

# Haystack Rock claims another heart

## Melissa Keyser is HRAP's first full-time education coordinator

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The city's Haystack Rock Awareness Program has found its first education coordinator in Melissa Keyser, a 27-year-old Astoria resident who stepped into the new position Feb. 20.

During every beach season, dozens of school groups from Oregon and Washington take field trips to Haystack Rock so kids can learn about its bird and intertidal life from the program's staff and volunteers.

Scheduling these school groups, though, is a taxing and time-consuming process, said Samantha Ferber, coordinator of the Haystack Rock Awareness Program. With so many teachers requesting time at the beach, competing for low-tide hours, Ferber came to realize that neither she nor the intern, who traditionally handled the education side of things, had time to do it themselves.

"You have a ton of teachers all wanting to come at the same time," said Keyser, noting that, on some days, the tide is out for only

two hours. "We want to get as many groups as we can, but coordinating with them is sometimes difficult."

Keyser works with the teachers to give them the days they need. So far, she's scheduled about 30 school groups. That number is expected to rise as the main season for school groups (April through June) gets closer. Clubs, church groups, summer camps and other organizations likely will begin planning visits to Haystack Rock as well.

Keyser also works on the beach as a staff interpreter and will be giving presentations on Haystack Rock's ecology.

Eventually, she would like to help Ferber write some of the program's educational materials, which are based on the federal Common Core State Standards. Some of the program's volunteers give presentations, with games or slide shows, to local classrooms either before or after students' trips to the rock, where there's an intertidal investigation station, an aquaria investigation station and a bird observation station.



ERICK BENDEL PHOTO

Melissa Keyser, 27, is the first-ever education coordinator with the Haystack Rock Awareness Program. She is in charge of scheduling the school groups and other groups that visit the rock during beach season.

The funding for the part-time education coordinator's position, amounting to \$7,150, is secure until June 30, the end of the current fiscal year.

Before July, however, Ferber will make the case before the city's budget committee that the position should be extended through October, which the City Council will have to approve. She will ask the city to fund the position at \$14,300 annually, Ferber said.

### 'So passionate'

Originally from the Portland metro area, Keyser holds two bachelor's

degrees — in environmental studies and geography — from Portland State University, where she graduated in 2010.

"I've always been really passionate about pursuing something in the environmental field," said Keyser, who moved from Beaverton to Astoria with her husband, Matthew, two years ago. They have a 6-year-old son, Olin, and a 1-year-old daughter, Juno. "I've just been looking at every job that I can find in the North Coast region."

Keyser once worked for an eco-friendly auto detailing company, running its social media and setting up

its blog and website. She's also big on volunteer work and has donated her time to SOLVE's beach clean-up efforts and Friends of Trees' tree-planting projects.

Though her mother likes to garden and her family went "glamping" (glamorous camping) in their camper on occasion, Keyser's interest in protecting the environment arose from a very specific experience: an environmental studies class she took while still a senior at Southridge High School in Beaverton.

"I kind of just took it because it sounded interesting, and I just loved it. I ended up just wanting to do that," she said. "That class really dictated my future."

If the education coordinator position continues to receive funding, Keyser hopes to remain in it while preparing for graduate school, not least because "I love the people."

"All the volunteers I've gotten to work with are just so passionate — not like, scary passionate, but they are so passionate about what they're doing," she said. "They have such a wealth of knowledge that I feel like I want to attain."

## Class on Medicare to be held March 24

A Get a Grasp on Medicare class is being held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. March 24 at Cannon Beach City Hall, 163 Gower St. Preregistration is required.

There are no sales presentations, and no special offers, just free nonbiased Medicare information, including: a summary of Part A and Part B benefits; Medicare choices; 2015 Medicare Updates and the Affordable Care Act; Part D benefits, and how to enroll; avoiding health care fraud; and other helpful resources.

Guest speaker Melissa Johnstone from NorthWest Senior and Disability Services will discuss public programs available for seniors, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) and Medicaid long term care benefits.

For information, and to register, call NWSDS at 503-861-4200.



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### 46 ANNOUNCEMENTS

City of Warrenton is again seeking applicants for a volunteer park host who lives on site at Carruthers Park, 1560 NW Warrenton Dr. for a period of six months, March 15 - September 15, 2015. Water, sewer, garbage, electric provided. Applicants must provide telephone service and an RV or trailer. Volunteer Park Host Applications available at ci.warrenton.or.us/parksandtrails, 45 SW 2nd Street or, 225 S Main Ave, Warrenton. Background check and drug screen required, all pets must have proof of immunizations and all vehicles must be legally licensed and insured. Contact Nancy Claterbos at 503-861-0912 or nclaterbos@ci.warrenton.or.us with the words "Park Host" on the subject line or written on the outside of the envelope containing the completed application delivered to the City of Warrenton, 225 S Main Ave or PO Box 250, Warrenton, OR 97146 on or before March 31, 2015.

Request for Proposal 2015-2016 Contract for Jewell School District Pre-School/Daycare The Jewell School District welcomes existing businesses, individuals or other organizations to compete for the contractual opportunities to provide the Pre-School/Daycare Program for the 2015-2016 school year. We are looking to begin with a one year contract with the opportunity to extend the contract upon agreement spring 2016. Deadline for bid submissions is 3:00 pm April 1, 2015. Please visit our website home page (jewell.k12.or.us) for more information or call 503 755-2451 ext. 2410.

### 70 HELP WANTED

Arnie's Cafe is seeking reliable friendly people to add to their team. Positions include: Servers, Cooks, Busser/Hostess and Dishwasher/Prep. Please apply in person (1609 S. Main, Warrenton).

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Busy Shop in Seaside needs Seasonal Henna/ Face Painting/ Air Brush, people. Summer-time fun! (541)220-8285.

### 70 HELP WANTED

Big Foots Steak House Now hiring for experienced line cook, prep cook. for a fast paced restaurant. Must be detail oriented. Apply in person at 2427 S. Roosevelt Seaside.

Best Western I Care Best Western Ocean View Resort-Seaside, OR -

Open positions:

ASSIST. HEAD HOUSEKEEPER Assists with the management & operation of housekeeping & laundry Promotes an atmosphere of cleanliness and superior "I-care" customer service for hotel guests.

HOUSEKEEPERS: rooms & public areas: Cleans and prepares guest rooms and public areas by meeting established standards of cleanliness to assure guest satisfaction.

RESTAURANT SERVERS / BARTENDAR: Provides the highest level of food service possible in an efficient, courteous, personable, & professional manner to ensure a positive guest dining experience. Accurately, processes guest orders to ensure that all items are prepared properly and on a timely basis.

FRONT DESK: Guest Service Rep.: We are seeking friendly, caring, hospitality oriented people who enjoy serving guests in a positive work environment.

We offer competitive wages with the opportunity to earn incentive pay through achievable goals.

Please apply in person at 414 N Prom in Seaside, or email your resume to: HR@oceanviewresort.com

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Open positions: ASSIST. HEAD HOUSEKEEPER HOUSEKEEPERS RESTAURANT SERVERS BARTENDAR FRONT DESK Guest Services Rep. (GSR)

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### 70 HELP WANTED

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Clatsop In-Home Care Services Openings for part-time or full-time Companions - Caregivers. Benefits offered for full-time. Need caring, flexible people. Must pass background check & have valid driver's license. Will train right people. Apply at: 646 16th Street, Astoria.

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Clatsop Care Center is seeking applicants for part-time position of Staff Development/Infection Control RN. Must have current Oregon RN license, at least 2 years experience in long-term care or similar and proven leadership and teambuilding skills. EOE Applications available on website, www.clatsopcare.org or at 646 16th St. Astoria, Oregon.

College education needed? Adult info session 6-7p.m., Wednesday March 11th at Clatsop Community College. Info: (503)338.2411 or registration@clatsopcc.edu

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Columbia Memorial Hospital seeks candidates for the following:

Full or Part Time Opportunities Billing Clerks - Temporary Certified Surgical Tech CNA / CNAII - Med/Surg Coder Clinic Nurse Supervisor Director of Inpatient Nursing & Surgical Services HIM Outpatient Assembly & Analysis Clerk Medical Assistant Medical Group Manager Laboratory Department Manager PACS Administrator Patient Care Tech (CNA) - CCU Radiologic Tech (CT) Scanning Clerks - Temporary Staff RN - Surgery, Med/Surg Surgical Services Supervisor Surgical Services Manager

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Customer service representative We need talented people who can work in fast-paced, multi-tasked situations, and still be able to share the joys of the North Oregon Coast with our guests. Exceptional customer service ability a must. Hospitality experience a plus. Must enjoy diverse personalities as this is a team working environment. Availability required for weekends, holidays and evening shifts. Come work with us in this most spectacular Resort! Medical, Dental and 401K offered, paid vacations. Competitive wage DOE.

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Pick up application/submit resume to Hallmark Resort, 1400 S Hemlock, Cannon Beach or email your resume to cbaccounting@hallmarkinn.com, include position applying for in subject line or regular mail to PO Box 547, Cannon Beach OR 97110. Pre-employment drug test required. No phone calls please.

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