Cathlamet celebrates Bald Eagle Days on July 15, 16

CATHLAMET, Wash. — The Wahkiakum County Chamber of Commerce will present the 35th annual Bald Eagle Days Festival on Friday and Saturday, July 15 and 16.

When Congress passed the Bald Eagle Endangered Species Act, the Cathlamet Women's Club decided to parade through Cathlamet in support of the majestic bird.

Over the years, the annual event has grown into a festival drawing crowds of more than 3,000 people. The bald eagle is no longer endangered, and Wahkiakum County is proud that many eagles can be seen in and around the area.

The annual festival is a weekend of fun and offers one of the best fireworks shows in the state of Washington.

Each year the festival has a theme, and Saturday's parade entities decorate floats, trucks, tractors, etc. in accordance with it. The theme for 2016 is Where Tranquility Meets Adventure.

Parade entries must be in by 10:30 a.m. at the Wahkiakum High School parking lot. Judging will start at 11 a.m. and the parade begins at noon. If you are interested in appearing in the 2016 Bald Eagle Days Parade, you can get your entry form online or pick up a parade entry form from Skamokawa Resort, Bank of the Pacific's Cathlamet branch, Cathlamet Pharmacy, Waterway Espresso or the Chamber office at 102 Main St.

For more information visit wahkiakumchamber.com, call 360-795-9996 or email wchamber@cni.net

This year's schedule of events includes:

Friday, July 15

- All Day Explore and find hidden treasures with a Family Geocaching Competition; pick up your passport at the Chamber of Commerce.
- 11a.m. to 3 p.m., Rolly & Ginny Armstrong Memorial Sidewalk Art Contest at the Bank of the Pacific parking lot.
- 3 to 6 p.m., Puget Island Farmers market with live music, vendors, fresh meat, veggies and bread at 59 W. Birnie Slough Road.
- 5 to 7 p.m., Tsuga Art Gallery will host its sixth an-

niversary party at 70 Main St.

• 7 p.m., Enjoy live music by Skamokawa Swamp Opera at the Pioneer Community Association, located at Main and Columbia streets.

Saturday, July 16

- All Day, Lots of events go on all day. Find food, arts and craft vendors on Main Street. Enjoy train rides and rootbeer floats at the Wahkiakum Historical Society Museum. Pick up your passport at the Chamber of Commerce for a Family Geocaching Competition. The Cathlamet Fire Hall will hand out popsicles and give tours of the fire department.
- 7 to 10 a.m., Kiwanis' Pancake Breakfast at Elochoman Slough Marina.
- The Bald Eagle Walk/ Run Challenge registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the 10k, 5k and 2-mile races will begin at 9 a.m. The run-walk challenge will begin and end at Cathlamet Pharmacy.
- Noon, The parade begins and stretches from Wahkiakum High School to the marina on Main Street.
- 2 p.m., The Bank of the Pacific parking lot will host kids activities after the parade, including balloon animals, face painting, horse shoes, a fishing hole and shooting gallery, a large inflatable activity — plus watch the fire department's water ball competition. You might hear live music on Main Street by Hank & Lloyd and Layton and Pam Elliot.
- River Mile 38 Brewery will open its beer garden and host live music. The Cliffs of Cathlamet will play at 4 p.m., and The Mutineers will play at 6:30 p.m.
- 10 p.m., The fireworks show at the marina will light up the sky.

'Who Eats at Taco Bell?' comes to Astoria

Project crosses tacos, social justice and collaboration along the Lewis and Clark Trail

ASTORIA — This summer, Gaelyn and Gustavo Aguilar are on a two-month expedition over the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, making various stops at community venues along this 11-state journey. All the while, they are making tacos with people, prompting dialogue, and inviting innovative forms of engagement around the question: What is it going to take for us to truly live interculturally?

The Aguilars will be in Astoria on Thursday and Friday, July 14 and 15. You can find them 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday at the River People Farmers Market and at 7:30 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, located at 12th and Exchange streets. They will set up their "taco encampment" with taco making, portrait taking, conversation and a multimedia performance.

Join them again at the Astoria Public Library at 6 p.m. Friday, July 15 for a look back at their two-month expedition. The July 15 presentation is part of the Astoria Public Library and Lower Columbia Diversity Project's Diversity Dialogues series.

The idea for the expedi-



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Gustavo and Gaelyn Aguilar will bring their project "Who Eats at Taco Bell?" to Astoria July 14 and 15.

tion was sparked in Gustavo Aguilar's hometown of Brownsville, Texas, a town of 175,000 with about 150 to 200 taquerias. Yet, one Taco Bell thrives. In investigating why, the Aguilars began to understand how the American diet — as much as it has been formed by the intermingling of different cultures — sheds light on the multiple ways that Americans have chosen to define what it means to be an American.

They began to explore how making tacos with people along the Lewis and Clark Trail (a trail forged by an expedition that played an important role in European-American territorial, cultural and economic expansion across the continent) would be a powerful way to explore the paradox of how someone could harbor a disdain for "foreigners" but a love for their food, bearing

in mind that this paradox is often connected to a kind of forgetfulness of how in the U.S. we are, in fact, almost all aliens.

The Aguilars hit the road to deepen understanding and action around the attitudes and ideas our country has inherited. They are working closely with national and community partners to tailor the architecture of the experience to local needs and invite new visions for the future during this time of change.

Gaelyn and Gustavo Aguilar are the co-artistic directors of Tug, a collective focused on interdisciplinary re/search, new forms of social practice, and participatory, problem-based interventions that tackle cultural politics of contemporary border regions in North America. Visit www.tacotalk.org to learn more, and check out Tug Collective on Facebook.

Find a wild goose chase of garage sales

OLNEY — Saturday and Sunday, July 16 and 17 will find bargain hunters hitting the road for the annual Wild Goose Sale on Oregon Highway 202.

Many years ago, Phyllis, the owner of Olney Store, started the Wild Goose Sale on Highway 202 and in the Olney-Walluski Community. Originally, each participant would place a goose sign by their sale.

The event meant garage salers would drive Highway 202, Walluski Loop, Little Walluski Lane, Labiske Lane, Green Mountain Road, Lillines Road and around the Youngs River Loop searching for Goose Signs and garage sale bargains. Some roads had sales, and some didn't, thus the "Wild Goose" chase.

For those wishing to have a garage sale this year, they need only put out their signs. Olney Grange will again be open for table rentals (Saturday only). Contact 503-325-1288 for information.

