GREATER GORGE

Hood River Library hosts Feb. 14 event



Photo by Stephen Datnoff

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and elected city and county

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EAGLE IN a pine tree near Newell Creek in late January. Naturalist and psychologist Ellen Donoghue speaks Feb. 14.

Intimate Exploration into the Lives of Avian Couples and Families," Ellen Donoghue, PhD, explores the wonders of connecting with wildlife nature in a variety of places with an intimate look into around the world, according the lives of several raptor to a press release. Donoghue pairs and their families. The said the natural world has presentation will be Feb. 14 been an enduring constant at 5 p.m. at the Hood River Library and eatures unique teacher in her life. She is images from wildlife web-

Donoghue is a natural resource social scientist and empowerment coach. Her business, Ardent Nature, "helps individuals and groups release the grips of fear and doubt to empower District at 541-386-2535 or each of us to offer our unique info@hoodriverlibrary.org,

In "Raptor Love Stories: An on this planet," according to Donoghue, www.ardentnature.com.

> She has studied the connections between people and and the most influential an avid outdoor enthusiast, was a wilderness guide in the Pacific Northwest and a competitive dog musher in Alaska. This program is free and open to the public.

For details, contact the Hood River County Library gifts on behalf of all beings or visit hoodriverlibrary.org.

Columbia Gorge Tourism Summit meets Feb. 20 in Bingen-White Salmon

community leaders and organizations with interest in Columbia River Gorge tourism are invited to the Gorge Tourism Summit hosted by Columbia Gorge Tourism Alliance on Feb. 20.

"We know there is power in traveling to new places. Every visitor is changed through exposure to the varied experiences that make the Gorge unique," said Renee Tkach, CGTA president, in a press release.

"CGTA is committed to developing the region as a world-class sustainable tourism destination. We are passionate about protecting the scenic, natural, cultural and recreational resources found here while enhancing the local economy."

The Gorge Tourism Summit will explore the impacts of over-use and congestion as well as the value of welcoming diversity in a deep-dive conversation led by Oregon Humanities.

Other topics explored through the day include the affects of short term rentals in the Gorge as well as how to welcome diversity both in the outdoor and in towns and

Gorge Trivia for participants nect visitors with the different and the public on Wednesday,

Businesses, individuals, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at Pioneer transport systems in one seam-Pizza in White Salmon.

> The summit is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m on Feb. 20 at The Society Hotel in Bingen, a former school house, then hostel, extensively remodeled and expanded last year near downtown Bingen.

Cost of the event is \$35 for existing CGTA members and \$50 for nonmembers.

"There will also be networking breaks and small group sessions to identify challenges and opportunities the Gorge

SUMMIT DATES

Feb. 19 — Trivia Night at Pioneer Pizza, White Salmon Feb. 20 — Summit at Society Hotel, Bingen

is facing, with opportunities to carry these ideas forward into action," said Emily Reed, GGTA network manager.

Over the past three years, teams with projects to address key impact areas that are important to the Gorge:

Car Free Visitor Transportation supported the intro-Gorge Express, created car-free The summit will begin with itineraries and helped to con-

less user experience.

 Cultural Heritage helped fund and create the Hear in the Gorge podcast series, which captures the history of the region as told by local personalities.

Visitor Communications and Marketing launched "Ready, Set, GOrge," which introduces the idea of stewardship and helps visitors prepare for an enjoyable experience in the Gorge.

• Culinary and Agritourism worked with wineries, farms and restaurants to create the East Gorge Food Trail, which focuses on local food and gives visitors in-person experiences.

 Workforce Training developed the We Speak The Gorge program, which trains frontline staff to introduce visitors to areas of the Gorge they may not have heard of - interesting restaurants, museums and local sites that are off the beaten path, relieving congestion CGTA partners created action and spreading the "economic

love." Outdoor Recreation painted the vision of the upcoming Towns to Trails initiative, which will create a duction of easy bus trips from signature trail loop that spans Portland on the Columbia the two states, leading hikers across scenic vistas and into the towns that connect them.

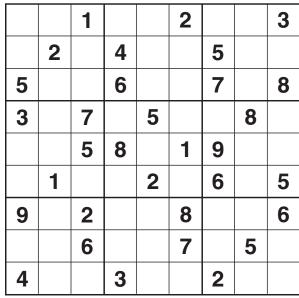
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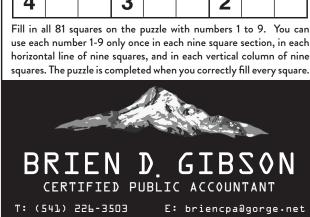
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'Rufus and the Army Camp' history talk set for Feb. 15 in The Dalles

"Rufus and the Army Camp that Helped End World War II" is the title of the Feb. 15 program at the Original Wasco County Courthouse, 410 W. Second Place, The Dalles.

Saturday's program begins at 1:30 p.m. and is third in a month-long series of presentations.

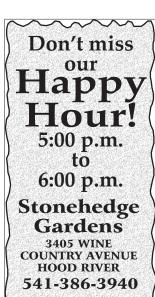
"Rufus survives after nearby villages in the Columbia River flood plain disappeared when the dams were built," said a press release. "It was always a unique settlement in old Wasco and later Sherman County, but never more so than when the U.S. Army set up operations during World War II. The purpose was to experiment with pontoon bridge technology in preparation for

director of Fort Dalles Museum and a Sherman County native. He served in the past as director of the Sherman County Museum. That museum inherited a photo collection from the army camp days that inspired this program.

Admission to the program is free, but donations are welcome. There is a TV monitor on

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