

## Art celebrating elk on display in Seaside

SEASIDE — The art exhibit “Proceed As” is on display now at Fairweather House and Garden and continues through Feb. 6. The show features coastal elk images by local photographer Neal Maine as well as an elk painting by Michael Muldoon.

After a 30-year career as a biology teacher at Seaside High School, Maine became the first executive director of North Coast Land Conservancy, which he co-founded in 1986. Since his retirement in 2010, he has pursued his passion for nature photography through PacificLight Images, a partnership with his grandson Michael Wing, dedicated to raising awareness of coastal ecology and wildlife. A percentage of all photography sales are donated to North Coast Land Conservancy to help further this goal.

For this exhibit, Muldoon created an oil painting based on a photograph by Maine of two elk on the beach.

“This image is one of Neal Maine’s countless photos dedicated to raising awareness of coastal ecology and wildlife,” Muldoon said. “I’m very grate-



Submitted photo  
“Morning Jog, Father and Son” is a painting by Michael Muldoon that is based on a photo by Neal Maine.

ful for his permission to render his photo of these majestic elk on a soft beach morning, which I’ve titled ‘Morning Jog, Father and Son.’”

Main and Muldoon are both fascinated with the habitat found along the coast and share a Seaside connection that spans 50 years — Main was Muldoon’s high school football coach.

“To connect with Neal in this way after almost 50 years, for me, sincerely, is priceless,” Muldoon said.

Muldoon will contribute

10 percent of the proceeds from the original painting as well as all giclee prints to the North Coast Land Conservancy.

After graduating Seaside High School and attending West Point Military Academy, Muldoon spent a few years teaching and coaching before settling in a 30-year career in sales and marketing with a major car company.

“I loved my job, but I love retirement even more, especially the time it gives me with family, friends, travel, and of course oil painting,” he said.

An interpretive oil painter, Muldoon has studied at the Scottsdale Art School and with his mother, Cannon Beach resident and artist Betty Brower. Muldoon shows artwork in Arizona and currently at Trail’s End Art Gallery in Gearhart and Fairweather House and Garden, located at 612 Broadway.

## Jonah Tolchin, Polecat to play Fort George

### Jonah Tolchin & Polecat

8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25

Fort George Brewery

1483 Duane St., Astoria

All ages

No cover

ASTORIA — Another night of music will go down at the Fort George Brewery as the venue welcomes songwriter Jonah Tolchin, from New Jersey, to perform at 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25. Tolchin will warm up the brewery before continuing a U.S. tour with Dave and Phil Alvin. Rounding out the concert will be house-favorite stomp-grassers Polecat.

Tolchin’s interest in electric blues grew to encompass the genre’s acoustic predecessors, which in turn lead to him discover and embrace other traditional folk forms. From Guthrie’s talking blues to the unyielding

pulse of old-time stringband music, Tolchin absorbed it, attempted to play it, and in the process found his own voice as a songwriter and a singer. His style, illustrated so convincingly on his Yep Roc debut “Clover

Lane,” bridges the gap between classic folk self-sufficiency and punk’s DIY defiance with a poetic, openhearted sensibility at its core.

Formed in Bellingham, Washington, in spring 2010, Polecat has traveled all over Northwest, performing over 400 shows in four years. The band’s instrumentation enables the group to seamlessly blend genres, including bluegrass, country, Celtic, rock, reggae and world music. The general appeal of Polecat comes from the band members’ take on roots music and their interactive and high-energy live shows.

## Kids: Learn to cartwheel

GEARHART — Encore Dance Studio will sponsor a free cartwheel class for boys and girls ages 5 to 10.

The class will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. En-

core’s friendly and safety-certified staff will be on hand to teach cartwheel fundamentals and tumbling basics in this fun class.

Suggested tuition is a

non-perishable food item to be donated to a local food bank.

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