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The Backyard Birds exhibit is on display at the Museum of Natural History located next to the Bean complex.

The Museum of Natural History currently features an exhibit on local birds

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The Museum of Natural History is featuring "Backyard Birds," an informative and interactive exhibit on display April 3 until August 31.

The exhibit highlights four local habitats of bird species: Alton Baker Park, Buford Park, Fern Ridge and Spencer Butte. Each display profiles different birds found in the area, and has coordinating specimens and photographs. The theme of adaptation is found throughout nine activity stations geared toward both children and adults.

"The stations provide an in-depth look at particular issues such as beaks, feet or nesting," said Michael West, the museum's assistant head docent who helped with the exhibit's educational curriculum on birds.

The exhibit also provides information on bird watching and features a bird observation area in the museum courtyard.

"Backyard Birds" evolved from an idea to compliment birdboxes that local children are making in school. Cynthia Gabai coordinated and designed the exhibit. The project involved federal and state agencies who donated specimens, volunteers who built and put together the exhibit, a muralist, an intern, a work-study student and educators.

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The exhibit will be on display until August 31.

QUICK Takes

The Spinanes to perform at Agate Auditorium

The Spinanes, a Portland band, will play April 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Agate Auditorium. Tickets are \$7 for students and \$9 for the public.

Their music has been described as "jangly 'coffee house' punkish alternative."

Broadway musical to visit Hult

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Anyone who wants to see a production of the musical, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" can see the national tour of the Broadway stage adaptation when it visits the Hult Center April 23 at 8 p.m.

According to Co-Producer Jerry Lonn, the show is not currently produced by any other touring company and may not be performed again nationally.

"The show has been performed recently by one company in South Africa, two in Europe, one in the Midwestern United States and one on the east coast," Lonn explained. "With the success of our show in Eugene, it is possible that local theater companies will begin to pick up

the show because it did so well."

Lonn said that what makes "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" both charming and unusual is its departure from the style of most modern musicals like "Cats" or "Les Miserables," in which all of the dialogue is sung.

"This production is definitely a revival of the traditional musical. The story is simple and easy to follow," Lonn said. "It is a wonderful piece of musical theater that leaves you feeling warm and fuzzy when you walk out of the auditorium."

The musical tells the tale of the seven Pontipee brothers living in the Oregon wilderness of the 1850s. When the eldest

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Bryan Putnam will play Adam and Jill Colgan his spunky bride, Milly.