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Byran Fitzgerald, left, and Jessy Ferguson, right, pose for photos with a giant inflatable crab at the Astoria Warrenton Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival in 2016

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COURTESY ASTORIA-WARRENTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Clown Bread still a crowd favorite at Astoria Warrenton Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival, taking place April 27-29

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FOR COAST WEEKEND

Clown Bread, the Astoria Clowns' flavorful phenomenon, is no laughing matter.

The Clowns have served the decadent treat to long lines of devotees for a quarter century at the annual Astoria Warrenton Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival.

Clown Bread features local Bornstein's crab or shrimp, French

bread from Home Bakery in Astoria and a closely guarded if-they-tell-you-they-have-to-kill-you mixture called "Clown Sauce."

Bill Landwehr, a 20-year veteran of Astoria Clowns, has been slinging Clown Bread for decades: "We have them waiting in line before the festival even starts," he said.

Landwehr is one of more than 150 vendors that make the festival one of the Columbia-Pacific's

don't miss events of the year.

Hosted by the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce, the 36th annual event will be held at the Clatsop County Fair & Expo Center (92937 Walluski Loop) Friday, April 27, through Sunday, April 29.

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The festival has expanded since its early days at the Port of Astoria in the 1980s. Vendors now include