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Attendees wait to enter a house during the 2024 cottage tour. File Photo

Cottage tour returns September 13

STAFF REPORT

Cannon Beach's cottage tour will return on September 13, for its 22nd annual edition in support of the Cannon Beach History

Center and Museum. This year's tour will focus on homes in the Tolovana Park neighborhood and features events on September 12 and 14, in addition to the tour.

Friday, September 12, will be the Opening Night Benefit Bash held at the Cannon Beach History Center & Museum from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event includes live music by Gayle Ritt and Mike Soto. There will be food provided by Rainy Day

Boards & Bakery and The Chocolate Café. Drinks will be provided by The Wine Shack and Pelican Brewing Company. There will also be a silent auction. Admission is by donation.

Saturday, September 13, will be the Historic Cottage Tour from noon to 5 p.m. A shuttle will be provided

this year due to Tolovana Park being further away from the city center. Tickets are \$50 in advance, \$55 beginning September 1, and \$60 on the day of the tour. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased on the history center's website or in person at the Cannon Beach History Center & Museum, or over

the phone at 503-436-9301. Sunday, September 14, will be two candle painting workshops, one at 11 a.m., and another at 1 p.m. Tickets are required and can be purchased on the history center's website or in person at the Cannon Beach History Center & Museum, or over the phone at 503-436-9301.

Russian quake triggers Cannon Beach tsunami advisory

WILL CHAPPELL Gazette Editor

A projected 8.8-magnitude earthquake off the Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia triggered a tsunami watch, subsequently upgraded to an advisory, in Cannon Beach and across the United States's Pacific coast early in the evening of July 29. By midday Wednesday, the alert had been canceled.

A tectonic summary of the quake from the United States Geological Survey's National Earthquake Information Center said that the quake was the largest globally since the 2011 9.0-magnitude Tohoku, Japan earthquake, and among the ten largest since 1900.

The earthquake occurred at 12:24 p.m., July 30, local time (4:24 p.m. pacific daylight time, July 29) 80 miles off the Kamchatka Peninsula in Russia's far east where the Pacific Plate moves west-northwest against the North American Plate, which extends beyond the continent. The report said that the fault event was likely to have caused a slip around 240 miles long by 85 miles in length and had been preceded by ten days of quakes in the region.

In Clatsop County, residents signed up for Everbridge Nixle alerts received a first warning at 5:21 p.m., letting them know that a tsunami watch had been

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Portrait of Passion

PIERCE BAUGH V for the Gazette

It started when she was ten. The family artist gene kicked in, and Hazel Schlesinger had a desire to paint. While most of her family were musically inclined, brushstrokes won over piano key strokes, and though Schlesinger never met her great-grandmother, she inherited her passion for painting. "It's interesting, because I get inspired by her," Schlesinger said of her late greatgrandmother. "Almost like a voice of the ages, where you kind of feel like maybe you know this person through their work."

Many people know Schelsinger through her work. Her paintings have been featured in movies, television and commercials. Northwest by Northwest gallery owner, Joyce Licoln, who has carried Schlesinger's work for 15 years, said it's not surprising to be watching television and see one of her pieces appear in the background.

Scenic and color-filled, Schlesinger's work captures some of the most beautiful landscapes and seascapes and presents them to viewers through the prism of gentle brushstrokes. "I love painting the ocean. I was born a block away from the sea," said Shlesinger.

She also has a fondness for abstractions, describing the style as "aha." "It doesn't have a recognizable form, but it still makes me go 'aha," Schlessinger said, "because the colors are pleasing, because I can enter the painting and wander around in the painting just through shapes and color."

Specializing in oils and acrylics, she's known for her plein air approach to painting — "plein air" being a French term for painting outdoors in front of a subject, something she does across the world.

"I travel a great deal. I mean, a great deal,"Shlesinger said. Soon,



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she'll be returning to Auverssur-Oise in France to paint next to the burial site of Vincent van Gogh.

Though van Gogh has long been dead, Schlesinger believes that his work, as well as the work of other painters, continues to speak. "Artists will die, but their voice still comes

from the painting. It still communicates," she said. Schlesinger believes that art is ultimately a form of communication. "Why people need art is probably for communication, for release. I think

that people need a visual release," Schlessinger said. A teacher as well as a painter,

Schlesinger loves to see her students grow as artists and surprise themselves with their skill. For those looking for what they're passionate about, she advises them not to be afraid to fail a few times.

Schlesinger says she would need three lifetimes to adequately pursue her passion for painting. And for her, something to do that sustains us."

finding something we love is necessary. "We all need to fall in love with She will be featured through Northwest by Northwest Gallery at the Stormy Weather Arts Festival,

which will be from November 7th to

the 9th.

Human Interference Makes a Tough Year for Wildlife Even Tougher

Human interference has been negatively impacting Cannon Beach's wildlife this season

> PIERCE BAUGH V for the Gazette

It hasn't been an easy year for many of the seabirds that live on Cannon Beach's Haystack Rock with birds of prey, like bald eagles, disrupting the nesting patterns of the iconic tufted puffins and others like black oystercatchers, causing issues raising chicks.

And, on top of that, this summer, human interference has been adding to the challenges.

In August, a video was released showing someone aiming a laser at Haystack Rock, where puffins nest, resulting in the abandon-

ment of chicks. While Jenny Gooldy of the Haystack Rock Awareness Program (HRAP) is glad that the incident was captured on video, she believes more could have been done to intervene: "We wish they would have just gone one step further and just called PD," Gooldy said, "and PD would have been more than happy to come down there and see if they could

figure out what's going on.' Unfortunately, the laser inci-

dent hasn't been the only human disturbance Cannon Beach's wildlife have experienced this season. Gooldy received reports of people climbing on Haystack

Rock at night, which affects birds

like black oyster catchers. Black

oystercatchers have already had a difficult season for raising chicks and human interference has

caused a pair to lose their chicks. Common murres are a non -nesting species of birds that keep their eggs on the rocks. If disturbed, the birds will flee, leaving their eggs vulnerable.

In an egregious incident of human interference, over the summer, a helicopter hovered over Haystack Rock, flushing birds from their burrows. The incident was reported to the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Last month in Seaside, people tried harvesting 33 sea stars from the beach, putting the sea stars in Ziploc bags. People who witnessed the illegal harvesting intervened, preventing the theft and calling the police. The culprits have not been found, but the onlookers' intervention made a meaningful difference.

HRAP had noticed mussel harvesting at Haystack Rock, where it isn't permitted. "Yes, you can harvest mussels. You can get licenses. There are areas to do it, but Haystack Rock is a protected state garden. Those mussels are food for our sea stars," says Gooldy.

Making things even more chilling for HRAP is people's lack of understanding of the ecological significance of Haystack Rock. "We've had people push back and go, it's just a rock," Gooldy said. "It's like, 'Yeah, but they're endangered.' There are animals on that rock that are species of concern.'

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NBHD Clinic to open October 4

WILL CHAPPELL Gazette Editor

With substantial completion mere weeks away, workers are completing a final punch list of items at the Nehalem Bay Health District's new clinic facility in Wheeler, and a grand opening is scheduled for October 4.

After a groundbreaking last July, work on the \$12.2-million facility has progressed smoothly and is on track to come in under budget, according to Nehalem Bay Health District (NBHD) Board President Marc Johnson.

The new 16,000-squarefoot building will expand the district's exam room capacity from seven to 15, while Johnson estimated that the new pharmacy has about ten times more space for staff than the current facility.

The clinic and pharmacy will be located on the building's first floor, while the second floor will house a dental clinic, with three operatories now installed and a dentist hired. The



The new clinic's parking lot is now complete, including electric car chargers.

dental suite also has room for two additional opera-

Two behavioral health counselors will also be located on the second floor, as well as administrative office space, a sound-isolated room for telemedicine consultations and a

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community room, including a kitchen for nutrition classes.

Substantial completion of the facility is expected on September 8, at which point staff will begin moving in. A grand opening ceremony including tours and a ribbon cutting is planned for October 4, at 1 p.m., before patients are seen in the new building beginning on October 8.

Funding for the project is coming principally from a \$10.25-million bond approved by voters in May 2023, with the balance coming from the federal government in the form of a \$3 million appropriation in 2022's OMNIBUS spending bill and a further \$500,000 grant.

Beyond supporting the new clinic's construction, those funds are also being used to renovate the district's skilled nursing facility in Wheeler and will be used to repurpose the district's existing clinic, the old Rinehart Hospital.



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(Left to right) City Councilors Tom Campbell, Linda Kozlowski and Jerry Spegman, City Manager Leila Àman, City Councilor Brad Hart and (far left) John Handler, hold the ribbon as Mayor Kathryn Stock and Velda Handler, whose family previously owned the city hall and police station property, cut it to open



Attendees were invited to tour the new city hall (left) and police station (right) after the ribbon

Manzanita city hall opens for business

WILL CHAPPELL Gazette Editor

Several hundred community members gathered on Manzanita Avenue on August 2, to celebrate the completion of Manzanita's new city hall and police station with speeches, a flag raising, a ribbon cutting and tours of the facilities.

Manzanita Mayor Kathryn Stock and City Manager Leila Aman expressed deep gratitude to city leaders and staff past and present, local organizations who had supported the project and the team that undertook it and said they were excited for the new city hall to welcome the community.

"As we open this new city hall, we honor not just a building, but our community; one grounded in service, resilience and sheer purpose," Aman said. "May this space inspire civic responsibility and may it welcome every voice and guide us always to work for the public good."

The crowd began to gather in front of the new city hall on a sunny Saturday morning as a DJ played music, attendees enjoyed snacks and kids participated in activities

organized by the Hoffman Center for the Arts.

After Stock welcomed the group, Bob La Torre played the national anthem on trumpet while Manzanita Police Sergeant Mike Sims, former Mayor Mike Scott and veteran Chuck Bridge raised the flag over the building.

Aman then addressed the crowd and thanked many of the people who had contributed to the project's success. "This project was many years in the making, decades in fact, so my role today is to recognize the many hands and hearts who helped envision, plan and build this space," Aman

Thanked first were the city councilors who had taken part in the project's planning, approval and construction. Aman specially thanked Councilor Linda Kozlowski, who led public listening sessions in the wake of a failed 2019 vote seeking support for a tax increase to pay for the project.

After city council reaffirmed their commitment to building a new city hall and police station in 2020 and directed city staff to find funding sources to support the facility, the listening sessions helped to inform a preliminary plan,

completed and approved by council in 2021.

That led to the hiring of Bearing Architecture to develop schematic designs for the project and Klosh Group to serve as owner's representatives, with plans completed in spring 2023. During the plan development process, the team identified Business Oregon's Special Public Works Fund as a funding source, with council approving a loan of \$4.6 million at a 2.1% interest rate from the fund in December 2023.

Groundbreaking took place in March 2024, and work progressed on schedule and budget throughout construction, with substantial completion occurring in May 2025, and city staff moving in beginning in June.

Aman thanked Melanie Olson from Business Oregon for pointing the city to the Special Public Works Fund, Chris Keane and Andrew Hamblin from Bearing for a design that matched the city's budget while honoring the community, Jesse Steiger from Klosh Group for her support as owner's representative, Jason Stegner, Dave Cram and Carolina Lysse from Cove Built for leading the construction and city attorneys James

Walker, Souvanny Miller and Christi Taylor.

Aman said that while she was happy to see the project completed, she would miss working with the project team and thanked them for their diligence.

"This was the most rewarding professional experience of my career," Aman said, "so I want to thank all of you who were involved for your integrity, your hard work and your commitment to serving Manzanita."

After Aman's remarks, Stock returned to the microphone and thanked the various local leaders present, including State Senator Suzanne Weber, State Representative Cyrus Javadi, Tillamook County Commissioner Mary Faith Bell, Tillamook Sheriff Josh Brown, Tillamook Coast Visitor's Association Executive Director Nan Devlin, Tillamook Peoples' Utility District General Manager Todd Simmons and Neah-Kah-Nie Superintendent Tyler Reed, for their support. Stock also



The large crowd enjoyed music, refreshments and activities in the lead-up to the ceremony.

thanked local nonprofits who had representatives present, especially the Pine Grove Community House that hosted city council meetings during construction.

Then, before leading the ribbon cutting on the new facility and welcoming attendees to tour it, Stock addressed the community as a whole, thanking them for

making the city what it is. "So, whether you're volunteering or whether

you're just being a great member of the community, you're a golfer, you're on the dragon boat team, whatever it is you love to do in this town, just know that we appreciate you and we're here serving every single one of you," Stock

Coaster Theatre's 'Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors' delivers more laughs than you can 'count'

What if you took Bram Stoker's legendary vampire tale and put it into a blender with Mel Brooks, Monty Python and "The 39 Steps"? You'd get "Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors," a lightningfast, laugh-out-loud, gothic horror romp opening Aug. 29 at the Coaster Theatre Play-

house in Cannon Beach. When her sister falls ill with a mysterious disease of the blood, Lucy Westfeldt and her fiancé, Jonathan Harker, enlist the help of a famous vampire hunter, Jean Van Helsing. Their hunt for the dangerous and sexy Count Dracula abounds with clever wordplay and quickchange antics. There will be blood, and laughs, as five

WILDLIFE Tough Year

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"It's going to take that awareness of our locals, our visitors, to help protect the ecosystem

... We have to be extra vigilant to take care of this area. So that way it continues for future generations. It doesn't take much to start really tipping it the wrong direction.'

If anyone sees harassment of wildlife, Gooldy says, don't be hesitant to call the Cannon Beach Police Department's non -emergency line.

Finally, Gooldy recommends a golden rule for spending time on Cannon Beach's shores: take only pictures; leave only footprints.

actors play over a dozen roles in this hilarious send-up of the literary classic.

Written by Gordon Greenberg and Steve Rosen, "Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors" is directed by John Hoff and features Cyndi Fisher, Katherine Lacaze, Margo McClellan, Sara Spangler and David Sweeney. The production crew includes Colleen Toomey, Sondra Gomez, Mick Alderman, Juan Lira, Nancy McCarthy and Heidi Kershner.

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regarding curbs and tree roots, and This way, followed by a tug on the leash. Ideally, he is the only dog in the home or in a home where the dogs are older and mellow. Louie does not like surprises or being bounced around like a pinball by high energy dogs jumping around. He did pursue the cat in the foster home of the times but responds to queing and often isn't even aware.

a few times but responds to cueing and often isn't even aware of the cat being in the room. Louie will take two medications for

the rest of his life (other than the food): one is for his bladder control, which helps a great deal, and one is for his right eye. Did we mention how cuddly he is? He loves to cuddle on the

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"Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors" runs from Aug. 29 through Oct. 11. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. except the Oct. 5 matinee, which starts at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and \$30, and are available at coastertheatre. com, at the theatre box office or by calling 503-436-1242. The "pay what you will"

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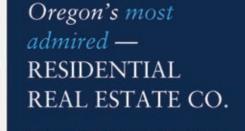
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NCRD pools set to open for business

WILL CHAPPELL Gazette Editor

Following delays caused by issues with faulty equipment, the North County Recreation District's new natatorium is set to open for business in the coming weeks.

North County Recreation District Executive Director Justin Smith said that training was nearly complete, and the district planned a soft opening for the facility ahead of a later, formal grand opening ceremony.

Started in early 2023, the new pool project's \$18 million budget is being financed by district savings, private donations, including one from Adventist Health Tillamook to build the therapy pool, and a county award of \$1.7 million in transient lodging tax funds.

Now, the pools are complete, with equipment installed and staff nearly

completely trained on lifesaving procedures for the pools and maintenance operations for the new equipment, with only some training on specific scenarios left for lifeguards.

The new facility features two pools, one a six-lane lap pool and the other a therapy pool featuring a wheelchair ramp for access. Smith said that the smaller pool has a capacity of 48, while the larger pool could accommodate 142.

Completion of the project was originally scheduled for early this summer, but a series of issues with equipment—late delivery of sand filters that arrived leaky and malfunctioning heat exchangers—caused a delay of several months.

NCRD staff are planning to operate the pool with the same hours and programming as the legacy pool to start, and at least half the larger pool will be configured for lap swimmers outside of open swims.

Smith said the larger pool will be kept at 81-82 degrees, while the therapy pool will be maintained around 91-92 degrees, and the air temperature around 80 degrees.

Students from the Neah-Kah-Nie School district are set to begin lessons in the new space in late September and Smith said he was hoping to add lessons outside of the school program as well as classes for those suffering arthritis.

A plan is in development for securing the district's existing pool, which Smith said will be closed to the public while the district raises funds to take next steps with the space.

As for a grand opening for the pool, Smith said that would occur once bricks and a display wall thanking donors to the project are installed in the coming months so that the district can recognize their contributions.



Diving blocks were among the last items waiting to be installed at the North County Recreation Dis-

regon's beaches make 10 of the Best list

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The travel website, Lonely

Planet, illustrates a listing of what it describes as 10 of the Best Beaches along Oregon's Pacific Coast.

Oregon's coastline as 363 miles of rugged terrain "dotted with some incredibly beautiful stretches of sand, dramatic headlands and prime surfing. Not only that, this stretch of coastline has been protected from development and designated as "the People's Coast," Lonely Planet states. "Since the Beach Bill was passed in 1913, the state's beaches, coves, and coastline have been reserved as public lands for the enjoyment of Oregonians."

• Cannon Beach is number 1 on the list as the "best beach for bird watching."

 Seaside is listed as number 2, described as the "best beach for a fun carnival atmosphere."

• Yachats is number 3, described as "best beach for getting away from it all."

• Gold Beach is listed as number 4, "best beach for wildlife watching.'

 Florence and the Oregon Dunes is number 5, as, "best beach for otherworldly landscapes."

 Manzanita, described as the "best beach for an exclusive vibe." is listed number 6. • Brookings is number 7,

listed as "best beaches for incredible views." • Bandon is number 8, "best

beach for marine life." Depoe Bay is listed number

9 for "best whale watching." Number 10 on the list is In-

dian Beach in Ecola State Park, listed as "best beach for coastal hiking trails."

The travel website lists Depoe Bay as a small city with "coastal charm."

"Located 10 miles south of Lincoln City, little Depoe Bay

is edged by modern timeshare condominiums but still retains some original coastal charm," Lonely Planet notes. "It lays claim to having the world's smallest navigable harbor and being the world's whale-watching capital - pretty big talk for such a pint-sized town. Whale-watching and charter fishing are the main attractions in the area year-round."

Lonely Planet also suggests Devils Punchbpwl as a detour five miles south of Depoe Bay, calling it "an impressive collapsed sea cave that churns with waves and offers good tidepools nearby."

The online magazine puts Florence and the Oregon Dunes at Number 5 on its list.

Stretching for nearly 50 miles between Florence and Coos Bay, the Oregon Dunes form the largest expanse of oceanfront sand dunes in the USA, according to Lonely Planet

"These sandy hills tower up



COURTESY PHOTO FROM MARGARET MINNIC Haystack Rock at Canon Beach.

to 500 feet and undulate inland for up to 3 miles to meet coastal forests, harboring curious ecosystems that sustain an abundance of wildlife, especially birds. The area inspired Frank Herbert to pen his epic sci-fi Dune novels," the online site states. "The very northern and southern sections of the

dunes are dominated by dune buggies and dirt bikes (off-highway vehicles, or OHVs); avoid hiking in these areas. The central section of the dunes is closed to OHVs and preserved for wildlife and more peaceful human activities such as hiking and canoeing."

Lonely Plant also offers a

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planning tip: "Make time for Florence's Old Town neighborhood to see the town's most charming side – a quaint waterfront district nestled along the scenic Siuslaw River next to the Oregon Coast's prettiest harbor," it states.

Yachats, number 3 on the list, is described as a neat and friendly little town and one of the Oregon Coast's best-kept

'Lying at the base of massive Cape Perpetua, Yachats offers the memorable scenery of a rugged and windswept land," Lonely Planet states. "People come here to get away from it all, which isn't hard to do along this relatively undeveloped stretch of coast. Not only is the beach close to town an ideal stretch of sand and sea stacks, but Cape Perpetua also gives you even more room to roam and take in the coast."

See more at https://www. lonelyplanet.com/

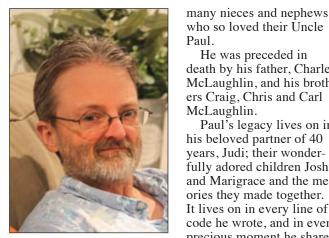
OBITUARY

Paul McLaughlin August 22, 1968 - June 10, 2025

Paul Richard McLaughlin (56) passed away peacefully at home surrounded as he wished; by his wife, Judi and his two devoted children, Joshua (28) and Marigrace (23).

Paul loved growing up in Cannon Beach; biking around town, racing RC cars with his lifelong friends Jeff and Josh, and working at the Pizza Harbor. His hope was to one day retire and move back to Cannon Beach with Judi whom he met during his senior year at Seaside High School. They fell in love, and 40 years later, that love is still forever. Paul enjoyed a brilliant 30+ year career as a Software Architect and he has left his mark on the software/shipping industry.

Paul died after a hard fought battle with brain cancer, his 3rd cancer in his short lifetime



Paul is survived by his wife, Judi, their children whom he was deeply proud of; son Joshua and daughter Marigrace, his mother Jeanie McLaughlin, Step-mother, Barbara Mc-Laughlin, brothers Charlie (Hilary), David (Jackie) and Mark McLaughlin, sister Erika (Jason) Branch brother-in-law Steve Jordan, and

who so loved their Uncle Paul.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles McLaughlin, and his brothers Craig, Chris and Carl McLaughlin.

Paul's legacy lives on in his beloved partner of 40 years, Judi; their wonderfully adored children Joshua and Marigrace and the memories they made together. It lives on in every line of code he wrote, and in every precious moment he shared with those he loved most in this world. He will be deeply missed and forever

remembered. All(-1) are welcome to attend a memorial service on Saturday, September 13th at 2pm.

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Announcing three opportunities to have your art prominently featured in Cannon Beach

Art submissions are now being accepted from local and regional artists for three major opportunities:

• The cover and showcase pages of the 2026 Cannon Beach Visitor Guide

 The 2026 Cannon Beach Chamber Artist of the Year, who will create iconic artwork for two of Cannon Beach's largest events—the Sandcastle Contest and the Stormy Weather Arts Festival

Submissions will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2025.

"For the second year, we are reincorporating local art into the Visitor Guide to support and reinforce Cannon Beach's art heritage and culture. And this will be our third Artist of the Year," Chamber Executive Director Jim Paino explained.

The artwork submitted will be considered for pages

with premier placement in the middle of the guide. Submissions that wish to be considered for the cover must include Haystack Rock. The artwork chosen for the cover will receive compensation, and all other selected artwork will be published in the Visitor Guide at no cost to the artist. The artwork for the event posters may be created in any medium but must be translated into a digital file

for reproduction. Entries must be received by the Events Committee no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2025. Additional details and information are available online at cannonbeach.org/ artsubmissions. Submissions can be emailed to Jordan@CannonBeach.org or submitted in person at the

Cannon Beach Chamber of

Commerce and Information

Center, 207 N Spruce Street. Don't miss this chance

to contribute to Cannon Beach's vibrant artistic heritage and have your work celebrated by locals and visitors alike. We look forward to seeing your creative interpretations of our beloved Haystack Rock.

About the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce: The Cannon Beach

Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to promoting the well-being of the local business and art community through events, tourism, and business support. Our mission is to enhance the cultural and economic vitality of Cannon Beach while preserving its unique charm and natural beauty.

We can't wait to see your inspiring artwork and celebrate the beauty of Cannon Beach through your eyes!

AT THE LIBRARY



Raffles, Auctions, Local Authors & an Earlier Book Club Meeting

By PHYLLIS BERNT Library Volunteer

It's good to change things up and try something new every once in a while, and that's what the library (131 N Hemlock) is doing this month. The library's book club is changing its meeting time (more about that later), and the annual Fall Festival fundraiser is partnering with a new event.

a new event The library has traditionally held a fall fundraiser to say goodbye to the sunny, visitor-filled summer: welcome the quieter, cozier days of autumn; and, at the same time, raise funds to help cover library expenses. Over the years, the fundraiser has had different names (Harvest Festival, Fall Festival) and has included various events and activities (bake sales, craft sales, cake walks, raffles,

This year's fall fundraiser

includes past popular activities—gift certificate raffles and silent auctions—and teams up with something new for the community's enjoyment: a Local Authors Festival on Saturday, September 27.

The Fall Festival Fundraiser is a month-long raffle and silent auction. Thanks to the generosity of local merchants, gallery owners and hotel owners, patrons can purchase tickets for five bundles of gift certificates and make bids on six hotel and entertainment packages until Saturday, September 27, when raffle and auction winners will be decided. Ticket holders and bidders do not have to be present to win.

The five bundles being raffled off include \$290 in gift certificates for galleries on the north side of Cannon Beach (Jeffrey Hull, Bronze Coast, White Bird and Basalt galleries); \$350 in gift certificates for galleries on the south side of town (Dragon Fire Gallery, Ice Fire, House of Orange and Cornerstone Framers); \$275 in gift certificates to local merchants (Rachelle M, Salty Raven, Soul M and the Cannon Beach Book Company); and \$255 in gift certificates to food and drink establishments (Wine Shack, Mo's, Bald Eagle, Pelican Brewing and McGregor's Whiskey Bar). There is also a "mystery package" of gift certificates for especially daring and curious patrons.

Raffle tickets are \$5 for one ticket, \$10 for three tickets and \$20 for seven tickets. Tickets can be purchased in-person at the library, or through the library website at www. cannonbeachlibrary.org).

Patrons can place their bids on six hotel stay and entertainment packages, including a stay at the Fairfield in Newberg, plus wine tasting at the Chehalem and Stoller Family Estates; a night at the Ocean Lodge; two nights at the Surf Sand Resort; a night at the Inn at Haystack Rock, plus food and drinks at The Bistro and Bodega taproom; a night at the Waves, plus food and drinks at the Pelican Pub and The Bistro; and a night at the Inn at Cannon Beach, plus dining at the Stephanie Inn. Bids can be placed at the library.

This year, the Fall Festival shares the spotlight with the Local Authors
Festival at 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 27 at the library. This Festival, which is part of the library's NW Author Speakers Series, includes thirteen published Oregon authors of fiction, history, poetry, children's, young adult and general nonfiction books.

The authors will sign and sell books and have oneon-one discussions about their work with interested patrons. While adults meet with authors, their children can enjoy a coloring contest, complete with prizes awarded in three age categories. And everyone can stick around as the winners of the raffles and silent auctions are announced.

Now in its eighteenth year, the Cannon Beach Reads Book Club has been meeting the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. Beginning with this September's meeting, the group will meet at 5 p.m. The 7 o'clock start time was necessary when the library closed at 6, and it took an hour to get the library ready. Now that the library closes at 4, an earlier meeting time is possible.

The earlier time is more convenient for the technical folks who set up, and then stay on to take down, the equipment that makes it possible to participate virtually. An earlier meeting time may be more pleasant during the cold, shorter days of winter.

So, the Cannon Beach Reads Book Club will meet at 5 p.m. Wednesday, September 17, to discuss "The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store," by writer and musician James McBride.

This will be a hybrid meeting with participants able to take part in the discussion in person at the library or virtually (contact book club coordinator Joe Bernt, berntj@ohio.edu, for the Zoom link).

"The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store" begins in 1972, when construction workers unearth a skeleton at the bottom of a well in the Chicken Hill neighborhood of Pottstown PA. But the real story takes place in the Chicken Hill of the 1920s and 1930s, when immigrant Jews and African Americans live side-by-side, a world away from the affluent white neighborhoods of Pottstown.

When the authorities want to relegate Dodo, a gentle, deaf African American boy, to a notoriously brutal mental asylum, Nate Timblin, the informal leader of the African American community, asks his employers, Moshe and Chona Ludlow, to help hide the child.

Timblin is the janitor at Moshe Ludlow's local theater, a theater which, much to the dismay of many white residents of Pottstown, Moshe has integrated. Chona Ludlow, who is revered for her generosity and kindness by the residents of Chicken Hill, runs the Ludlow's Heaven & Earth Grocery Store.

The Ludlows and the African American residents of Chicken Hill band together to protect Dodo, and are successful until things go terribly wrong, and the community must take desperate measures to save the boy.

McBride creates a plot that is often hilariously funny, sometimes harrowing and always entertaining; and characters who are vividly drawn, quirky and all-too-often tragic. The novel was a success with critics and readers; it was named the 2023 Book of the Year by both Amazon and Barnes & Noble, and was awarded the Kirkus Prize for Fiction.

James McBride, who received the National Humanities Medal in 2015, is the author of several award-winning, best-selling books, including "The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother," "The Good Lord Bird," "Song Yet Sung" and "Deacon King Kong." He is also an award-winning musician and composer.

Phyllis Bernt will lead the discussion on September 17. Coffee and cookies will be provided at the library. New members are always welcome.

Children of all ages are invited to come celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 20, at the library. In addition to hearing stories in English and Spanish, children can play Bilingual Bingo.

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: V equals Y

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issued for the area.

A tsunami watch is issued as advance notice to areas that may be impacted by a tsunami at a later time, with an update around 6:15 p.m. informing the public that impacts were expected to start in Seaside at 11:55 p.m.

The watch was upgraded to an advisory around 6:30, meaning that strong currents and dangerous waves from one to three

feet in height were expected and members of the public should stay out of the water. The advisory was canceled on Wednesday, July 30, just before 11 a.m.

A water level monitor in Garibaldi operated by the Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services showed variations from the expected tidal flow ranging from around .4 inches to 3.5 inches starting around 12:30 a.m. Data from a similar meter in Port Orford on Oregon's southern coast showed variations as high as two feet.



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