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ABOVE: Tim Mueller, lead vocalist with Steel Wool, sings during a performance by the band at 2015's first Sunday Market. **RIGHT:** People wander among the vendors on 12th Street at the season opener for Sunday Market.

Market: It's open each Sunday from May 10 to Oct. 11

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crafts, food and other odds and ends. The variety of vendors is on purpose, Mudge said.

"That is my toughest challenge," she said. "If you are not on top of it, it can become an all-soap or an all-jewelry show. My goal is to have every block have variety."

Part of creating an array of options is accepting vendors

from across the Pacific Northwest. While many vendors are local to Clatsop County, others travel from out-of-state, such as Rosecrest Farms from Chehalis, Wash., which sells Swiss cheese.

"That is how we get the variety here," Mudge said.

A growing concern

Mudge, the market's executive director since 2008, credits the previous directors

for building it into what is considered one of the largest markets in the state.

Mudge's job is to maintain the success, she said.

When the Sunday Market started in 2000, it was about a block long with 20 to 30 vendors. It started in late-July and was open just half a season.

"It has expanded quite a bit since then," Mudge said.

This year, the market

is open each Sunday from May 10 to Oct. 11. Mudge expects an additional 40 to 50 vendors to set up periodically throughout the summer, bringing the total number of vendors some Sundays to nearly 200.

Beyond the vendors, the market has incorporated live music and entertainment. For the past few years, the Portland-based Northwest Dragon and Lion Dancers

mark the official opening of the season by weaving through downtown Astoria. The tradition continued Sunday.

The market is just as entertaining for the vendors as it is for the visitors.

Artist Bill Dodge, known for his artwork of Astoria featured in the Columbia River Maritime Museum, talked with admirers at his booth Sunday and signed

copies of his work.

Dodge, a former Astoria resident who now lives in Portland, said he plans on coming to the market on the first Sunday of each month this summer.

"I spend all day talking with people," Dodge said. "The people who buy my art, it reflects their personality. It's feel-good art. I think it's their personality and it's my personality."

Family: It is still unclear what their insurance is going to cover

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These included two washers, one dryer, two microwaves, three laptops, two iPhones, an iPad, an exercise bicycle, two mattresses, boxes of new and used clothing, their daughter Paola Campuzano's clarinet and school books, and Victor's custom-made carpenter tools, worth about \$7,000.

They also stole an estimated \$4,000 in uncounted tips, which Victor had saved last year from his job at the Lumberyard Rotisserie & Grill.

Reunion delayed

On Jan. 6, the Tahoe was found burned, though investigators did not officially identify the vehicle until mid-February.

"What we worked for throughout the whole year was gone in a second," said 15-year-old Paola Campuzano, Carmen and Victor's youngest child who attends Seaside High School. "We were like,

'How could this happen?'"

Carmen, Victor and Paola had taken the trip — in three vehicles — with four generations of the family: Carmen's mother, Lorenza Villa, and brother, Hector Tobar; Carmen and Victor's son, Julio Campuzano, of Cannon Beach; their daughters Judith Campuzano and Marycarmen Campuzano, of Seaside; Judith's husband, Abel Sosa; and Marycarmen's 4-year-old son, Alan Martinez, whose scooter was stolen as well.

Waiting for them in Pátzcuaro — a centuries-old colonial and indigenous town in the state of Michoacán where Victor and Carmen first met and now own a home — were the couple's eldest daughter, Carla Campuzano, her family, and Victor's brothers and sisters.

The reunion would have to be delayed.

Being strong

Shocked and bewildered, the family reached out to

loved ones and close friends, letting them know what happened.

The next few weeks became a rush of coping, problem-solving and lifting each others' spirits. "I tried to be strong for them, and they tried to be strong for me," Carmen said.

After filling out a police report, the family split up. Some drove to Laredo, Texas, to obtain a truck from Mexico. Others returned to Seaside to retrieve another truck, which required about \$1,500 in repairs before it could take them back south. Retrieving the trailer in Bixler, Calif., put them out another \$300 or so.

Marycarmen's husband and Alan's father, Edmundo Martinez — who did not originally come on the trip — drove to Laredo to provide emotional support.

Julio, who also went to Laredo, eventually chose to return to Cannon Beach by bus. But

not before giving his mother the money he would have spent in Pátzcuaro.

As she told this part of the story, Carmen began to cry, suddenly overcome with gratitude for her family. "I feel so lucky for that," she said.

"We all believe in God, so that helps to not suffer for the material things," she said. "That helps to take it easy and let it go, and thank God that we didn't get hurt."

"It could have been worse," Paola said.

Uncertainty

Carmen and Victor, who have lived on the North Coast since 1991 and in Seaside since 2005, work together at the Lumberyard Rotisserie & Grill, she as a server, he as a busser. Both U.S. citizens, she also works for Sleepy Monk Coffee Roasters; he for Haystack Lodgings.

It is still unclear at this point what their insurance is going to cover. They have not retained a lawyer and are discussing whether they can afford one.

But, on the positive side of the ledger, the family reunion finally happened in Pátzcuaro, where the Campuzanos received "lots of hugs from the family," Carmen said.

"We always take lots of gifts for them, try to help them to have it easy the rest of the year," she said.

This time, instead of Carmen and Victor's family giving to their family in Pátzcuaro, the opposite happened, Victor said.



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New federal legislation would keep in effect a successful West Coast crab-management arrangement beyond its expiration date in 2016.

Crab: In 2013, West Coast fishermen landed more than 87.4 million pounds of crab

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"Fishermen from Washington, Oregon and California are responsibly working together to keep the Dungeness crab fishery healthy and sustainable for future generations," Herrera Beutler said in a statement May 1. "They shouldn't have to travel to Washington, D.C., every few years to plead for the extension of a proven plan that has proven to work for our local economy and the Dungeness fishery. I'm proud to lead this bipartisan solution with Sen.

Cantwell and give more certainty to Washington's crab fishermen and the jobs they support."

"It just makes sense," Link said May 4 about Cantwell and Herrera Beutler's bill. "We've got something that works, why should we have to go renew it every five years?"

He and others involved in the industry say the bill could also give them some security. If the bill passes, they won't have to worry about the management plan "sunsetting," leaving them to face an uncertain future.

In Washington, Dungeness crab fishermen harvest an average of 9.5 million pounds of crab per year. There are 228 coastal commercial Dungeness crab license holders in the state. The state commercial fishing, processing and recreational fishing businesses provide \$1.1 billion a year in wages with an estimated gross business revenue valued at \$8.6 billion. In 2013, across the West Coast, fishermen landed more than 87.4 million pounds of crab valued at \$252 million.

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