

# EARLY BIRD WEEKLY



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**Sherwood Rotary** is ramping up for its inaugural [Wine Festival](#), August 5th & 6th. Its president, Chuck Britton, brought the skinny. Friday night is a Wine Maker's



Dinner with live music by [Matt Brown](#). \$125 per person includes a six course meal by Chef Shannon Johnson of [Trees Restaurant & Catering](#) and includes a free wine glass. [Get Tickets!](#)

Saturday is the main event with tickets for adults at \$20, youth for \$7, and under 5 years' old free. The venue for both events is [Sherwood Center for the Arts](#) on [22689 SW Pine St, Sherwood, OR](#).

Wow, look at all those hyperlinks! :D

**Our Next Fireside** will be held at the home of Linda and Jeff Sandberg, Aug 18, on 22335 SW Hillsboro Hwy, Newberg. It's a BYOB and potluck thing. Ping [President Casey](#) to RSVP.

**Newberg Old Fashioned Festival** was represented last week by its president, Richard Silver, and its Festival Court, Queen Tristyn Dehart and Princesses Angelina Velasquez and Sophie Stokes.



Richard was accompanied by NOFF committee members, Becky Graves, Lesley Carsley, and Lisa Peck.

**NOFF History:** The Berrian Festival Society was borne in 1921 and continued until the post-depression era when they dropped Society.

In 1941, to give the festival a more local feel,

it was rebranded Farmaroo.

The Berrians disbanded in 1975.

In 1978 the Newberg Chamber of Commerce revived the summer event calling it Newberg Old Fashioned Days. That name stuck for three years. Since 1981 it has been known as Newberg Old Fashioned Festival.

This year's theme is "Portrait of Our Community." The idea being to draw on what our community members have in common, what we love about Newberg, and what has stayed vital to us through the pandemic and on. Ways we have evolved and adapted. We are still Newberg.

2020 the world shut down. The festival committee canceled the event. It did its best to push through featuring prank parade videos and other online gimmicks. But, as we have all felt first hand, the "keyboard warriors" were pretty harsh.

2021 saw a lot of virtual meetings on what to do, what was okay to open back up. We ended up with a firetruck parade, fireworks display, and Pancake Breakfast returned.

2022 will see a full festival, but with the absence of carnival attractions. The companies that provide those attractions are still not fully staffed (no mechanics, no rides). BUT, according to [NOFF's Facebook page](#), we will have a bungee jump station!

The festival costs about \$95,000 (parade, entertainment, insurance, etc). With businesses still hesitant with post-pandemic donations, we're still about \$25,000 short ... but the show will go on just the same.

Our Festival Court wasn't drawn willy nilly. The court had to have good grades, come with recommendations, and submit essays to the festival committee.

And their appearances aren't limited to a few festival days. They're kept busy for a full year representing the festival at the



St. Paul Rodeo, Newberg's Public Works Day and Wednesday Market, City Council, Carlton Fun Day, and more.

Tristyn quipped that it really grinds her gears when people complain about no carnival or other changes in the festival format. She makes it her job to remind them, with a smile, what our festival IS about.

Having all been raised here, and enjoying people, all three shared similar stories of why they sought a place on the court.

Their experience on the court is not just wearing a crown. The people behind the court make them feel great and bring out the best of our community. It's been fun and welcoming and fulfilling.

What's next? Volunteer work on toy drives, soup kitchens, animal shelters, and small projects.

All three are headed off to college after finishing high school.