

PLAID FRIDAY

COURTESY MANZANITA VISITORS CENTER

On Nov. 23, merchants in Manzanita, Nehalem and Wheeler put on 'Plaid Friday,' a nicer, more local version of Black Friday.

'Plaid Friday' a saner, less corporate version of Black Friday

Join merchants from Manzanita, Nehalem and Wheeler for "Plaid Friday" all day long Nov. 23.

The name came from the idea of weaving the individual threads of small businesses together to create a strong fabric that celebrates the diversity and creativity of independent businesses.

Plaid Friday is a relaxing and enjoyable alternative to Black Friday, and is designed to promote both local and independently owned businesses during the holidays.

Look for the Plaid Friday poster in merchants' windows and have a fun day of holiday shopping.

Keep exploremanzanita.com for specific deals as they are announced.

An evening of free family fun at Holiday Kids Fair

MANZANITA — Need something for the whole family to do after a day of shopping?

Come to the Manzanita Holiday Kids Fair, held at the Pine Grove Community House, 225 Laneda Ave. It's an evening of free fun, 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23.

Local organizations and nonprofits will have tables

with arts-and-crafts projects and games for kids to enjoy. Enjoy light refreshments, holiday cheer and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Santa arrives by Fire Truck, courtesy of Nehalem Bay Fire & Rescue, at 5:30 p.m.

Local author Brian Cameron will sign and sell copies of his newest book, "25 Fam-



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Santa and Mrs. Claus make an appearance at a previous Holiday Kids Fair.

ily Adventures on Oregon's Tillamook Coast." For details, contact Dan Haag at the Manzanita Visitors Center: 503-812-5510 or info@exploremanzanita.com.

Shop for holiday gifts at Maritime Museum

ASTORIA — Join the Columbia River Maritime Museum on Sunday, Nov. 25, when more than 900 museum stores representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia, 12 countries and four continents will offer inspired shopping at museums and cultural institutions.

The Maritime Museum will offer a one-day-only Cape Shore Pop-Up Store, with the North Coast's largest selection of holiday ornaments, housewares and grab-n-go gifts that are only available Sunday, with all Cape Shore products at 25 percent off. Each purchase supports the mission and programs of the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

Museum store hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Check out the North Coast's largest selection of holiday ornaments, housewares and grab-n-go gifts at the Columbia River Maritime Museum on Nov. 25.

COURTESY COLUMBIA RIVER MARITIME MUSEUM

Who will take home the Magnanimous Mug?

ASTORIA — Benevolent community members are raising funds for local charities in hopes of hoisting Fort George Brewery's Magnanimous Mug for 2019.

The 12 participants have been chosen and are out gathering cash donations for their nonprofits.

At 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, they'll bring those donations to Fort George and more money will be raised. The final tallies will be announced at 8 p.m.

The most ambitious fundraiser will receive a matching donation from Fort George of up to \$10,000, with \$5,000 going to second place and \$1,000 to third. The overall winner will also receive the Magnanimous Mug for 2019, a custom mug in Fort George's Mug Club.

The contestants in this year's Magnanimous

Mug Awards:

Cara Mico, Cannon Beach Arts Association; Bruce Williams, Astoria Warming Center; Suzanne Harold, Libraries Reading Outreach in Clatsop County; Jorge Gutierrez, Lower Columbia Hispanic Council; Meche Brownlow, Lunch Buddy Mentoring Program; Merianne Meyers, North Coast Food Web; Jennifer Crockett, the Liberty Theatre; Eric Owen, Northwest Coast Trails Coalition; Dan Stein, Astoria Armory; Amanda Kitchen, MOMS Club of Astoria; Jessica Klein, The Harbor; Mary Docherty, Riverfolk.

Want to help select the winner by donating to one of these causes? Contact the organization or attend the Magnanimous Mug Awards.

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