

New Family Farm exhibit opens July 10 and 11 at Oregon Zoo

Want to touch a Shetland lamb or brush a pygora goat?

If so, visit the Oregon Zoo's new 18,000 square foot Trillium Creek Family Farm grand opening, July 10-11, from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Zoo visitors will learn about life on this traditional farm, while nuzzling farm animals like ducks, chickens, rabbits, lambs and baby goats.

"Our new family farm highlights all facets of farm living and the rich agricultural heritage of the Pacific Northwest," said Director Tony Vecchio. "Adults and children discover what life on a working farm is all about — they can even shear sheep."

Grand opening events will feature a variety of hands-on activities, highlighting life on a farm. In addition, the Little Zoo petting exhibit has been permanently moved into the Family Farm exhibit. Visitors and their families can compost in the vegetable garden, make quilting squares, and interact with the exhibit's many animals.

Kids can play dress-up with various farm costumes, spin an animal activity wheel to learn

about the behavior of different animals, or play on a tractor. The Dairy Farmers of Oregon and the Oregon Dairy Princesses will be on hand to give out samples of milk, and children can check out Dairy Anna, a life-sized fiberglass cow. Kids can also participate in the interactive fiber arts displays led by zoo volunteers, such as weaving, dyeing and spinning.

Musical entertainment will feature Victor Johnson, of The Dalles, who will perform his newest collection, Country Blues for Kids at 10:30 a.m. and again at 12:30 p.m. each day. Johnson's CD just won the Parent's Choice Award for music that entertains and educates children.

Also performing will be Juliet Wyers, a local singer/songwriter playing uplifting folk music. Wyers will perform both days at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. She has performed around the country and locally at the Portland Rose Festival and the Clackamas County Fair.

The Trillium Creek Family Farm includes a 3,000 square foot barn, a 1,700 square foot

farmhouse, a farmyard and several corrals. The design is based on existing historic farms in Oregon.

The farm will be the zoo's first-ever exhibit run exclusively by teen volunteers. The volunteers are part of the ZooTeen program, an award-winning youth development and education program that began more than 25 years ago and now includes several hundred high-school volunteers from all over the state.

ZooTeens currently work in the zoo's pygmy goat kraal and tide pools in the summer.

"We're taking this concept even further, allowing teens to work in our farm exhibit all year round — they'll feed, care for and train animals just as a zookeeper would," said Youth Volunteer Coordinator Mia Reager.

Trillium Creek Family Farm is a key component of the zoo's Great Northwest Exhibit, which replicates major areas of our region's diverse ecosystem from the crest of the Cascades to the Pacific coast and be-

yond.

For more information about Trillium Creek Family Farm visit www.oregonzoo.org.

General admission is \$9 (12-64), seniors \$7.50 (65+), chil-

dren \$6 (3-11), and children under 3 are free. Additional information is available on the zoo Web site: www.oregonzoo.org or by calling 503-226-1561.

July 2 food drive at Dead show will benefit county food banks

When The Dead appear in concert at Columbia Meadows on July 2 at 6:00 p.m., they will not only provide great entertainment, they will help feed

accepted starting two hours before the doors open at donation bins located outside all main entrances. Food donations will benefit Columbia Pacific Food Bank, which provides food to Vernonia Cares and other local food banks and programs in Columbia County.

The first 1,000 people to donate ten non-perishable items will receive a free limited edition commemorative poster designed by famed Grateful Dead artist, Stanley Mouse. Donations of low-sodium and health food-oriented products are especially welcome.

For ticket information, call 503-224-8499 or 800-992-8499 or order online at www.ticketwest.com.



needy families in Columbia County by including a food drive along with the concert.

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Record holding unicyclist to speak in St. Helens

Lars Clausen took to the road and explored the United States in a way that TV journalist Charles Kuralt might have envied—with a 50-state unicycle trip from Washington to the Statue of Liberty and back again. His spoke-by-spoke travels took him across America from coast to coast, through a Mojave Desert storm, past breath-taking snow-capped Montana mountains, close to a raging hurricane in Louisiana, and Times Square traffic.

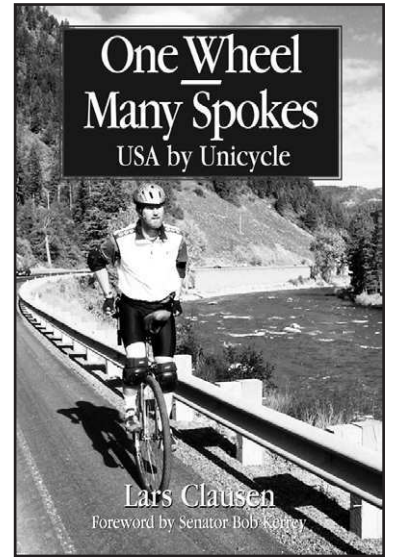
The catalyst for the trip was Clausen's desire to publicize the needs of the Inupiat Eskimos on Alaska's Seward peninsula and earn money for an endowment fund that will provide them with a stable resource. At the same time, he established

a new record for the longest distance traveled by unicycle in a 24-hour period—202.78 miles. He also broke the 3,876 mile record established by Hans Peter Beck (across Australia) by traveling 9,136 miles across 48 contiguous U.S. states.

Now, with all the flavor of *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*, Clausen shares the adventure and soulfulness of pedaling the roads of America in search of his country and himself.

You can hear Clausen talk about his adventures, July 10 in St. Helens, as he promotes his book, *One Wheel Many Spokes: USA by Unicycle*, by riding his 36" Coker unicycle down the west coast from Canada to Mexico.

Clausen will appear at the



Columbia Center auditorium, 375 S. 18th St., St. Helens at 3:00 p.m. This is a presentation of the Literary Arts Series, a collaboration of the St. Helens Public Library, Friends of the St. Helens Public Library, the St. Helens Book Shop, the Historical Society of Columbia County and Columbia Learning Center. All events are offered to the public for no charge.

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