

## Cycle Oregon takes riders through vast, varied landscapes

Cycle Oregon, a non-profit organization and cyclist community that explores Oregon's landscapes, is offering three upcoming events for riders of all ages and abilities.

- "Joyride," a women's-only event, takes place Saturday, June 10, at Stoller Family Estate vineyard in the Dundee Hills near Dayton.

The experience features short, medium and long routes, and includes wine, music, locally sourced food and fully stocked rest areas.

- "Weekender," a two-day "bike bash" for groups of friends, families or any cycle enthusiast, takes place Friday, July 7, through Sunday, July 9, and begins in McMinnville on the Linfield College campus.

The ride explores roads, farms, forests and hills southwest of town on the first day, and wine country southeast of town the second day.

The riders choose among three routes of different lengths each day, then camp beneath the stars or crash in the dorms after a night of "good food and rockin' live music" at the beer garden.

- Finally, "The Classic" — a one-week ride starting and finishing at Tumalo State Park outside of Bend — takes place Saturday, Sept. 9, through Saturday, Sept. 16. The event marks the 30th anniversary of this signature ride, the organization noted.

"The stunning route will cover 430 miles of Central Oregon's majesty, taking in parts of the Cascade Range, sparkling alpine lakes, wild and scenic rivers, and some of Oregon's Scenic Bikeways," organizers



wrote. The "icing on the cake": Crater Lake and the Aufderheide and McKenzie passes.

"Riders spend their days passing through unforgettable landscapes, and their nights enjoying the many amenities in camp: hot meals, hotter showers, smoothies, beer, wine, live music, great company and more," they added.

For registration and other details, visit [www.cycleoregon.com](http://www.cycleoregon.com).

## Lower Columbia Q Center seeks new board members

ASTORIA — The Lower Columbia Q Center — a grassroots nonprofit serving local LGBTIQ people through support, education and community building — is accepting applications for board members positions, the organization announced.

"LGBTIQ" stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and questioning.

"Our bylaws require that we offer community members the opportunity to serve as a decision maker for the organization once a year" to encourage growth and diversity of thought, center staff wrote.

Applications can be found at [www.lcqcqastoria.org](http://www.lcqcqastoria.org). They are due Wednesday, May 31, by mail or email. Interviews will be held Wednesday, June 21.

More information can be found in the application packet on the center's website.



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Lower Columbia Q Center Chairman Marco Davis hangs a flag in downtown Astoria to promote the inaugural Astoria Pride event, which took place June 9, 10 and 11, 2016.

In addition, the center has formed a general group designed to help connect LGBTIQ people in the Lower Columbia Region, which includes Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook and Pacific County.

"Finding community in these rural counties can be challenging. At the Lower Columbia Q Center we build

community and discuss LGBTIQ issues freely and confidentially," the center wrote in a release.

The group meets 6 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month at the Astoria Armory (1636 Exchange St.).

For more information, contact Chris Wright, a board member, at 425-314-3388.

## Willapa Harbor Chorale performs at historic Raymond Theater

RAYMOND, WASH. — The Willapa Harbor Chorale will hold its annual spring concert 7 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the historic Raymond Theater (323 3rd St.).

Thirty-five singers will perform a variety of music, including "Joyful Joyful" from the film "Sister Act 2," Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah," "Shenandoah," and music from "The Music Man" and "The King and I."

The choir, directed by Rick Gauger, features pianist James Worlton, flutist Connie



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The Willapa Harbor Chorale sing A Twenties Medley.

Bevington and Lew Chapman on brass.

The concert is free, though donations are welcomed. A reception at the Raymond Elks Lodge No. 1292 (326 3rd St.) will follow the show.



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