

Bob Pyle reads from 'Magdalena Mountain' in Skamokawa

SKAMOKAWA, WASH. — Friends of Skamokawa welcomes award-winning author Robert Michael Pyle at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at RiverLife Interpretive Center-Central School-Redmen Hall, 1394 Washington State Route 4, in Skamokawa, Wash.

Pyle will read from his long-awaited first novel, "Magdalena Mountain." Fine wines and hor'derves will be served during the reading and book signing.

Pyle is the author of 23 books, including "Wintergreen," "Where Bigfoot Walks," "Sky Time in Gray's River" and "Mariposa Road."

His first foray into fiction tells an exciting and fascinating story of three Magdalenas: Mary, a woman on an uncertain journey, Magdalena Mountain, shrouded in mystery, and the elusive, all-black Magdalena alpine butterfly, one of the rarest and most beautiful species found on the mountain.

Groove and give at Dare to Dance!

ASTORIA — Local Zumba and Dance Fitness instructors are coming together for a local nonprofit for the fourth straight year.

Dare to Dance will be held at the Astoria Arts & Movements Center, at Commercial and 10th



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Mass Zumba-ing.

streets, on Saturday, Dec. 15.

The event begins at 9 a.m., but try to be there a half hour earlier to check out raffle items and meet the dance instructors.

This year, Dare to Dance is raising funds for Filling

Empty Bellies, whose mission is to serve meals to, and be a resource for, our homeless community.

The suggested donation is \$10, but participants can also reserve a front-row spot with a clear view of the instructors

for a \$50 donation.

We dance, we laugh and we sweat!

For questions or to reserve a spot, contact Joy Sigler at joysiglerzumba@gmail.com or Adriana Caron at 503-791-8286.

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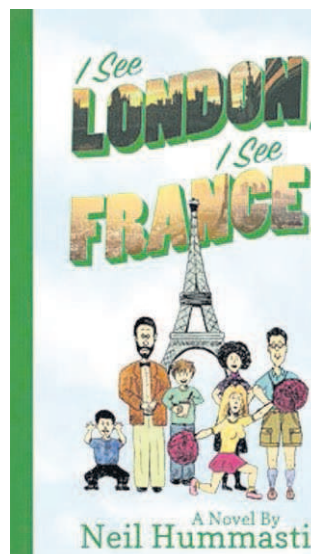
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The cover of 'I See London, I See France...' by Neil Hummasti.

ASTORIA — Arnie Hummasti will share selections from his publishing project, "Afraid of Goosequills: The Wit and Wisdom of Neil Hummasti," at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Astoria Library. Admission is free.

In 2011, Astoria resident Neil Hummasti died from cancer. He left behind more than half a million words of unpublished writing.

Arnie Hummasti, Neil's brother, established Svensen Pioneer Press to publish phase one of Neil's writing, which includes two 90,000 word novels — "I See London, I See France..."

and "Forty Ways to Square A Circle" — and a collection

of seven short stories. Phase two will feature three works of theology.

"I believe my brother was a gifted writer, worthy of broad exposure," Arnie Hummasti said. "My hope is to complete, in some measure, what he was unable to: to share his literary gifts with a wider audience."

For more information on Neil Hummasti, a literary assessment of his work and to read his short stories, visit neilhummast.com.

The Astoria Library is at 450 10th St. For information about library programs and services, contact 503-325-7323 or visit astorialibrary.org.

Come to Pier Pressure's performance if you want to be cool

ASTORIA — Pier Pressure Productions presents another performance of "TEN-FIF-TEEN" at 10:15 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, in its continually developing theater space at 1015 Commercial St. in Astoria.

This presentation, titled "Debut of Directors," will consist of readings of humorous and dramatic material selected and performed by local directors.

Mike Alderman, Karen Bain, Susi Brown, Sen Inca-

vo, Edward James and Sheila Shaffer will perform the third presentation of this series. Come see the future home of Astoria's black box theater.

This is a one-day-only event. Donations are welcome.