



Cup a load of this

With so many beaches to stroll upon while pondering life's great questions, it should come as no surprise that the Oregon Coast is home to a huge number of coffee shops.

And this Saturday, Nov. 2, the Newport 60+ Activity Center will offer an introduction to local roasters at its inaugural Coffee Corral Challenge.

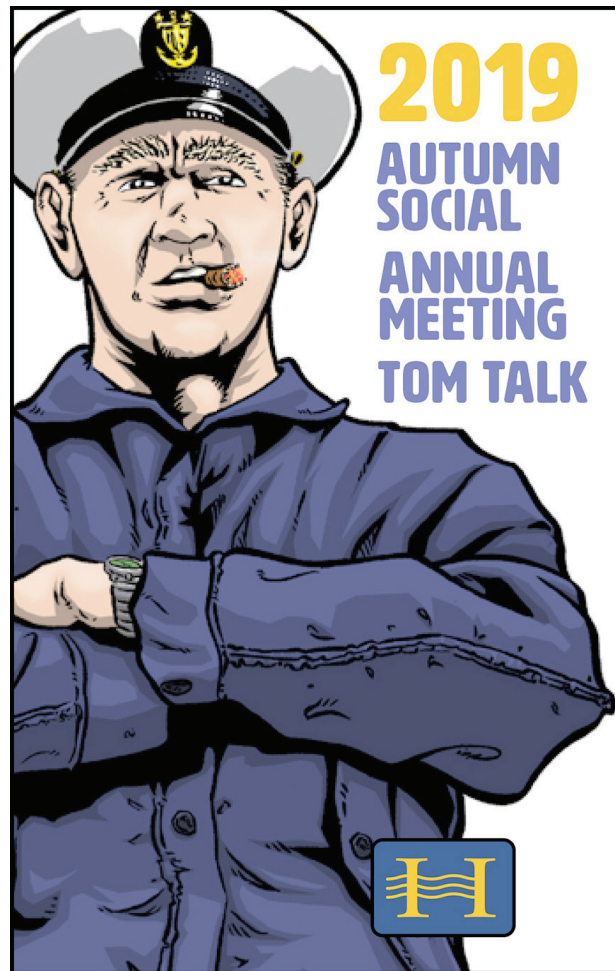
A number of local roasters, including Catalina's Coffee and Elk City Coffee, will have their coffee available to taste. Judges from the community will be on hand to rate

the different local, fresh-roasted coffees, with criteria including aroma, body, flavor, acidity level, natural sweetness and smooth finish. Guests will be able to have their say in the People's Choice award.

The various coffees, both light and dark roasts, will be available to buy by the cup or by the bag. Danielle Knudsen of Dark Moon Doughnuts will also be here to sell her goodies.

The event will run from 10 am to 1 pm at 20 SE 2nd Street.

For more information, call 541-265-9617.



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Retired Coast Guardsman Tom McAdams will be the guest of honor at an Autumn Social hosted by Newport's Pacific Maritime Heritage Center this Friday, Nov. 1.

McAdams, an Oregon Coast local known nationally for his storied and highly decorated life-saving Coast Guard career, will be sharing tales of local seafaring history in the museum's Doerfler Family Theater. Aside from McAdams' presentation there will be time to enjoy museum exhibits, chat with staff and mingle with friends, old and new.

The evening will begin at 6 pm with a brief annual meeting. All society members are encouraged to attend and vote on a slate of board officers.

McAdams' talk will follow at 6:30 pm. A cookie buffet, cider and coffee will be served.

The Pacific Maritime Heritage Center is located at 333 SE Bay Blvd on Newport's Historic Bayfront. Parking is available at the top of the hill adjacent to the museum.

For more information, call 541-265-7509.

Another reason to choo-se Toledo

The Yaquina Pacific Railroad Historical Society will be inviting all aboard this Friday, Nov. 1, when it hosts a dedication ceremony for its new play train.

The recently completed play structure was funded by a \$3,700 grant from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. The society was assisted in this effort by instructor Greg Wood and the students in his Waldport High School Career Technical Education class, who built the track and play train cars. As the individual pieces were produced, they were transported to the museum site and installed on protective ground cover. Finishing touches were provided by society members.

The dedication ceremony will start at 4 pm at 100 A Street, Toledo, followed by a reception and refreshments. The ceremony will also include recognition of the Lincoln County Master Gardener Team, led by Kharizma McNulty, which replanted all the flower and planting urns on the museum's platform this summer.



Appraisals on offer

Veteran art appraiser Matthew W. Gerber will be offering free fine arts appraisals this November as a fund-raiser for the North County HELP Center, a charity that offers numerous programs for Lincoln County school kids.

The appraisals will be on offer from Nov. 6 through 9 and Nov. 13 through 16.

Gerber has 51 years' experience, having owned and operated Matthew's Galleries in Lake Oswego for 45 years before semi-retiring to Lincoln City and opening Beach Bum Vintage with his wife, Adrian.

The verbal appraisals will be offered on any piece of two-dimensional art, onsite at Beach Bum Vintage, located at 4235 SW Hwy. 101. Appointments are required, and there is a limit of two pictures per family. A donation of \$5 per picture is suggested.

For appointment and questions, call 541-614-0070.