

Sweet Shop Gearhart

Since 2017, Sweet Shop Gearhart has been serving up sweet treats like homemade scones, cookies, muffins and organic coffee from Cannon Beach’s Sleepy Monk Coffee Co. For Valentine’s Day, 10% will be deducted off purchases of chocolates, champagne and sparkling wines.

Owner Traci Williams said wine is one of the shop’s best selling items with several wines from Oregon, Washington state and California.

“Scones are our best selling item, with more than 37,000 sold since we opened less than four years ago,” Williams said. “Obviously ice cream is a close second, we offer 24 flavors. We also have a big following for our homemade soups and casseroles that rotate daily.”

The shop has expanded its selection of local vendors and gifts to fill the space previously used for indoor dining. Some seating is available outside.

McMenamins Sand Trap Pub

McMenamins Sand Trap Pub in Gearhart is a short walk to the beach and is known for craft beers, wines, ciders, spirits and specialty coffees in addition to the pub’s food menu. Food options include halibut fish and chips, creamy crab mac and cheese, steamer clams, burgers, steaks, sandwiches, pizzas, soups, salads, hummus plate and desserts.

“Our Alehouse Halibut Fish & Chips or our Pot Bunker Crab Fondue Pot are both excellent options for sharing with a valentine,” said Hansel Wolff, property manager. “We also have a large selection of vegan and vegetarian options as well.”

Wolff said operating during the coronavirus pandemic has been a “rollercoaster.” The pub’s staff was laid off earlier in the



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- Ecola State Park
- Fort Stevens State Park
- Hug Point State Recreation Site
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- Black Lake
- Cape Disappointment State Park
- Leadbetter State Park
- Lewis and Clark Discovery Trail
- Willapa National Wildlife Refuge

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ABOVE: Savannah, left and Jackson embrace at Hug Point during an engagement photoshoot. BELOW: Kelly Mauer, left, Holly Fergus and Danielle Shipp at the Cannon Beach Chocolate Cafe.

pandemic.

“Thankfully our community has really been a huge help in building us back up,” Wolff said. “We’ve managed to bring back our staff and welcome our guests back while placing a huge importance on safety for everyone.”

Recalling a special Valentine’s Day memory, Wolff said, “Last year we had a guest work with our sales coordinator to create a scavenger hunt around the property that ended in our secret room, tucked away in our hotel annex, with a proposal. She said yes.”



Bartender Jake Wilson places firewood inside a fire pit outside McMenamins Sand Trap Pub.

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