

Bird Day is fun for the whole family

SEASIDE — The Necanicum Watershed Council will celebrate all things BIRD at their 12th annual fundraising event, “Necanicum Bird Discovery Day,” 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at the Bob Chisholm Community Center.

The event is timed to take full advantage of the spring migratory birds as they pass through Seaside on the Pacific Flyway.

Meet at 8 a.m. at the community center for a morning walk and to learn how to identify many feathered migratory friends (sign-ups are encouraged at <https://bit.ly/2IgHhLf>). After 10 a.m., bring the family to the community center to build and take home a birdhouse, make a fish print or decorate a reusable bag. Stop by and visit booths from various partners, including Sunset Empire Parks and Recreation, Cape Falcon Marine Reserve,



NECANICUM WATERSHED COUNCIL
Community members take a guided bird walk at the Seaside Mill Ponds.

Seaside Aquarium, and Haystack Rock Awareness Program, while browsing a selection of raffle prizes. At noon, enjoy some feathered friends with a live bird show from the Wildlife Center of the North Coast.

Bird Day has been a success for the watershed council over the years, allowing them to reach 100s of community members and visitors, and to share about birds in the Necanicum watershed. It is the

council’s only fundraising event. All of the funds raised go toward their education and outreach programs, including the osprey webcam in Broadway Park. Go to www.seasideosprey.org to keep an eye out for the return of the osprey pair and watch as they make nest renovations for another summer raising their young.

To learn more about the council, visit www.necanicumwatershed.org.

Fish on! Registration is open at annual Bounty on the Bay fishing, festivities

GARIBALDI — Tillamook Estuaries Partnership is luring anglers to Bounty on the Bay this year with a great Italian dinner and fishing seminar Friday, June 8, to get the competition geared up and ready to tackle the Fishing Tournament on Saturday, June 9.

Whether you want to be the captain of your own boat or are excited to net a seat with one of the pro guides, everyone is hooked on the seafood feast, silent auction and award ceremony that anchors the event Saturday evening, June 9.

TEP is all about estuaries, and this weekend event highlights the best

Tillamook Bay has to offer: amazing scenery, big fish, great food and jovial company.

In its 15th year, Bounty on the Bay features two days of fun. Registration is open and necessary for all facets of the event.

Whether you are interested in the guided fishing trips (early reservations recommended), taking out your own boat, joining us for the Friday night dinner and pro-guide Seminar, or our seafood feast and silent auction on Saturday night, we have something for everyone.

Registrations are open. Forms are available at www.tbnep.org or, to

obtain more information regarding the event, contact Valerie Stephan-LeBoeuf by phone at 503-322-2222 or by email at bounty@tbnep.org.

All proceeds go to the conservation and restoration of Tillamook County’s estuaries and watersheds. Tillamook Estuaries Partnership is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation and restoration of Tillamook County’s estuaries and watersheds in their entirety.

For more information on TEP programs and how they benefit our local communities, visit www.tbnep.org.



The view from Neahkahnie Mountain

COURTESY FRIENDS OF HAYSTACK ROCK

Living ‘Life in the Coastal Edge’

CANNON BEACH — The Haystack Rock Awareness Program holds its last Library Lecture Series of the season this month. Katie Voelke, director of the North Coast Land Conservancy, will talk during the event 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, at the Cannon Beach Library, 131 N. Hemlock St.

Her topic is, “Life in the Coastal Edge.”

Friends of Haystack Rock supports HRAP in cooperation with the city of Cannon Beach, promoting the preservation and protection of the intertidal life and birds that inhabit the Marine Garden and the Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge at Haystack Rock.

Haystack Rock Awareness Program is celebrating more than 30 years of educating and protecting the marine environs surrounding Haystack Rock.

The Library Lecture Series is held the second Wednesday of each month, November to April.

Katie Voelke was raised in a home under oak trees where she spent many hours collecting bugs, making mud pies with her sister, and camping and hiking with her parents in the summers. She is sure this lifelong exposure to the natural world is what

led her on a path to study biology in school.

Voelke settled on Oregon’s North Coast with her husband, Scott, in 2003 and spent time doing field work with the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife before she finally found her calling: working in land conservation with NCLC.

In 2005 Voelke started as the Conservancy’s first

stewardship director working under founding Executive Director Neal Maine. After three years of learning the ropes alongside Maine, she took the helm in 2008.

Although her job at the Conservancy keeps her inside more than she would like, she manages to get her fix of the outdoors following in her parent’s footsteps: bug collecting with her three sons and spending the summers hiking and camping with family.

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