



Participants at last year's Optog parade.

Scandinavian festival to host Optog parade

ASTORIA — The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival will host a stationary Optog parade from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday alongside Marine Drive between 16th and 18th streets.

The festival was canceled earlier this year but has adapted its annual parade to follow social distancing guidelines. Parade participants are encouraged to wear Nordic folk wear or Scandinavian attire like sweaters and festi-

val sweatshirts. When participating, attendees will stand at a distance from one another.

Visitors are encouraged to join the event or drive by and show appreciation.

Members of this year's festival court and Nordic Viking Scandia dancers will be present, as well as festival organizers.

Information on this year's festival court and next year's festival is online at astoriascanfest.org.

County libraries host summer reading program

CLATSOP COUNTY — Astoria Public Library, Seaside Public Library and Warrenton Community Library are hosting a summer reading program.

To participate, families can stop by the libraries, Clatsop County food banks or free school lunch sites to pick up a goody bag of craft supplies and activity ideas. The goody bags are being offered in replacement to the libraries' regular in-person summer library programming. Bags will be available during the libraries' open hours.

The libraries will also host a monthly

"community StoryWalk™," a way children and adults can combine reading and going outdoors. Laminated pages from a children's book will be attached to wooden stakes along an outdoor path in each library's respective city. Seaside residents can start their walk from the Seaside Civic and Convention Center; Warrenton residents from the Skipanon River Park trail, starting at SW Third Street; and Astoria residents will follow a path downtown.

Program participants are encouraged to share photos, videos and stories of themselves completing their library's activities.

Bald Eagle Days held virtually, in-person

WAHKIAKUM COUNTY — Wahkiakum Chamber of Commerce's annual Bald Eagle Days will be held this month under social distancing guidelines.

The event will feature a motorcycle ride, art show and sidewalk chalk contest. The motorcycle ride will commence at Norse Hall on Puget Island at noon on Saturday. From there, riders will ride a loop around the county, in honor of essential workers.

Family and friends are encouraged to

cheer on riders and bring signs in support of essential workers. Riders are encouraged to contact the chamber ahead of the event at 360-795-9996 or info@wahkiakum.us.

The art show and sidewalk chalk contest will be featured through the chamber's Facebook page. To participate in the art show or sidewalk chalk contest, share images on the Facebook page. Winners will be chosen for the sidewalk chalk event.

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