

Beachwatchers and birders wanted

Arch Cape training to be held Feb. 25

ARCH CAPE — The Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team will deliver one free training in Arch Cape on Saturday, Feb. 25.

COASST volunteers help make a difference for the environment by collecting data on beach-cast carcasses of marine birds on a monthly basis to establish the baseline pattern of beached bird mortality on North Pacific beaches.

Data collected helps address important marine conservation issues and protect marine resources.

Through an interactive,

hands-on workshop, trainees will become acquainted with the custom COASST field guide, Beached Birds, and have a chance to try out their newly acquired identification skills on seabird species common to the North Pacific. The COASST training provides volunteers with the tools to monitor for potential changes in the marine environment and promote stewardship of local marine resources.

COASST is a citizen science project of the University of Washington in partnership with state, tribal and federal agencies, environmental organizations, and community groups. COASST believes citizens of coastal communities are essential scien-

tific partners in monitoring marine ecosystem health.

By collaborating with citizens, natural resource management agencies and environmental organizations, COASST works to translate long-term monitoring into effective marine conservation solutions.

Currently, more than 800 volunteers survey beaches in Washington, Oregon, California and Alaska.

The training session will be held at the Arch Cape Fire Hall, located at 72979 U.S. Highway 101 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 25. Beach surveys are best conducted in groups of two or more; come with a partner in mind or plan to join a team.

Reserve your training spot by calling COASST at 206-221-6893 or by emailing coasst@uw.edu. For more information, visit www.coasst.org

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Peninsula Players set meeting

ILWACO, Wash. — The annual meeting of the Peninsula Players will take place 6:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27 at the River City Playhouse, located at 127 Lake St. The theater is across the street from the Ilwaco Post Office.

Board members will be elected. Soup and ice cream will be served at the meeting.

Anyone interested in

learning more about the Long Beach Peninsula-based theater group is invited to attend.

Those attending will hear about opportunities for volunteering with board positions, backstage help, building maintenance and other needs.

The group has existed for 12 years and stages a series of shows in Ilwaco featuring

community actors, including a musical, a one-act play evening, a murder mystery play and other productions.

For more information, contact Rita Smith at 360-665-0028.

The theater group is currently rehearsing the family musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" for performances in March and April.

TAPA presents 'A Sting in the Tale'

Playwrights' perfect murder has dire consequences in comedic thriller

TILLAMOOK — The Tillamook Association for the Performing Arts will present the witty and comedic thriller "A Sting in the Tale," a play written by Brian Clemens and Dennis Spooner, directed by Chris Chiola, and produced by Diane Cross.

In "A Sting in the Tale," once-successful crime playwrights Nigel Forbes and Max Goodman are struggling to write their next hit show. While trying to come up with new plot ideas, Forbes' wife, Ann, barges into the room, complaining bitterly about their lack of inspiration and their drain on the bank account.

Feeding off the animosity of Ann's nagging, Forbes and Goodman start writing the perfect murder — of Ann. But when the writing of the new play and reality get confused, their secretary Jill gets accidentally murdered.

Star-struck detective Berry arrives and gets mixed up in the mess. Who is the body in the trunk? Who gets buried under the guest house? You'll have to come see to find out.



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The cast of "A Sting in the Tale" is, from left, Richard Coon, Anita O'Hagan, John Pickering, Val Braun and Steve Lewis.

"A Sting in the Tale" opened Feb. 17 and runs through March 5. Friday and Saturday evening shows begin at 7 p.m., with matinees at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26 and March 5.

New to the stage is Steve Lewis, who is cast as playwright Forbes. His onstage writing partner Goodman is played by John Pickering, who is new to TAPA but brings much theater experience. Anita O'Hagan plays Nigel's wife, Ann. O'Hagan was most recently in last summer's TAPA hit "Vanya, Sonia, Marsha & Spike." Playing Jill, the secretary, is TAPA's Val Braun, while Richard Coon, another TAPA veteran plays Detective Berry.

Tickets for this production are on sale now.

Tickets are \$15 per person, and children 12 and under are \$10. Reserved seating is available through Diamond Art Jewelers, located at 307 Main St. in Tillamook, or call 503-842-7940 for reservations. For more information, email info@tillamooktheater.com

This production is presented with support from Yo Time Frozen Yogurt and Crazy Kat Publishing.

Celebrating over 35 years in Tillamook, TAPA is a nonprofit community theater dedicated to providing high-quality performing arts experiences through entertainment, education and community participation.

TAPA's Barn Community Playhouse is located at 1204 Ivy St.