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See birds in Fort Stevens State Park.

Let's Go Birding on the North Coast

SUNSET BEACH — Do you have an appreciation for birds and want some experience on how best to see them? Or are you an experienced birder wanting to help with bird surveys? Here's your chance to join Let's Go Birding.

Birding activities are free and birders 8 and older are welcome (children 8-14 must

be accompanied by a parent or guardian). Loaner binoculars are available for up to 10 birders. Please bring your own binoculars if available.

This year, Sunset Beach State Recreation Site and the Fort to Sea Trail will be the site of weekly bird surveys.

The surveys will monitor the bird species that are uti-



Sunset Beach Weekly Bird Surveys

9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 6

9-10:30 a.m. Friday, April 15

9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 20

9-10:30 a.m. Friday April 29

Meet at Fort to Sea Trailhead at Sunset Beach State Recreation Area

Fort Stevens Monthly Survey

9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 30

lizing the park from season to season, and will be conducted weekly for an entire year.

The survey takes about 2 hours and will cover several diverse habitats along the trail.

For questions, contact Park Ranger Dane Osis 503-861-3170 ext. 41, or at dane.osis@oregon.gov

Word & Image opens for submissions on April 1

MANZANITA — Submissions open Friday, April 1, for Word & Image, a summer exhibit at the Hoffman Center for the Arts in Manzanita which will pair artists and writers to create original work, each in response to the other's.

Word & Image will offer up to 12 selected artists and writers a unique creative experience, one that co-organizers Deborah DeWit and Emily Ransdell call "silent collaboration."

Ransdell said that the project began as a spin-off of the Hoffman's weekly Writer's Lounge, where writers are invited to

create short pieces in response to various prompts, often resulting in work that surprises the authors themselves. Last summer's call for submissions was so successful that Ransdell and DeWit will be jurying the entries this year via a blind submission process.

The Hoffman's Word & Image project is open to all artists and writers who live on the North coast or have a strong connection to the area. Submissions will be accepted from through May 1. Selected artists and writers will be paired at a kick-off gathering on June 4,



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One of the previous Word & Image contenders.

with the resulting new work for the Word & Image exhibit due from each artist and writer by July 25.

An opening reception and reading will be held at the Hoffman Center for the Arts in Manzanita on Aug. 20. For further submission details, visit www.hoffmanblog.org/word-image.

Participants will be selected by a Hoffman team, led by Ransdell and DeWit. Ransdell is a poet with an master's in creative writing. A past recipient of an American Academy of Poets Prize, she is a member of The Poet's Studio at The Attic Institute in Portland. She divides her time between Manzanita and Camas, Wash.

DeWit, a full-time painter and photographer for 35 years, has exhibited widely. Her work is included in many private and public collections throughout the Pacific Northwest. She is also a published author, with three books in publication and is the subject of a documentary "Wetlands: Seasons of Mind" about her painting and its relationship with the natural world. She exhibits with Whitebird Gallery in Cannon Beach and Rowboat Gallery in Pacific City. She lives with her husband, filmmaker Carl Vandervoort, in Wheeler.

This project is supported in part by a grant from The Oregon Cultural Trust: Oregonians sustaining, developing and participating in our arts, heritage and humanities.

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Opens Friday, April 8th

RUNS THRU SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH
Friday & Saturday nights at 7pm (doors at 6:30)
Sunday matinees April 17 & 24 at 2pm (doors at 1:30)

Tickets \$8 to \$15 with all seats on the new "Family Fridays" night \$5 (kids 12 & under) and \$10 (adults)
 Tickets can be purchased at the door one hour before showtime, but reservations are recommended by calling 503-325-6104 or online at www.astorstreetoprycompany.com

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Knappa High puts on 'The Miracle Worker'

KNAPPA — Knappa High School presents "The Miracle Worker," written by William Gibson and produced by Sam-

uel French Publishers.

This is the powerful story of Helen Keller, born in 1880, who became deaf and blind

due to a high fever. Her desperate parents hire Annie Sullivan to try to tame the girl and teach her language.

Showtimes are 7 p.m. Saturday, April 2, and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 3. The play is held in the Knappa High School Little Theater.

Tickets, available at the door, are \$7 general, \$6 under 5 and over 55.

Get ready to chow down for a good cause

SEASIDE — The annual Seaside Kiwanis Club Pancake Feed is 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.

Tickets are \$7 for adults,

\$6 for seniors, \$5 for children and families are \$29, and are available from local Kiwanis members and at the door.

All money raised goes to-

ward youth activities in Clatsop County.

Kiwanis sponsors the Key Club at Seaside High School and the Builders Club at Broadway Middle School.

Some of the other programs Seaside Kiwanis has supported are: Camp Kiwanilong, college scholarships, Seaside Kids, Clatsop County CASA, backpack programs, safety fairs and more.

Seaside Kiwanis was chartered in 1925.