



NEAL MAINE

The red-winged blackbird could be Cannon Beach's official bird.

WHO WILL BE THE OFFICIAL BIRD?

Red-winged blackbird in the running

By Brenna Visser
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The coronation of the red-winged blackbird as the official bird of Cannon Beach will have to wait.

While city councilors indicated Tuesday, May 8, they generally support the bird's ascension to the throne, they voted 3-2 to table the proclamation to allow more time for public comment.

"I prefer that we have public input," City Councilor George Vetter said. "I don't want people to come back and say 'Gee, where did this come from?' and ask about why their favorite bird wasn't considered."

The idea was brought to the City

Council in April by Neal Maine, a long-time nature photographer and representative of the 12 Days of Earth Day committee. The group wanted the city to recognize an official bird to honor the 100th anniversary of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, a landmark federal law that protects dozens of species of birds.

The medium-sized, black-and-red songbird was chosen because they are abundant and represent the local ecology, Maine said in April. Recognizing the birds would also hold historical value as many live on the Little Pompey Wetland — a marsh named after the son of Sacagawea from the Lewis and Clark Expedition by Cannon Beach Elementary School fifth-graders more than 20 years ago.

But some city councilors couldn't help but address the tufted puffin in the room.

"I was just talking to someone today about this, and the first thing they asked was 'What about the puffins?' I don't think it's been acknowledged and announced in a way to invite public comment," City Councilor Mike Benefield said. "Because it addresses the public image of the city, I don't mind pushing it back to get more input."

Some in the community have raised eyebrows as to why the town's iconic bird took a back seat during the nomination process. Maine argued in April the red-winged blackbird is more visible than the elusive tufted puffin — which only nests a few months of the year at Haystack Rock — and that it was important to "give credit to another species."

Mayor Sam Steidel and City Councilor Brandon Ogilvie were the two dissenting votes, but chose not to offer reasons as to why.

Library to host annual Memorial Day weekend rare and old book sale

By Joseph Bernt
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From thousands of books residents and visitors donated to the Cannon Beach Library this past year, library volunteers have selected hundreds of rare, old, and classic books for this annual Memorial Day Weekend fundraiser.

This year the rare and old book sale occurs Saturday to Monday, May 26-28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Cannon Beach Library, 131 N. Hemlock.

The books selected for this special sale range from \$1 to \$600 each, prices far lower than found online and in brick-and-mortar used bookstores. Most books are priced under \$10. This sale features first-edition, author-signed, particularly collectible, richly bound and simply interesting old books.

Collectors will find some surprises, including many Modern Library and Everyman's Library editions and numerous books signed by author Ursula K. Le Guin, a longtime resident of Portland and Cannon Beach. Le Guin

died in January.

Cannon Beach Library differs from a public library in that it is a member-owned nonprofit organization that has served the library and information needs of residents and visitors in Cannon Beach and Arch Cape since 1927.

The library accomplishes this mission through the efforts of 95 volunteers who contributed 8,750 hours this past year to ordering new books and videos; cataloging and covering books; sorting shelves; managing the library desk; pricing used books and stocking the used book sale room; maintaining the building and equipment; servicing interlibrary loan requests and answering visitor and patron questions.

Volunteers also arrange such special member and community events as the Fall Festival and Crafts Sale, the Holiday Tea open house, Northwest Author appearances and Cannon Book Reads meetings; and this book sale and the library's huge July Fourth used book sale.

The Cannon Beach Library has one paid employee, but the labor of volunteers represents the equivalent of having four additional full-time employees. Still, volunteers alone cannot provide patrons with all their library and information services. To remain open and add new books — including current children's titles—and videos in a warm, well-lit building, requires fundraising.

The city of Cannon Beach provides a small subsidy to the library and patron fees help, but numerous fundraising events, such as this Memorial Day Weekend sale — along with generous donations from library members, residents and visitors to Cannon Beach and Arch Cape, and proceeds from an always open book sale room — cover the costs of new books and videos, a paid office manager, building maintenance, office equipment, supplies and utility bills. This Memorial Day Weekend will find volunteers managing a three-day rare and old book sale and a drawing for a stunning hand-sewn, heirloom quilt.

OBITUARIES

Ann Kristin Fontaine Cannon Beach

Nov. 22, 1941 — April 18, 2018

The Rev. Ann Kristin (Haldors) Fontaine, age 76, died at home in Cannon Beach, Oregon, on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, in the presence of her loving family and in the worldwide prayers of people whose lives she touched. A kind and caring mother and grandmother, Ann spent her life fighting for justice and equality, and helping people from all walks of life discover their purpose and strength.

Ann was born in Portland, Oregon, on Nov. 22, 1941, to Gustav Charles and Dorothy Margaret (Miller) Haldors. She graduated from Lewis and Clark College in Portland with a bachelor of arts degree in education in 1963. She married James Heryford Fontaine on March 9, 1963, at Grace Episcopal Church in Portland, Oregon, and had three children, Kristin Elizabeth Haldors Fontaine (born 1968), John Stephen Fontaine (born 1973) and Matthew James Fontaine (born 1977).

In 1972, Ann and James settled permanently in Lander, Wyoming, where Ann became a local lay leader in the Episcopal Church, quickly rising to state and national leadership positions.

She fought tirelessly for the equality of women, LGBTQ people, and people of color, working to ensure that all could live without fear, and serve where they were called. Ann

was instrumental in the Education for Ministry (EFM) program, serving as a mentor and trainer for over 30 years.

In 1991, Ann was called to the priesthood, graduating in 1994 from Harvard University with a master's degree in divinity. She was ordained on Jan. 6, 1996. She found her vocation serving as an interim priest.

In 2012 they moved to Cannon Beach, Oregon, where she was called out of retirement to work as an interim priest at both Grace Episcopal in Astoria and St. Catherine's of Alexandria in Nehalem.

Outside of her work changing the world, Ann was a devoted Cubs fan and all-around baseball nut, and loved spending time with her children and grandchildren at Cannon Beach. She remained an active member of the global online community, and continued to advocate for social justice and equality until the end of her life.

Ann is survived by her husband, James; brother, James Haldors; daughter, Kristin Fontaine (David Dailey); sons, John Fontaine (Reidy Brown) and Matt Fontaine (Tamara Paris); and her grandchildren, Quinn Dailey, Sarah Fontaine, Hetty Fontaine, Lander Fontaine, and Mickey Fontaine.

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