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City declares June 2021 as 'Tufted Puffin Month'

Hilary DorseyFor The Gazette

Cannon Beach City Council proclaimed June 'Tufted Puffin Month' during a city council meeting Tuesday, April 6.

Haystack Rock Awareness Program Director Kelli Ennis said every year, the Friends of Haystack Rock work with a variety of organizations, including the Haystack Rock Awareness Program, to educate the public about the intertidal and bird life at Haystack Rock, support research on priority species such as the Tufted Puffin and advocate for protections for wildlife and natural habitats.

Tufted Puffins have been breeding on Haystack Rock

for decades. The population of the popular seabird is in decline. Friends of Haystack Rock Board Chair Angela Benton said the species has been in decline the last three decades. Some of the declines have been observed in breeding populations in Oregon, Washington and California.

Friends of Haystack Rock have declared 2021 as the Year of the Tufted Puffin. The organization hoped for 2021 to be Tufted Puffin Month in the city of Cannon Beach. Benton said they are early in the request because they hope to promote it in advance.

"We request that the Cannon Beach City Council proclaim the month of June 2021 as Cannon Beach's Tufted Puffin Month to help bring awareness to the challenges that the Tufted Puffins face and educate the visitors on how to be good stewards of our environment and highlight one of Cannon Beach's most beloved and iconic species," Ennis said.

Benton said the intent behind the proclamation is to raise awareness. The Tufted Puffin was removed from the Endangered Species List in December 2020. Friends of Haystack Rock hope to build activities around Tufted Puffin Month and promote it before June.

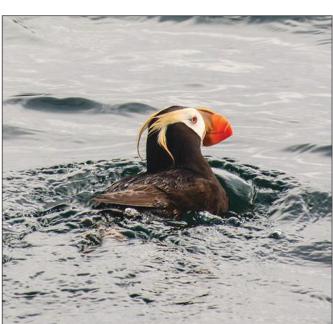
"We're doing everything we can to promote awareness, education, research and conservation," Benton said.

Ennis read the proclamation, which stated, "Tufted

Puffins are an iconic species that can be seen from April to August on Haystack Rock where they breed and raise puffins before heading out to sea for the winter. The Tufted Puffin population faces numerous threats and challenges, including pollution in our ocean waters, invasive species that impact their breeding habitats and nests, climate change causing ocean temperatures to rise and forage fish to migrate further north to cooler waters, and lack of food due to overfishing.

June 2021 was proclaimed Tufted Puffin Month in the city of Cannon Beach.

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Tufted Puffin

BUILDING ON FAMILY



What started during Spring Break of 1996 as a cheap fun thing for a young family to do at the beach, is still going on 25 years later in Cannon Beach. The group, true to their tradition, stays in the same suite of rooms at Tolovana Inn (overlooking Mo's and Haystack Rock), eats breakfast at the same Pig 'n Pancake Restaurant in Seaside and building sandcastles on the beach rain or shine. From left are Laura Gage and husband Barry Mc-Kenna, patriarch Kevin Gage, Carolyn Gage Lleneras and husband Sal, and Rachel Gage with her dog Spork. From left to right in 1996 photo are Rachel, Laura, and Carolyn Gage. Photos provided

SANDCASTLE CONTEST VIRTUAL THIS YEAR

The 57th annual Cannon Beach Sandcastle Contest will be a virtual Summer of Sandcastles with the kick-off June 5. The virtual competition is intended to be a COVID-safe alternative during this time requiring physical distancing for public safety. So, start sketching your dream sand creation for 2021.

The committee is working on COVID-safe small celebratory events to accompany the virtual contest such as music. More to come as planning develops so keep an eye on our Sandcastle Contest webpage and Facebook page for updates.

Cannon Beach has hosted this Oregon Heritage Tradition event since 1964. Chamber Executive Director, James Paino explained, "The health of our community, volunteers, com-



petitors, and attendees must come first. Rather than a one day, large-crowd event, the virtual contest goes the entire summer so more builders can safely participate."

Volunteer and Committee Chair Debbie Nelson said "It's fun to come across a sandcastle while walking on the beach. We have encouraged past teams to come create and build on their own through September 6th. I can't wait to find the sandcastles and sculptures they build."

Supporters and collectors can buy 2021 limited edition posters and other merchandise when they become available online and in-person at our Information Center.

Email your questions to chamber@cannonbeach.org and follow us on Facebook @CannonBeachSandcastleContest.

City eyes at financing plans for new city hall, police station

Kathleen Stinson
For The Gazette

The Cannon Beach City Council met in work session Tuesday to discuss how to raise money to construct a

new city hall/police station facility.

The councilors discussed the following options at this meeting: Whether to

ask the voters to approve a property tax increase, raising the food and beverage tax and housing city staff in portable buildings. They talked about the so-called deficient condition of the building that houses the current city hall/police department.

Plan Act, as stated on the city website.

that houses the current city hall/police department.

One idea is the city is seeking to obtain money from the American Rescue

The money would fund water resiliency, a new city hall/police station, a generator at the Ecola pump station and other items.

City manager Bruce St. Denis said the only option he knows of now to fund a new city hall facility would be either by

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COVID-19 vaccine update: Volunteers help at vaccine events, Johnson & Johnson vaccine on pause

Hilary Dorsey For The Gazette

Clatsop County's COVID-19 vaccine task force provided an update during a Cannon Beach Chamber virtual meeting Tuesday, April 13. The task force has been responsible for the mass vaccinations, with the help of 200 volunteers helping staff vaccine events, many of them from Cannon Beach.

"We've administered more than 21,000 doses of vaccine in the county over the last three months, which is pretty incredible to think about," Incident Commander Chris Laman said.

FDA has paused the Johnson & Johnson vaccine as of April 13. This is out of an abundance of caution as the FDA and CDC review six cases of a rare and severe type of blood clot in women ages 18-48 after vaccination of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, Oregon Health Authority reported.

"We don't know how long that pause will be for," Laman said. "The FDA is just saying that they want to review the cases and learn more about it, as well as make sure the providers in the country understand what's going on."

Laman said the task force has 800 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine they were planning to use for mass vaccinations of a couple canneries Friday, April 16, but will likely use the Moderna vaccine now. The task force will follow all current guidance regarding the vaccine.

"The outreach program is going very well,"

Laman said.

The task force has hosted vaccine events in remote locations, such as in Jewell, through local

partnerships, Laman added.

"We administered vaccines to older people in the Jewell community," Laman said. "We have another event in Jewell scheduled for Friday, the 23rd and will be vaccinating 100 people at the Jewell School in partnership."

Beginning April 19, the vaccine becomes available to everyone 16 years and older. Right now, Clatsop County does not receive the Pfizer vaccine, the only vaccine authorized to vaccinate those under 18 years old. The task force is working with Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to get a freezer to be able to store the vaccine at the health department.

Laman said close to 14,000 citizens of Clatsop County have been vaccinated, at least with their

"OHA is telling us there's still about 16,000 people who want to get vaccinated as soon as possible but we have not identified those people," Laman

Laman said in the 80 plus category, almost 80 percent of Clatsop County citizens have been vaccinated. The 16,000 people to be reached are in the 18-45 age group. These people have not engaged with the survey yet.

With a goal of 75 percent of the county to be vaccinated, Laman said the county is half way there. About 15-20 percent of people do not want the shot and 10 percent are on the fence. The rest want the vaccine.

Citizens who want to get vaccinated need to fill out the online survey. They will then be invited to a vaccine event within 10 days.

The survey can be found at https://bit. ly/3mISeKO

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Restaurant owners talk operating during pandemic restrictions

Kathleen Stinson For The Gazette

wo local restaurant owners talked to The Gazette last week about what it is like to operate a business under the pandemic dining room capacity restrictions.

Ryan Hayes Dewey, owner of the Cannon Beach Hardware & Public House, said the restaurant included space they were not using before COVID. They just "changed gears" in response to the pandemic and expanded into that area to increase their dining

It was a "fortunate circumstance," Dewey said. They were able to add four tables to the two they already had inside. The takeout portion of the business is "busy." There is ample outdoor seating.

"As of late, we have been doing pretty well," he said. And the spring break visitors have increased business.

"We are feeling really happy there are people in town," he said. "They have lunch at the restaurant before heading back to Portland. It's been a blessing.

'We certainly have been busy – but not the same numbers as before," he said. "We'd like to get back to full throttle but we are grateful for what we have now.

He said the safety protocols such as wearing masks at first were difficult for customers but it has been more than a year and "people have come to grips with that."

He said he has had to ask only a few people to put on masks and it generally was because they forgot them.

The establishment, which has a full bar and a restaurant, was an idea he got from his father who while in Ireland saw a hardware store with a pub called Foxy John's.

Jack Stevenson, chef and owner of the Bistro, a restaurant in Cannon Beach, said "things have been going well."

The Bistro started having live music every night courtside, Stevenson said. "We're the only place that has live music every night. It's been a lot of fun.'

Also, their online ordering system has been successful, Stevenson said.

'We are doing great and we're in the black every month," he said. Now they have live music inside too.

He said people are "so anxious to get back to doing things. We have all our staff back. It's been wonderful." The restaurant has several bookings for wedding receptions and family gatherings.

We are not where we were last year but at least we are not losing money, which is a blessing," he said. "People are really happy to get out we're full every night."



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Planning dept. discusses Ecola Creek management plan

The city Parks and Community Services Committee came to some consensus on their recommendations for the Ecola Creek Forest Reserve Management Plan Update during a work session earlier this month

The issue is that the city wants to improve road access to the area for the purpose of fighting a fire. However, some people are concerned that improved road access to the area could invite people into the reserve and that people can cause forest fires. For more detail, see The February article in The Gazette at https://www. cannonbeachgazette.com/ news/city-talks-ecola-creekforest-management-plan/ article_0fe88d32-753b-11eb-8ca9-b3d1f87f5ad3.html.

The City Council is scheduled to discuss the Ecola Creek Forest Reserve Management Plan on May 11th at its work

As stated in the previous article, "City staff had proposed an addition to the 2019 ECFR report that would allow them to 'study making road improvements for the purposes of combating and preventing wildfires in the ECFR,' as stated in the staff report. "Any proposal will be brought to the City Council for their consideration and to gain public input prior to Council making a decision."

City emergency manager Rick Hudson, who wrote the staff report, as stated in the previous article, said: "The ECFR is a protected area which secures the Cannon Beach water supply and is also home to a very fragile and living ecosystem... The current system does allow people to walk into the ECFR and to enjoy the natural surroundings.'

Committee member Barb Knop led off the discussion by saying that she wants the area to be protected from the danger of fire. A "balanced approach' is what she suggested and "to work on a compromise."

Committee member Les Sinclair said he agreed with the idea of striking a compromise. He said the reserve should have a road management plan and they should "get rid of" unnecessary roads.

Committee member Stacey Benefield said the roads that are not being used should be decommissioned.

Sinclair said he recommends a gate on the north road and no trespassing signs.

Committee member Robert Lundy said connecting the roads in the reserve creating a "network" was not a good idea.

Jillayne Sorenson, committee chair, did not respond to requests to comment by press



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At the library

When the desperate speak, listen and believe

Joseph Bernt Library Volunteer

nd now for a few Announcements. Ballots for this year's election of library officers and new board members were mailed to library members who have paid their membership dues for 2021-2022.

If the ballot has not arrived, members of the library should contact the library office via email at info@cannonbeachlibrary. org or calling 503-436-

Only those ballots that reach the library office by Friday, May 7, will be counted. Anyone who has not renewed their library membership may still do so and return a ballot by the deadline, but don't tarry.

Due to increased demand, the Cannon Beach Library has expanded the hours open for limited browsing. Limited browsing now is available on Wednesdays and Saturdays from Noon to 4 p.m.

Patrons may still place orders and holds any time during the week by logging into their account online, emailing the office or calling the library.

Patrons may pick up orders on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays between noon and 4 p.m.

Les Sinclair will lead members of Cannon Beach Reads in a Zoom discussion of "Night," Elie Wiesel's account of the deportation, execution and forced labor of 14,000 Jews from his village of Sighet in eastern Hungary to the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration complex in southern Poland during May of 1944.

The Zoom discussion begins at 7 p.m., Wednesday. April 21, at 7 p.m. Regular members of Cannon Beach Reads will receive information about joining this on-line discussion the day before it begins. Those who have never participated in Cannon Beach Reads discussions but are interested in joining this discussion of "Night" should email their names and email addresses to Joseph Bernt at berntj@ ohio.edu to receive Zoom

access information. "Night" is an important work of twentieth-century literature that made its author a powerful voice for the dignity of human life in opposition to the brutal totalitarianism and militarism that dominated the planet in the 20th century and developed a good head of steam as we approach the second quarter of the 21st century.

Having arrived as a studious child, 15 years old, at the Auschwitz-Birkenau complex by rail in one of many cattle cars, each stuffed with 80 dehumanized Jews from Sighet, Wiesel clung to his father. They, however, were separated from Sarah, his mother, and his sisters—Tzipora, the youngest, and Hilda, the oldest, and Bea, the middle daughter-as camp staff separated women and men.

Excluding those living in Budapest, from 430,000 to 440,000 Hungarian Jews were transported to Auschwitz-Birkenau, a concentration point serving two purposes—to exterminate all but 20 percent of the internees through immediate execution or through physical exhaustion from overwork, disease and hunger, or to supply labor for Nazi war production at Auschwitz or

tributed within Germany and conquered territories in eastern Europe.

In 1959, Israel established Yom Ha-Shoah as "Holocaust and Heroism Remembrance Day." This year, Yom Ha-Shoah began at sunset April Joseph Bernt

7 and concluded at sunset April 8. The United Nations established January 27, the day Soviet troops entered Auschwitz in 1945, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

I'm now writing on April 11, the final evening of the official week-long U.S. Days of Remembrance, about Wiesel's description of traveling to and surviving in Auschwitz and Buchenwald from May of 1944 until the Jewish underground rose up and U.S. troops entered Buchenwald on April 11, 1945, ten weeks after Soviet troops stumbled into Auschwitz.

When Cannon Beach Reads established its schedule for the year, this April connection between Yom Ha-Shoah and our assigned reading for this month had not occurred to CB Reads

On January 6, insurrectionists wore clothing embracing "Camp Auschwitz" as they trashed the nation's capital, threatened to put a bullet in the head of the Speaker of the House and hang the Vice President and actually beat and killed members of the Capital Police.

Only three months have passed since the January



House," so discussing Wiesel's gripping masterpiece still feels appropriate during the month of remembrances. Wiesel wrote "Night" specifically so horrors of the Holocaust would never

assault on

the "People's

fade from human memory. January 6 demonstrated that the memory has been fading for a sizeable portion of our nation.

Wiesel had good reason to worry that people would feign disbelief, would deny "the final solution" occurred. The human desire to forget the painful, the brutal, the inhumane became a recurring theme in "Night."

In the first sentence of "Night" Wiesel introduces his readers to Moishe the Readle:

"They called him Moishe the Beadle, as if his entire life he had never had a surname. He was the jack-ofall-trades in a Hasidic house of prayer, a 'shtibl.' The Jews of Sighet—the little town in Transvlvania where I spent my childhood—were fond of him. He was poor and lived in utter penury. As a rule, our townspeople, while they did help the needy, did not particularly like them. Moishe the Beadle was the exception. He stayed out of people's way. His presence bothered no one. He had mastered the art of rendering himself insignificant, invisible."

"Night" begins before direct Nazi involvement in Hungary. In 1941, Hungarian police loaded 20,000 Jews without Hungarian citizenship into cattle cars. Moishe the Beadle was not a citizen of Hungary.

"They cried silently." Wiesel writes. "Standing on the station platform, we too were crying. The train disappeared over the horizon: all that was left was thick, dirty smoke."

That smoke foreshadowed more to come from the oft-mentioned crematorium that blocks the sky over Auschwitz throughout "Night."

The deportees were forgotten. There were rumors they were content and working in Galicia. Days turned into weeks, weeks into months. "Life was normal again," Wiesel drips with bitter irony.

Moishe can no longer remain silent after he was wounded but escaped from a Gestapo massacre when the train of non-citizens were transferred onto trucks waiting in Poland, taken to the woods to dig their own mass graves and systematically executed.

Moishe returned to Sighet to tell everyone, anyone, who would listen to his account of the massacre. The Jews with Hungarian citizenship did not believe Moishe the Beadle's account. Moishe had become an intrusive irritant. They refused to listen.

The remainder of "Night" demonstrates the importance of listening and believing.

On Wednesday, May 19, Joseph Bernt will lead members of Cannon Beach Reads in a Zoom discussion of "The Age of Edison: Electric Light and the Invention of Modern America" by Ernest Freeberg.

The library collection

continued to expand, in March, adding 21 new titles, eight recent popular novels, eight new mysteries and five nonfictional books.

The eight new novels added to the library collection in March are "Who Is Maude Dixon?" by Alexandra Andrews, "Infinite Country" by Patricia Engel, "Better Luck Next Time" by Julia Claiborne Johnson, "How the One-Armed Sister Sweeps Her House" by Cherie Jones, "My Year Abroad" by Chang-Rae Lee, "The Committed" by Viet Thanh Nguyen, "The Rose Code" by Kate Quinn and "We Begin at the End" by Chris Whitaker.

Eight new mysteries were added in March, including "Dark Sky" by C.J. Box, "The Cook of the Halcyon" by Andrea Camilleri, "The Postscript Murders" by Elly Griffiths, "Slough House" by Mick Herron, "Transient Desires" by Donna Leon, "A Matter of Life and Death" by Phillip Margolin, "The Lost Apothecary" by Sarah Penner and "The Consequences of Fear" by Jacqueline Winspear.

Five nonfiction titles have also been added. These include "The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing and the Future of the Human Race" by Walter Isaacson, "Kill Switch: The Rise of the Modern Senate and the Crippling of American Democracy" by Adam Jentleson, "Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019" by Ibram Kendi and "This is How They Tell Me the World Ends: The Cyber-Weapons Arms Race" by Nicole Perlroth.



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Letters to the Editor

We have opportunity to help our unique habitats

I have lived in Cannon Beach for twenty years and was drawn here by its stunning beaches, diverse tide pools, rocky habitats and wildlife. I've been a volunteer community scientist monitoring nesting birds every summer for several years. I'm so happy that visitors come here to enjoy this place but as visitation increases I'm deeply concerned about the impacts. Challenges facing inhabitants of the rocky shores are growing and I've seen firsthand the disturbance of species of conservation concern like our

emblematic puffins and black oystercatchers.

We have a great opportunity right now to help. Oregon's Rocky Habitat Management Strategy is being updated. As part of this process, the public has been asked to submit site designation proposals. The North Coast Rocky Habitat Coalition (NCRHC) submitted two proposals for Chapman Point and Ecola Point, recommending that these areas be designated Marine Conservation Areas. These proposals include smart, practical measures that balance ecological protection and public access. Many in the community have already embraced these proposals.

success story – balancing protection with site access. Let's follow that up with new designations to help keep our community so special! The Rocky Habitat Working Group has tentatively approved these proposals

Haystack Rock gained

status as a Marine Garden in

1991 and it has been a great

with several recommended changes, accessed at: https:// www.oregonocean.info/index. php/tsp-rocky-shores-amendment. The Working Group will

re-evaluate these proposals soon. Please consider sending a comment in support no later than April 15, 2021 to TSP.Comments@state.or.us.

Talking points may be found at https://www.facebook.com/ northcoastrockyhabitats.

> Tabea Goossen Cannon Beach

Shedding light on why I love **Cannon Beach**

"I love Cannon Beach" has increasingly become a mantra among residents and tourists alike over the forty-four years we have been part of the Cannon Beach community. What some have failed to realize is that part of the city's charm is the result of its dark-sky policy that not

only helps create a village atmosphere but protects local wild life. Within the past few years we have noticed that more property owners are installing blinding white motion detector lights, bright white LED porch lights, and white parking area lights that contribute to light pollution, trespassing on neighboring properties, blinding neighbors and passersby, blotting out the stars, and disrupting animal life. In many cases these lights are left on all day as well as at night, needlessly wasting energy and property owners' money.

We are sympathetic with law enforcement's need for lighting to address the

problem of graffiti and other crimes that have developed. However, amber light is not only sufficient for night vision; it is less blinding.

When choosing lighting, we encourage people to consider their neighbors and the environment around them, including the night sky. The Cannon Beach municipal code requires lighting that is downcast and fully shielded. A further requirement of amber rather than bright white lighting would help to maintain the village atmosphere that inspires so many to say, "I love Cannon Beach."

> Diane and Rex Amos Cannon Beach



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an increase in the food and beverage or property tax.

Although no votes are taken at a work session, the councilors did ask the staff to look into the cost and feasibility of using modular buildings in the current area of the city hall to house staff.

St. Denis said he would consider moving the police department into the part of the building his staff now occupies and moving his staff into modulars.

The city manager said two things need to happen before putting the question to the voters: they need to make a decision on a location for the new city hall/police station and how to pay for it.

The councilors discussed a possible property tax hike of 5.5 percent.

St. Denis said raising funds through a food and beverage tax would mean residents would not have their property taxes raised. They also discussed the idea of combining the two types of taxes.

The councilors arrived at a consensus that the city needed a new city hall/police station due to the condition of the current structure.

It is old and was never constructed to house such a facility. Also, it is in the tsunami zone. Details of the condition are on the city website and have been previously reported by The Gazette.

Councilor Brandon Olgilvie suggested the city construct a new police station on the current site.

Councilors commented on the fact that the city has yet to decide on a location for a new facility or on a design.

St. Denis said he favored bringing on an architect to

design the building that would be part of the entire project, not someone to simply produce a design.

Councilor Nancy McCarthy said they "really need to move on this and possibly get federal help... if the infrastructure plan goes through."

McCarthy suggested putting the question to the voters in May, if not on the November ballot.

The city manager said should a seismic event occur, they would be managing the city on computers from their cars. He said the police would not have a facility from which to operate and help people.

He said the city is putting in a request to get funding from the "American Recovery Plan. It would be great if we got that."

Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn talked about his employees who are having breathing problems due to the air quality in the police station.

Olgilvie said he supports the idea of looking into using portable buildings to house some staff.

As of 8:05 am Wednesday only 12 people had viewed the council Zoom meeting on the city YouTube channel, as stated on the channel site.

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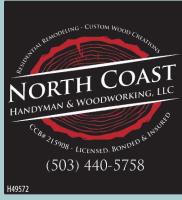
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