

Remnants of the Past keeps history alive Stella Historical Society hosts fundraiser with demos, food

LONGVIEW, Wash. — The Stella Historical Society will hold its annual fundraiser, Remnants of the Past, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12.

The Stella Historical Society Museum Complex will host some of the activities, including blacksmith Joe Schnotala working at the forge, self-guided hands-on museum tours and experienced hosts to answer questions. The complex is made up of three historical buildings: an 1884 post office, a 1907 blacksmith shop and a machine shed. The complex is located at 8535 Ocean Beach Highway (Washington State Route 4), 10 miles west of Longview. All buildings are ADA accessible.

Other Remnants of the Past activities will take place at Stella Lutheran Chapel, located at 124 Sherman Road, two miles

from the complex.

Historian Gaye Richards will be on hand to answer questions, and historical photos and artifacts will be on display. Demonstrations will include china painting by Jeanette Gulickson, lye soap making by Cynthia Faubion, decoy duck carving by Bill Faubion, a farrier demonstration by Laurie Smith and more.

You can also enjoy preserved fruit products by Dixie and Scott Edwards of Watershed Garden Works, a plant and flower sale by Cindy and Ken Roberts, Blue Dragon Wood Crafts by Bob Berthiaume, decorative lawn art by Ken Chisholm, a farmers market, a bake sale, hot dogs, cobbler, a raffle and more. There will also be wreaths, history books, postcards, note cards and more for sale.

Admission for all events

is \$3 for adults, 50 cents for children age 5 to 12, and free for children younger than 5 years old. The annual historical society membership dues, if you are interested in joining, are \$10 for an adult, \$20 for a supporting member, and \$100 for a lifetime membership.

The Stella Historical Society was formally organized in 1976 and is comprised of more than 100 members. The nonprofit's mission is the active preservation of Stella-area relics and memorabilia as well as the restoration and maintenance of its three historic buildings.

The museum buildings are in need of major restoration work. The historical society receives no outside funding and is maintained strictly by volunteers, membership dues and donations.

For more information, call 360-423-8663.

Northwest Author Series hosts John Bruning 'Indestructible' tells of World War II pilot's quest to save family

CANNON BEACH — Author John R. Bruning will be the first speaker for the 2015-16 season of the Cannon Beach Library's Northwest Author Series. A prolific military and aviation historian, Bruning will appear at the library at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 to discuss his upcoming 18th book "Indestructible," which is scheduled to be released in 2016.

"Indestructible: How a Pilot's Quest to Rescue His Family Changed the Course of the Pacific War" is the biography of Paul "Pappy" Gunn, one of the great figures of the Pacific theater during World War II. In 1941, when the war in the Pacific broke out, Gunn was pulled into the Army Air Corps, along with the rest of the Philippine Air Line staff. Flying unarmed airliners, he helped supply the Filipino and American forces on Bataan.

While on a secret mission, his wife and four children were captured in Manila by the Japanese Army. Over the course of

the next three years, Gunn did everything he could to rescue them from the Santo Tomas internment camp. In the process, his actions changed the course of the Pacific War.

Bruning has been a military historian and writer since 1990. He is the author of "Crimson Sky: The Air Battle for Korea," "Jungle Ace," "Elusive Glory," "Ship Strike Pacific," "The Battle of the Bulge" and more. His book "The Devil's Sandbox: With the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry at War in Iraq" was written while he was embedded as a civilian historian with the Oregon National Guard in Iraq.

Bruning has consulted for museums in the United States and Europe and has helped produce more than a dozen historical documentaries. For his reporting in Afghanistan, the Department of Defense presented him with a prestigious 2010 Thomas Jefferson Award. For his work with the Oregon National Guard, he was

inducted into the 162nd infantry regiment in September 2011 as an honorary member.

The calendar for the Cannon Beach Library's 2015-16 Northwest Author Series includes: Valerie Geary, author of "Crooked River," on Oct. 10; Urban Waite, author of "Sometimes the Wolf," on Nov. 14; Matt Love, author of "The Great Birthright: An Oregon Novel," on Jan. 9; Bill Hall, author of "McCaallandia," on Feb. 13; Rebecca Harrison, author of "Deep, Dark and Dangerous: On the Bottom with the Northwest Salvage Divers," on March 12; Stephanie Kallos, author of "Language Arts," on April 9; and Lois Leveen, author of "Juliet's Nurse," on May 14.

The Northwest Author Series is held at the Cannon Beach Library at 2 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month and is free to the public. The library is located at 131 N. Hemlock St. For more, call 503-436-1391 or visit www.cannonbeachlibrary.org

Support LGBTQ community with gay skate

ASTORIA — It's time to get your gay skate on and support the local LGBTQ community.

The Lower Columbia Q Center is hosting a gay skate night from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 at the Astoria

Armory, located at 1636 Exchange St.

All ages are welcome between 7 and 9 p.m. At 9 p.m. the event will transition to an adult skate.

Admission is \$3, and skate

rentals are \$2. Donations in excess of the entry fee are welcome.

DJ imcodefour will be spinning tunes. Costumes and brightly colored clothing are encouraged.

The Q Center is housed in The Harbor offices at 1361 Duane St. and welcomes all interested individuals in the lower Columbia region to participate and get involved.

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