

Olney Grange to hold annual beef barbecue

OLNEY — The Olney Grange No. 793 will hold its annual fundraiser, a pit barbecued beef dinner with all the trimmings, from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18. On the menu will be pit barbecued beef, baked potato, roll, coleslaw, tomatoes, cucumbers, ice cream and beverages.

The cost is \$13 for adults and \$7 for children age 10 and younger. Beef will also be available by the pound.

Proceeds from the dinner

go to hall maintenance, donations to community needs, and the kitchen remodel fund.

The first beef barbecue was held in September 1960 and has been held annually ever since, always on the third Sunday in September. It has become a tradition for many families every fall.

The grange hall is located about 10 miles south of Astoria at 89342 Oregon Highway 202.

Nominations are open for Coast Community Radio Board of Directors

ASTORIA — Are you interested in being on the Board of Directors that governs Coast Community Radio? The Tillicum Foundation, which owns licenses for KMUN, KTCB and KCPB, is seeking nominees for its board, to be elected at its annual meeting Nov. 5.

Express your interest in a Letter of Intent addressed to the Secretary of the Tillicum Foundation, PO Box 269,

Astoria, OR 97103. This Letter of Intent must be received before 5 p.m. Sept. 30.

Your message will be included in the ballot materials mailed to members, so it should outline your desire to serve and the experience and skills which you would bring to the board.

For more information, contact Coast Community Radio at 503-325-0010.

Hear funk-rock sounds at Fort George Brewery

ASTORIA — Portland funk-rock band Dorado will perform at 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18 at the Fort George Brewery. The show is free and open to all ages. The brewery is located at 1483 Duane St.

Dorado is comprised of Sky Cooper on guitar and vocals, Johnny G. on bass and James Ford on drums. The group's new EP, "Didn't Get Paid," was released in August.

According to founder Cooper, the creation of the band was a slow evolution. "It's a kind of an hip-hop flavored rhythm section with a rock frosting. We've still got some growing to do, but that's the direction we're heading," he said.

Cooper is an Australian ex-patriot who studied with music legend Yusef Lateef at Elliott Smith's alma mater, Hampshire College. He then spent three years traveling between continents and couch surfing at friend's places. This long stint of homelessness sated some of Cooper's wanderlust, but starting a working band remained elusive.

Just before Sept. 11, Cooper was in northern Queensland, Australia, playing bluegrass covers at an outback pub with an 80-year-old bass player and getting heckled by the crowd for his American accent. "Things weren't

going exactly to plan. Actually the truth was I hadn't conceived a particularly good plan anyway. I had just fallen off the map all together," he said.

So Cooper returned to San Francisco and later Portland, recording five albums under different names over the next 10 years. Eventually his live band turned into Dorado.

Johnny G. joined the group adding his distinctive six-string bass funk style and signature floor synth lines. "He was perfect," said Cooper. "It's just amazing watching Johnny dance and play bass and the Moog Taurus synth with his foot and rap and sing harmonies at the same time. It blows me away every show."

According to Johnny G., "What I love about this band is the chemistry live. We can read off each other and anticipate dynamic changes."

Soon after, James Ford, originally from the Portland area, joined the group on drums.

"James is another one of those amazing multi-taskers," Cooper said about Ford. "He's playing syncopated rhythms, triggering sample pads and singing harmonies. He's like some future rhythm wizard. It really makes Dorado sound like a futuristic power trio with him in the lineup."

Trail Blazers ambassadors to stop by Astoria, Seaside

Fourth annual Rip City Relay heads west this September

ASTORIA and SEASIDE — The Portland Trail Blazers and Moda announce the fourth annual Rip City Relay.

Beginning Monday, Sept. 19, a team of Trail Blazers ambassadors and staff will embark on a week-long journey around the state of Oregon, engaging with Trail Blazers basketball fans all along the way. This event brings Oregon communities together with energy and enthusiasm to showcase the Trail Blazers as "Oregon's Team."

Astoria will be the starting point of this year's relay on Monday. The event will be held next the American Legion at 12th and Exchange streets. The next day, the relay team will set up at Broadway Middle School in Seaside, located at 1120 Broadway.

From there, the team will travel down the coast to Tillamook on Sept. 21, Forest Grove on Sept. 22, and finish in Salem on Sept. 23.

"We're thrilled to have the opportunity to bring the excitement and energy of the Trail Blazers all over Oregon once again with the Rip City Relay," said Chris McGowan, President & CEO of the Trail Blazers and Rose Quarter. "We love to see passionate fans across the state rallying together around our team and each other."

An entire day of events are being scheduled in each city, and everyone who participates in the festivities will be encouraged to sign a basketball as a symbol of their involvement and support for the Trail Blazers.

As part of the Trail Blazers' and Moda's partnership to showcase healthy and active living, events will focus on providing activities for kids, including school assemblies and basketball clinics.

The visit in each city along the route will conclude with a ceremonial flag raising with city officials at 4 p.m., followed by the Rip City Fair, a free community gathering from 4 to 6 p.m. featuring activities for all ages.

Supporting partners of this year's relay include Bi-Mart, Energy Trust of Oregon and COUNTRY Financial. Visit the Bi-Mart table to enter the youth or adult contests for a fun experience and your chance to win Bi-Mart and Trail Blazers prizes. Energy Trust, in collaboration with the Trail Blazers, has been instrumental in Rose Quarter sustainability efforts, and will be handing out free limited-edition Trail Blazers shirts as part of a free home energy review at all stops on the relay. COUNTRY Financial will be setting people up with giveaways at all stops of the relay, including a chance to win pre-season tickets.

Many Trail Blazers personalities will participate in different legs of the relay, including Founding broadcaster and ambassador Bill Schonely, Trail Blazers TV broadcaster Kevin Calabro, radio broadcaster Brian Wheeler, Blaze the Trail Cat, the BlazerDancers and more.

Visit www.trailblazers.com/ripcityrelay to get updates and information all along the relay, and fans can follow the relay's progress on Twitter @RipCityRelay and by using the hashtag #RipCityRelay.

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