

## Upper Left Edge writers celebrate Finland

MANZANITA — To mark the centennial of Finland's independence, writers of the Upper Left Edge will host a reading to celebrate the nation and Finnish culture 7 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, at Manzanita News & Espresso (500 Laneda Ave.).

The featured writers focused on Finland in the Upper Left Edge's latest print edition, aka the "Nordic Edition."

## Astoria Yacht Club to hold rallies in city's downtown

ASTORIA — The Astoria Yacht Club will hold downtown rallies in August and September.

The dates are on Thursdays: Aug. 10 and 24, and Sept. 7. Sign-up takes place at 5:30 p.m. in the Yacht Club room.

Soup and crackers will be offered after the rally. A \$5 boat donation and a \$2 to \$3 donation for the after-sail light supper are requested.

Non-club members are invited to participate. Come see Astoria from the water!



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A sailor with the Astoria Yacht Club adjusts the main sail on his boat during a leisurely outing on the Columbia River.

# Decemberists frontman Meloy headlines concert in Cannon Beach

CANNON BEACH — Colin Meloy, the frontman of The Decemberists, is headlining a September music event in Cannon Beach.

The balladist from the Portland-based indie rock band will perform solo at the inaugural "Stackstock" — a music festival Saturday, Sept. 23, at Haystack Gardens — along with Pure Bathing Culture, Chorale PDX, Cardioid and a lineup of other Pacific Northwest musical acts.

Doors open at noon; the event starts at 1 p.m. and goes until 9 p.m. "Stackstock" is the brainchild of Cannon Beach's Ryan Snyder, president of Martin Hospitality.

"The North Coast of Oregon is not really on the tour schedule for big name touring acts like Colin Meloy or Pure Bathing Culture," Snyder said in a news release. The festival is "my way of sharing this

incredibly unique music with the community here and our visitors alike."

Originally from Helena, Montana, Meloy attended the University of Oregon before transferring to the University of Montana, where he studied creative writing.

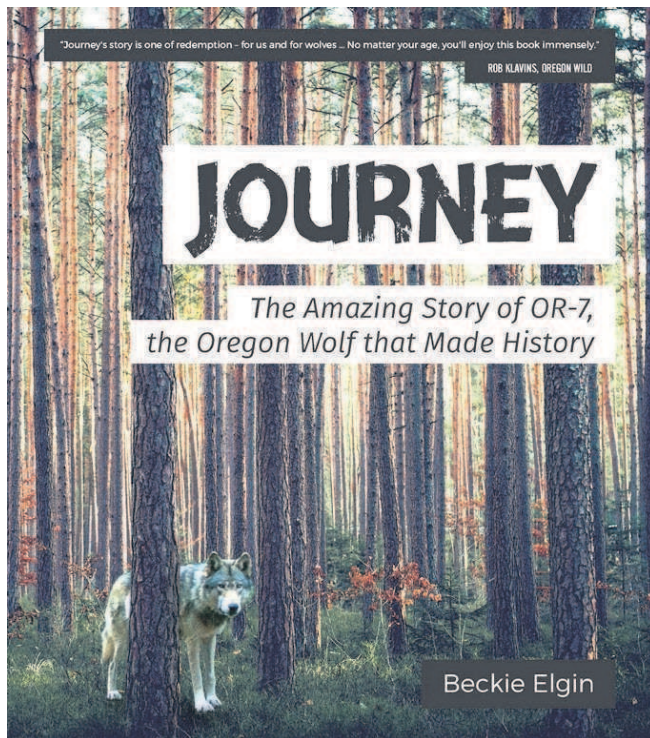
The singer-songwriter is also the author of the New York Times-bestselling "Wildwood Chronicles," a series of children's fantasy novels illustrated by his wife, Carson Ellis.

General admission to "Stackstock" is \$40 in advance, \$50 the day of the show. There are VIP opportunities available. Children 10 and older are welcome to attend for the same ticket price as general admission. To purchase tickets, visit: [www.stackstockfest.com](http://www.stackstockfest.com). Call 503-436-1197 with any questions.



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# Author talks Oregon wolf that made history

SEASIDE — Author Beckie Elgin will discuss her book "Journey: The Amazing story of OR-7, the Oregon Wolf That Made History" 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at the Seaside Public Library.

The event, presented by the Friends of the Seaside Library, will take place in the Community Room.

"Journey" is the documented history of the tagged Oregon wolf who left north-east Oregon to find a mate, and became the first wild wolf to enter California in 87 years.

Elgin will share the story, based on known facts, behind the sojourn of this collared Oregon wolf, the library said in a release. She will describe the wolf's life, from his birth until the time he left his natal pack for a 4,000-mile three-year trek.

In addition, Elgin will share background information about the lifestyle of wolves, their history with humans, and methods used by scientists to study wolves.

The author will present dilemmas, such as science

"intruding" into the lives of the animals, with collaring and GPS tracking vs. the need to gain information to protect the species.

Elgin has an MFA from Pacific University and has published numerous articles about wolves that have appeared in The Oregonian, Earth Island Journal, Mail Tribune and other publications.

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