



July 30, 2024

Contact: Valerie Stafford, (360) 466-8754

www.concrete-wa.com

For Immediate Release

Cascade Days Coming August 16-17

Concrete, WA - Get ready to celebrate summer in style at the annual Cascade Days festival, taking place on August 16 and 17, 2024, in the heart of Concrete, Washington. This popular community event is packed with fun-filled activities for all ages.

The festivities kick off on Friday evening from 5-8 p.m., with a BBQ at Veterans Memorial Park, setting the stage for a night of family-friendly sports activity. Spectators can cheer on local athletes during the adult softball game and pickleball matches. There'll be pickleball lessons for those new to the sport.

On Saturday morning, we expect an influx of visitors from around the region. To make parking easy, there will be free parking available at Concrete High School on Superior Avenue. A free "hop on - hop off" shuttle will run between 10 AM and 3 PM to take visitors to and from event activities near Main Street, Silo Park and Veterans Memorial Park. Reservations are not required, as the shuttle will make round trips continuously during that time.

Saturday at 11:00 brings the highlight of Cascade Days - the grand parade through Main Street. Prepare to be entertained by local sports teams, churches and class reunion floats. New this year are entries from Concrete Bike Park and United General District 304, as well as many of our favorite entries from local groups and businesses. There's also a new "People's Choice" award so spectators can weigh in on their favorites with cheers and applause.

This year's grand marshals are Zeke and Tammy Ross, longtime Concrete residents. (See accompanying article, below.)

The national anthem will be sung by vocalist Kelly Siebecke, at the judges' station provided by Cascade Supply near Bear Square. The flag bearer will be Robert Daniels, a student from Youth Dynamics; the parade emcee is Jarrod Lee; our judging coordinator is Erma Baude.

Car enthusiasts will want to check out the Saturday Car Show, starting immediately after the parade. Town Center is where all the vintage vehicles will be on display and car owners will be

on hand to talk about their pride and joy. Members of a local car club are coordinators for this show. Dash plaques are given out at check-in and trophies will be awarded at 3 p.m.

For anyone who ever attended school in Concrete, the All-Class Reunion on Saturday provides a chance to reconnect with former classmates and reminisce about the good old days. Several high school classes are celebrating milestones. The reunion potluck and party take place in Silo Park beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Throughout the event, visitors can explore local vendors, including those selling fresh donuts, candy, and boiled peanuts, or arts & crafts booths with specialty items ranging from wood carving to jewelry. Many of these vendors will be available at Veterans Memorial Park from 3-7 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Also, on Saturday, enjoy music provided by our local FM radio station, KSVU, and participate in various games and activities led by Concrete Youth Sports Association.

In Town Center, local eateries and businesses will be welcoming residents and visitors on Friday night and all day Saturday. Act One Ice Cream parlor will be open extended hours, and Act One art gallery will feature a new exhibit. The historic Concrete Theatre and Concrete Heritage Museum will be offering free tours on Saturday afternoon.

Cascade Days is more than just an event -- it's a testament to the spirit of Concrete and the beauty of small-town America. We hope you'll mark your calendars, gather your friends and family, and join us for summertime fun. Let's make unforgettable memories in the scenic Cascade Mountains.

For a complete schedule, details and updates, please visit: www.concrete-wa.com.

Zeke and Tammy Ross are chosen as Grand Marshals of the 2024 Cascade Days Parade.

We are pleased to announce that Zeke and Tammy Ross will be the grand marshals of the 2024 Cascade Days parade on Saturday, August 17 at 11:00 a.m. As longtime residents of Concrete, they have made numerous contributions to our community.

Zeke's grandfather took over the State Bank of Concrete after a shutdown, and Zeke began working there in 1977. He dedicated 33 years to the bank before retiring in 2000. Throughout the years, Zeke has generously given his time to the community by coaching Little League, youth football, and youth basketball. He also announced varsity basketball games for Concrete High School.

Zeke served as president of the Concrete Chamber of Commerce, was a member of the town council for four years, and served on the board of directors for Med 7 for seven years.

Tammy moved to Concrete from North Carolina at the age of five. She ran the Lake Tyee office for 17 years and worked at Summit Bank for two years.

Zeke's grandmother was part of the first graduating class at Concrete High School, and after Zeke, Tammy, and their two children graduated from CHS, they proudly boast four generations of Concrete graduates.

Zeke and Tammy share a passion for classic cars, and we are excited to showcase their collection on Main Street during Cascade Days.

Please join us in celebrating Zeke and Tammy Ross as our grand marshals and thanking them for their outstanding dedication to our community.

#