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Visitors inspect the Peter Iredale shipwreck at Fort Stevens State Park. The Peter Iredale ran aground on Clatsop Spit on Oct. 25, 1906. Embedded in the sand, the wreckage is one of the most visible and accessible of the Graveyard of the Pacific.

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# Merry Time Bar hosts Under the Big Top party

ASTORIA — Come one, come all to a circus-themed Halloween party Under the Big Top at Merry Time Bar & Grill. Celebrate the one-year anniversary of owners Todd and Terry Robinett owning Merry Time with this special event.

The evening starts at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31 with a Portland-based Elvis impersonator taking the stage with special guests. Due to the special nature of this Halloween party, Merry Time Bar & Grill will be closed until 7 p.m.

Two costume contests are scheduled for the night. The first will take place immediately after Elvis' show. The Robinetts will select judges, who will choose six contestants with great costumes to take the stage and compete for cash prizes. Winners will be determined by audience participation. Prizes are: \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place.

The second costume contest will take place near 11 p.m. Judges will choose up to 10 contestants, and the audience will determine the winner. Prizes are: \$200 for first place, \$100 for second place and \$25 for third place.

Under the Big Top Halloween Party will also feature a haunted house slideshow, a photo booth with a profes-

sional photographer, clowns, food, balloons, surprises, and, in a nod to circuses of the past, a "freak show go-go" with Spider Lady, Slug Man, two-headed Betty, Wolf Boy, LobsterMan, Patty Pinhead and more.

All this and a live performance by Erotic City, a Prince tribute band, starting at 9:30 p.m. This Portland-based band plays funk and rock tunes guaranteed to help you dance the night away.

Lead singer and guitarist Julian Stefoni has been performing Prince's biggest hits throughout the country for more than 20 years. He has also performed with Prince himself on several occasions.



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Portland-based Prince tribute band Erotic City will perform at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31 at the Merry Time Bar & Grill's Halloween party.

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