

Art pops into empty space

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

When the storefront at 106 10th St. was sitting empty just before Thanksgiving, the building’s owner Ron Hoxie asked photographer LaRee Johnson whether she and her husband would like to display their art, and if they had any friends who would do the same.

“I said ‘Yeah; I know a few,’” Johnson said.

By Dec. 1, the Johnsons and more than 20 other artists set up shop in the space, the pop-up Artist’s Gallery on 10th, a gallery “for and by the artists.”

The space features oils, acrylic, watercolor, pastels, photography, collage, fused glass, sculpture, textile art and water features, all from Clatsop County artists. It is open from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, depending on availability of the artists to staff the shop.

“It’s quite a thing in New



Shirley Dahlsten explains some of her work to visitors and artists at the Artist’s Gallery on 10th Street. The gallery features more than 20 Clatsop County artists, who also staff the gallery.

York and all these cities,” said Johnson.

“Any time anybody comes in, they’re going to meet an artist whose work is hanging up.”

Most of the artists, she said, will also be on hand from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday for the Second

Saturday Art Walk.

Painter David Ambrose said he’s gone around to other storefronts in Astoria, asking to hang his art in the windows. “It brings it alive.”

There’s no lease agreement at 106 10th St., Ambrose and John-

son said. The gallery stays until Hoxie can rent the building out.

“It’s a chance for the local community to show ‘Hey, we have a vibrant art community,’” said Johnson, adding that the Artist’s Gallery includes artists from students to professionals.

Legislators address local needs

Astoria School District will host the Clatsop County Education Legislative Forum at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Capt. Robert Gray School third-floor boardroom.

Reps. Deborah Boone and Sen. Betsy Johnson attend. The Clatsop County Education Legislative Forum is an opportunity for local community members to speak with elected legislators concerning education priorities.

The 78th assembly of the Oregon Legislature begins Feb. 2.

Young auklets dying of starvation

By KATIE WILSON
EO Media Group

LONG BEACH, Wash. — Young sea birds have been washing up dead on local beaches by the hundreds since November.

By the end of 2014, some counts estimated more than 800 Cassin’s auklets had been found dead on Oregon and Washington beaches.

The auklets are small birds, barely 6 inches long, with distinctive blue feet.

Though scientists aren’t entirely sure why the birds are dying in such numbers, starvation is the likely suspect.

With some exceptions, most of the dead birds are juveniles, said Warren Michaelis, a wildlife biologist with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife’s region 6 office. Young animals are not as resilient in general and at a higher risk of dying if situations turn against them.

Michaelis said scientists saw an auklet population boom this year, especially in nests farther north. The young birds dying now were hatched only this year. Unfortunately for these new auklets, ocean conditions didn’t cooperate.

This fall and winter, rough seas meant the young auklets

couldn’t hunt and gather the food they need.

“They’re dying essentially from starvation,” Michaelis said.

Similar die-offs have happened before, most notably in 2005. But, said Michaelis, “This year seems to be pretty much higher than what we had in 2005.”

Scientists say the die-off could also be due to changes in a food source.

WDFW has sampled several birds for avian influenza, but has turned up nothing that would lead them to think a bird flu strain is responsible for the auklets’ deaths.

Talk with Councilor Cindy Price

The January Salonical (political salon) to exchange ideas and information, ask questions and express concerns about city politics with Ward 3 Councilor Cindy Price is being held from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. Saturday in the Flag Room of the Astoria Library, 450 10th St. All are welcome.

‘Get a Grasp on Medicare’ class set

SEASIDE — A “Get a Grasp on Medicare” class is being offered from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Seaside Library, 1131 Broadway in Seaside. There is no cost for the class.

Jack Morrison, Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) Program Medicare counselor will discuss Medicare benefits, additional coverage options, 2015 updates and how to avoid health care fraud. This class is essential for anyone new to Medicare or struggling

to understand what benefits they have, and what additional options may be available. SHIBA offers unbiased Medicare information and assistance with Medicare billing and fraud issues. There are no sales presentations or offers, just basic Medicare benefit information.

In addition, Melissa Johnstone, services manager at

Northwest Senior and Disability Services, will present information about public programs available for seniors, such as Medicaid long-term care benefits and food stamps, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP).

For information, and to register, call Michelle Lewis at 503-861-4202.

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WEEKEND Best Bets

Friday

* **Pacific Rim Varsity Wrestling Invitational Championships**, 3 p.m., Seaside High School, 1901 N. Holladay Drive, Seaside.

Friday Night Mixer, 5 p.m., Imogen Gallery, 240 11th St., Astoria, 21 and older.

* **Sci-Fi Film Night**, 6 p.m., Astoria Public Library, 450 10th St., Astoria, free, all ages.

Tom Trudell, jazz piano, 6 p.m., Shelburne Inn Restaurant, 4415 Pacific Way, Seaview, Wash., no cover.

North Coast State Forest Coalition Celebration, 6:30 p.m., Fort George Lovell Showroom, 426 14th St., Astoria, free.

Bruce Smith, blues rock, 7 p.m., McMenamins Sand Trap, 1157 N. Marion Ave., Gearhart, no cover.

CULPA Episode 2 Premieres, 7 p.m., Hoffman Center, 594 Laneda Ave., Manzanita.

Trivia Night, 7 p.m., Baked Alaska, No. 1 12th St., Astoria, \$2 per person per game.

Hondo’s Open Mic, 7:30 p.m., Hondo’s Brew & Cork, 2703 Marine Drive, Astoria, no cover.

Junebugs, Americana, 9 p.m., San Dune Pub, 127 Laneda Ave., Manzanita, 21 and older.

Karaoke, 9 p.m., American Legion Post 99, 1315 Broadway, Seaside, no cover, 21 and older.

Redwood Son, roots rock, 9 p.m., The Adrift Hotel, 409 Sid Snyder Drive, Long Beach, Wash., no cover.

Robin Baciorek, pop folk, 9 p.m., The Voodoo Room, 1114 Marine Drive, Astoria, no cover, 21 and older.

Saturday

* **Pacific Rim Varsity Wrestling Invitational Championships**, 10 a.m., Seaside High School, 1901 N. Holladay Drive, Seaside.

Northwest Author Series, Matt Love, 2 p.m., Cannon Beach Library, 131 N. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, free.

Second Saturday Art Walk, 5 p.m., throughout Astoria, look for the colorful pinwheels at participating merchants.

Niall, folk music, 6 p.m., Wet Dog Café, 144 11th St., Astoria.

Anne Weiss, blues, 7 p.m., Hoffman Center, 594 Laneda Ave., Manzanita, \$12 to \$20.

Country Breeze Band, country rock, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 99, 1315 Broadway, Seaside, no cover.

Hondo’s Open Mic, 7:30 p.m., Hondo’s Brew & Cork, 2703 Marine Drive, Astoria, no cover.

The Backsliders, Americana roots, 8 p.m., Sou’Wester Lodge, 3728 J Place, Seaview, Wash.

Bar K Buckaroos, country, 9 p.m., The Voodoo Room, 1114 Marine Drive, Astoria, no cover, 21 and older.

Redwood Son, 9 p.m., The Adrift Hotel, 409 Sid Snyder Drive, Long Beach, Wash., no cover.

Winter Food Film Festival, 9:30 p.m., Columbian Theater, 1114 Marine Drive, Astoria, donation.

DJ Nacho Bizznez Dance Party, 10 p.m., Twisted Fish Steakhouse, 311 Broadway, Seaside, cover, 21 and older.

Sunday

Brad Griswold, bluegrass, 6 p.m., Sweet Basil’s Café, 271 N. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, no cover, 21 and older.

Too Long Sparks, pop music, 7:30 p.m., Seaside Brewing Co., 851 Broadway, Seaside, no cover.

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