

Encore dancers present 'Little Mermaid,' 'The Wiz'

SEASIDE — Encore Dance Studio is proud to present our annual Spring Showcase at the Seaside Civic & Convention Center.

Join us for a free hip-hop dance party 5 p.m. Friday, June 8, and stay to watch our performance of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Little Mermaid," solo dance routines by members of our award-winning Performance Team and a tumbling skills demonstration.

At 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 9 and 10, join us for a fun-filled show, including the Performance Team's musical theatre production of "The Wiz" at the Convention Center. Then watch as our dancers, from tiny to teen, entertain with routines they've been



FREE COMMUNITY EVENT for all ages!

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preparing all spring.

Also available all three nights is a silent auction benefiting our nonprofit

partner, the Encore Performing Arts Foundation, so come bid on some wonderful items and packages.

Tales of 'Terrible Tilly' told

SEASIDE — Local historian, photographer and author Brian D. Ratty returns to History & Hops to discuss the Tillamook Rock Lighthouse, aka Terrible Tilly, 6 p.m. Thursday, May 31, at Seaside Brewing Co., 861 Broadway St.

The lighthouse is an iconic Oregon North Coast landmark. Construction took 500 days and was completed in January 1881. It was decommissioned in 1957, yet the lighthouse structure remains. Standing 134 feet tall, it has withstood winds, storms and waves for 137 years, creating a history of its own.

"There is something mysterious about the Tillamook Rock Lighthouse, something marvelous and a little macabre," Ratty said. "When one sees it, one wants to learn more."

A family history with Terrible Tilly drove Ratty to write his recently released book, "Tillamook Rock Lighthouse: History & Tales of Terrible Tilly."

His grandfather Harry Ratty almost died on the rock in 1934. He became ill due to exposure after a violent storm and was finally evacuated after several rescue attempts. Ratty recalls the light's beacon and horns from the time during WWII when his family lived in Seaside.

Ratty, a retired media executive and graduate of Brooks Institute of Photography, has



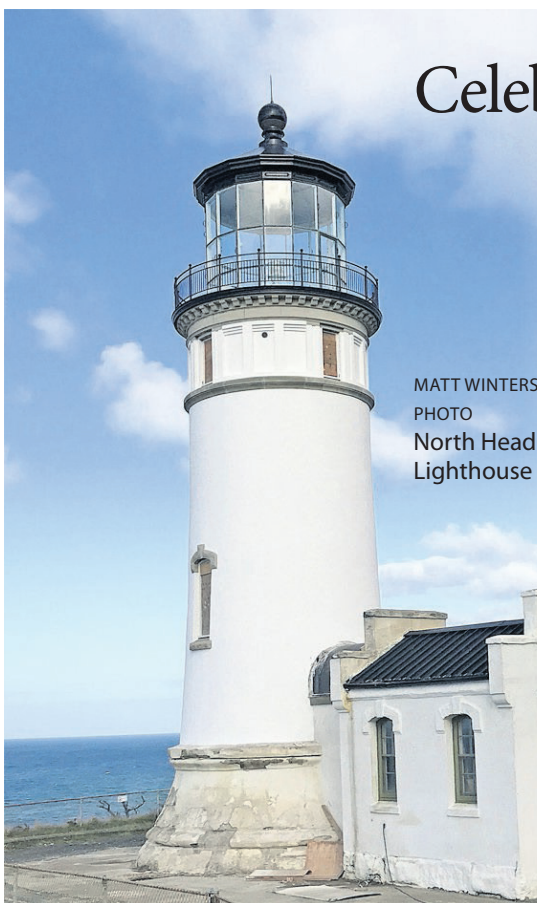
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Author Brian D. Ratty

written magazine articles about the Pacific Northwest and won awards for his historical fiction novels. For more than 30 years, he has traveled the vast wilderness of the Pacific Coast in search of images and stories that reflect its spirit and splendor.

History & Hops is a series of local history discussions hosted by the Seaside Museum on the last Thursday of each month, September through May, at Seaside Brewing Co.

Celebrate the 120th anniversary of North Head Lighthouse



MATT WINTERS PHOTO
North Head Lighthouse

OLYMPIA, WASH. — Washington State Parks and Keepers of the North Head Lighthouse invite the public to help celebrate the 120th anniversary of the North Head Lighthouse at Cape Disappointment State Park in Ilwaco. This year, the lighthouse will be open for guided tours.

In addition, numerous family-friendly events will take place to commemorate the lighthouse's birthday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 2, at Cape Disappointment State Park, 244 Robert Gray Drive.

Access to the interior of the lighthouse has been closed while the building undergoes a major renovation.

State Parks and the Keepers of the North Head Lighthouse are pleased to announce the lighthouse is now open for guided tours for a cost of \$2.50 for those 18 and older. Entrance is free for youth ages 7 to 17. Children must be at

least 7 years old to tour the lighthouse tower.

The lighthouse celebration will feature music; kids' entertainment, including a clown; an open house at the lighthouse keeper's residence; guided historical hikes at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; and cake and refreshments.

Two members of the Keepers will be on the grounds dressed as a lighthouse keeper and his wife. The lighthouse store and a small museum with related exhibits will also be open. A special tour at 3 p.m. explains the Maya Lin-designed art installations in the park: the cedar grove, the Confluence Boardwalk and the Fish Cleaning Table.

Parking and a free shuttle to the lighthouse will be available at the Cape D Café, which is across from the main campground entrance. Parking is also available at the North Head Lighthouse parking area. A Discover Pass will not

be needed for vehicle access to the park that day because June 2 is a State Parks free day, in recognition of National Trails Day.

The Keepers of the North Head Lighthouse will be selling tickets for a chance to win a lighthouse-related prize, and the proceeds will help with renovation costs.

North Head Lighthouse is one of two lighthouses located in or near Cape Disappointment State Park. The other is Cape Disappointment Lighthouse, which sits on U.S. Coast Guard property. The North Head Lighthouse was completed in 1898.

For more information, contact Stephen Wood, a parks interpretive specialist, at 360-642-3029; Janet Easley, of Keepers of the North Head Lighthouse, at 360-665-5580; or Lona Niemi, also from the Keepers group, at 360-642-2502.