

# Find live music, games at First Friday Night

ASTORIA — Join the Columbia River Maritime Museum during its next First Friday Night event from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2. This month, First Friday moves back to the Barbey Maritime Center.

Enjoy music by Snowblind Traveler, a cash bar and a variety of lively games.

Songwriter Matt Dorrien is Snowblind Traveler, a Portland-based musician who specializes in acoustic folk and blues-inspired music as well as piano-based music. His reper-

toire includes original songs as well as an eclectic mix of covers by artists from the '60s and '70s to the present day. His music is inspired by the rolling expanse of middle America, the fog and lichen-draped cathedral of redwoods of the Northwest and the lulling whisper of a New England blizzard.

Columbia River Maritime Museum First Friday Nights are an entertaining, casual, and social experience on the First Friday of each month. They include a mix of live music, games, film

## First Friday

7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2

Barbey Maritime Center

2042 Marine Drive, Astoria

All ages

Free

screenings, skills demonstrations and hands-on activities.

First Friday Nights are free of charge. The Barbey Maritime Center is located at 2042 Marine Drive.



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Snowblind Traveler will perform acoustic folk and blues during First Friday Night.

# Learn how marine debris affects mammals, seabirds

## Biologist, professor to give free talk

CANNON BEACH — Want to learn more about marine mammals and seabirds off Oregon's coast? Join Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve, CoastWatch and Haystack Rock Awareness Program at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2 for a special free presentation by Kim Raum-Suryan and Rob Suryan to learn about the impacts of marine debris on marine mammals and seabirds.

Raum-Suryan, a marine mammal biologist and owner of Sea Gypsy Research, has studied pinnipeds, focusing on Stellar sea lions, for over 25 years. She will present on the life cycle of pinnipeds and the impacts of marine debris that threaten these creatures in various ways.

Suryan, an associate professor at Oregon State University, has studied the effects of environmental change on the reproductive biology, foraging ecology and population dynamics of marine birds for 20 years. His presentation will cover the threats of marine debris on seabirds.

Both presenters will share how their research is linked to marine reserves.

This free educational evening will take place at Cannon Beach



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Biologist Kim Raum-Suryan will talk about the effects of debris on marine mammals.



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Rob Suryan is an associate professor of senior research in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Oregon State University's Hatfield Marine Science Center.

City Hall Council Chambers, located at 160 E. Gower St.

# Find food, fun at Columbia River Country Days

SKAMOKAWA, Wash. — The eighth annual Columbia River Country Days will take place Friday and Saturday, Oct. 2 and 3.

The event kicks off Friday with a pie social at 3 p.m., and live music by Kyleen Austin and Andrew Emlen at the Puget Island Farmers Market. Pies are homemade by 4-H families and volunteers.

Saturday is a full day and starts with milking at 7 a.m. at the Skamokawa Farmstead

Creamery at 1681 Washington State Route 4. The creamery will be open until 4:30 p.m. for visitors to meet the goats and farmers too.

Also in Skamokawa, the Wahkiakum Fair Foundation's flea market will offer a variety of wares from several vendors, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. They will also operate their cider press, and they encourage visitors to bring apples to press.

The weekend culminates in the Grays River Covered

Bridge Dinner, with seating at 4:30 p.m. Saturday. The dinner will feature Columbia River salmon caught by local gill-netters, Mickey Bates' chicken marsala, Carol Ervest's pickled beets, locally grown roasted potatoes and winter squash, and Lois Wakefield's pumpkin cake for dessert. WSU Cougar Gold cheese will be served with bread with the meal.

The evening's entertainment will feature violin music by Jeffrey Reynolds, and cow-

boy poetry by Joel Fitts. The evening will end with an old-time auction of local arts and crafts, with Fitts as auctioneer.

Tickets for the dinner are limited and are available at the Bank of Pacific in Cathlamet and Naselle. The dinner seating is first-come first-seated. Tickets are \$35 for adults, and \$25 for seniors, children and veterans.

All proceeds from the dinner go to the Wahkiakum 4-H Youth Development program. Parking for the dinner is available on the south side of the Covered Bridge.

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# Enter to win, taste and vote in Surfside Chili Cook-Off

OYSTERVILLE, Wash. — The seventh annual Surfside Chili Cook-Off, Bake Sale and Small Craft Fair is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Oysterville Schoolhouse.

There will be prizes for first, second and third place winners. If you have a great recipe, or just want to come, taste and vote for your favorite, entry is free.

Surfside's own One Lane Bridge musicians will play live during the day, and lo-

cal crafters will offer their wares for sale.

Baked goods, as well as bowls donated by the Peninsula Clay Artists, will be sold to benefit the Ocean Park Elementary Back-Pack Program.

The deadline for chili entries is 12:30 p.m. Oct. 10, judging begins promptly at 1 p.m. There is no entry fee for vendors, but space is limited; call 360-665-4171 by Thursday, Oct. 8, to register.