



Visitors find inspiration at

Stormy Weather



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Left: Musicians at the Stormy Weather Art Fest. **Middle:** Artist Sharon Abbott-Furze provides an oil-painting demonstration outside the new Cannon Beach Arts Association Creative Coast Project Space. **Right:** Artist Scott Johnson, who has participated in Stormy Weather for 18 years, introduced new work and did a watercolor demo at White Bird Gallery.

Arts festival draws thousands of visitors

By Lyra Fontaine
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On a Saturday afternoon during the Stormy Weather Arts Festival, rain didn't stop visitors from perusing Cannon Beach galleries to admire new work, observe demonstrations and interact with artists.

The 29th annual event, organized by the Chamber of Commerce, brought arts, music and steady business to Cannon Beach from Nov. 4 to 6.

"We always know it's going to be busy because it's got such a great tradition," the chamber's Executive Director Court Carri-

er said. "The planning that went on all year long truly paid off."

Artist Scott Johnson offered a watercolor demo at White Bird Gallery before the "Art in Action" banquet and auction. Johnson was among the artists who created works of art available for purchase during the event.

"It's fun meeting all the other artists," said Primary Elements Gallery artist Sharon Abbott-Furze, who demonstrated oil painting outside of Cannon Beach Arts Association's Creative Coast Project Space. "The locals are very supportive."

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ELECTION '16

Seaside School District Bond

Voters back Seaside bond

Three schools to move out of tsunami zone

By R.J. Marx
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Seaside School District voters said a resounding "yes" Nov. 8 to a \$99.7 million bond to move three schools out of the tsunami inundation zone.

In a 65 percent to 35 percent vote, residents endorsed the plan to replace deteriorating schools at an 80-acre location in the city's East



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Supporters of the bond gathered in Gearhart election night.

Hills adjacent to Seaside Heights Elementary School. The electorate supported the bond 4,010 to 2,139, accord-

ing to the county's unofficial final tally.

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Cannon Beach City Council

Ogilvie, McCarthy prevail in Cannon Beach council race

By Lyra Fontaine
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Cannon Beach council candidates have run unopposed since 2010. This year, voters were given a choice. Three candidates — Brandon Ogilvie, Nancy McCarthy and Herb Florer — vied for two open seats.

Ogilvie had the most votes Election Day after ballots were counted, with McCarthy coming in second and Florer coming in third.

"I'd like to thank the folks



Nancy McCarthy



Brandon Ogilvie

thanked the other candidates and said he looks forward to serving with McCarthy. When he takes office, he said he hopes to work with the other city councilors and listen to what citizens have to say.

"I'm more than happy to listen to what they're concerned about," Ogilvie said, adding that he was glad to hear about the approval of the Seaside School District bond measure to move schools out of the tsunami zone.

that voted for me," Ogilvie said. "I look forward to getting down to the business of helping Cannon Beach."

Ogilvie said he was "very happy" to see the results. He

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Nonprofit brings students to Cannon Beach

Making nature the norm

By Lyra Fontaine
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Passport Oregon hopes to "make nature a norm" in the lives of students who may not have resources to explore the outdoors on their own. The nonprofit provides Portland students with free, regular trips throughout Oregon. They have visited the Columbia River Gorge, Eugene, Mount Hood and recently, Cannon Beach.

"We wanted to create Passport Oregon because we believe that there is no corner of Oregon that should go unexplored," Executive Director Kevin Frazier said. "It

shouldn't just be seeing Crater Lake on a license plate. We're trying to close that nature gap."

Passport Oregon's first cohort of students is eight fourth- and fifth-graders. The students' North Coast trip kicked off at Ecola State Park, where some saw Haystack Rock for the first time.

"It's great to provide a lot of firsts," Frazier said. "Looking out at that incredible vista was a pretty awesome experience."

Students ate lunch donated by Mo's Restaurant, completed an art project and interacted with caterpillars and wildlife. Next, the students hiked the Short Sands trail at Oswald West State Park, where they met Park Ranger Amy Hurst.

"There were so many wonders that Amy helped show us,

from all the species of mushrooms and checking out the history of logging that went on there," Frazier said. "There are carve-outs in some trees where loggers used to go. Kids were intrigued by that."

Students learned about Smugglers Cove, geologic strata, tsunamis, erosion and how "the beach is so much more than sand," Frazier said. They also checked out the washed-up whale, an "interesting addition to the coastal experience."

Passport Oregon has partnered with U.S. Forest Service, Oregon State Parks and various museums.

"It's been really fun to make sure that these kids are hearing from local experts," Frazier said. "We try to lean on people who know the area."



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Passport Oregon Executive Director Kevin Frazier with students Donnell, Eric and Olivia at Ecola State Park.