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Crowds along the Prom at the Pride parade. Hundreds marched in Seaside for the city's first Pride event.



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Members of the Oregon Veterans Motorcycle Association at the Turnaround on Saturday before their ride.

POW/MIA ride launches in Seaside

Seaside Signal

Members of the Oregon Veterans Motorcycle Association assembled Saturday morning at the Turnaround to begin their road trip across the state to raise awareness of 1,000 Oregonian soldiers missing in action or prisoners of war.

The association, with chapters in Bend, Eugene and Salem, is one of several state veterans motorcycle groups.

The ride launched in 2020 when more than 80 motorcyclists rode to celebrate the renaming of the POW/Memorial Highway from U.S. Highway 26.

Larry Moyer, a U.S. Navy veteran representing the High Desert Eagles, said the unearthing of former mass burials in Vietnam are providing DNA to help identify military personnel killed in the Vietnam conflict, providing some level of closure for their families. "Remains to this day are being freshly turned in," Moyer said.

Co-organizer Cliff Brumels said the state has 33 missing prisoners of war or missing



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Motorcyclists in Seaside prepare their ride to raise awareness of prisoners of war or killed in action.

in action from Vietnam, plus one civilian.

About 60 riders took off from Seaside, following a route to the Vietnam Memorial in Beaverton, and Madras for a dinner at the air museum. The ceremony concluded at the Ontario Lions Park Sunday night.



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Fourth: Street dance, puffin watch among events

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queues, she said, creating a "pyromusical element" to the show using a crew of 12 pyrotechnicians.

"It's definitely safer," Gobet said. "It's really a necessity to provide that level of presentation and certainly to incorporate the music."

The soundtrack is prepared by Seaside's Boomer Barbosa of 94.9 The Bridge, with favorites and patriotic songs.

Throughout the weekend, David's Chair Outdoor Mobility Systems will bring seven electric all-terrain wheelchairs to the Promenade between Broadway and Avenue A free for mobility challenged guests. David's Chair mission is to empower mobility impaired people to enjoy outdoor activities.

"We see the need to serve the Portland Metro area and so many people want to use our chairs at the beach," Steve Furst, the founder and CEO, said. "We want to help create lasting memories and we figured that we could do that on Independence Day and chose Seaside because it is a destination spot and it is close to the Portland Metro area.

Sixteen people are signed up, but, Furst said, "we can handle many more than that. We use two-hour time slots and will be running multiple chairs each slot. We expect that there will be several people that stumble upon us over the weekend so we believe we will provide our services to many more."

kids and firefighter apparel sales.

The event is sponsored by the Gearhart Association and presented by the city and street dance committee.

Cannon Beach

Cannon Beach will celebrate with an Independence Day at 11 a.m., presented by the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce.

The parade heads north on Spruce Street from the staging area between Gower and Monroe streets. From Spruce, the parade turns east onto Third and then heads south on Hemlock, disbanding near the American Legion. Kids, bikes, old cars, decorated entries, and walking groups are welcome to enter, with a special invitation to all veterans.

All fireworks are illegal in Cannon Beach.

Other events on the Fourth are the Great Puffin Watch and the used book sale at the Cannon Beach Library.

The puffin watch, sponsored by the Haystack Rock Awareness Program, takes place 8 to 11 a.m. each day from July 1 to July 4. Interpreters will be at Haystack Rock for viewing of tufted puffins, sea stars and sea birds.

The book sale runs from July 1 to July 4. Sale hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Anyone with mobility impairment, requiring the assistance of wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, canes or crutches, will be able to use an all-terrain wheelchair at no charge.

Gearhart

In Gearhart, the holiday begins with a street dance on July 1.

The event began in 2018 as a part of Gearhart's centennial celebration and returned in 2019. This year's dance includes music by DJ John Chapman, photo booth snapshots and kids' face-painting.

On the Fourth, Gearhart's parade participants line up at 10:30 a.m. between Seventh and 10th on Marion. The parade begins at 11 a.m.

Powered vehicles of all types are prohibited. The parade travels from Marion to Pacific Way, ending at the fire station, where families can enjoy free hot dogs, a dunk tank, firefighter course for





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