

American Legion band to perform in Raymond

RAYMOND, Wash. — Patriotic tunes as well as a variety of other music will be performed by the Department of Washington American Legion Band from Lacey, Washington, when it appears at the Raymond Theatre for the concert “Red, White & Blue” at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31.

The concert is made possible by American Legion Post 150 of Raymond in conjunction with Sunday Afternoon Live. The performance is free; however, complimentary tickets must be obtained in advance at Sagen’s in Raymond, South Bend Pharmacy, the Raymond Theatre or American Legion Post 150, located at 221 Duryea St. Tickets also are available through the mail at SAL, P.O. Box 925, South Bend, WA 98586, or at www.sundayafternoonlive.org

SAL season ticket holders may present their season tickets for entry; those who do not plan to attend are encouraged to call

360-875-5207 to release those seats for others.

The American Legion Band’s first performance was given in 1925 for the opening of the Olympia Yacht Club. The current group of about 40 is composed entirely of volunteers. They include two active duty members from Joint Base Lewis McChord who cannot always make band performances due to Army commitments.

Seven members are past military band members and another seven or eight are prior service from all branches of the military. One member of the band is a Raymond resident, Connie Bevington, who plays the flute.

“Our conductor Kevin Robertson is a retired Army bandsman having retired from the Fort Lewis band a few years ago,” said associate conductor Diana Appler. “Both my husband and I are retired military bandmen. I retired from Fort

Lewis in 2005, and my hubby retired from the 77th Army band at Fort Sill in 2000.

“We are the only American Legion Band in Washington, and there are very few Legion Bands in the U.S.,” Appler continued.

The oldest member of the band is 85-year-old Bill Stedman who plays the B flat sliding trombone. The youngest members are three players from St. Martin’s.

The group keeps busy. “Several of our performances are requested by other Legion Posts,” Appler said. “We do annual concerts for Centralia, for example. Last year we even went to Long Beach at the request of the Legion Post, the VFW Post and the City.”

Appler is the band manager and requests for performances go to her first.

The band performs a wide variety of music.

“Anyone can request us, but we are limited in how far we can travel as we have no group transportation and everyone has to drive. We have some working members, so after work-day hours is usually necessary unless time off of work can be arranged.”

The band plays all types of music. “We do play a lot of patriotic but are not limited to that,” Appler said. “We also do Broadway music, marches, music from TV shows, original music for wind band and just about anything except music with guitars.”

Author to speak at Pacific County libraries Matt Love will present latest work, talk writing this February

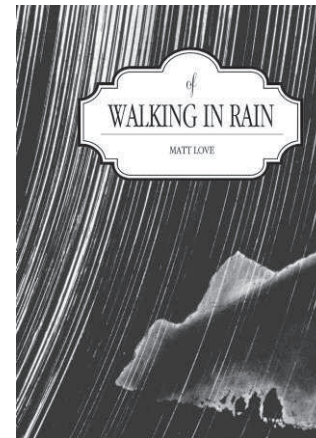
PACIFIC COUNTY, WASH. — Five Pacific County Timberland libraries will host Astoria author Matt Love in February. Love will talk about his latest work, his independent publishing career, and his advice for aspiring writers.

Love’s published books include “Sometimes a Great Movie,” “A Nice Piece of Astoria” and “Of Walking in the Rain.” A discussion and book signing will follow each of the presentations.

All Timberland Regional Library programs are free and open to the public.

The schedule of talks is:

- 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, Feb. 4 at the Ilwaco Timberland Library, located at 158 First Ave. N.; call 360-642-3908 for more information.
- 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4 at the Ocean Park Timberland Library, located at 1308



Submitted photo

“Of Walking in the Rain” by Matt Love.

256th Place; call 360-665-4184 for more information.

- 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9 at the Naselle Timberland Library, located at 4 Parpala Road; call 360-484-3877 for more information.



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Astoria author Matt Love will speak at the five libraries in Pacific County, Washington, in February.

• 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20 at the Raymond Timberland Library, located at 507 Duryea St.; call 360-942-2408 for more information.

• 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 at the South Bend Timberland Library, located at 1st St. & Pacific Ave.; call 360-875-5532 for more information.

Enjoy Reader’s Theater comedy in Astoria Theater presents ‘Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talking’

ASTORIA — A new Reader’s Theater production — the two-character comedy “Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talking” — hits the Liberty Theater’s McTavish Room.

Written by John Ford Noonan, performances of this play take place at 7 p.m. Jan.

28, Feb. 3 and 4.

Tickets are \$15, and there is open seating.

The comedy takes place in the suburban Westchester County, New York, kitchen of Maude Mix, who is having a tough day: Her husband is off on a weekend spree with his secretary, and she can’t get rid

of the pesky neighbor who has just moved up from Texas.

Hannah Mae Bindler badgers Maude into friendship, and the two eventually join forces against their errant and erring husbands. This long-running off-Broadway hit starred Susan Sarandon and Eileen Brennan.

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