



82ND ANNUAL

Azalea Festival

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

MAY 28-31, 2021



JOIN US FOR A FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN-FILLED WEEKEND!

The Azalea Festival is a time-honored tradition in our community that celebrates the beauty of the Southern Oregon Coast. The community celebrates with weekend activities that include the Azalea Festival Parade, Chamber Shrimp Feed, Elks deep pit BBQ, Live music concerts, A Community Rummage Sale, and a Sunday Community Church service.

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2021 Schedule of Events

Friday May 28, 2021

The VVA reading of names
at City Hall Flag Pole 6 p.m.

Monday May 31, 2021

Jets Flyover
at 11:20 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.

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**Helicopter Rides**  
at the Brookings Airport  
(Donation Based)

## Saturday, May 29, 2021

- Kids Fishing ponds at Les Schwab 8 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
- Softball Tournament at Azalea Park 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Parade on Hwy 101 at 10 a.m.
- Vendor Fair on Frontage Road 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.
- Shrimp Feed at Azalea Park 11:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.
- Curry County Cruisers Show & Shine at the Azalea Park 12 p.m.- 4 p.m.
- Azalea Park Program at Azalea Park 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Wild Rivers Dance performance at Azalea Park 3 p.m.- 4 p.m.
- Harmony and Me Music craft at Azalea Park 4 p.m.- 7 p.m.
- Live Music Concert at Azalea Park 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- BHHS Alumni meet and greet at Azalea Park 2 p.m.
- “Dance Party at the Park” at Azalea Park 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

## Sunday, May 30, 2021

- Softball Tournament at Azalea Park 8 a.m.- 9 p.m.
- Vendors Fair on Frontage Road 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Community Church Service at Azalea Park 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Elks BBQ at Azalea Park 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.
- Concert “The Mighty Steelheads” at Azalea Park 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

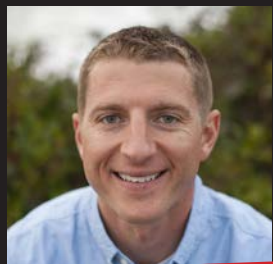




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Tilly Peters, Sierra Fitzhugh, Lexi Schofield, Ellie Garcia, Gracie Harms



## Lexi Schofield was crowned **Azalea Queen**

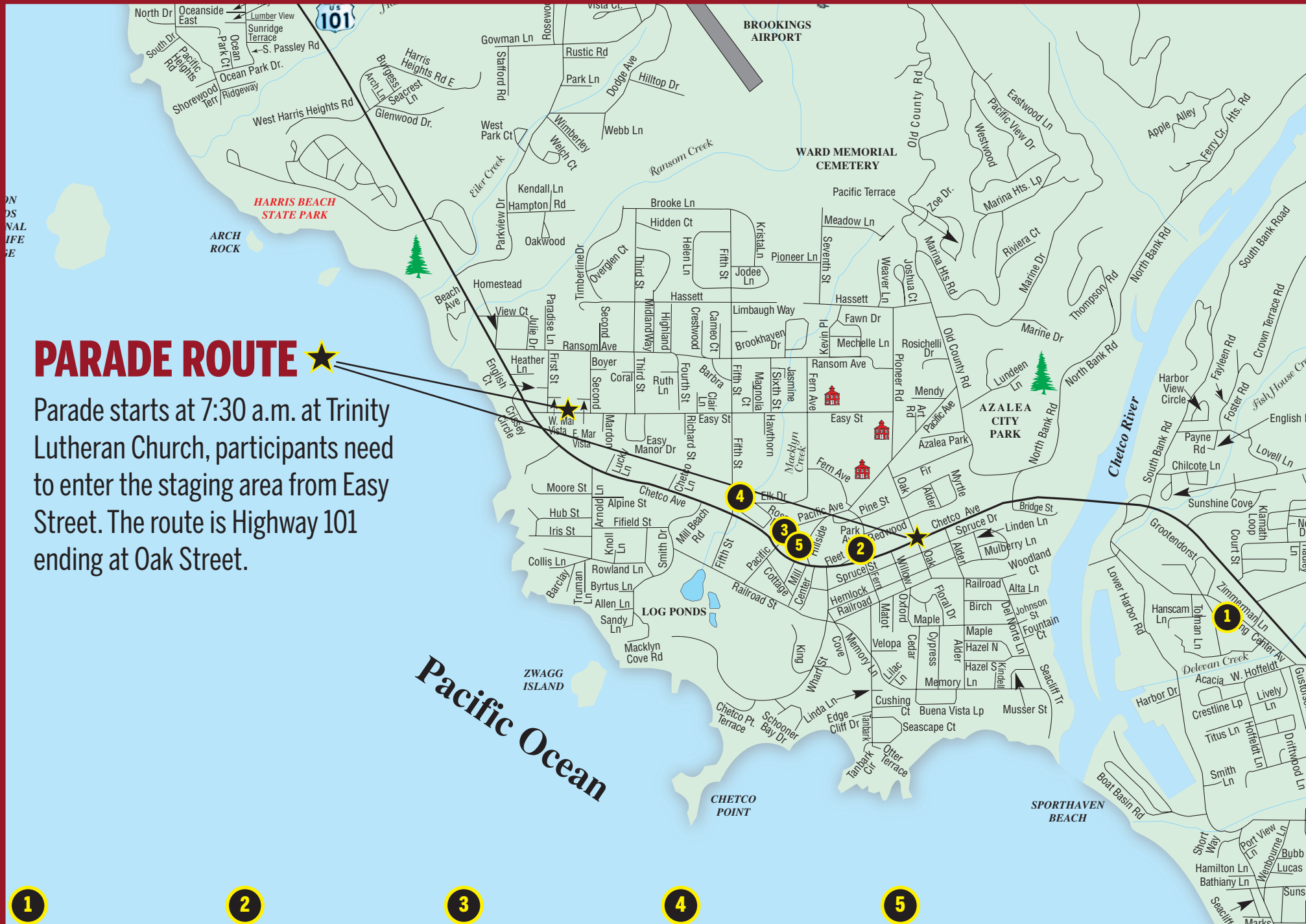
May 7 pageant at  
the Elks Lodge.

The **runner-up**  
is **Gracie Harms**.

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# PARADE ROUTE ★

Parade starts at 7:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, participants need to enter the staging area from Easy Street. The route is Highway 101 ending at Oak Street.


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# GRAND MARSHAL

## Knox Keranen The Pilot

Longtime Brookings resident, activist and religious leader, Bernie Lindley, is the grand marshal of the 82nd Azalea Parade. Now, he's trying to figure out what responsibilities come with the title.

"I know that I ride in a convertible and I think I throw candy," said Lindley.

Lindley grew up in Brookings and attended St. Timothy's Episcopal Church as a parishioner. He graduated from Brookings-Harbor High School, and went on to study economics at Willamette University. Then, he graduated with a degree in theology from Virginia Theological Seminary. In June of 2008, he was ordained into the priesthood at the bandshell in Azalea Park. Now, he's the pastor at St. Timothy's.

Lindley, who also works as a commercial fishing captain on his boat "SeaJay," said it is unusual for a pastor to be able to serve at their home parish after graduating from seminary school, but he's been fortunate enough to do just that.

In 2011, Lindley participated in the parade when his daughter was nominated to the Azalea Court and then selected as the queen.

"She had a cape thing and a tiara, with her formal dress. She's waving as I'm driving her through town, that's the last time I was in the parade. Kind of a neat deal."

Lindley said he hopes to spread awareness about getting vaccinated during the festival. Additionally, St. Timothy's will be hosting a walk-up vaccine clinic 12-4 p.m. Saturday, May 29 outside the church. There will be a cotton candy machine.



**Bernie Lindley**  
2021 Grand Marshal

## What makes you proud to live in Brookings?

This year's theme for the Azalea Festival is "Hometown Pride." The Pilot asked Brookings residents via social media what makes them proud to live here. Here's what we heard back.

"I love the peace and quiet when I take walks in the numerous walking paths, the beach, the river and trails up along Chetco Lake, and many more." —Sarah

"I am proud of how we pull together and lend a hand to make things better for all: from building Kidtown, to beach and river clean-up events, helping evacuate livestock, our milkweed gardeners and museum docents, to our incredible fire, search, and rescue volunteers: it's the combined efforts of so many who contribute to my hometown pride!" —Cora

"I love the varied restaurants with their own unique flavors & quality hospitality!" —Mandy

"The friendly people! Always welcoming to newcomers!" —Kathy

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**Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 757, would like to acknowledge our members who have gone before us. Join us in reading their names aloud to honor their devotion to God and Country.**

## “SOLDIER”

I saw a burial with a bugler playing taps;  
I turned to my father, “What happened?” I asked.  
He clutched my hand and with a quiver in his voice,  
He began to explain as his eyes became moist.

“My son,” he said, “this is rather difficult for me;  
For an old veteran like me this is tough to see.  
In that coffin lies a genuine patriotic warrior,  
An honest-to-God hero, an American soldier.

I appreciate that soldier and the service he gave,  
And I honor his sacrifice as he's laid in his grave.  
He was honorable, selfless, courageous, and bold;  
Please remember him son, as you grow old.

The value of his service, I must explain,  
If not remembered, will be lost in vain.  
As a nation we're nothing without soldiers like him;  
And failing to remember would be a terrible sin.”

I listened in awe as my father spoke,  
It seemed as if his heart were broke.  
I suddenly remembered when he went to war,  
And when he returned I thought nothing more.

I never asked why he walked with a limp,  
And I didn't care about why he was sick.  
I was too busy enjoying the life that I had,  
To realize that I had it because of Dad.

I finally understood what my dad was about,  
And it hurt so bad I cried out loud.  
He sacrificed so much so I could be free,  
And his battle scars were suffered for me.

It was my father's spirit that spoke to me that day;  
Thank God I finally understood what he had to say.  
I saluted his coffin as they laid him to rest,  
And I thought about the medals pinned to his chest.

That I didn't honor him sooner, I will always regret;  
And I pledged that day to never again forget.  
I'm proud that my dad was a patriotic warrior;  
I'm honored to be the son of an American soldier.  
~Major Ed Coet

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Dennis Shannon ~ U.S. ARMY  
Ron Sutton ~ U.S. ARMY  
Larry Smith ~ Philippine Guerillas,  
U.S. AIR FORCE, U.S. ARMY  
(WWII, Korea, Vietnam)  
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Russ Crabtree ~ U.S. ARMY  
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her life as such...COUNTRY, GOD & FAMILY  
Fransca Reesen ~ member of the Knitting  
Brigade: crocheting & knitting hundreds  
of blankets and bean caps for veterans.

## Roll Call: Friday, May 28th

6PM at the Brookings City Hall, 898 Elk Drive.

May 28th, please join 757 for “Roll Call” of the 671 Oregonians who sacrificed their lives in the battle against Communism during the Vietnam War.

“Roll Call” is a solemn and moving observance to ensure that the legacy of duty, service and sacrifice are not forgotten.

## “Vietnam Tears”

I stood and I watched as a mother cried,  
When she had heard that her son had died.  
He didn't die because he was sick,  
Nor did he die because he was in a wreck.  
He died doing what he felt was right.

I watched a father try to hold back his tears,  
His son had lived only a scant 19 years.  
His son had died nine thousand miles away,  
And what was there left for a father to say?  
He got down on his knees and said a prayer,  
His brave son knows his father did care.

I stood and watched as a little girl cried.  
She didn't understand why her brother had passed on;  
Why he never again played with her on the lawn.  
Looking at the little girl's tears I knew,  
That her big brother died fighting for me and you.  
~Author Unknown



# Welcome to the 82nd Annual Azalea Festival & Parade!

*Thank you for Visiting & Celebrating with us!*

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