

Booze brews as the beach beckons



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Hark! The end of the school year is near and summer is rearing its head of sun soaked rays, peering at you through mirrored shades with a come-hither nod and holding out a perfectly tanned hand.

"It's time," it says. No shoes (unless their sandals), no homework (unless by choice), and of course an obligatory cocktail. Unless you are not of age that is, and in that case, you perhaps may want to stop reading now because these recipes are not for you - *EPL* does not condone underage drinking.

To those of you who are of age, *Eat, Print, Love* is happy to share some family cocktail recipes that have withstood the test of time (not to mention countless taste tests) and are sure to add a little kick to one of the sultry summer evenings that our coming year will.

First up is one for all you coffee lovers - though it's not so much a cocktail as it is fodder for countless other concoctions for you to explore on your own. (*EPL* can't do everything, now can we?)

Killer Homemade Kahlua

- 6 cups sugar
- 6 cups water
- 20 tsp instant coffee
- 4 tsp vanilla
- One 1/2 gallon of vodka

Combine sugar, water, and instant coffee and simmer for one hour. Add vanilla and vodka. Yes dear readers, that's it. *Bottle, gift, mix, drink.* It makes a decent amount, but once your friends know you've got homemade kahlua, you'll be the life of the party all summer. Mudslides, White Russians, Duck Farts: the world is your oyster.

And speaking of oysters...

Oyster Shooters

- Equal parts Bloody Mary mix, cocktail sauce and pepper vodka
- Oysters

Again with the trusty shaker, blend the Bloody Mary mix, cocktail sauce and pepper vodka. Add an oyster to a shot glass and pour concoction to fill. Shoot. Repeat as necessary.

Seafood not tickling your fancy? How about a classic done without the prefab mix and bottled price?

REAL Margaritas

- 2 shot glasses of lime juice
- 1 shot glass of Triple Sec
- 1 1/2 to 2 shot glasses of Tequila
- 3 tbsp of superfine sugar (varies depending on the sweetness of the limes)

Combine in a shaker with ice. Shake your little booty off. Pour. This recipe serves just two so get your groove on and make some more. We're all thirsty!

Last, but certainly not least, a tribute to someone very special.

Grandma's Perfect Martini

- Gin
- Vermouth
- Ice
- Pimento stuffed green olives

Fill your glass with ice and as many olives as you prefer. Fill the glass nearly to the top with gin, then have your youngest daughter tilt and hold the bottle of vermouth over the glass and state (clearly enunciating) the word "vermouth." Enjoy.

You're now ready to sit back and relax with your cocktail of choice all the while hoping Mother Nature doesn't throw her worst at us these next few months. Drink responsibly and have a great summer from *EPL*!

Enjoy summer the Oregon way

As much as we all enjoy spending hot summer days seated in front of an oscillating fan practicing our best Darth Vader impersonations, there just has to be a more entertaining alternative. Right? Well, it just so happens we live in the spectacular state of Oregon and there are numerous options to choose from these summer months, even quite a few for those faint of pocket.

Already in full swing is the Portland Rose Festival, which began Sunday, May 19 and will run through June 16. Highlights of the festival still to come include: the Rose Queen Coronation and the Grand Floral Parade (both on June 8). You can visit www.rosefestival.org for the complete schedule.

Oregon has some beautiful places to visit and explore during summer. All the flowers and trees are in full bloom. Hiking, camping, the great outdoors in general is a big thing for Oregonians,

might as well take advantage of the accessibility of that beauty.

Silver Falls State Park - just one local option - offers camping sites and hiking paths for cyclists and walkers. The camping spots are inexpensive ranging from \$20 to \$40. They offer camping spots, cabins and RV hookups.

No matter if you have kids or not, the Oregon Zoo is a great place to go. During the summer, there are different events offered including a variety of concerts featuring big name talent. Ziggy Marley will take the stage June 30, while other well-known artists like Leann Rimes (July 27) and Lee Brice (Aug. 8) will delight audiences later in the summer. All shows begin at 7 p.m., doors opening at 5 p.m., and seats cost between \$32 and \$52. Visit www.zooconcerts.com for the full schedule of performances.

The Oregon State Fair is annual celebration in Salem that begins Aug. 23 and goes until Sept. 2. There are several concerts available for purchase during the fair, including artists like Brantley Gilbert (Aug. 23), The Oak Ridge Boys (Aug. 25), REO Speedwagon (Aug. 30) and Martina McBride (Sept.

2). Tickets to these concerts range from \$20 to \$50 and are now on sale. Another activity fair-goers can expect is a slew of competitions, including woodworking, creative living, beer and wine contests and many more. For more details about performances, exhibits and points of interest, please visit www.oregonstatefair.org.

The best part about Portland's Saturday Market is that is so utterly Portland. It is a fun thing to do on a weekend with nothing planned, or an all day special event to so off the local flavor to out of towners. Though the name is deceptive - actually open Saturday and Sunday - the market hosts booths for people to sell their crafts, trinkets and other interesting stuff. Among the eccentric vendors and interesting sights like a one man band and a living statue, there are also numerous food stands representing flavors that span the globe. Summer is by far the best time to visit Saturday Market, if nothing else because the sun brings out the best in Portlanders. Hours for the market are Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with an awesome run

through Dec. 24. More details can be found at www.portlandsaturdaymarket.com.

If you're a country kid, the Molalla Buckaroo is your favorite event of the summer. This is the time to hang out with friends and get drunk while playing spectator at all the different events. The Molalla Buckaroo is an annual event that kicks off June 29 and runs through July 6. There is great food, activities and plenty of vendor booths for buckaroos to stock up on souvenirs. Schedule and rodeo details can be found at www.molalabuckaroo.com.

If you are feeling the urge to venture beyond what can be found on your doorstep, Oregon has that to offer too. To the east, Lake County offers up a number of events including Umpteenth Annual Festival of Free Flight which is a three day event for hang gliders and paragliders. To the west, sights and events speckle the coastline, everything from Lincoln City's annual sandcastle building contest, to the Oregon Coast Music Festival in Coos Bay.

Below you'll find just a handful of the summer offerings Oregon has up for grabs, so look no further as *The Clackamas Print* provides you with the ultimate summer guide (er... or at least a starting point).

- Compiled by *The Clackamas Print Staff*

June

5/19-6/16 - **Portland Rose Festival:** Portland Hollywood District; rosefestival.org

8 - **Rose Festival Queen's Coronation:** Portland, 8:30 a.m.

8 - **Grand Floral Parade:** Portland; 10 a.m., \$15-30, broadcast live on FOX12 6 a.m. - noon.

8-9 - **Portland Rose Festival Dragon Boat Race:** Portland; 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

16 - **Father's Day**

21-23 - **Festival of Balloons:** Tigard; carnival, exhibitors, food, competitions; tigardballoons.com

27-30 - **North American Organic Brewers Festival:** Overlook Park, Portland; Noon - 9 p.m., free admission

29 - **Old Crow Medicine Show:** The Oregon Zoo; 7 p.m. \$32-\$52; zooconcerts.com

30 - **Ziggy Marley:** The Oregon Zoo; 7 p.m. \$32-\$52; zooconcerts.com

July

6/29-7/6 - **Molalla Buckaroo:** Molalla; carnival, rides, vendors, PRCA Rodeo 7/3-7/6; molalabuckaroo.com

2-6 - **St. Paul Rodeo:** St. Paul, Oregon; 78th Annual Rodeo; stpaulrodeo.com

4 - **Independence Day**

4-7 - **Waterfront Blues Festival:** Waterfront Park; Robert Plant, Nikki Hill and many more; waterfrontbluesfest.com

4-6 - **Umpteenth Annual Festival of Free Flight:** Lake County; 3 day event of competitions for both Hang Gliders and Paragliders

6 - **Huey Lewis & the News:** Oregon Zoo; 7 p.m. \$32-\$52; zooconcerts.com

12-14 - **Oregon Country Fair:** Eugene; crafts, food, fun; oregoncountryfair.org

13-28 - **35th Oregon Coast Music Festival:** Coos Bay; longest running music festival on the Oregon coast; oregoncoastmusic.com

20-21 - **Southern Oregon Kite Festival:** Brookings, free admission. Food, gifts, crafts.

27 - **Leann Rimes:** The Oregon Zoo; 7 p.m., \$32-\$52; zooconcerts.com

August

9-11 - **The Bite of Oregon:** Waterfront Park, Portland; local food and wine festival, fundraiser for Special Olympics Oregon; biteoforegon.com

13-18 - **Clackamas County Fair & Rodeo:** Canby; clackamas.us/fair

17 - **PDX Adult Soap Box Derby:** Mt. Tabor Park, Portland; soapboxracer.com

23-9/2 - **Oregon State Fair:** Salem; includes performances by REO Speedwagon and Martina McBride; oregonstatefair.org

The Print Asks: What are you doing this summer?



"I'm taking 12 credits for summer and doing fun stuff when I can."
- Justin Polachek



"Another summer term, full time. I spent my 20s having fun."
- Noelle Atwood



"I'll probably be taking online classes and practice my violin. I wanna go on a road trip."
- Chibbia Ulimwa



"I am going to work, maybe a couple trips to the beach. Probably Seaside or Newport."
- Hailey Dorr



"Work. I am also a 4H leader so I'll be helping them out too."
- Stacey Groner



"I'm going to be working and saving up money for my wedding. No fancy vacations for me. I'm getting married next summer!"
- Jordan Leonetti

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