

# Hispanic council celebrates Dia de la Independencia

Saturday event offers variety of family activities, entertainment, food, dancing

ASTORIA — Thanks to generous sponsorship from Wau-na Credit Union, the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council will be hosting its annual celebration of the Dia de la Independencia (Independence Day of Mexico and other Latin American countries) and also national Hispanic Heritage month.

The event will take place from 4 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept 19 and continue from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. for dancing at the Astoria Event Center, at 255 Ninth St. This is an all-ages indoor/outdoor event with entertainment and activities for the whole family. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children.

Ninth Street between Commercial Street and Marine Drive will be closed to traffic, and tents will be set up for food vendors. Monte Alban, El Tapatio, Plaza Jalisco and the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council will sell an assort-

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ment of Mexican foods and drinks. The Hispanic council will sell margaritas and beer.

The event will feature music by local DJ Sonidos Eres, folk dancing presentations, music stage performance, and an interactive Zumba dance lesson by Nayelli Dalida of the Astoria Arts and Movement Center. There will also be activities for the whole family, such as a photo booth, face painting, and arts and crafts.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council Scholarship Fund.

# Two bands perform at Fort George

Rin Tin Tiger, Norman Baker & the Backroads to play alt-folk music

ASTORIA — Hear two bands perform at the Fort George Brewery at 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20. The brewery is located at 1483 Duane St., all ages are welcome, and there is no cover charge.

Rin Tin Tiger is an alternative folk rock trio from San Francisco, California. High-energy acoustic guitar leads lyric-heavy songs about life in contemporary society. The sound is often described as a blend between early Bob Dylan, Violent Femmes and Tupac.

The band has shared the stage with Minus the Bear, Young the Giant, Manchester Orchestra, Max Bemis of Say Anything, The Lumineers, Fences, Los Amigos Invisibles, Mike Coykendall, Ida, Hey Marseilles, and many more along the West Coast.

Norman Baker & the Backroads will also perform. Baker spent his childhood wreaking



Submitted photo

Norman Baker & The Backroads will perform Sunday, Sept. 20 at the Fort George.

havo, inventing comic characters, writing raps, and playing sports in Kent, Washington. Surrounded by a family of musicians, he was first influenced by his mother, father and uncle, as well as Patsy Cline, the Beatles, Bob Marley and Tom Waits.

Since picking up the guitar and bass at the age of 12, he's

## Live music

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1483 Duane St., Astoria  
All ages  
Free

been composing music and playing various instruments in many bands throughout the U.S., Chile and Nigeria.

These days he's influenced by Justin Townes Earle, George Jones, The Band, Charley Pride, Neil Young and Doc Watson, and he continues impressing new fans at places like Seattle's Folklife Festival, The Tractor Tavern, Seattle Art Museum and Columbia City Theater with his band Norman Baker & the Backroads. The group's second release, "Present Day," is due out later this winter.

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