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CELTS SET TO INVADE NEWPORT

Newport, OR - The Celtic Heritage Alliance announces the return of the Newport Celtic Festival & Highland Games happening June 7, 8 & 9, 2013 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.

This year promises to be the best yet with indoor and outdoor vendor spaces sold out to 60 vendors - including retail, food, beverage, arts, crafts, music and more. These will be side by side with Celtic clans, societies and other non-profits who offer education and outreach to festival patrons at no cost.

This year's Celtic Heritage Parade will kick things off starting at 9:30 am at the Newport High School track. The parade is a FREE event, open to the public, featuring Celtic Clans and societies, pipers and pipe bands, performers, "gingers" on parade and the lovable Celtic dogs!

Executive Director Belinda Goody said, "this is our way of celebrating the diverse cultures of the seven Celtic nations of Brittany (France), Cornwall (England), Galicia (Spain), Ireland, Isle of Man, Scotland and Wales while educating patrons and bringing the community together."

Special events this year include Friday's Fringe events such as the Kilted Kilometer Fun Run, Sand Castle Contest and "Piping Down the Sun" - all at Nye Beach, plus a Breton-style "Fest Nos" community dance with live music from "Sonerion & Mistral" at Sam Case Elementary.

Saturday and Sunday at the Fairgrounds, patrons will enjoy Sheepdog Herding Demos, a Celtic Fashion Show, Bonnie Knees Contest, Jacobite Living History Camp, Highland Cattle, a Hurling match, Welsh Skillet Toss contest (ladies only) and the return of the Haggis Eating Competition. Clan Ross will be on hand to defend their title.

The *Celtic Heritage Alliance* is proud to organize this event for its third year, and for the sponsors who make it all possible; Oregon Coast Magazine, Newport Signs, Chinook Winds Casino, Hallmark, CelticLife.com, Oregon Coast TODAY, Ultrasonic Events, NewsLincolnCount.com, Best Western Plus, Nana's Irish Pub, Bridie's Irish Faire, Bayview Construction, Jeffery Shirley.com, OregonCoastProductions.com and many more.

For tickets and additional information about the 2013 Newport Celtic Festival & Highland Games, please visit www.newportcelticfestival.com or call 541-574-9366.

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Caption: A Fest Noz community dance - where anyone can join in the fun.

Courtesy: Wolston Farm



Caption: Dr. Ian Caldicott poses with his Border Collie working dogs at *Wolston Farm*; Scio, OR.

Courtesy: Sheryl Eldridge



Caption: A blonde Scottie dons her kilt for the Celtic Heritage Parade

Courtesy: Sheryl Eldridge



Caption: A young Highland cow greets festival patrons. These are raised by Steve Phillips in nearby Seal Rock, Oregon as a part of the NW Highland Cattle Association who sponsors their visit to the festival.

Courtesy: Cindy Graves



Caption: Kilted runners race up Nye Beach as a part of the “Running For Shelter” fundraiser. This Kilted Kilometer Fun Run is a part of the annual Newport Celtic Festival & Highland Games and benefits the Lincoln County Animal Shelter.

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Caption: A trio of Irish dancers from Idaho, head toward the finish line at Nye Beach as a part of the “Running For Shelter” fundraiser. This Kilted Kilometer Fun Run is a part of the annual Newport Celtic Festival & Highland Games and benefits the Lincoln County Animal Shelter.

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Caption: This father-daughter team from Corvallis, head toward the finish line at Nye Beach as a part of the “Running For Shelter” fundraiser. This Kilted Kilometer Fun Run is a part of the annual Newport Celtic Festival & Highland Games and benefits the Lincoln County Animal Shelter.