrated its fourth anniversary and provided historic context for many of the planes and vehicles at the show.

The 10th annual Wings and Wheels was billed as a tribute to longtime Florence-Siuslaw Lions Club volunteer and event organizer Mike Groshong, who passed away earlier this year.

The blue skies and the slight ocean breeze combined with a steady flow of visitors to make for a well-rounded and well received event that continues to grow in popularity and public support. Food trucks, informational booths and first response agencies Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue, Western Lane Ambulance District and Eugene Police Department Bomb Squad were on hand with informational tables

Planes from the Erickson Aircraft Collection in Madras, Ore., have provided unique planes for the event in the past. This year featured a World War II North American Aviation T-6 Texan named after American pilot Norman “Swede” Ralston.

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Multiple fires reported on Monday in region

No injuries reported at Greentrees, Booth Island and Taylor Road fires

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SIUSLAW NEWS

Several fires broke out in the Siuslaw region on Monday, with Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) responding to calls from Greentrees Village, Booth Island and Taylor Road off of Highway 101. No injuries were reported, and all fires were extinguished.

“It was busy,” Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) and Western Lane Ambulance District's (WLAD) Chief Michael Schick said. “It goes to show how much we rely on our volunteers. They're the backbone of our response.”

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New concession stand on tap for Miller Park

Park upgrades begin this summer

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George Miller Park is one of Florence's most popular public facilities. The 20-acre, multi-use park is centrally located off of Oak and 20th streets and is slated for a major facilities upgrade in the weeks to come.

Miller Park, as it is commonly referred to, has four baseball fields, two softball fields, two playgrounds, a skate park, a basketball court, picnic pavilions and restrooms.

It is the premier public sports complex in Florence and the Florence City Council recently approved the acceptance of a grant for \$360,000 to improve some of

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Siltcoos sparklers

Darlings Marina and RV Resort was packed last Saturday with festive fireworks fans for the “Sparkle on the Siltcoos,” Dunes City's annual Independence Day celebration sponsored by Darlings Marina, Zolezzi Insurance and Torex ATV Rentals.

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