

OPB displays humanitarian art by Kat Cunningham

Does art imitate life or just symbolize it? This is a question artist Kat Cunningham is now asking herself as she works in mixed media, acrylic collage.

Cunningham’s work has taken on a form of humanitarian activism, seducing the viewer to like the color, design and dig deeper to the meaning they are seeing.

The message is simple; man and nature need to get along to survive. Her blend of nature’s plight and human conditions are interrelated as symbolism in the painting, “Biodiversity, we drink it every day.”

The simple gesture of having a coffee or tea affects the rainforest and the native growers.

Buying Fair Trade feeds the people, who save the rainforest, which supports the animals and maybe our next medical discovery.

The “Vanishing Maasai,” a Maasai Giraffe peering over the village, expresses the chief’s progressive approach for his people to be educated.

The issue now is that the men are not returning, and



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“Vanishing Maasai” by Kat Cunningham.

women are tasked to keep the tribe’s soul going.

The youth have lost the reverence with the giraffe.

These thought provoking paintings can be viewed in the Oregon Pacific Bank lobby through November.

ABC Preschool earns QRIS 3 stars for quality

Alice Brauer Christian Preschool has achieved a 3-Star quality rating from Oregon’s Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS).

In recent months, ABC Preschool has chosen to participate in the QRIS, a program designed to raise the quality and consistency of child care and early learning programs across the state. Experts in the field of early childhood care and education evaluated ABC’s materials using research-based standards that address children’s learning and development, health and safety, personnel qualifications, family partnerships and admin-



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Director Meggan Haslett with QRIS 3-Star Certificate

istration and business practices.

“Thanks for continuing to support us as we focus on growth and improvement of our program. Our No. 1 priority, as always, is to ensure we are bringing our best to your children every day,” said Meggan Haslett, director and co-owner of ABC.

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OCHS Christmas Store open at new location

The Oregon Coast Humane Society (OCHS) Christmas Store is filled with everything Christmas, from seasonal decorations to kitchen serving pieces, wreaths, baskets for decorating, indoor and outdoor lights, ornaments, gift wrap, Christmas cards, candles, nativity scenes, Snow Baby collectibles, reindeer and sleighs in many sizes, holiday cookie jars, cuddly teddy bears, cozy sweaters, sparkly evening wear, mittens and gloves, caps, Christmas stockings and more.

The 2016 Christmas Store opened Nov. 1 at its new, larger facility at 85365 Highway 101, south of the bridge and directly across from Sandland Adventures.

The OCHS Christmas Store hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

The store will be closed Thanksgiving Day.



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