

# Garlic is the star as North Plains gets ready for some stinky fun

Fun stinks, and so does the food! Oregon's top Chefs will choose the best of the reeking dishes offered during the World's Fifth Annual Elephant Garlic Festival in North Plains on August 16 through 18.

Members of the prestigious Chefs de Cuisine Society of Oregon will taste, sniff and confer the "Best of the Fest" honors upon their first, second and third place choices, out of the

many Elephant Garlic-laden culinary concoctions at the festival. Making their job difficult is the prospect of selecting the best from among some of the past favorites, like all-natural garlic chips, mojo garlic pork burritos, garlic Philly steak sandwiches, garlic fresh

mashed potatoes, garlic fried chicken, garlic burgers, shrimp melt sandwiches with garlic herb cream cheese, garlic potato soup, stuffed garlic pizza and garlic ice cream. And the new Elephant Garlic food items, added each year, will also be in competition for the

top three spots.

The Elephant Garlic Festival, which attracts thousands more each year, and has been called the fastest-growing community event in the Northwest, opens Friday, August 16 at 3:00 p.m. It runs through Sunday, August 18 at 6:00 p.m. It offers

free admission and parking.

In addition to food and freshly-harvested Elephant Garlic, the festival offers continuous entertainment from two stages, kids entertainment and activities, a parade, a car show, a pancake breakfast, a beer and wine court where the entire family can sit together and an arts and crafts fair. One of the highlights of the event is the crowning of a new Elephant Garlic Emperor and Empress, where to win, it is a plus to have a physique which closely resembles the herb for which the festival is named.

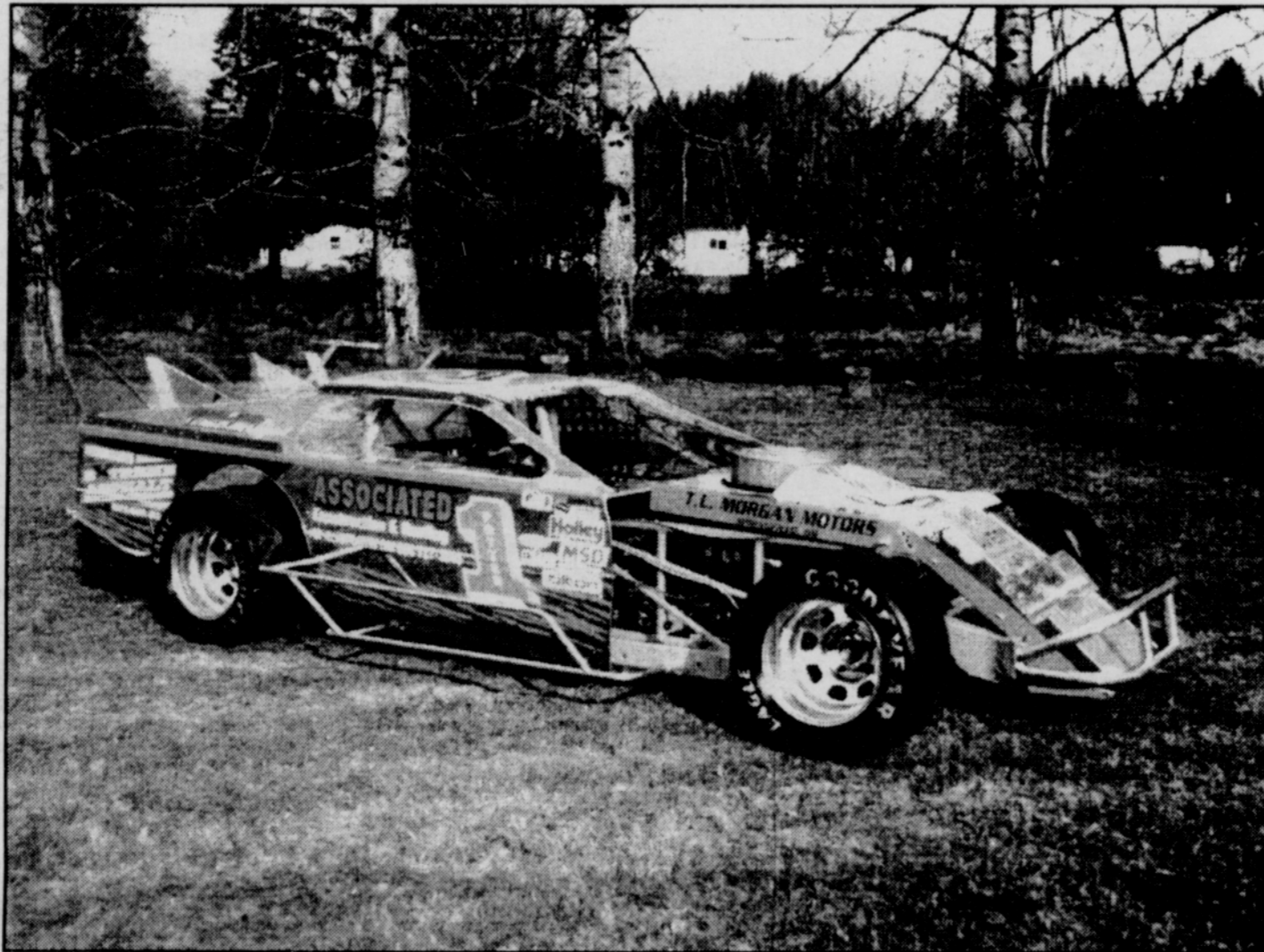
For more information, call 888-771-3708 or visit the website at [www.funstinks.com](http://www.funstinks.com)

## Directory started of artists who live in Columbia County

A directory of creative artists who reside in Columbia County is being assembled by Columbia Foundation Art Mapping. The directory will include practitioners of visual and performing arts as well as crafts. The directory will be listed on the web.

The listing is free to artists who provide the information to Columbia Technology Center by May 1. After that date, there will be a \$10 fee.

Forms may be obtained from The Independent or Grey Dawn Gallery.



The car above, built by Potter Racing of Vernonia, placed first last month, not just in its own Oval Track Class, but against ALL race cars in the Portland Roadster show.

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## Sixth benefit trap shoot Saturday

Bighorn Logging and the Sunset Gun Club will host the sixth annual Dan Hilger Memorial Trap Shoot on Saturday, May 18, at 12:00 p.m., at Sunset Park in Banks. There will be fun shoots for all skill levels, lots of silent auctions, raffles for a shot gun and a rifle, and food and drinks will be available. Proceeds benefit the four children of Dan and Tammy Hilger.

For more information, to buy raffle tickets or to make a donation, call Denise Dethlefs at 503-324-2422.

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