Country singer to perform in Nehalem | Look for birds weekly at Sunset Beach

BobbiLynn Forbus brings country music to the NCRD

NEHALEM — Recording artist/songwriter BobbiLynn Forbus will appear at the North County Recreation District's Performing Arts Center at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 7.

She will perform cuts from her country music album "BobbiLynn Halfway Home," released under the Midland Record label. The show will be a family-oriented solo performance of original music as well as a tribute to country legends.

In 2013, the Oregon native received a Grammy nomination for her original song, "Lovesick Cowgirls."

Forbus has been nominated under many different categories at the annual independent musical artist



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BobbiLynn Forbus will perform country music May 7 at the NCRD Performing Arts Center in Nehalem.

Josie Awards in Nashville, Tennessee.

Forbus currently works with Caprice/Canadian American Records, owned by Joey Welz, (piano player for the infamous Bill Haley & The Comets). "Halfway Home" is receiving radio

airplay throughout the U.S. and overseas.

Admission is \$10 at the door. Children 6 years old and under are free. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 503 368-7008. The NCRD is located at 36155 Ninth St.

WARRENTON — 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 Oregon State Park's Let's Go Birding program.

Birding activities are free, and birders 8 years old and older are welcome; children 8 to 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Loaner binoculars are available for up to 10 birders. Bring your own binoculars if available.

In 2016, Sunset Beach State Recreation Site and the Fort to Sea Trail is the site of weekly bird surveys. The surveys monitor the bird spe-



Join an Oregon State Park

ranger for guided bird surveys weekly this May at Sunset Beach and the Fort to Sea Trail.

cies use the site and trail from season to season. Each survey will take around two hours and will cover several diverse habitats along the trail.

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

Sunset Beach's weekly bird surveys are as follows; meet at the Fort to Sea Trailhead at Sunset Beach State Recreation Area:

- 9 to 10:30 a.m. Friday,
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- 9 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 18;
- 9 to 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 27.

Fort Stevens State Park also holds a monthly bird survey. Meet at Battery Russell for the survey, which will take place from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 14.

It's Hamlet — with a happy ending?

Astor Street Opry Company presents 'Hamlet II' parody

ASTORIA — To spoof or not to spoof — there's no question! For its annual spring fundraiser, the Astor Street Opry Company will present a reader's theater production of Sam Bobrick's hilarious sendup of the Bard's most famous play: "Hamlet II (Better Than The Original)."

Performances will take place at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 6, 7, 13 and 14, with one Sunday matinee on May 8.

Where else but at the ASOC will you find the story of Hamlet with a happier ending? Rosenkrantz and Guildenstern are Groucho and Harpo Marx. Ophelia is a party girl. Hamlet is a pest. Yorick is a crazy comic.

If you've had trouble grasping the intent of Shakespeare's classic endeavor, this play should clear it up once and for all. The text remains true to good old Will Shakespeare's basic fundamentals.



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The cast of "Hamlet II" includes, from left, back row, Nate Bucholz, Markus Brown, Stacey Brown and ChrisLynn Taylor; front row, Bill Carr, Mandi Anderson, Bob Goldberg, Neen Dragie and William Grammer.

The cast includes many ASOC veterans, including: Jeremy Shoenwald, Stacey Brown, Markus Brown, Barry Sears, Nate Bucholz, Bob Goldberg, Bill Carr, Mandi Anderson, ChrisLynn Taylor, Dena Tuveng, William Grammer and Neen Drage.

Get thee to the ASOC Playhouse for an evening of fun, desserts and a silent auction. Ticket prices are \$15 per person and include the show,

dessert, coffee from Astoria Coffee Co., and a silent auction and raffle.

Reservations are encouraged and can be made online at astorstreetoprycompany. com or by calling 503-325-6104 and leaving a message on the ticket line. Tickets are also available at the door one hour before show time.

All proceeds from this fundraiser go to the ASOC operating funds.

