

Voelke talks public access on conserved lands

MANZANITA — On Thursday, March 14, the Lower Nehalem Watershed Council Speaker Series will feature Katie Voelke, the North Coast Land Conservancy executive director, for a discussion titled “Conservation Land and Public Access.”

The free event will be held at the Pine Grove Community House, 225 Laneda Ave. The program begins at 7 p.m. with a brief update from the Lower Nehalem Watershed Council. Voelke’s discussion will follow at 7:15 p.m.

The Land Conservancy is working on its biggest

project ever: the conservation of 3,500 acres of forestland above Oswald West State Park to benefit people, plants and wildlife. In this context, what is the right amount of public access for this property, if any?

Join an open-ended discussion about how to balance the needs of people, plants and wildlife in conserved lands on the Oregon Coast.

This event is part of the Lower Nehalem Watershed Council’s regular Speaker Series. We raffle off a gift certificate or special item from a local business supporter during each event.

Learn the story of George Ramsay

LEWIS AND CLARK — Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, Fort Clatsop is pleased to announce the next In Their Footsteps free speaker series event. Cape Disappointment State Park Ranger Aaron Webster presents “End of the Stone Age: George Ramsay” at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 17.

Ramsay was a Native American who lived near the mouth of the Columbia River during the time of Lewis and Clark. Ramsay may have been the son of a European sailor in the late 1700s and, by some accounts, lived long enough to meet the Wilkes expedi-

tion in 1841. His story illustrates the triumph and tragedy of the fur trade era.



Aaron Webster

Webster has worked at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center for 16 years.

In Their Footsteps is a monthly Sunday forum sponsored by the Lewis & Clark National Park Asso-

ciation and the park. These programs are held in the Netul River Room of Fort Clatsop’s visitor center and are free of charge.

For more information, call the park at 503-861-2471, check out nps.gov/lewi, or Lewis and Clark National Historical Park on Facebook.

Trail runs begin at Lewis and Clark

LEWIS AND CLARK — Lewis and Clark National Historical Park hosts its first trail run of the year on Saturday, March 23.

Come for either a 5K or 10K course that features the Kwis Kwis Trail. The 10K run includes long, steep sections. The start/finish line will be at the Fort to Sea Trail trailhead off Fort Clatsop Road.

Allow time to park at one of the Fort Clatsop Visitor Center parking lots, register at the Visitor Center, then enjoy a half-mile warm-up hike on the Fort to Sea Trail to the start line prior to the 10 a.m. start. Register that morning from 9 to 9:30 at the Visitor Center.

The cost to participate is the purchase of a \$30 Annual Park Pass that grants entry into all of the 2019 Lewis & Clark Trail

Series events and admission to the park for a year. Registration is free with any pass that covers entry into all of our nation’s National Parks. Participants younger than 18 need their parent or guardian to sign the registration form. A prize drawing will be held afterwards.

No pets are permitted on the course during the event (pets leashed to people are welcome on the park trails at other times).

The Lewis & Clark Trail Series is sponsored by the Lewis & Clark National Park Association, which supports park education and interpretative activities.

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Dive beneath Oregon’s marine reserves

ASTORIA — Go on a virtual underwater tour of Oregon’s five marine sites to explore the work of the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife and its many collaborators at the next Nature Matters talk, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 14.

The free presentation with Cristen Don, the Marine Reserves Program lead at the ODFW, takes place at Fort George Brewery’s Lovell Showroom, 1483 Duane St. This event is open to the public. Doors open at 6 p.m. to purchase dinner or beverages beforehand.

ODFW is seeking input

from local communities for development of the Cape Falcon Marine Reserve site management plan being written in 2019. ODFW is looking for activities and projects of interest to local communities to implement in the marine reserve. By highlighting the communities’ interests in the management plan, ODFW hopes to attract additional research and resources to foster community-led projects.

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