

GREATER GORGE

Hood River Library hosts Feb. 14 event



Photo by Stephen Datnoff

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

In "Raptor Love Stories: An Intimate Exploration into the Lives of Avian Couples and Families," Ellen Donoghue, PhD, explores the wonders of connecting with wildlife with an intimate look into the lives of several raptor pairs and their families. The presentation will be Feb. 14 at 5 p.m. at the Hood River Library and features unique images from wildlife webcams.

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 each of us to offer our unique gifts on behalf of all beings

on this planet," according to Donoghue, www.ardentnature.com.

She has studied the connections between people and nature in a variety of places around the world, according to a press release. Donoghue said the natural world has been an enduring constant and the most influential teacher in her life. She is 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 District at 541-386-2535 or info@hoodriverlibrary.org, or visit hoodriverlibrary.org.

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

Businesses, individuals, 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.

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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, CGTA partners created action teams with projects to address key impact areas that are important to the Gorge:

Car Free Visitor Transportation supported the introduction of easy bus trips from Portland on the Columbia Gorge Express, created car-free itineraries and helped to connect visitors with the different

transport systems in one seamless 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 front-line 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 and spreading the "economic love."

Outdoor Recreation painted the vision of the upcoming Towns to Trails initiative, which will create a signature trail loop that spans the two states, leading hikers across scenic vistas and into the towns that connect them.

"The summit will give an opportunity for recreation and

hospitality professionals, public agencies, local non-profits and elected city and county leadership to gather and talk about opportunities and challenges in collaboratively managing and developing the tourism economy in the Gorge," Tkach said.

Event sponsors include Travel Oregon, Columbia Area Transit, Global Sessions, Oregon Humanities, Martin's Gorge Tours, Society Hotel and Mugs Coffee.

Additional event sponsor and vendor opportunities are available. For more details and to register, go to gorgetourism-summit2020.eventbrite.com.

For more details about the Summit or CGTA partnership, contact Reed at emily@columbiaorgetourismalliance.org.

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SUDOKU

This week's Sudoku is presented by:

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2	4		5		
5	6		7		8
3	7	5			8
	5	8	1	9	
1		2	6		5
9	2		8		6
	6		7		5
4		3		2	

Fill in all 81 squares on the puzzle with numbers 1 to 9. You can use each number 1-9 only once in each nine square section, in each horizontal line of nine squares, and in each vertical column of nine squares. The puzzle is completed when you correctly fill every square.

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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 crossing the Rhine."

Speaker Cal McDermid is 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

the ground floor to serve those unable to climb stairs.

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