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Scandi fest brings music, dance to fairgrounds

The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival is this weekend at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds, 92937 Walluski Loop, Astoria.

There will be retail booths with hand-crafted items. Scandinavian imports, traditional foods and more than a dozen music, dance and theater groups.

The festival, which is more than 40 years old, was recently named an Oregon Heritage Tradition.

Hours are 2 to 11 p.m. Friday, June 15; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 16; and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday,



Courtesy Scandinavian Midsummer Festival

Miss Finland prepares to light the bonfire at last year's festival.

June 17. Breakfast is available Saturday and Sunday, with booths opening at 9 a.m.

General admission is \$8 and is good for all three days, children ages 6 to 12 are \$3 and those younger than 6 are free. Parking is \$2 per day or \$5 for the weekend.

To learn more, visit the festival's website, astoriascanfest.com.

Boy Scouts have pancake fund-raiser

Boy Scout Troop 211 of Astoria will sponsor a pancake breakfast from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 16, at the Masonic Lodge, 1572 Franklin Ave., Astoria.

The troop is raising money for Scout Camp.

Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and beverages are included for \$6 per person, \$4 for ages 62 and older and \$20 for families (children 5 and younger eat free). Tickets are available at the door.

For more information. contact Sam Rascoe at 503-791-8134.

RV show begins today in Rainier

RV Palooza, in which those interested in a new recreational vehicle can look through the latest models, will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday,

and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 15-24, at Rainier City Park on A Street in Rainier.

Guaranty RV will be offering free RV driving classes for those who need help backing up and other sometimes difficult driving tasks.

Historical marker dedicated today

Oregon Historical Marker Program will dedicate a new historical marker that tells the story of the U.S.S. Shark, which wrecked at the mouth of the Columbia River in 1846.

The dedication is at 1 p.m. today, June 15, on Highway 101 at the wayside on Highway 101. Parking is at the Arch Cape Fire Station just south of the wayside.

Three of the ship's carronades (short, smoothbore castiron naval cannons) were found at various locations near what is today Arch Cape. A replica of one of those cannons is on display in the same roadside pullout as the historical marker.



The former routed wood marker had been standing for decades and was in dire need of replacement. The new, modern marker tells a more in-depth story through photographs and expanded text.

The Arch Cape Falcon Cove Beach Community Club sponsored the marker's development and secured a grant from Clatsop County to fund the project.

The Oregon Historical Marker Program is administered by the Oregon Travel Information Council.