

## New event for bird lovers planned on peninsula

“Wings Over Willapa,” a celebration of the region’s birds and nature, will take place on the Long Beach Peninsula Sept. 28-30.

The event will coincide with the start of fall migration.

There will be classes, art exhibits, workshops, guided tours and birding events.

“Explore the northern tip of Long Beach and spot snowy plovers and thousands of waterfowl,” event organizer David Ryan said. “Cross to Long Island and walk through a native old-growth cedar forest and head out to sea for possible sightings of albatross.”

Hundreds of species of birds nest or migrate through Pacific County.

The peninsula and Willapa Bay are designated Sites of International Significance by the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network.

For more information, visit [wingsoverwillapa.org](http://wingsoverwillapa.org).

## This Week in Aboriginal History

by Carl A. Ellis



## It's Creation's anniversary, according to Mayans

**Aug. 10, 1861:** The first Cherokee death of the Civil War occurs during the Battle of Wilson's Creek in Southern Missouri, according to some sources. Stand Watie, the only native American to become a general in the Army of the Confederate States, leads his Cherokee troops to victory. But their collaboration with the south leads to tensions with Cherokees who wish to remain neutral.

**Aug. 11, 3114 BCE:** Creation occurs, according to some Mayan sources. Other sources say creation began Aug. 12 or 13. Earthly life is predicted to end Dec. 21, 23 or 24, 2012.

**Aug. 12, 1676:** Metacombet, a Wampanoag chief whose father had been friendly with the Pilgrims, is killed by an Indian named John Alderman in the Miery Swamp near Mt. Hope in Bristol, R.I.

The chief and his allies did not continue his father's friendship and waged war against the colonists. Sometimes called the First Indian War, it resulted in huge losses of life for the Pilgrims.

After Metacombet's death, his wife and son are captured and sold into slavery. His head was mounted on a spike at the entrance to Fort Plymouth, where it remained for more than two decades.

**Aug. 13, 1865:** The U.S. Army attempts a badly organized effort to reign in the Cheyenne, Lakota Sioux and Arapaho Indians in the Montana and Dakota territories.

The Powder River campaign is beset with supply delays. While looking for a place to build a post, Capt. Frank North leads a scouting group of Pawnees down the Powder River.

Near Crazy Woman's Fork,

North chases a war party and becomes separated from the rest of his group.

Cheyenne warriors shoot North's horse and things look grim until one of his scouts, Bob White, rode up and join him in the fight. Soon other scouts arrive and the Cheyennes flee.

**Aug. 14, 1872:** A railroad surveying expedition of 300 men is attacked near the mouth of Pryor's Fork, Mont., by Sioux and Cheyenne warriors. One man is killed and five are wounded. The fighting lasts several hours.

**Aug. 15, 1952:** Public Law 280 places Indian lands in California, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon and Wisconsin under criminal and civil jurisdiction of the states. The bill does not provide for Indian consent or consultation.

**Aug. 16, 1865:** Capt. North's Pawnee scouts search for Cheyenne and Sioux Indians while construction begins on Fort Connor, near present-day Sussex, Wyo. They trail a group of Indians raiding along the Platte River and attack, killing 27 Cheyennes.

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## Senior Moments

with Emma Edwards

## We need to talk to each other

I'm one of those old people who think our youth spend far too much time on their Xboxes and other electronic devices.

I used to think it was a kid thing until I realized we've joined ranks. A good number of seniors are with it, electronically speaking.

No doubt you've become aware of all the signals and texting that goes on in most eating places, including nice family dinner settings.

Of course, we're careful to put our gadgets on vibrate once the meal starts, but it's not unusual to hear that low vibrate buzz from the person next to you. Even in church!

We're talking about important stuff for the kids. A recent issue of the Wall Street Journal noted that there are online tutors available to assist kids win the most popular Xbox game, Fortnite.

Parents can hire a Fortnite coach. Seems "It's not the violence or the addiction of the hit game that bothers mom and dad - it's the losing," according to the newspaper. They want their kids to be winners! These are 10-year-old kids.

More than 125 million people play the game worldwide. In a nut shell, it pits 100 combatants against each other until one person or team is left standing.

I better get off the subject as I could get in trouble with some of my great-grandchildren. That's something we seniors are wise about: keeping our opinions to ourselves. At least most of the time! You know, I try!

Actually, my family is happy I know how to operate an

iPhone, as they see it as a safety feature to keep track of me. Just think how grandparents are so different from grandparents when we were children.

However, when it comes to electronic devices, I have a beef many of you may have as well.

I don't mind waiting when I go the doctor or dentist or whatever, but I do wish folk would put away those phones and other devices and spend some time visiting with each other.

In the "olden days" we used to listen to soft music while we waited and even got to meet the nicest people and have a quietly spoken little visit.

The other day, I learned something I hadn't known and that is we have a golden birthday once in a lifetime.

Maybe you didn't know that either? Well, my golden birthday was when I turned 24 on the 24th of the month. Some call it a "lucky birthday" or a "champagne birthday" or a "star birthday."

I have a great-grandson turning 18 on the 18th of this month. Maybe I will make him a gold card of some sort to celebrate the event. Fun fact to know!

One more thing on the subject of electronic devices.

Some say these are our golden years as we age. But it's been noted that the older we get the more we're like computers.

We start out with lots of memory and drive, then we become outdated and, eventually, we have to get our parts replaced.

Oh, well, I won't complain if you don't.

## Senior lunch menu

**Monday, Aug. 13:** Salmon, parsley butter potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, key lime pie.

**Thursday, Aug. 16:** Spaghetti with Italian sausage, broccoli, romaine lettuce salad, ice cream.

*The Warrenton senior lunch program is at noon (doors open at 10:30 a.m.) Mondays and Thursdays at Warrenton Community Center, 170 SW Third St. Suggested donation is \$5 for ages 55 and older; \$7 for those younger. For more information, call 503-861-3502.*