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On Citizenship Day, experience history where it happened

KNAPPTON COVE — Celebrate the United States Constitution and Citizenship Day on Sunday, Sept. 17, at the Knappton Cove Heritage Center's Quarantine Station, The Columbia River's "Ellis Island."

The program begins at 2 p.m. with the lecture "Becoming a U.S. Citizen" by Friedrich Schuler, a professor

at Portland State University. The station is three miles upriver (east) on Washington State Route 401 from the Washington side of Astoria/Megler Bridge, two miles east of Dismal Nitch Rest Area.

For more information, visit knapptoncoveheritagecenter.org, or email knapptoncove@gmail.com.

Northwest Natural hosts 'Get Ready North Coast!'

ASTORIA — If a natural disaster hits the area, Northwest Natural wants residents and their families to be prepared. So it's time to "Get Ready North Coast!"

Join Northwest Natural 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Astoria Armory (1636 Exchange St.) for an event that will help people prepare for a natural disaster.

Company representatives will be joined by Red Cross, Astoria Fire Department, The Food Bank, Lutheran Disaster Response and other emergency preparedness groups

to give away safety items and information, plus a free lunch.

The first 100 families will also receive a free, small preparedness kit.

Fun with fungi: Learn about mysterious mushrooms that grow in Clatsop County



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State Park Ranger Dane Osis leads a mushrooms walk.

FORT CLATSOP — Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, Fort Clatsop, has announced the autumn 2017 In Their Footsteps free speakers series.

The first program in this monthly series will take place 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, with Dane Osis presenting "Mysterious Mushrooms of Clatsop County."

A wide variety of fungi thrive in Clatsop County because of the area's high precipitation and humidity. This illustrated talk will cover rules and regulations for mushroom foraging, as well as equipment needed to collect fungi. The audience will also learn about common species of both edible and poisonous mushrooms found in the area.

Osis is a state park ranger at Fort Stevens State Park. After gaining a foundation in mushroom identification through several college courses, he commercially picked mushrooms in the Siskiyou and Deschutes National Forests. Osis has taught mushroom identification for 14 years at Fort Stevens State Park and shared similar training at several Oregon State parks and the Tillamook Forestry Center.

This forum, held the third Sunday of the month, is sponsored by the park and the Lewis and Clark Nation-



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Mushrooms

al Park Association. The free programs take place in the Netul River Room of Fort Clatsop's visitor center.

Other upcoming In Their Footsteps speaker series programs include:

- Sunday, Oct. 15 — "America's Master Park Maker: Frederick Law Olmsted" by Laurence Cotton

- Sunday, Nov. 19 — "A Town Called Seaside" by Gloria Linkey

- Sunday, Dec. 17 — "Channeling Your Inner Lewis & Clark" by Richard Brenne

For more information, call the park at 503-861-2471.

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