

Calvin Tibbets:  
Oregon's First Pioneer



Jerry Sutherland

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## Author discusses 'Oregon's First Pioneer' at Seaside library

SEASIDE — Jerry Sutherland, author of “Calvin Tibbets: Oregon’s First Pioneer,” will discuss his book at the Seaside Public Library’s Community Room at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 15. The event, hosted by the Friends of the Seaside Library, will include book sales and signings.

“When Calvin Tibbets ventured to Oregon Country in 1832, it was looking more British than American,” the library said in a summary. “That’s because Hudson’s Bay Company, the Crown’s proxy, had virtual control of the area and some of their French Canadian employees had retired to farms along the Willamette River.”

Before Tibbets, the only Americans in the region were explorers, fur trappers, scientists and sailors. His goal was different: to settle Oregon with Americans and make it part of the United States.

Tibbets died soon after achieving his goal, according to press materials, and all that he had done to realize it soon faded into the shadows of Oregon history.

Sutherland spent two years scouring archives and visiting Calvin Tibbets’ haunts across the United States and Canada to expand on material his father, Art Sutherland, had collected during the previous seven years.

The Seaside Public Library is located at 1131 Broadway St. For more information, visit [seasidelibrary.org](http://seasidelibrary.org) or call 503-738-6742.



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Clamshell Railroad Days at Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum

# Fun on track during Clamshell Railroad Days

ILWACO, WASH. — The Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum celebrates Clamshell Railroad Days on July 15 and 16 with expanded events and old favorites, the museum announced.

The \$5 admission fee includes a souvenir pin and museum entrance for two days. Kids under 12 are admitted free.

On Saturday, doors open at 10 a.m. with model train layouts hosted by the Peninsula Model Railroad Club. Guests will include the Mt. Rainier N-scale club, the Pacific Northwest On30 Club, the Portland Cascade Z-scale club and Dean and Donna Mead’s Lego train among others.

“Kids will love the Kid’s Craft Caboose with fun crafts and face painting,” the museum said in a release.

Join the museum for “Train

Talks,” historic railroad lectures presented by local railroad historians.

Also on Saturday, Mark Clemmens presents “The Railroad that Ran by the Tides” at 2 p.m. Gary Kobes will share new research with his lecture “The Megler Extension of the IR&N: How Union Pacific came to the Columbia,” to be held 1 p.m. Sunday.

The rail car Nahcotta will be open for touring both days. Members of the Nahcotta Preservation Committee will be on site to talk about new findings and the ongoing preservation of the rail car.

The museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Thursdays are free thanks to support from the Port of Ilwaco. For more information, call 360-642-3446 or visit [columbiapacificheritagemuseum.org](http://columbiapacificheritagemuseum.org).



The train  
at Nahcotta,  
Engine No. 6,  
in 1913

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