

## Beaver Tales: on the land and the big screen

NEHALEM — To celebrate beavers and their contribution to the ecology of the North Coast, Lower Nehalem Watershed Council, The Wetlands Conservancy and community partners are hosting the Beaver Tales Art Exhibit and accompanying events in August.

### Beaver Trail tour

The watershed council and community partners will lead participants on a tour of beaver habitat sites throughout the Nehalem Watershed 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19.

The tour will stop at two to four locations where participants will see different examples of active and historical beaver activity. Alix Lee, coordinator for the watershed council will lead the tour and provide narrative on beaver ecology, history and importance for maintaining healthy ecosystems on the North Coast.

Transportation between sites will be provided and has been funded by Tillamook People's Utility District.

This event is part of Explore Nature, a consortium of volunteer community and non-profit organizations working to provide meaningful, nature-based experiences in Tillamook County.

Registration is required and limited to 15 participants. Visit [explorenaturetillamookcoast.com](http://explorenaturetillamookcoast.com) to sign up and for more information.



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A still frame from "Leave it to Beavers"

### Movie night: 'Leave it to Beavers'

Join the watershed council at Alder Creek Farm 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, for movie night in the barn featuring the PBS documentary "Leave it to Beavers."

The hour-long documentary exam-

ines beavers in a new light, revealing ways in which "the presence of the industrious rodents can transform and revive landscapes," organizers wrote. "Bring a comfy camp chair and settle in to learn about these fascinating builders and brilliant hydro-engineers."

This is a fun and educational event for adults and children. Dogs won't be allowed.

The Alder Creek Farm is located at 35955 Underhill Lane.

### Art exhibit

The Beaver Tales Art Exhibit is on display until Wednesday, Aug. 30, at the North County Recreation District in Nehalem, 36155 Ninth St.

Featuring juried art for purchase, a portion of the sales from the exhibit will benefit the watershed council and The Wetlands Conservancy.

The traveling exhibit includes artwork of all kinds, from paintings to fiber, wood, stone, glass and ceramics. With regional and local artists displaying their work, this stop in Nehalem will bring together different styles and modes of creativity.

For more information, check out the watershed council's Facebook page at [facebook.com/lwnc1](http://facebook.com/lwnc1) and The Wetland's Conservancy website at [wetlandsconservancy.org](http://wetlandsconservancy.org).

## Grays River Grange sponsors spelling bee at Wahkiakum County Fair

SKAMOKAWA, WASH. — The Grays River Grange is sponsoring the annual spelling bee on the main stage at the Wahkiakum County Fair with prizes, gifts, surprises and fun for kids entering third through eighth grades. The event takes place 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19 — Kids Day, which means kids 12 and under are admitted free.

"Sponsoring the spelling bee acknowledges the Grange history of purchasing school books for children in need," organizers said.

For all kids entering third, fourth and fifth grades, first place wins \$75, second place \$50 and third place \$25. For all kids entering sixth, seventh and eighth grades, first place wins \$75, second place \$50, third place \$25.

The fair — staged at 16 Fairgrounds Rd, Skamokawa, Washington, 98647 — takes place Thursday, Aug. 17, through Saturday, Aug. 19. Kids sign up at the fair office on Saturday. Visitors can also check out the Grange Table in the T-Building at the fair for more information.

Contest rules and word study lists are posted on the Grays River Grange website ([graysrivergrange.org](http://graysrivergrange.org)), and the Grays River Grange #124 Facebook page.

Call 360-465-2268 or email [www.grange@wwest.net](mailto:www.grange@wwest.net) for more information.



## Help remove micro-plastic from Cannon Beach beaches

CANNON BEACH — Join Sea Turtles Forever as they partner with Sleepy Monk Coffee Roasters and the Haystack Rock Awareness Program for a micro-plastic recovery event 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Aug. 23. The event is free and open to the public.

Volunteers should meet near the lifeguard tower in front of Haystack Rock, and be ready to work. Gloves, all supplies necessary to filter plastic out of the sand, light beverages and snacks will be provided.

"Marine plastics absorb toxic chemicals," HRAP said in a release. "They wash up in waves along the Oregon Coast and become buried in the sand. The toxins in the



PHOTO COURTESY OF HAYSTACK ROCK AWARENESS PROGRAM

Volunteers remove micro-plastic near Haystack Rock at last year's event.

plastic are released when exposed to heat, and so when building a campfire those toxins are emitted straight into your food. They also get

on anything near the campfire like your skin and your clothes."

Nearly every beach in the world has micro-plastic

landfall. Scientists estimate 1 million seabirds die from ingesting micro-plastic each year. Sea turtles nesting on beaches have also fallen victim to micro-plastics.

Sea Turtles Forever's Micro-Plastic Removal Team has developed an "easy-to-remove" technology and is leading a global initiative to clean up marine plastic from beaches all over the world, HRAP said. Volunteers for this event will get to take part in this initiative as they use Sea Turtles Forever's technology to remove micro-plastics.

To learn more about the program, other volunteer opportunities and events, visit the HRAP website.

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