



This photo of the ferry sign at Megler was taken in May 1931.



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The T.J. Potter is docked at Megler Wharf in this historic photo.

Museum reopens 'Memories of Megler'

ILWACO, Wash. — Fourteen miles from the mouth of the Columbia River, the 4.1-mile Astoria-Megler Bridge links Astoria, Oregon, to Point Ellice at Megler in Pacific County, Washington. The area now known as Megler stretches around a historically important point of land with a rich transportation history for the Lower Columbia River.

Water crossings by ferry began in 1908 at the site that is now the Dismal Nitch Rest Area and continued until the opening of the Astoria-Megler Bridge 50 years

ago on July 29, 1966.

Thanks to the sponsorship of Lighthouse Realty, the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum in Ilwaco will reopen "Memories of Megler," its popular exhibit exploring Megler from its acquisition by the Ilwaco Railroad and Navigation Company through the steam-ship era and into the auto-ferry years.

Utilizing historic photographs and first person memories, "Memories of Megler" captures the end of the ferry era and the beginning of contemporary auto

travel on U.S. Highway 101.

"The ferry years are still remembered fondly by locals and visitors to the Long Beach Peninsula," said Betsy Millard, executive director of the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum. "We are excited to re-hang this exhibition with additional photographs and memories of crossing the Columbia by ferry."

"Memories of Megler" will be on view from Dec. 10 to March 11.

The museum's Community Historian Project participants were involved

in much of this exhibit: conducting research into Megler's history, arranging interviews, identifying images and contributing photographs.

The Community Historian Project will be starting its fifth session in January. Applications for participation are due Dec. 16.

For more information about the Community Historian Program, call the museum at 360-642-3446 or visit www.columbiapacificheritagemuseum.org. The museum is located at 115 S.E. Lake St.

Olympic gold medalist to share memoir in Seaside

SEASIDE — On Thursday, Dec. 15, the Friends of the Seaside Library will host Carolyn Wood, author of "Tough Girl: An Olympian's Journey." The event will take place at 7 p.m. in the library, located at 1311 Broadway, and there will be book sales and signings by Beach Books.

Wood was born in Portland and swam for the Multnomah Athletic Club and Beaverton High School, where she won seven individual state championships in butterfly, freestyle and the individual medley. At the 1960 U.S. Olympic Trials, at the age of 14, she finished first in the 100-meter butterfly and was favored to

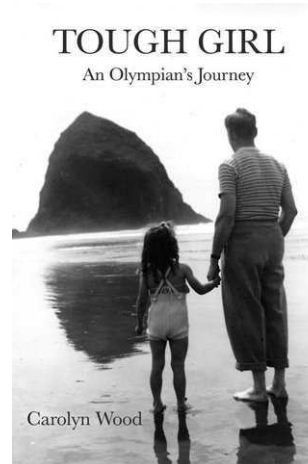
win the gold medal in Rome. At the Olympics, during the women's 100-meter butterfly final, Wood swallowed water during the turn and did not finish the race.

She did win a gold medal as a member of the women's 4X100-meter freestyle relay team, together with Joan Spillane, Shirley Stobs and Chris von Saltza. The U.S. relay team set a new world record in the event final — nine seconds faster than the previous record. Wood was the youngest member of the 1960 U.S. Olympic team to win a medal.

Wood's story in "Tough Girl" details the training and commitment it took to become an Olympian

at just 14 years old. She also tells of growing up in mid-century Portland, of being a closeted athlete, and of coming out and fighting for gay rights. It is the account of youthful dreams and exuberance, of struggle and the will to overcome obstacles in sport as well as in life.

Following the Olympics, Wood returned to her hometown and completed her studies at Beaverton High School. She attended the University of Oregon, became an English teacher, and taught at both Beaverton and Wilson High Schools. She was inducted into the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame in 1992.



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"Tough Girl: An Olympian's Journey" by Carolyn Wood.

She started writing her memoir "Tough Girl" in 2010, and it is her first book.

Neal Maine to talk 50th anniversary of Beach Bill

CANNON BEACH — For the next World of Haystack Rock lecture series talk, Neal Maine will present "The Oregon Beach Bill: 50 Years" in honor of the Beach Bill's 50th anniversary. The talk will take place 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14 at the Cannon Beach Library, 131 N. Hemlock St.

When Gov. Oswald West first protected Oregon beaches with his "public highway" approach over 100 years ago, little did he know that it would set the stage for Gov. Tom McCall to take the next step 50 years ago with the Oregon Beach Bill.

The next step in the process could be for public citizens to lead the way in recasting the Oregon beaches as a dynamic ecosystem between the ocean and the upland. What better way to celebrate this incredible public resource than to honor its ecology.

At his talk, Maine will celebrate the 50 years of the Oregon Beach Bill and discuss the long overdue discussion of its vital ecology and the need for a "next

step" plan for this dynamic public resource.

Maine was a biology teacher for 30 years with the Seaside School District. After retiring from teaching he served on the founding board for the North Coast Land Conservancy and served as its director for 12 years. Maine currently spends most of his time prowling the coastal edge as a wildlife photographer and helping others appreciate "living in paradise" on the North Coast through presentations and exhibits.

The World of Haystack Rock lecture series is held the second Wednesday of each month, November to April. It is put on by the Friends of Haystack Rock and the Cannon Beach Library. Friends of Haystack Rock supports the Haystack Rock Awareness Program in cooperation with the city of Cannon Beach, promoting the preservation and protection of the intertidal life and birds that inhabit the Marine Garden and the Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge at Haystack Rock.

Crossword Answer

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