

# Cannon Beach Book Co. hosts book launch

Portland author Jim Stewart has North Coast music roots

CANNON BEACH — What is it about the North Coast that seems to grow writers? From the Oregon Writer's Colony at Rockaway Beach to the support for local authors provided by local bookstores, Oregon's rocky, sandy, windy coast is fertile ground for creatives. Jim Stewart is proud to be counted among them. "I have loved this area for more than 40 years," he says. "I'm actually on a first-name basis with an elk from the Gearhart herd."

Stewart, who will be celebrating his debut novel at a launch part at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16 at Cannon Beach Book Company, has been a professional writer for over 25 years, publishing dozens of stories and essays, technical manuals and poetry. He lives in Portland with his wife Laura, though he started in the local music scene.



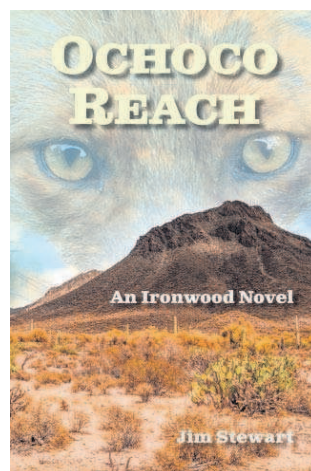
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Author Jim Stewart will release his first novel at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16 at Cannon Beach Book Company. Stewart has performed music at local bars and coffee shops since the 1970s, though he now lives in Portland.

"We were a bunch of long-haired kids trying to figure out how to make sense of Vietnam and what our country was going through. Music, whether folk, rock, or blues was our way of sorting it out. Besides, it was just fun," he says. Stewart's first bands started touring the coast in 1973. He has played local bars and coffee shops ever since, though he is now based in Portland.

In Stewart's new novel, "Ochoco Reach," the action begins as a Portland-based

private eye, is approached by a lovely new client. She asks Mike Ironwood to help her figure out some suspicious activity on her cattle ranch. Mike finds the case intriguing and Willimina even more so. Six days in, the case has turned up three dead bodies, an alphabet soup of secretive federal investigators, and Mike is thinking that Willy just might be The One. When she is kidnapped by a corrupt DEA agent, he follows



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"Ochoco Reach" by Jim Stewart.



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Jim Stewart has been playing music on the coast since the long-haired days of the 1970s.

the trail deep into Mexico, and comes home with some unfinished business.

"Ochoco Reach" was released Jan. 4 by Word Hermit Press and is available in paperback and on Kindle from Amazon.



Photo by Natalie St. John

Dan Driscoll will teach participants about oysters at an upcoming seafood workshop organized by the Sou'Wester Lodge set for Saturday, Jan. 23 on the peninsula.

## Learn about crab, oysters on a seafood excursion

### Sou'Wester Lodge holds workshop

LONG BEACH PENINSULA, Wash. — Learn all you ever wanted to know about crabbing and oystering on a guided hands-on tour. The Sou'Wester Lodge is organizing a Seafood Excursion workshop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23.

Local crabbing expert Jason Thorne will show participants how to bait and set the various styles of crabbing traps and pots. Thorne will talk about morphology, tides and the art of timing involved with catching crabs.

Then, at Oysterville Sea Farms, participants will tour the cannery and learn more about the life-cycle and aqua-culture of oysters from oyster guru Dan Driscoll while enjoying freshly shucked oysters and hot tea. Wine and lunch will be available for purchase. You'll be able to shuck and taste an oyster fresh from Willapa Bay.

Then participants will pull up a crabpot from the dock at the Port of Peninsula in Nahcotta and bring the catch back to the Sou'Wester. The day will end by learning how to cook, clean and eat Dungeness crabs.

Cost for the workshop is \$30 and includes crab, oysters and hot tea. Optional sack lunch from Surfer Sands

## Workshop

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23

Register by Thursday, Jan. 21

Sou'Wester Lodge

3728 J Place, Seaview, Wash.

360-642-2542

\$30

is available for purchase, \$7.50 pre-ordered through the Sou'Wester. Find a menu on the Surfer Sands Facebook page.

Interested participants must RSVP by Thursday, Jan. 21 by calling 360-642-2542 or emailing [souwesterlodge@gmail.com](mailto:souwesterlodge@gmail.com). The workshop can only run if eight people are registered by Jan. 21; organizers will notify all participants.

On the day of the workshop, meet inside the Sou'Wester Lodge, located at 3728 J Place in Seaview, at 10 a.m. Participants will carpool to Willapa Bay after a brief introduction. You should bring a valid Washington shellfish license and dress for the weather.

The workshop is open to the general public. Guests staying at the Sou'Wester can use a special promo code for 20 percent off a stay of two nights or more.



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