

This weekend

Klootch Creek trails unveiling

The new recreational trail network at Klootch Creek will be unveiled at a grand opening from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 20.

Mark Morgans of Greenwood Resources of Portland, will host the ribbon-cutting.

The event is sponsored by North Coast Trail Alliance. There will be a barbecue,

refreshments and shuttle service to some of the best vistas on the site.

Klootch Creek is a 25-acre county park off Highway 26, about 2 1/2 miles east of Highway 101. It's the site of Oregon's first state Heritage Tree, the Klootch Creek Giant, once the largest Sitka spruce in the United States. Estimated to be 750 years old, it was toppled in the 2007 storm, which damaged thousands of trees in Clatsop County forests.



The giant before 2007.

Merchants host artists' block party

A block in downtown Astoria is hosting a block party as a way to provide more opportunities for artists and crafters.

The party is from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 19, on 14th Street between Commercial Street and Marine Drive. It's hosted by Ferry Street Society, a group of businesses at

the east end of downtown. The name comes from the era when the Columbia River Ferry docked at the end of 14th Street.



14th Street, Astoria

Churches to air soulful surf film

"Soul Surfer," a movie based on the life of teenage surfer Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a shark attack, will be shown Friday and Saturday at two churches in Astoria.

The first airing is at 8 p.m. July 19 at First Lutheran, 725 33rd St. The second airing is at 8 p.m. July 20 at Peace Lutheran Church, 565 12th St.



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