

Meet the Vendors

at the Lincoln City Farmers & Crafters Market

José Colomo Wild Mushrooms

Colomo has been gathering wild mushrooms for 10 years and it's a labor of love.

"I liked it the first time I tried it so I kept going," he said. "Now it's my world and I do it for as much of the year as I can."

He specializes in common Pacific Northwest fungi like chanterelle and lobster mushrooms, and less-common species like hedgehog, yellow foot and black trumpet. While the family lives in Newport, following the mushrooms means Colomo travels to other states like California, where he'll be heading in November. But he enjoys the local markets where he is usually assisted by his son, Joseph.



José Colomo and his son Joseph

Sticky Situation Handmade Caramels

Samantha Mansholt started out by making candy as gifts for family and friends during the holidays.

"For years I was strongly encouraged to sell them," she said. "This is my first year doing farmers markets and they've been a huge hit."

Glad she gave in, Mansholt is now having fun giving out samples and meeting new people. Her regular customers' favorite flavors include the Sea Salted, Macadamia Nut and Lavender caramels.

"I have 28 flavors right now and I'm coming out with new ones all the time," she said. "I can't wait to hear what people think of my new flavor next week!"



Squatchsami Mobile Cuisine

High-school sweethearts Ken and Debbie Martin have landed on a fusion of the words "sasquatch" and "tsunami" to describe their cuisine, which adds a little flair to coastal favorites. Ken's background of more than 20 years as an executive chef goes into creations like clam chowder and fish and chips with Creole remoulade.

"Our focus is fresh, handmade and local with no mixes or bases," Debbie said. "We use Beachcrest Brewing Company beer for our batter and fresh fish from Newport's Chelsea Rose Seafood or the dory fleet between Garibaldi and Astoria."

Other favorites include rosemary fries made with rosemary from their garden, honey-fried chicken tenderloins and bacon butter chicken and waffles.



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You otter sign up now

Registration is now open for the Keiki Kowabunga Challenge, a new, all-levels surf contest from Neighbors For Kids, set to take place on Saturday, Sept. 28, at Otter Rock State Park.

The contest is open to kids aged seven to 16, with entrants, separated into three age groups. There will be a panel of judges consisting of local surfers and community members who will score the event. Snacks, drinks, goodie bags, event t-shirts, a raffle drawing and prizes will be awarded to all participants.

This surf contest, which runs from 10 am to 4 pm, will be provided free to the first 75 surfers, so parents are encouraged to register online at www.neighborsforkids.org.

The event is being held in loving

memory of Byron Lewis, a longstanding NFK board member who was a local surfer and fully supported the surf camps offered at the Kids Zone Summer Day Camp.

NFK's Summer Surf Camps started in 2014. In the beginning, staff took about 15 kids to the beach; now they take up to 50 kids every Friday for 11 weeks from June through August. NFK hopes the Keiki Kowabunga Challenge will serve as a way to cap their Summer Surf Camp experience, demonstrate the skills youth have gained during surf camp, offer them the opportunity to get a feel for what it is like to participate in a contest and gain confidence.

For more information, or to sponsor the event, call 541-765-8990.

COLOR THE COAST

Runners in Newport will be painting the town red — as well as yellow, blue, pink and more — when the Color the Coast 3k run gets underway this Saturday, Sept. 14.

A fund-raiser for the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts, the run sees participants blasted with packets of powdered dye as they tackle the route along the sands at Nye Beach.

Runners are encouraged to wear white clothes so that dye has maximum impact



and also to bring sunglasses or goggles and a bandana to keep the dye out of their eyes and mouth.

The fun begins at 8 am at the Newport Performing Arts Center and ends with a Color Festival Beach Party later that morning with music, dancing and color throws.

Registration is \$35 for adults or \$25 for kids aged eight to 18. Each participating adult can bring up to two children aged seven and under along for free. Register online at <http://coastarts.org/color-coast>.