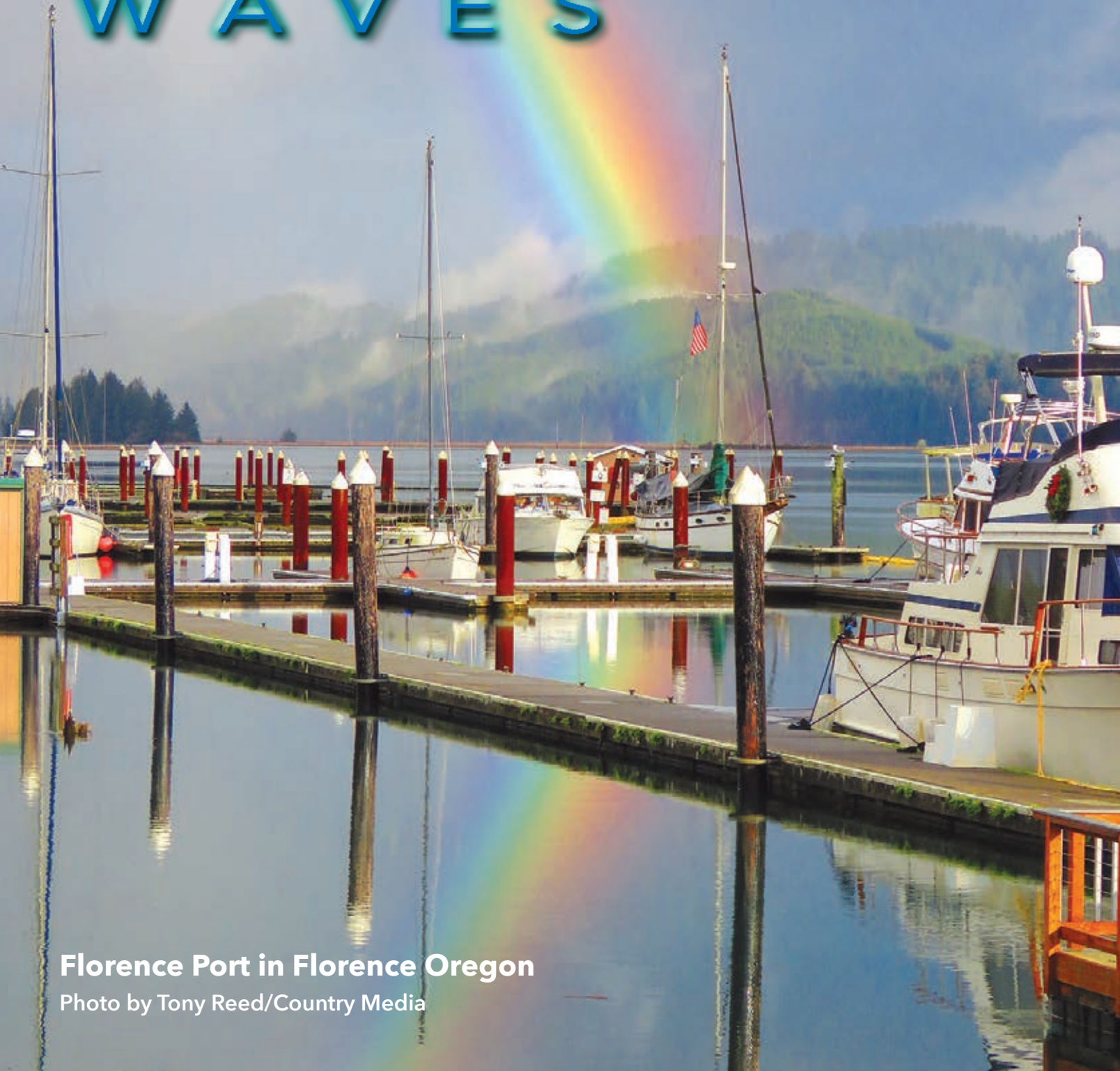


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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## COQUILLE CAR SHOW AND STEAK FEED

Saturday, August 3

Car Show: ..... 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Steak Feed: ..... Noon - 4 p.m.

It's time to mark your calendars and get ready to come spend the day, enjoying the best that Coquille has to offer and support your local Fire Department!!

Family Event including, Steaks, Hotdogs, Music, Silent Auction, Cars, Fire Trucks & Friends

Steak Dinners: \$35 • Kids Hot Dog Dinners \$10 • Deluxe Hot Dog Dinners: \$15

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 6

Grab your Lawn Chair and come out for a great evening of fun and getting to know your Eastside neighbors, Police, Fire Department and City Staff

## SHORE ACRES ART IN THE PARK

August 9 and 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day for  
Art in the Park.

Discover, explore and interact with regional art and artists while they create and share their works. Experience art in an incredibly beautiful natural setting and be inspired to bring art into your own home and garden. Day use park fee required for entrance to the Shore Acres State Park. The Art in the Park event is free.

## PIRATE FESTIVAL - PORT OF BROOKINGS-HARBOR

August 9-11, 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

AARRGGHH ye ready lads & lasses! Pirate Fun at the Port of Brookings Harbor Boardwalk! Pirates, Mermaids, Cannon Fire, Local Vendors, Food, Live Music, Kids Activities! Get in your pirate garb and come be a pirate for the weekend!

## SILETZ POW-WOW

August 9-11

The annual Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow, held by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, takes place Aug. 9-11 at the Pauline Ricks Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds on Government Hill in Siletz. The public is invited to attend this free family-friendly event, a tradition for the Siletz people and other American Indians. Find information online at [www.ctsi.nsn.us/heritage/pow-wow](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us/heritage/pow-wow)

## WILD RIVERS FILM FESTIVAL - CINEMA BY THE SEA

August 15 - 18

The Film Festival returns for another year of screenings, panels, and parties at the Redwood Theatre, Chetco Playhouse, and Chetco Library. Dozens of features and short films, and networking opportunities for film lovers and professionals. Passes and schedule available at: <https://www.wildriversfilmfestival.com/>

## SILETZ BAY MUSIC FESTIVAL

August 16-25

Expanding on its tradition of bringing world-class orchestral, jazz and chamber music to the Oregon coast, this year's Siletz Bay Music Festival will add new twists and new faces to its virtuoso-packed program with 11 concerts scheduled over 10-days, Aug. 16-25, providing music enthusiasts with an unforgettable experience. Concerts will be staged at four venues in Lincoln City and one in Newport and, with two concerts offered free of charge. Learn more at [www.SiletzBayMusic.org](http://www.SiletzBayMusic.org)

## PORT OF TOLEDO WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL

August 17-18

The Port of Toledo's Wooden Boat Festival on Aug. 17-18 is a free, family-friendly festival celebrating Toledo's boat building heritage. See classic vessels on display, observe boat building in action, enjoy live music and food and watch the cardboard boat races. The event is located at the Port's Marina and Waterfront Park at the end of Toledo's historic Main Street. Learn more at [portoftoledo.org/wooden-boat-show](http://portoftoledo.org/wooden-boat-show)

## BLACKBERRY ARTS FESTIVAL

August 24-25

The Blackberry Arts Festival is a juried arts and craft festival that has been happening for 40 years. It was started to highlight the works of local artists and crafters during the annual harvest of the blackberry. It features an impressive array of metalwork, jewelry, quilts, candles, hand-painted clothing, wine, carved wood, and much more available for purchase. The festival also includes food vendors. The Street Fair and Vendors will be open on Central Ave. SAT. 9am-6pm and SUN. 10am-4pm.

## OREGON BAY AREA BEAUTIFICATION 2ND SATURDAY CLEANUP

John Topits Park, sign in at 9:45am

08/10/2024 10 a.m. - Noon

Location: John Topits Park

## FALL KITE FESTIVAL

September 7-8

The annual Fall Kite Festival is set to return to Lincoln City Sept. 23 and 24, bringing a lively weekend of soaring kites and family-friendly fun. Held on the beach at the D River State Recreation Site, this yearly event has become a beloved tradition for locals and visitors alike. For information, go to [www.oregoncoast.org/events/annual/fall-kite-festival](http://www.oregoncoast.org/events/annual/fall-kite-festival)



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## DOCKTOBERFEST – PORT OF BROOKINGS-HARBOR BOARDWALK

September 14-15 – 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

You don't want to miss our version of the "Oktoberfest" (The Autumn Festival held in Munich, Germany that involves the drinking of beer!). Two days of celebrating this favorite German pastime on the Boardwalk featuring local vendors, food, live music, several local breweries serving up some of the finest local brews in the area!

## OREGON BAY AREA BEAUTIFICATION 2ND SATURDAY CLEANUP

John Topits Park, sign in at 9:45am  
09/14/2024 10 a.m. - Noon  
Location: John Topits Park

## BANDON CRANBERRY FESTIVAL

Local Events: September 12 & 13, 2024

Main Festival Events: September 14 & 15, 2024

In 2024, Bandon will celebrate the 78th Annual Bandon Cranberry Festival. The festival is held each year to recognize local cranberry farming through education, entertainment and fun for all ages. The Rogue Credit Union Cranberry Festival is a lively introduction to our community, as well as a time-honored tradition for residents.

## FLORENCE EVENTS CENTER (FEC) GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

September 14 – Florence OR

## FEC PLEIN AIR ART AND WINE FESTIVAL

September 21-22 – Florence OR

## FLORENCE FESTIVAL OF BOOKS

September 28 – Florence OR

## THE KINGSTON TRIO

October 2 at FEC – Florence OR

## OREGON COAST JAZZ PARTY

October 4-6

The annual Oregon Coast Jazz Party returns to the Newport Performing Arts Center for three days of live jazz – Oct. 4-6 – presented by Oregon Coast Council for the Arts. Tickets are available in person at the box office (777 W Olive St.), by calling 541-265-ARTS (2787), or online, at [www.oregoncoastjazzparty.org](http://www.oregoncoastjazzparty.org).

## WIENER DOG RACES

October 5 – Noon, Florence OR

## OREGON BAY AREA BEAUTIFICATION 2ND SATURDAY CLEANUP

Marshfield Pioneer Cemetery, sign in at 9:45am  
10/12/2024 10 a.m. - Noon  
Location: Marshfield Pioneer Cemetery

## OCTOBERFEST

Bandon Saturday, October 19

Activities all around Town. Beer Stein Holding Contest, Food Carts, Sausage Sales, Yodeling Contest, Pumpkin Carving Contest, Pumpkin Races, Arts & Crafts Booths, and more!

## HAUNTED MAZE

October 31 at FEC, Florence OR

To be included in the OC Waves Calendar of Events, email: [jwarren@countrymedia.net](mailto:jwarren@countrymedia.net) Include your event time, date and place information to be included in the next issue for October, November and December events.

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# CAR SHOWS PROVIDE ECONOMIC SHOT-IN-THE ARM AND MUCH MORE

BY ROGER GITLIN

Country Media, Inc.

Car Shows are great for the local economy. Most car Shows are Benefit events. Funds are collected from vehicle entry fees and assorted events including Raffles, 50/50 Draw, Silent Auction, T-Shirt sales with vendors supplementing donation amounts. Those proceeds average 10's of thousands of dollars per show and are directed to a myriad of needy services.

Brookings kicked off the "season" with the Curry Cruiser Benefit Car Show at the Brookings Harbor. The two day, 30th annual event included the Azalea Parade and took place Saturday and Sunday, May 25-26. \$16,120 is in process of being distributed to some 24 local organizations which help in the feeding the community, supporting children, women, seniors, animal shelters, fire safety and related community activities. Au-



gust 24, The Cruisers will announce the dispersal of these collected funds at 1pm at the Chetco Community Center.

The formula for the schedule of these Benefit Car Shows is essentially the same. A lot of good is being provided by the Curry

Cruisers in Brookings.

The Tribes and their casinos also help in raising funds for worthy organizations. Lucky 7 Casino which formally was the prime supporter for the local Muscular Dystrophy Association will now host a car show event of approx-

imately 125 classics and hot rods and raise funds for the Partnership for the Performing Arts Center due to break ground in 2026.

Indeed, Benefit Car Shows bolster our economy and provide vital services to our rural communities.

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## CAR SHOW SCHEDULE 2024:

Redwood AutoXPO in Fortuna .....	July 26-28
Fabulous 50's in Grants Pass .....	July 27
Del Norte County Fair .....	August 2
Firemen's Steak Feed benefits fire prevention services in Coquille .....	August 3
Lucky 7 / Partnership for Performing Arts, Smith River .....	August 17
Winchester Bay Kool Coastal Nights, Winchester Bay .....	August 24
Elk Valley Casino/ Northern Knights, Crescent City, Inaugural event .....	August 31
Port Orford Car Show .....	August 31
Cruzin' Eureka, 2nd and C Street, Old Town .....	Sept. 7
Ferndale Con Cours on Main St, Ferndale .....	Sept. 15
Cruising the Coast, Coos Bay .....	Sept. 21
Myrtle Point Car Show, Myrtle Point .....	Sept. 28
Sea Cruise Car Show/ Chamber of Commerce Northern Knights Car Club at Beach Front Park, Crescent City .....	October 5



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**#24-934 .....\$1,175,000**

### EXQUISITE SUMMER HOME



of the Dowager Countess of Shannon, features 4 BR's & 2 BA's w/almost 1900sf of elegant living space w/ manicured backyard. Sellers have made many enhancements. A well-designed kitchen boasts new cabinetry & SS appliances, walk-in pantry & fireplace. Tranquil backyard is spacious & features additional storage.

**#23-1993..... \$585,000**



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**#24-335 .....\$350,000**



## COASTAL PARADISE JUST NORTH OF YACHTS!



Along the breathtaking shoreline, this oceanfront gem exudes old-world charm with modern updates. 3BR/2BA, and ample space! Updated kitchen with new countertops, plenty of cabinets and workspace. Experience the ultimate beachfront life with private steps directly to shore. Extra parking plus double garage.



**#24-917 .....\$935,000**

## SPACIOUS CUSTOM HOME ON OVER 4 ACRES



This chef's kitchen features a 6-burner gas range, island with bar sink, cabinets & counter space to feed a crowd + formal dining rm, breakfast area, and large decks front & back. Upstairs great rm. is plumbed for wet bar and the shop has a 12x12 roll-up door. This home is full of surprises.



**#24-61 .....\$998,500**

## OPEN-CONCEPT 3-STORY CUSTOM HOME



in Overleaf Village, with an ocean peek on corner lot. 3BR, 3 full baths and 2 half-baths. Granite counters, Kohler fixtures, hardwood/white maple floors; river rock fireplace, forced air furnace with electrostatic filter, high-end appliances. Detached garage & home has more extras than you can imagine!

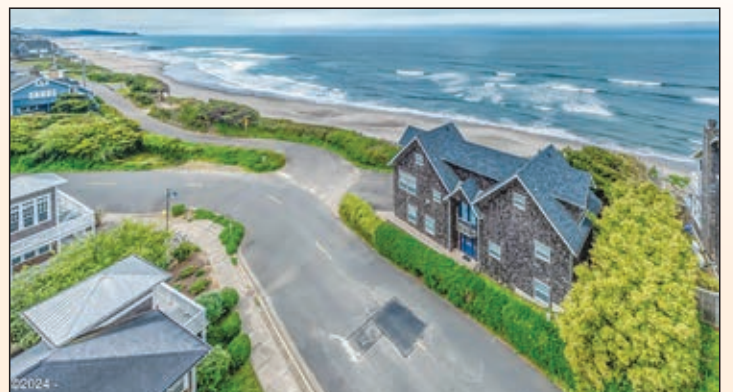


**#24-261 .....\$845,000**

## INDULGE PANORAMIC PACIFIC OCEAN VISTAS



from this charming home perched on a safe promontory w/close beach access. With this central Nelscott location, dining, shopping & fun is just a few blocks. Fully furnished and remodeled in 2019, the house boasts a cozy fireplace, gourmet kitchen, outdoor spa, media room, and sunset view deck.



**#24-1093 .....1,650,000**



# OREGON COAST VISITORS ASSOCIATION FUNDS SUSTAINABLE STORYTELLING

**JEREMY C. RUARK**

Country Media, Inc.

**T**he Oregon Coast Visitors Association (OCVA)'s annual Strategic Investment Fund (SIF) is an annual program supporting Oregon coastal tourism partners.

"The effort is to help the long-term resiliency of tourism on the coast by responding to destination development or management projects in critical moments of need," Oregon Coast Visitors Association Industry Communications Coordinator Lynnee Jacks said.

The 2023 funds are focused on Sustainable Storytelling on the Oregon Coast. According to a 2022 report by Expedia Travel Group, 90 percent of consumers look for sustainable options when traveling.

"We wanted to help those consumers find coastal businesses prioritizing sustainability – and a great way to do that is by developing marketing content," Jacks said. "With the announcement of OCVA's 2024 Strategic Investment Fund, we're wrapping up the year 2023 and introducing you to the exciting work our applicants have taken on this year."

Organizations all along the coast, businesses and Tribes, were invited to apply, and a total of six recipients took on projects with the funding, according to Jacks.

## OVERLEAF LODGE AND SPA AND FIRESIDE MOTEL

The family-run Overleaf Lodge and Spa and Fireside Motel in Yachats is a premiere destination on the Central Oregon Coast. They received funding to create short videos, blogs, and social media posts about their sustainability initiatives, including the electric vehicle charging stations, local environmental restoration efforts through guest donations, and contributions to Cape Perpetua Collaborative.

The Collaborative is a partnership dedicated to fostering conservation within the Yachats coastal environment, and View the Future, a Yachats-based nonprofit that's responsible for stewarding and conserving land and wildlife habitats in the Yachats area.

## SOUTH COAST TOURS

South Coast Tours, a tour operator

in Port Orford, received funding to tell the story of how their sustainable work on the Oregon Coast generates funds for organizations like the Elakha Alliance and the Oregon Kelp Alliance.

The Elakha Alliance is a non-profit working to bring back the Sea Otters to the Oregon coast. The Oregon Kelp Alliance is a non-profit working to restore Oregon's Kelp Ecosystems and South Coast Tours is a founding partner conducting dive trips for the organization to do habitat surveys, training of new research divers, and urchin culling.

"Funds went towards the creation of photo assets, including paddling, wildlife viewing and diving boat tours, that will help tell the story over a series of social media posts that highlight this work.

Shifting Tide," Jacks said.

## SHIFTING TIDES

Shifting Tides is an organization run by Alanna Kieffer which offers educational workshops that connect people to nature, to intertidal food systems,

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*View of Neahkahnie Mountain from Manzanita Beach.  
Photo by Katherine Mace*





## FUNDS

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and to edible wild foods. In line with work around the sustainability of our local food systems, Shifting Tides received funding to create videos and social media promos highlighting the programs.

“The videos highlight the abundance and diversity of life along the Oregon Coast and the opportunities for firsthand exploration and education in the field, as well as the specific workshops that are available, like sustainable clamming and mussel foraging,” Jacks said.

### WILDSPRING GUEST HABITAT

WildSpring Guest Habitat is a small eco-friendly resort in Port Orford. Everything they do has been designed to have a minimum impact on the environment.

“All their choices were made with three questions in mind: Will it be beautiful in a natural way? Will it help protect the environment? Will it make guests feel cared for?,” Jacks said.

The WildSpring Guest Habitat received funding to take photos and videos, and share out a blog story

highlighting their sustainability initiatives. These include EV charging stations free to guests, development and operations focused on sustainable practices, carbon neutral operations, sustainable building practices, and water and energy-saving practices.

### ITTY BITTY INN

The Itty Bitty Inn in North Bend received funding to tell a sustainable stories about the two EV chargers that were installed in 2017, and were the first Tesla Destination Charging Network stations listed in the North Bend/Coos Bay area).

“A series of promotional videos and a long-form documentary will tell the story of North Bend and Coos Bay as a sustainable destination – highlighting integrations of economic and ecological sustainability practices like North Bend’s 2023 Solar & Electric Vehicle Fest,” Jacks said.

The 2023 event included a circuit of food and snack carts, rock bands, Celtic and folk musicians, solar installers, electric/hybrid vehicle dealerships and manufacturers, and community non-profit groups.

“This was an incredible opportunity to celebrate sustainable travel, and highlight the employment boom underway for electricians, solar installers, and hospitality specialists who are needed in the blossoming EV infrastructure industry,” Jacks said.

### LOCAL OCEAN

Local Ocean in Newport, is a sustainable seafood restaurant that sources directly from local Oregon fishers.

“They received funding to tell a multimedia story about our local food systems, and to educate about how visitors can make sustainable climate-friendly food choices,” Jacks said.

The final series of videos and photos will cover a range of topics, including growing/harvesting food, food transportation and the carbon savings of eating locally harvested foods, food packaging, processing, and waste.

“These projects are ongoing, and the OCVA officials said they look forward to seeing the impact all their marketing materials make on the future of sustainable tourism on the Oregon Coast,” Jacks said.

2024 Strategic Invest-

ment Fund to Support Accessibility on the Oregon Coast

In order to increase accessibility on the Oregon Coast, OCVA has designated this year’s annual Strategic Investment Fund to support Mobi-mat program implementations.

Organizations who are interested in purchasing a mat should explore our comprehensive Mobi-mat Toolkit, which outlines the essential steps for acquiring, sustaining, and effectively integrating a Mobi-mat within your community. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis while funds are available.

For questions relating to the toolkit or application, email [industry@thepeople-scoast.com](mailto:industry@thepeople-scoast.com).

### Oregon Coast Visitors Association

The Oregon Coast Visitors Association (OCVA) is the official Regional Destination Management Organization for the entire Oregon Coast as designated by the Oregon Tourism Commission (dba Travel Oregon). OCVA inspires travel and strengthens collaboration to create and steward a sustainable coastal economy.

For more information, call 503-812-2927.





# BEACH ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS ADDED AT LINCOLN CITY

**JEREMY C. RUARK**

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*The welcome mats are out, literally, in Lincoln City.*

Explore Lincoln City, (ELC) the city's tourism promotion department, has increased accessibility with two new mobility mat locations and a new color blindness accessibility program.

"We are delighted to find new ways to welcome the diversity of visitors who choose Lincoln City as a destination," said ELC Director Kim Cooper Findling. "This summer season, we are expanding our beach accessibility options as well as piloting a new program to serve those with vision deficiency."

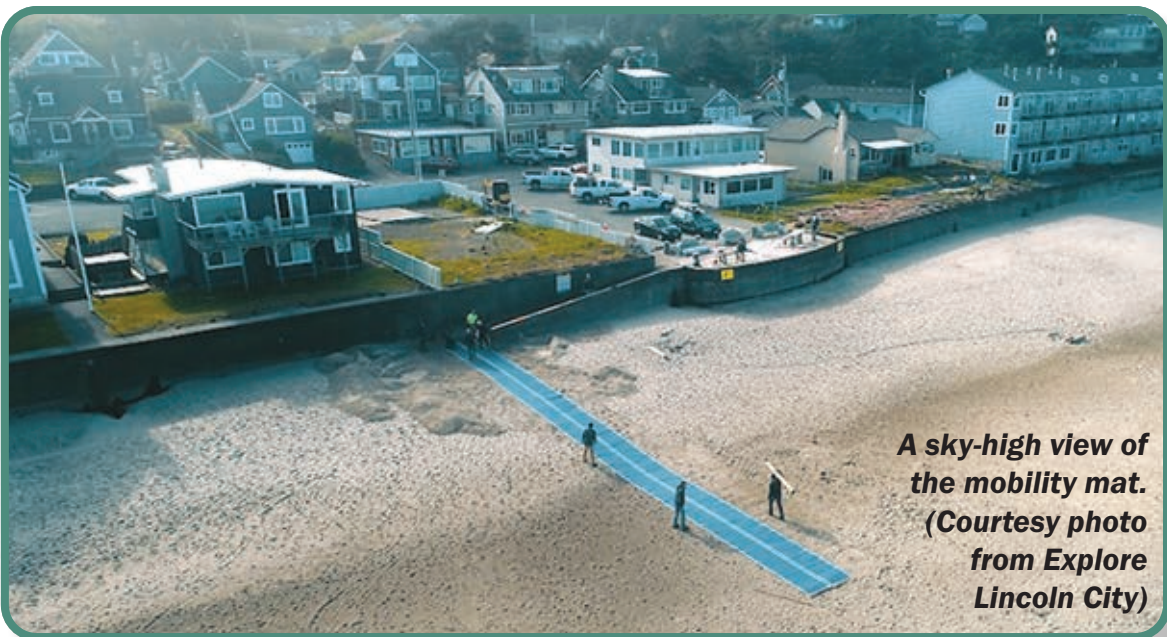
The mats are designed to allow people with disabilities to access the city's beaches. Mobi-Mats were officially installed at four locations over the Memorial Day weekend and will remain there until Labor Day weekend.

The new locations, NW 40th St. and NW 34. St. Grace Hammond, were chosen as each is a popular beach access site that is suitable for mobi-mat placement while also benefiting from improved accessibility, according to Findling.

The two pre-existing sites are at the D-River Wayside



**The mats are designed to give people with disabilities a closer encounter with the natural beauty of Lincoln City's beaches. (Courtesy photo from Explore Lincoln City)**



**A sky-high view of the mobility mat. (Courtesy photo from Explore Lincoln City)**

and at SW 51st Street.

"These six-and-a-half-foot-wide mats are portable, non-slip, and create extended pathways over the sand, making beach access easier," Findling said. "Mobility in loose sand can be difficult for many people, including those with disabilities, limited mobility or injuries, and

those pushing a stroller, using a walker or pulling a cart. These mats make access to our wonderful beaches possible for a greater number of visitors and locals."

Friends of Lincoln City Parks and Recreation received \$13,000 in Community Partnership Funding from Explore Lin-

coln City to purchase and install Mobi-Mats at the two additional Lincoln City beach accesses, in partnership with Lincoln City Parks and Recreation.

The mobi-mats were first installed in Lincoln City in 2022. The original locations were D-River



## BEACH ACCESS

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Wayside, SW 51st St. and Southwest 33rd Street in Nelscott. The Nelscott location was discontinued as the watershed action there was not compatible with the mats.

Finding said specialized glasses have also been designed and are available for visitors. The EnChroma® glasses were created for those who have a color vision deficiency often referred to as “red-green color blindness.”

One in 12 men (8%) and one in 200 women (.5%) are Color Vision Deficient (CVD) — an estimated 13 million in the United States and 350 million worldwide, according to information provided by Findling.

While people with normal color vision see over one million shades of color, the color blind only see an estimated 10% of hues and shades, according to the information. As a result, colors can appear dull, indistinct and difficult to discern, with red appearing brown; green seemingly gray, tan or yellow; pink looking gray; and purple the same as blue.

“EnChroma® glasses deliver up to 35% better color performance, render whites and neutrals more accurately, and are scientifically proven to stimulate the brain’s color vision processing,” she said.

Findling said Explore Lincoln City is delighted to help everyone see the full glory of the beautiful beaches of Lincoln City.

“Lincoln City believes that beaches are for everyone,” she said. “It’s a real joy to witness someone experience the beach in a new way for the first time. Our visitors and locals alike have been grateful for Lincoln City’s efforts to welcome everyone to our outdoor spaces.

Lincoln City’s accessibility program also includes three beach wheelchairs, available to check out for free year-round. The beach wheelchairs are available at SW 51st St. in the historic Taft District at no cost.

Lincoln City is one of the first organizations in Oregon to loan out color vision deficiency glasses for free. The color accessibility program began June 10. The loaner glasses will be available for checkout at no cost at the Lincoln City Community Center at 2150 NE Oar Place.

Explore Lincoln City also recently partnered with Wheel the World to assess local visitor destinations for accessibility.

“This program provides helpful information to visitors with all kinds of mobility to help them know what to expect when visiting Lincoln City locations, according to Findling. See <https://wheeltheworld.com/accessible-travel/usa/oregon/lincoln-city> for more information.

Lincoln City’s accessibility program also includes three beach wheelchairs, available to check out for free year-round, which are specifically designed to make traveling across



**Crews laid the new beach mats during the Memorial Day holiday weekend. (Courtesy photo from Explore Lincoln City)**

sand and other soft surfaces possible. Balloon-type tires add stability and ease of rolling, enabling people with limited mobility to travel over sand, shells and rocks.

The beach wheelchairs are available at SW 51st St. in the historic Taft District.

“There’s another very exciting accessibility effort in the works in Lincoln City - under construction in Lincoln City’s historic Taft District, Schooner Creek Discovery Park will be the first fully inclusive and accessible playground on the Ore-

gon Coast,” Findling said.

For more information about the Lincoln City accessibility initiatives and how to reserve these services, visit [explorelincolncity.com/accessibility](http://explorelincolncity.com/accessibility).



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## SAND ISLAND

## A BEACH IN THE COLUMBIA RIVER



*Sand Island as seen from the shore of the St. Helens' marina. (Photo Country Media, Inc.)*

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Summertime in the Pacific Northwest sees Oregon become a playground for outdoor enthusiasts. Whether it's hiking, biking, fishing, or camping, there's no shortage of options.

If you're driving on Highway 30 and passing through St. Helens, Sand Island offers a unique getaway in the middle of the Columbia River.

Sand Island is a roughly 32-acre island situated in the middle of the Columbia River, between Oregon and Washington, just a short shuttle ride from the St. Helens waterfront. The island features a 77-site campground, picturesque views of Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Hood, beaches, picnic areas, and other activities.

Andrew Barnard has been the camp host

for Sand Island Campground since 2019, and he detailed some of the activities campers or day travelers can look forward to if they come out to the island.

"We've got plenty of trails out here to explore, lots of wildlife, [we] have a volleyball court, and disc golf course. We offer public areas with cornhole boards and horseshoe pits," Barnard said.

Sand Island opens to visitors on the first day of March and remains open through the end of October. Though the spring and fall seasons are usually pretty slow, the campground gets "pretty full" during the summer once school is out.

Barnard said campsites need to be reserved in advance for overnight stays, so people should contact Sand Island Campground before they come through

town to make sure they can get a spot. The island can also be accessed for day trips.

The island is accessible for camping and day trips Thursday through Sunday right now and closed Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Due to a shortage of certified shuttle pilots, the island can only operate the shuttle between the island and the mainland four days a week. If they can get another pilot on the water, the island will return to being open seven days a week. It's still accessible if people have the means to get there.

"If you have a wakeboard, a kayak, your own boat, you're more than welcome to go over there and use the dock and use the island," Barnard said. "We're not preventing anyone from going over there; we're just not taking them with our service because

we don't have the required pilot to run that."

Barnard runs the campsite with his wife Becki, and their cat Panda. As far as guests bringing pets, four-legged friends are welcome, on the condition that owners clean up after them, and they don't disturb other guests on the island.

The campsite is a hit for folks from out of town who come out to the island to get away.

"The folks who come out, they all have a good time. I'd say 90 percent or more enjoy the service, enjoy the island. We have a lot of people who come out cranky, and they leave with a big smile on their face, that's what we try to do," Barnard said.

Find more information about Sand Island Campground at: <https://www.sandislandcampground.com>.





# CIRCLE THE BAY RACE RETURNS, HONORS THE SOUTH COAST AND LEGACY OF STEVE PREFONTAINE

One of the most unique running races on the Oregon Coast – and one of the only ones to trot through the hometown of the late, great Oregon distance runner Steve Prefontaine – returns to North Bend and Coos Bay this summer. Circle the Bay 30K, held Aug. 10, 2024, is a challenging but invigorating race that courses 30 kilometers (18.6 miles) from Ferry Road Park in North Bend, along the Coos Bay waterfront, through the Eastside Neighborhood and back up to the finish in the park. Organized by the South Coast Running Club, the race can be done as a fun, three-person relay or a single-person run or walk.

“Circle the Bay 30K is one of our highlight running races that really showcases our region and taps into the running heritage we’re known for through the undeniable presence of running great Steve Prefontaine,” said Janice Langlinais, Executive Director of the Coos Bay-North Bend-Charleston Visitor and Convention Bureau, more commonly known as Oregon’s Adventure Coast.

“His legacy in the running world lives on through races like Circle the Bay 30K, which gives runners a true taste of the beauty and charm of our slice of the southern Oregon Coast. There are waterfront views, characteristic neighborhoods and lovely parks

throughout North Bend and Coos Bay.”

As a relay, Circle the Bay 30K includes three legs. The first is fairly flat, the second is moderately rolling and the third is best saved for the hill runners on each team. Relay teams and individual runners will start the race at 8 a.m.; walkers kick off at 6:30 a.m.

All runners, fans and volunteers can celebrate their race with a barbecue and beverages at the finish in Ferry Road Park, complete with craft brews donated by Coos Bay’s own 7 Devils Brewery.

For visitors coming from out of town to run Circle the Bay 30K, Oregon’s Adventure Coast has lodging

options for all tastes, from unique hotels and motels to vacation rentals, RV parks and picturesque campgrounds.

## CIRCLE THE BAY 30K DETAILS

- Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024. Relay teams and individual runners start at 8 a.m., walkers at 6:30 a.m.
- Start and finish line are at Ferry Park Road in North Bend near the iconic Conde B. McCullough Memorial Bridge.
- Participants, fans and volunteers are invited to a post-race barbecue with beverages at the finish.
- Registration is \$275



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for relay teams and \$75 for individuals. Prices increase after July 19.

- There are age divisions as well as categories – men, women and mixed.
- More information is available from Oregon's Adventure Coast and at the

race registration site (linked below).

Circle the Bay 30K is just one of many upcoming runs at Oregon's Adventure Coast. The annual Prefontaine Memorial Run, in honor of Coos Bay's own Steve Prefontaine, is set for Saturday, Sept. 21, in Coos Bay, while the Run Whiskey Run race, held on the renowned Whiskey Run

Mountain Biking Trails, takes place Saturday, Oct. 12.

The Prefontaine Memorial Run is a challenging 10K road race around Coos Bay that finishes on the Prefontaine Track at Marshfield High School over one of Pre's favorite routes. Other Pre-related attractions for runners and visitors include a bronze likeness of the

famed distance runner at the Coos Bay Visitor Information Center, the Prefontaine Gallery at the Coos Art Museum, which showcases his awards and memorabilia, and the stunning Pre Mural in downtown Coos Bay.

For more information on all things running, visit <https://www.oregonsadventurecoast.com/running/>

# A CORNUCOPIA OF FOOD CARTS IN COLUMBIA COUNTY

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If you're cruising down Highway 30 out to the coast or coming back down that corridor after a long day at the beach, you might find yourself in need of a quick bit to eat.

While there are many brick-and-mortar restaurants that would make a worthwhile stop, Columbia County's burgeoning food cart scene is worth checking out.

From All About the Brisket food trailer in Rainier to Patriot Burger in St. Helens and beyond, there is no shortage of variety and quality for quick food options in Columbia County.

Visible from the highway going through St. Helens are several food carts. Farm-to-table cart Elemental Eats, good old-fashioned American cuisine at Patriot Burger, and pizza at Hallows Pizza, all located at 305 South Columbia River Highway.

Hours of operation may vary for many of the food

carts, but information can be found directly on many of the food carts' Facebook pages.

St. Hellions Grill at 2225 Gable Road in St. Helens offers gyros, wraps, and a burger special. The special offers a double cheeseburger with bacon for \$8.50. The location looks to be getting more options, too, as two new food trucks have rolled onto the property but have yet to open.

Two of the biggest food cart pods in the area are under the same ownership. Big Food Cart and Brew food cart pod in St. Helens and started The Lodge in Scappoose are owned by Nick Hurliman and his longtime friends and business partners, Jeff Schultz and Matt McHugh.

Big Food Cart and Brew pod at 175 Bowling Alley Lane in St. Helens features a variety of cuisines, including Crazy Gyros, the Hawaiian Plate, Thai food cart Dang's Little Dragon, and Mexican food with Hery's Tacos.

The largest and newest addition to the food cart family in Columbia County is the newly established food cart pod: The Lodge Carts located at 51875 Southwest Old Portland Road in Scappoose.

The cart pod has ten carts with space for one more, and the centerpiece of the property is "The Lodge" itself, a 2,100 square-foot bar that has TVs for live sports and a full bar including 23 drinks on tap. Not just beer, but cold brew coffee and root beer for the kids. For rainy days, a covered outdoor space offers shelter, and a more open area provides space for activities on sunny days.

The pod's ten carts represent a variety of cuisines; for The Lodge's owners, that was an intentional choice. Hurliman, Schultz, and McHugh visited pods to get ideas and distribute applications to cast a wide net. The carts that have made it into the pod have been vetted by the owners, not just for the type of food

but for the quality as well.

**The cart options are:**

- **Bobabalistic** - Boba tea, desserts, snacks
- **Delicias Restaurant** - Salvadoran and Mexican food
- **Dely's Kusina** - Filipino cuisine
- **Esan Thai** - Thai cuisine
- **Glazed and Confused** - donuts
- **Lucky Teriyaki** - sushi and ramen
- **MZ Philly** - Philly cheesesteaks, American food
- **Pig Cow Spud** - American food
- **Taj Indian Tadka House** - Indian cuisine
- **Turkish Agha** - Middle Eastern food

The pod and bar have become a hit among locals, and for those in transit, variety abounds in just one spot.

So, if you're in the area or driving through Columbia County and your belly starts grumbling, just know there are plenty of options for good eats.



# TILLAMOOK COUNTY FAIR PREVIEW

**F**rom August 7-10 the Tillamook County Fair is scheduled to return with all its fan-favorite activities including the world-famous Pig N' Ford Races, demolition derby, parimutuel horse racing and concert series.

During the days, the Tillamook County Fairgrounds will become a hive of activity, as youth display a wide selection of livestock in the 4H/FFA Livestock Barn, pavilion and Aufdermauer Arena. Visitors can also see farm equipment, produce, baked goods, quilts and other crafts on display throughout the fair's build-

ings, and visit the Open Class Dairy Barn to see a working dairy that sends its milk to the Tillamook County Creamery Association throughout the week.

A plethora of local businesses and organizations will also be at the fair, as will food and merchandise vendors and a separately ticketed carnival. There will also be musical and other performances throughout the day on the fairground's courtyard stage, between TLC Stadium and the main fair building. Also check the schedule for ice cream tasting contests in the same location, where blindfolded

contestants will be asked to identify the flavor of Tillamook ice cream provided.

In the afternoons, TLC Stadium will host parimutuel horse racing, including the opportunity to place wagers.

Each evening, the Pig N' Ford races will take over the stadium, with preliminary heats scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, before the championship race on Saturday. This longtime Tillamook County Fair tradition sees entrants scramble to grab a pig, crank start their Ford Model T and complete a lap of the track, before repeat-

ing the madness a second time.

Following the races, guests can stick around for the concert series Wednesday through Friday nights. On Wednesday, A Girl Named Tom, winners of the 21st season of NBC's *The Voice*, perform, while Thursday will see The Eagles' cover band Eagle Eyes take over the stage, with Kameron Marlowe set to cap the week off on Friday.

The fair's grand finale on Saturday night comes in the form of the demolition derby, where teams of locally driven and crewed cars square off for glory.



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# NEW ART 101 GALLERY & GIFT SHOP SOUTH OF BANDON

*Features a spectacular Phoenix sculpture made from repurposed materials*

**A**rt 101, 7-miles south of Bandon, Oregon is opening as a gallery once again after being the birthplace and engine of the non-profit organization Washed Ashore launched 14 years ago. Art 101 is no longer associated with the non-profit, but Angela Haseltine Pozzi, its founder, is moving on to a new venture with her artist daughter, Nicola Bianca Pozzi. Angela's current artwork, on display at Art 101 includes Bandonia the Phoenix. Pozzi says "I built The Phoenix rising from the ashes with materials headed to the dump, in order to reduce waste and demonstrate the power of cre-

ativity. Bandonia was created to inspire hope, renewal and strength".

Nicola Pozzi's fanciful drawings are featured as art prints while her intricate designs are printed on diverse merchandise such as puzzles, t-shirts, socks, journals and stickers. All can be found for sale in the Art 101 gallery and gift shop.

Art 101 visitors can enjoy both inside and outside experiences. Along with the Phoenix sculpture, locals and tourists will find picnic tables, a dog area and a back patio to enjoy a cup of coffee. Inside the gallery visitors can discover an immersive exhibit called The Biolu-

minescent Sea Cave and an array of interesting artwork including an Artistic Resale area. Along with artwork for sale, families can enjoy a bead dispenser, snacks, coffee and a player piano for visitors to play with any \$5.00 purchase.

In a nearby yurt, adorned by colorful flags, the Polka-Dot Thrift Shop gives visitors a chance to find treasures and a variety of clothes while appreciating the benefits of re-using.

Sustainability, resourcefulness, family fun and pure joy are considered the focus of the New Art 101.

Art 101 also offers a Membership program with special discounts, events and previews of new artwork as well as tokens for coffee, snacks and its player piano.

Art 101 at 47134 Highway 101 south of Bandon is owned and managed by [www.Reupit.Art](http://www.Reupit.Art) whose slogan is "Less Waste. More Art".



***Bandonia the Phoenix, over 12 feet tall, created by Angela Haseltine Pozzi, is a featured sculpture at Art 101. It was created with repurposed materials to reduce waste and to inspire hope and renewal.***





# SILETZ POW-WOW RETURNS AUG. 9-11



**T**he annual Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow, held by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, takes place Aug. 9, 10 and 11 in Siletz. The public is invited to attend this free family-friendly event, a tradition for the Siletz people and other American Indians.

All events, except the parade, take place at the Pauline Ricks Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds on Government Hill in Siletz.

The celebration will start with the crowning of the 2024-2025 Siletz Royalty Friday, Aug. 9, at 6 p.m. Participants dressed in all dance styles will enter the

arena at 7 p.m. during the first grand entry, followed by preliminary rounds of competition.

A parade winds through downtown Siletz at 10 a.m. on Saturday. This hometown event includes tribal royalty, drummers, dancers, equestrian units, vintage cars and floats.

The parade is followed by a grand entry at 1 p.m. at the pow-wow grounds. Competition dancing for youth and teens continues in the afternoon. Competition dancing after the 7 p.m. grand entry continues with Golden Age and adult categories and the finals for youth

and teens.

On Sunday, the final day of the pow-wow, a grand entry takes place at noon. This session includes a Team Dance, Women's Basket Cap Special, Round Bustle Special for men and a Jackson Fancy Dance Memorial. It will end with awards for the Golden Age, adult, teen and youth category winners.

A variety of food, Native arts and crafts, and jewelry will be offered for sale many vendors on the pow-wow grounds.

A free shuttle will be available from various parking lots in Siletz to

the pow-wow on Government Hill. Signs will be posted. Parking is extremely limited at the pow-wow grounds, so the shuttle is the best way to get there, organizers said.

This is an alcohol and drug-free event. Attendees should listen carefully to the pow-wow announcer, who will tell them when they can and when they should not take photos. The announcer also will explain the significance of the events taking place in the dance arena throughout the pow-wow.

Find additional information online at [www.ctsinnsn.us/heritage/pow-wow](http://www.ctsinnsn.us/heritage/pow-wow)



# TIDEPOL AMBASSADOR PROGRAM PROMOTES CONSERVATION, EDUCATION



**T**he Cape Perpetua Collaborative (CPC) is excited to offer its 2024 Tidepool Ambassador Program, a unique initiative aimed at promoting coastal conservation and education in the Cape Perpetua area.

The Tidepool Ambassador Program provides free, guided tidepool tours at Yachats State Park, Bob Creek, and Heceta Head during low tide periods throughout the summer months. Tour times tend to be early in the morning, as dedicated by the tides. Participants of all ages and backgrounds are welcome.

Participants must be able to move on unstable and possibly slippery surfaces. Unfortunately, pets may not join tours. Tidepool identification guides are available in English and Spanish.

Trained guides will lead participants through the diverse and vibrant tidepool ecosystems, offering insights into the rich marine life and the importance of protecting these delicate habitats.

“By becoming Tidepool Ambassadors, participants will gain a deeper appreciation for the intricate balance of our coastal ecosystems and learn how they can play a part in their preservation,” said Jamie Kish, CPC program associate and tidepool coordinator. “It is incredible to be out in the tidepools with people and watch as their worlds expand as they learn about life below the tide.”

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Tidepool Ambassa-

dor Program relies on the dedication of volunteers who are passionate about coastal conservation. Volunteers will assist with organizing tours, staffing informational tables, and engaging with the public to spread awareness about the importance of protecting our tidepools. Even if you are not on a tour, you may find volunteers eager to connect with you at tables at the state parks. Volunteers will be happy to pass out tidepool identification guides and other resources.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Tours are free, however registration is required and donations are gratefully accepted. Register for tours by visiting [CapePerpetuaCollaborative.org](https://CapePerpetuaCollaborative.org) and

scrolling down to the events calendar and clicking on the date you are interested in. You can also register by visiting Cape Perpetua Collaborative’s Eventbrite page at <https://capeperpetuacollaborative.eventbrite.com>

## About Cape Perpetua Collaborative

The Cape Perpetua Collaborative creates community, connections, and stewardship from the land to the sea in the Cape Perpetua area, including Oregon’s largest marine reserve and surrounding protected areas. Through community engagement, education, and conservation initiatives, CPC inspires environmental stewardship and promotes sustainable practices that ensure the health and resilience of our coastal ecosystems.



# PEARL AND OYSTER FESTIVAL PREVIEW



**R**eturning for its third edition, the Bay City Pearl & Oyster Music Festival is set to rock and roll on August 24 and 25. Co-hosted by the Headlight Herald, the festival welcomes four bands on Saturday before shifting focus to kids' day on Sunday.

According to co-organizer Kathleen Leipzig, the festival's organizers hope to create a sustainable, free event to entertain residents and visitors to the town.

"This is our big event for the year," Leipzig said. "It's

a bedroom community, it's a sleepy little town and so, we really want to highlight all the great things about Bay City and bring our community together."

First held in 2019, the festival was forced to take a three-year hiatus during the pandemic, before returning in 2023 for its second year.

The festival will again take over fourth street in Bay City, with more than forty vendors expected, as well as Al Griffin Memorial Park, where a stage will be

erected.

On Saturday, activities will start at 11 a.m. with water-ball games and the opportunity for kids to touch a truck and tour Bay City Fire's station.

At 1 p.m., the musical entertainment begins, with Tombstone Shadows, a Creedence Clearwater Revival cover band, followed by Alabama cover band Roll On at 4 p.m. and Petty Fever at 7 p.m. Local group Mercury Coast will be playing two sets at 3 and 6 p.m. on a secondary stage,

between the main-stage performances.

Sunday is kids' day with games to be set up in the park and kid-friendly vendors scheduled, before an afternoon talent show.

The festival is free to attend and any money raised by the committee is being set aside to support a future grant for playground equipment.

"It's a festival for tourist but also for locals alike," Leipzig said, "we want to celebrate the connectedness of the community."





# PIG N' FORDS RACERS CONTINUE TILLAMOOK COUNTY TRADITION



**WILL CHAPPELL**  
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Members of the Model T Pig n' Fords Association of Tillamook County continued their nearly century-long tradition of entertaining at last week's county fair, shuttling their screaming cargo around the racetrack four nights in a row to spectators' delight.

The event has become a multi-generational pursuit for members of the ten franchises from around the county and competitive ambitions and showmanship come together for a unique experience for all involved.

The story goes that one day in the early 1920s, Joe Bell found a loose pig on his property, gathered the squealing swine, crank started his Ford Model T and returned the pig to its owner. In retelling the event to his friends and acquaintances around town, the idea for a novel competition at the new fairgrounds' racetrack was born.

In its early days, the competition was open to all comers, with participation varying year to year. But in the

early 1950s, the Model T Pig n' Fords Association was formed, establishing ten franchises that would participate in the event each year and restricting them to competing in Ford Model Ts.

Those same franchises are still competing today and many remain in the same family, as they have been passed down, originally from father to son, and later to other family members and long-tenured drivers.

Races start with the drivers sprinting to a pen filled with small pigs on a starters' pistol before crank starting their Model Ts. Drivers then navigate a lap around the dirt track, stop their car, exchange their pig, restart their car, do another lap, and repeat the exchange before a final lap. All cars must have a stock Model T engine and drivetrain and be 50% original and contact is highly discouraged.

Parry Hurliman, 66, celebrated his 50th year of competitions at the Pig n' Fords races this year after starting as a driver at the age of 16. Hurliman raced for family members' teams before his father bought a

franchise in the 1970s that he now owns and manages while his son, Nick, drives.

Hurliman said that the key to winning the race is not messing up the crank starts and keeping a handle on your pig.

"Don't screw up, don't miss a crank, make sure you do it the first time and you gotta handle that pig right," Hurliman said.

The association stages two races each night of the fair, culminating in the World Championship race on Saturday night. They also participate in local parades including the June Tillamook Dairy Days Parade and July's Garibaldi Days Parade and, in the past, have traveled to rodeos in other parts of Oregon.

The future of the Pig n' Fords' association is bright as a new generation of drivers takes the wheel. This year marked rookie Seth Wehinger's first competition and Hurliman said that he hopes that his grandson, who is now 13, will start competing in three years when he gets his driver's license and becomes eligible.



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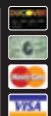


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