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Feather Your Nest is well known favorite for Brookings locals, and visitors alike. Whether you are looking for the perfect item to complete your cozy coastal home decor, or a memento from your trip to the coast, this boutique store has a little something for everyone. Stop in to see what tickles your fancy, and add a few feathers to your own nest at 800 Chetco Ave, Brookings.



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This edition of the 2023 Curry County WE LOVE IT HERE represents just a sample of the growing and vibrant communities and individuals within our county.

The stories outline the passion and commitment our residents have invested in their individual journey and in our county as a whole. The strength of our county lies in its people, our business growth, local resources, and Curry County's natural beauty.

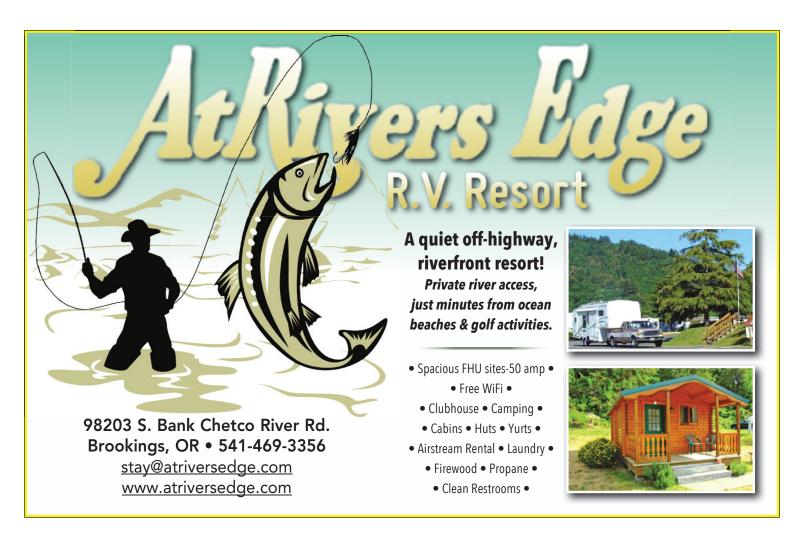
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We encourage you to explore all that Curry County has to offer and to support our local businesses and our nonprofits.

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Have fun while learning at the Umpqua Discovery Center

By SARAH KELLY For Country Media, Inc.

In an effort to revitalize the City of Reedsport, city staff sought solutions to their failing economy. They were quick to realize that the underutilized waterfront area could be the solution to their problems. The beautiful Umpqua River and surrounding estuaries were ideal for tourism.

City officials brought to life the Riverfront Revitalization proiect and in 1986, a committee was formed to get this project underway. In 1993 the 7500 sq ft Umpqua Discovery Center was officially opened, successfully bringing money back into the community all while protecting and preserving their amazing waterfront.

The center educates visitors about the natural and cultural his-

tory of the Lower Umpqua area. The center primar-

self-guided and open to all ages. They also have a gift shop for those wishing to purchase a keepsake. Two areas are showcased within the discovery center. The first area, Pathways to Discovery, is their natural history exhibit, where you will be taken on a simulated outdoor hike. You will spend your time learning all about the plants and animals of the area as you traverse through all four seasons. As you walk the path you will find buttons to press for various animal and bird sounds. "There's a bear cave and you can slide into [it] where you learn all about bears," said Diane Novak, the center's director. Novak added that there is also an interactable weather station that tells storm stories from the past as well as exhibits that provide information on rain, wind and atmosphere. According to Novak, their weather station and bear cave were done with help from the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI).

you cross the dunes during a summer sunset, eventually ending your adventure in the Subterranean Education Room whichfeatures videos on skeletons, animal homes, weather and seashore. They opened their 50-seat video theater room in 2006. which has over 30 films available for guests. "People can come in and watch those, they're listed by title and how long they are.

There's one on the lighthouse, anything from the lighthouse to the elk, to the whales, to the dunes. [There's also the] history of Reedsport," Novak said.

The center's second area is called Tidewaters and Time, which is their cultural history exhibit. In this area you will travel back in time, learning about the early Kuuich (Quuiich, Lower Umpqua or Kuitsh) Natives and early explorers like Jedediah Smith. You will be able to listen to stories told by the early pioneers about living in the town, as well as watch videos on how logging used to be done.









and listen to the oral histories," says Novak referring to their oral histories area.

The, "I remember, I remember" exhibit is where all the stories are told from the perspective of early settlers. Novak said that, even today, they continue to record the oral histories of people who grew up in the area, adding their stories to the showcase.

When continuing through the exhibits you will eventually come across the center's fish cannery and tidewater town. This exhibit combines historical artifacts with modern technology to add lights and sound for a heightened experience. "There's a grocery store, barber shop, mercantile and it tells you how life revolved around the tides in the early days, in the early 1900s," said Novak.

In the su mmer, the discovery center hosts free outdoor concerts for the community, bringing in a variety of bands. "A lot of times it's the classics like rock 'n' roll, oldies but if we find a good jazz band or blues band, we'll bring in all kinds. We try to showcase local bands," said Novak.

Concerts are performed on Thursday evenings. They currently only do three concerts, two in July and one in August. The center offers its theater room for those wishing to rent it out for things like baby showers, weddings and so forth. They charge \$4 for kids 5-15 years old and \$8 for adults. The Umpqua Discovery Center is located at 409 Riverfront Way in Reedsport, Oregon. Visit their website for more information: www.Umpqua-DiscoveryCenter.com or call: (541) 271-4816.

Pacific Sushi & Grill:

serving up fresh, sustainable and delicious food

By SARAH KELLY

For Country Media, Inc.

At the forefront of everything they do, Pacific Sushi & Grill in Brookings operates with one very important thought in mind, sustainability. This key driving force ensures that every piece of fish that comes through its doors is traceable back to its source.

Pacific sushi works solely with fresh fish, sourced from fishermen and fisheries they have personally reviewed for quality and sustainability. Before starting Pacific Sushi, owner Michael Horgan had been a commercial fisherman. Horgan moved to Brookings in 2011, opening Pacific Sushi a few years later in

With a boat still at his disposal, Horgan frequently takes it out with his employees and catches many of the fish they use in their restaurant. "We'll take employees out on the boat ... and we'll go catch tuna for a day ... and we'll actually serve that fish in the restaurant that night," said Horgan.

Head Chef and General Manager of Pacific Sushi, Christian Snyder, has recently added the title of business partner to his

have to understand the rules before you can even consider to break them and do some fusion type of stuff," said Horgan.

According to Horgan, Pacific Sushi is considered one of the top five sushi restaurants on the whole West Coast, "from San Diego all the way up to Canada." The restaurant has been recognized by many for its delicious, fresh and carefully prepared dishes, such as the AAA (American Automobile





Pacific Sushi & Grill sources fresh sustainable sea urchins from a local vendor in Bandon.



PHOTO Contributed by Michael Horgan Fantastic sushi prepared daily using fresh fish with house-made sauces are just some of the amazing foods you can find at Pacific Sushi & Grill.

Making ethical choices and top-notch food that is still affordably priced can be challenging but Horgan and Snyder would not want to do it any other way. "We try to do the local farm-to-table type thing," said Horgan. "We just try to make the best choices that we can and feed everybody like they're our family."

Nothing used at Pacific Sushi comes from a jar or can. Everything is made fresh, including all of their sauces which are made in-house. Everything from their ramen base and teriyaki sauce to their spicy mayo, gyoza sauce and rice seasoning is made fresh nearly every day.

Their mouthwatering rolls will leave you never wanting to eat at another sushi restaurant again. Rolls, like their Redwood, made using tempura prawns, real crab, avocado and scallions, topped with fresh ahi tuna and their Bruce Lee which is a tempura-fried extra spicy salmon roll, topped with scallions, fire-roasted jalapeños and their dynamite and sriracha sauce.

They also have a great selection of vegetarian rolls, including their Harmony roll which is made with tempura jalapeños, mango, avocado and cream cheese, finished with a pineapple habanero marmalade and cilantro.

With a variety of classic and signature rolls, tempura fried rolls, vegetarian rolls, temaki (hand-rolled), nigiri and sashimi, you will have a hard time picking just one to try.

However, Pacific Sushi is so much more than just sushi, while that is their main menu item, they also offer a variety of other dishes. Traditional Tonkotsu Ramen, Stir Fry Udon, steaks using Angus Beef and burgers made of Wagyu beef, along with some delectable desserts are just a few of the additional dishes the restaurant cooks up for hungry diners.

The idea of sourcing locally extends to all of the restaurant's beef products which are typically purchased from farms in Brookings, Gold Beach and parts of eastern Oregon. The desserts that they don't make in-house they even purchase from a baker in Crescent City.

Aside from food, Pacific Sushi has an impressive list of drinks. According to Horgan, they offer one of the largest selections of whiskey imported from around the world. "We've got a huge selection of top-shelf scotch, ranging from upwards of \$1,000 a bottle. So we've really developed our whiskey bar to kind of be a high-end thing there," said Horgan.

While they do offer alcohol, Pacific Sushi is family-friendly. All ages are now welcome to sit at any table within the restaurant, bar seating being the only place children are not allowed. To accommodate more families the restaurant opened up their lounge area, converting it into more family-friendly seating.

As the restaurant continues to grow, "pulling what we can from the ocean... and continuing to use as much locally as we can ... is pretty important to me," said Snyder who strives to see the business source even more items from their immediate area as he looks for more ways to make that happen.

Pacific Sushi & Grill is located at 613 Chetco Avenue in Brookings. They are open every day from 11:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. and offer takeout for those wishing to dine at home. For more information visit their website: www.PacificSushi. com or call: (541) 251-7707. You can follow them on Facebook: www. Facebook.com/PacificSushiBrookings and stay up-to-date on all that they are actively doing to help maintain sustainably sourced food.



PHOTO Contributed by Michael Horgan
Contributed by Michael Horgan One masterful employee at Pacific Sushi is in charge of making rice all day every day. The restaurant uses so much rice that this position is essential.

They make hundreds of cups of rice a day.



PHOTO Contributed by Michael Horgan If you're lucky enough you may be at Pacific Sushi at the right time and be able to indulge in a one-of-a-kind 'Chef's Choice' dish.



Superfly Martini Bar and Grill:

serving up unique hand-crafted potato vodka alongside delicious dishes

By SARAH KELLY For Country Media, Inc.

Originally started by the Webster family in 2007, Superfly Distilling Company is now owned by Deon Shafer and Dylan Ridgley, who purchased the company in 2018. Using the same formula the Websters did, the company continues to make high-quality potato vodka at their distillery in Brookings.

The award-winning vodka takes approximately seven to ten days to reach perfection before being bottled for sale. It is available for purchase in 75 liquor stores throughout Oregon, including Safeway. Their vodka can also now be

purchased through a new distributor online.

Two dedicated people run the distillery, making the potato vodka in small batches, hand bottling and labeling each one. It takes around 10 pounds of russet potatoes to make just one bottle of Superfly's smooth premium vodka. The process is slow and tedious but quality is essential to the company. Their clean, smooth potato vodka is unlike any other outside of Poland.

Across the street from the distillery is the Superfly Martini Bar and Grill, which the Webster family started in 2011. With a background in the restaurant industry, opening

up their own was the perfect way to make their vodka more accessible to others. While they are not able to sell bottles of their vodka from the restaurant, due to Oregon regulations, they do use it to mix up some delicious drinks for diners.

Superfly has a large list of unique cocktails, featuring Superfly Vodka, giving them all a taste you will only find there. Sit down at the family-friendly restaurant and enjoy some spectacular dishes while you get lost in a Dreamsicle pint or a Starburst pint. If you're looking for something a bit smaller, then enjoy one of their martinis, like The Chocolate, Peach Sun or Strawberry Lem-

on Drop.

The restaurant offers brunch, lunch and dinner. Their lunch and dinner menu offers a variety of dishes, from wings and burgers to seared Pacific Yellowfin Tuna and nachos. They even have a kid's menu with all the kid favorites. All of their sauces are made inhouse, including their Hollandaise sauce.

Their brunch menu has all that you could want in a brunch: Eggs Benedict, Chicken Fried Steak and Eggs, BLT, Biscuits and Sausage Gravy and so much more. They also have a special cocktail menu at brunch which offers some classics like a Mimosa and Bloody





Mary, as well as some of their special Superfly Vodka mixes.

Superfly works hard to make sure quality is at the forefront of everything they do. By doing as much as possible by hand and from scratch, when possible, they can set fair prices and ensure their products meet the high standards they have set for themselves. It may be more labor intensive but getting top-shelf products out to customers is what they stand for.

To taste their vodka or grab a bite to eat, stop by their restaurant at 623 Memory Lane in Brookings. They are open for lunch and dinner Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sundays from 1:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

If you'd like to stop by for brunch you can select some-

thing from that menu Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Visit: www.SuperflyDistilling-Co.com for more information or call them at: (541) 251-8791.







Bud Cross Park:

Brookings' major athletic park

By SARAH KELLY For Country Media, Inc.

Full of public amenities, Bud Cross Park in Brookings is a fantastic local community park you could easily spend hours at with family and friends. The athletic park is located at 1130 Ransom Avenue in Brookings and is open from dawn until dusk.

The park features a seasonal municipal swimming pool, two

baseball fields, four tennis courts, a basketball court and a skate park.

The municipal swimming pool is an outdoor pool with a variety of swim times and programs, open from June until August. The pool has an accessible chair lift, diving board, locker room, showers and restrooms. Swimmers who are not toilet trained are required to wear a swim diaper to go into the pool.

The pool may also be rented out for private parties. They also offer both group and private swim lessons. Fees vary so be sure to verify prices ahead of time or check the current pool schedule. Call: (541) 469-4711 or email: poolmgr@brookings.or.us for more information.

The baseball fields are typically

busy during spring and summer, hosting little league games. The fields, however, are available for private games when they are not in use by the Brookings-Harbor Little League Association. To find out more information on scheduling and reserving the field call: (541) 469-1103.

Both the basketball court and tennis courts are all on a first come, first serve basis and are open for use by anyone wishing to play on them. The skate park is also available for use by people of any age and has restrooms nearby.

For more information about the park or other Brookings parks and facilities call Parks & Recreation at (541) 469-1138. They are only open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Port of Brookings Harbor: paradise for fishermen

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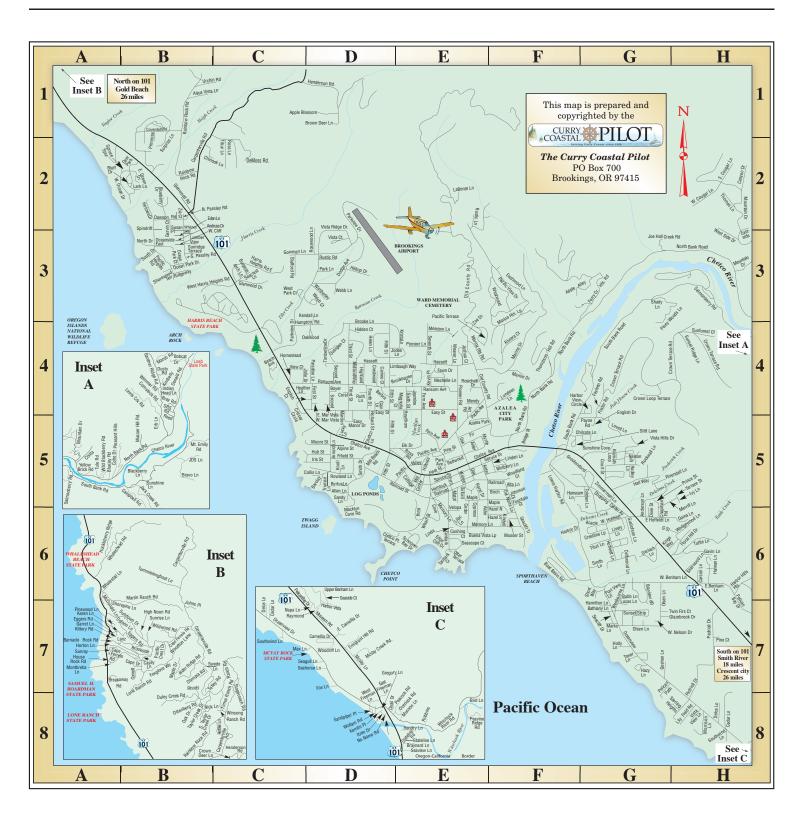
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Community celebration at Kidtown

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Kidtown "...was always great, but this one's better."

That was the reaction of 8-year-old Gabriel Fox, a short while after he'd rushed onto the newly installed soft, safe, and ADA accessible floor system.

According to city officials, the cost of the project is estimated at \$700,000 for the playground and soft floor. Total cost, including parking lot improvements and future covered picnic area is \$976,000.

The structure was originally installed at Azalea Park in 1995. A large crowd gathered under bright, sunny skies and a balloon bedecked entry Oct. 19, to hear Brookings Public Works and Development Services Director Anthony Baron and Brookings Mayor Ron Hedenskog describe the history and redevelopment of the playground they called the "crown jewel" of Azalea Park.

Brookings Police Department School Resource Officer Sophia Lucero watched, smiling, as the crowd of kids she estimated at about 100 strong packed the merry-go-round, climbed the rock wall, and filled the swings and other play strjuctures.

She was hardly the only person smiling, when asked her thoughts on the new layout, 10-year-old Josslyn Farris replied "amazing! Who wouldn't love it," she said. "This is the day our life truly begins."

Her friend Daman Rushton, also 10, said, "It's way better, I love it." They both quickly ran off to find some-

thing more exciting than commenting.

Ray Batten watched as his three kids,

Timothy 13, Isaiah, 11, and Joseph, 8years-old found their place within the crowd. "All three of mine have grown up here," he said. "Now that we live across the street, we're here every day." In his address at the community celebration, Baron said Kidtown has had "more daily use than we've ever seen."

As part of the rebuild, the surrounding fence incorporates 380 of the original fence boards engraved with the names of the original donors to Kidtown, always one of the park's most popular features in 1995. All 380 of them were refinished

by Hedeskog and installed in the current structure. These fence boards, as well as most of the lumber used in the original structure, were Port Orford Cedar, and milled at Tucker's mill in Langlois, Hedenskog told the Pilot.

One of those fence boards has the name of Cora Rose. As the Pilot reported in 1995, she was the winner of the "Name The Playground" contest for the then proposed Azalea Park playground. The story went on to explain that "Judy Stringham, playground organizer, presented the young winner with gift certificates for A&W, Fredde's ice cream and Bubba Brothers, along with a tie-dye T-shirt. Rose said she got the idea for the name from a magazine she enjoys reading called Kid City."

Brookings City staff installed the pickets and Cascade Home Center employees repainted the original Dragon and Unicorn that will be installed in the new structure.

In addition to the Kidtown upgrade, the parking lot has been resurfaced and improved, and a covered picnic area will be added soon.

Nature's Coastal Holiday made a \$30,000 contribution as part of the budget for the project. The volunteer community group, since 1997, has provided Brookings with its festival of lights each holiday season.





Local veterans presented quilts for their service



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The Azalea Quilters Guild provides handmade quilts in their effort to thank our service men and women for the sacrifice and service they provide to protect our freedoms. At this year's Azalea Quilt Show 23 veterans were awarded Quilts of Valor.

All branches of the armed forces were represented. This year the Quilt of Valor organization has presented almost 400,000 quilts nationwide. Information

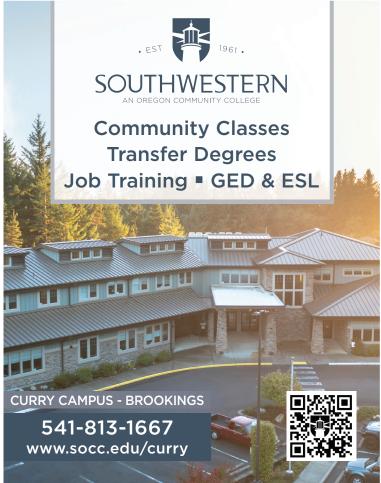
about the program can be found at Quilts of Valor Foundation com.

Members of the 1962-1963 classes of Bend Harbor High School were also presented with an additional 11 quilts at their class reunion in July.

Quilters from every state have chapters that provide quilts, but the Brookings Quilt Guild members said they are proud to have the opportunity to do annual presentations at the Azalea Festival Quilt Show for anyone wishing to participate.

"This year we generated a lot of pride and interest in the program by having a float in the Festival Parade and would like to thank the community for their support," the quilters said in a release.

If you would like to honor a past or pre-sent member of our armed forces, there is an online nomination form available, or for more information, text the Azalea Quilters Guild chairman for Quilts of Valor at 541-661-8200.



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