

Community News

FLORENCE CELEBRATES 'THE EXPLODING WHALE' NEXT SATURDAY

It's that time of year again, when the community of Florence and cult exploding-whale lovers across the globe memorialize the famous whale occurrence. It happened one fateful afternoon on the shores of the small coastal town 51 years ago, Nov. 12, 1970.

Some of the town folks are embarrassed by the legendary whale explosion, but many still take pride in the whale-tale and celebrate it year after year. The community residents even voted to name the newest City of Florence park, Exploding

Whale Memorial Park, 612 Rhododendron Dr. Visitors have come from far and wide to explore the beautiful riverside park and stand by the whimsical whale sign at the entrance for commemorative photos.

The past two years, the Florence City Council and mayor have proclaimed November to memorialize The Exploding Whale.

A public 51st Anniversary Exploding Whale celebration will take place Saturday, Nov. 13, from noon to 7 p.m., with a 2 p.m. toast featuring Florence's very own Exploding Whale Pale Ale at Homegrown Public House and Brewery, 24 Laurel St. in Historic Florence Old Town.

The family-friendly celebration will feature an



Flo, one of the area's official/unofficial mascots representing the famous Exploding Whale, poses at Florence's Exploding Whale Memorial Park.

evolving community participatory art installation, special guests, whale swag, music and a Whale Trail list of Florence businesses offering activities and promotions to commemorate the 51st anniversary.

All are invited to bring

small offerings and homages to the whale to be placed at the art installation throughout the day on the east side of Homegrown. The exhibit is meant to be fanciful, fun and will naturally evolve throughout the day into

the evening when it glows with lights and the reflections of the colorful contributions.

Florence's official/unofficial whale mascots, Flo and Rence, will also be present for photos.

Not to miss is a visit to the Exploding Whale exhibit at the Siuslaw Pioneer Museum across the street from Homegrown at 278 Maple St. The exhibit has actual whale bones from the honored whale and the museum is full of interesting Florence historical displays.

More details about the celebration are at "51st Exploding Whale Memorial Celebration" on Facebook, or people can call Beaux-Arts Fine Art Materials at 541-991-8213 or email WhaleGoBoom97439@gmail.com.

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November 5 - 11	FRI 5	SAT 6	SUN 7	MON 8	TUE 9	WED 10	THU 11
DUNE - PG-13 155 MIN - Denis Villeneuve's awe-inspiring epic is a moment of triumph says The Guardian: "if there can ever be a moment of triumph for a director, when the anxiety of influence is vanquished - for a bit, anyway - then Denis Villeneuve might have achieved it. This eerily vast and awe-inspiring epic, a cathedral of interplanetary strangeness, is better than the attempt a generation ago by an acknowledged master."	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM	12:40 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM
ETERNALS - PG-13 157 MIN - "Zhao's sensibility, to a degree, is there - in the casual humanity of the characters, in the flow of quip and conflict and passion (at times romantic), in the beauty of the effects, in the deceptively effortless way that Zhao scales up her logistical skills. She's a master craftswoman, and Eternals ... is a squarely fun and gratifying watch." Variety	12:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:30 PM	12:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:30 PM	12:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:30 PM	12:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:30 PM	12:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:30 PM	12:30 PM 3:30 PM 6:30 PM	12:20 PM 3:20 PM 6:30 PM
THE FRENCH DISPATCH ***FINAL WEEK*** R 108 MIN - "Like the very best of Anderson's films, The French Dispatch is both utterly exquisite and deceptively complex - a film that, like the finest of dishes, is even richer in its aftertaste." The Independent	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	1:00 PM 3:30 PM
SPENCER - R 111 MIN - "The 31-year-old Stewart - who will be instantly and justifiably awards-tipped for this - navigates this perilous terrain with total mastery, getting the voice and mannerisms just right but vamping everything up just a notch, in order to better lean into the film's melodramatic, paranoiac and absurdist swerves." The Telegraph	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:50 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:50 PM	1:00 PM 3:50 PM 6:50 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:50 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:50 PM	12:50 PM 3:50 PM 6:50 PM	12:30 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM

Box Office opens 30 min. prior to 1st Film | 1930 HWY 101 | www.citylightscinemas.com | Times: 541-305-0014

Blue-green Algal Bloom affects Siltcoos Lake

A blue-green algal bloom was identified in several areas of Siltcoos Lake last weekend resulting in a warning being issued by Dunes City. The Oregon Health Authority has been notified. The bloom has now dissipated.

Initial toxicity tests have come back negative, but the cyanotoxin level at that the sites may still be above drinking water values for vulnerable people, that is, children under 5, pregnant women, the elderly and the immune compromised.

The Oregon Health Authority recommends that raw lake water not be ingested by these vulnerable people.

Concern, however, is expressed for those homes that draw out of Siltcoos for their domestic water source.

Dunes City Administrator Jamie Mills explained, "Home water treatment systems do not reduce or eliminate the toxin and boiling and camp-style filters are not effective either. The best bet is to limit any form of ingestion (drinking or cook-

ing) of the water from Siltcoos until we get the all-clear from the Oregon Health Authority."

Efforts are being made by the city to contact each Siltcoos Lake use permit holder.

The issue is exacerbated by the fact that the outflow of Siltcoos River into the ocean was blocked by a very large sand bar.

Oregon State Parks, who is responsible for that area, is working to get permits to remove the bar, which was allowing salt water in at high tide, but

not allowing it to flow out at low tide. As a result, the salt water has infiltrated drinking water systems from the beach area to the Westlake area.

Local flooding is also occurring. The rainstorm overnight Wednesday and continuing Thursday has cleared much of the plug as of this writing so that some water is now flowing.

For questions about blooms, exposures or illnesses in people or pets, call the Oregon Health Authority at 971-673-0440.

WLCF 2022 grant applications now available

Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) has opened its 2022 grant cycle. The grant applica-

tion has been updated and can be found at wlcfonline.org.

Each year, WLCF awards grants to local nonprofit organizations for projects/programs in its target area of western Lane County. Grants are awarded in the areas of education, medicine and science, the arts, and social and civic services.

In 2021, over \$89,000 was awarded to many of these worthy causes.

The annual amount to be awarded is determined by the performance of the invested portfolio of discretionary funds during the current year.

The deadline for 2022 grant requests is Jan. 15, 2022. The application may

be downloaded from WLCF's website. It is highly recommended that applicants review the updated Grant Guidelines.

People can submit applications to Western Lane Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1589, Florence, OR, 97439 or by email to wlcfc@wlcfonline.org in PDF format.

Completed applications must be postmarked or emailed no later than close of business on Jan. 15.

Applications will be reviewed by the WLCF Board of Directors and each applicant will be contacted by a board member for an interview regarding the request for funds.

Grantees will be select-

ed in February and awarded in late March. Selected grant recipients will be required to submit a grant report due by Sept. 30, 2022.

Grant requests and awards will be selected based on merit, need and benefit to the community at large. Grant requests and award amounts vary greatly, but are usually between \$100 and \$5,000, depending on the nature of the grant project and funds available for distribution.

If applicants have questions or concerns about the new grant application, they are encouraged to contact WLCF at wlcfc@wlcfonline.org or 541-997-1274.

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 6	NOVEMBER 7	NOVEMBER 8	NOVEMBER 9	NOVEMBER 10	NOVEMBER 11	NOVEMBER 12
Rain	Showers	Rain	Showers	Showers	Showers	Showers
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