

Local man opens mortgage lending branch in Gearhart

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deal,” he said. “Because all processes are managed in-house, I can eliminate the need to outsource or depend on third parties.”

Folk works closely with Tigor Title and the Pacific Title Company throughout the application process, which he said, is mostly paperless.

He demonstrated how much of the communication with his clients can be done through the company’s custom MyMortgage app enabling users to read, sign, and save important documents and mortgage materials right from their smartphone device.

“Buying a home or commercial real estate property is one of the largest decisions a person makes,” Folk said. “I handle everything from zero money down up to loans for \$4 million.”

His 17 years in the business have given him the confidence to say there’s always a way to get the job done. “You can get into a house. My job is to give you the road map how to do it.”

Academy Mortgage is located at 585 Pacific Way, Gearhart; (503) 739-7446; james.folk@academymortgage.com.

‘The Craving’ brings zombies to life this fall

By Rebecca Herren
Seaside Signal

On stage in November, Seaside High School will present its fall play “The Craving: A Horrific Comedy in Two Acts” by Don Zolidis. Performances are slated for Nov. 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11 at 7 p.m. Rehearsals began Sept. 18.

This year’s cast and crew will include both actors and techies with a total group of about 20 students. Directing “The Craving” will be English teacher Susan Baertlein, assisted by student alumni Isabella Curcin and Chloe Kincaid from the class of 2015.

When asked how plays are chosen, Baertlein explained, “We consider many factors, but the primary ones are sets, costumes and the number of actors. Many plays have extremely large casts, elaborate costumes or props, or require an actual auditorium. As a smaller program, there are certain plays and musicals that will just be a better fit for us. The message and themes of the plays are also important.”

Baertlein chose “The Craving” for its humor. She said she could envision the students in the roles as she read the script, and noted that playwright Don Zolidis had also written the last two fall plays performed at the school. This will be Baertlein’s first time directing a high school play and she hopes to see “the students grow in their capacity as actors, become



English teacher Susan Baertlein (center) with assistant directors Isabella Curcin and Chloe Kincaid. SUBMITTED PHOTO

a great team and have fun.”

Before coming to Seaside High School, Baertlein worked at Douglas McKay High School in Salem. This will be her sixth year at Seaside and in addition to teaching English, she is the co-advisor to the junior class. In the past, Baertlein has taught drama, yearbook production, speech and debate.

Baertlein also took acting classes during her undergrad studies at Linfield College. “I’m not wholly unprepared, but this will be a big learning curve for me nonetheless.”

The play reveals screenwriter Terry Morris’

heartwarming and emotional journey to writing his first screenplay. His dreams are answered when a Hollywood studio decides to produce it, but the dream turns into a nightmare as they transform his script into a zombie slasher flick.

“The Craving” is full of character development and interesting characters — an over the top, stereotypical parody of pop culture — a fast-paced, horrific comedy that’s sure to entertain on a hilarious night of theater. “I am very excited to see this script come to life with our talented, hardworking students,” Baertlein said. “Plus, we get to pretend to be zombies.”



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Ben Landsverk gives a send-off to the audience at ‘Stackstock in Cannon Beach Saturday, Sept. 23.

Songwriting 101: Portland duo held workshop for music students

By Brenna Visser
Seaside Signal

On the inside of their new album cover, Jim Brunberg and Ben Landsverk from the Portland-based band Wonderly articulate a seemingly simple recipe for songwriting.

“Think of a friend and their story, and what you might say to them if you were fearless and driven by nothing but love and compassion. There! You just wrote a song,” Brunberg and Landsverk wrote.

On Friday, the indie duo came to make a song with a class of Seaside High School

music students using those same techniques. The workshop was in conjunction with the music festival ‘Stackstock on Saturday in Cannon Beach.

For Ryan Snyder, Martin North CEO and founder of ‘Stackstock, having a musical workshop given by one of the festival’s bands to music stu-

dents was a way to give back to the community. He plans to contribute some of the proceeds of the festival to start a local music scholarship.

“Music and arts are important to the company and me personally. So we thought what about a music program? How can we help them?”

Snyder said. “I started an independent record label in the 1990s, and for me seeing music programs in high schools continue to break down has been really depressing, and I want to make sure we are doing our part to make sure programs survive into the future.”

CommunityCalendar

Friday, Sept. 29

Chamber Breakfast

8:20 a.m., call for location, Seaside, 503-738-6391. Open to the public, weekly speakers and discussions; locations subject to change.

AAUW Walkers

9:30 a.m., 503-738-7751. This low-impact walking group meets weekly at different locations.

Brian Copeland

7 p.m., McMenamins Sand Trap, 1157 Marion Ave., Gearhart, 503-717-8150, www.mcmenamins.com, no cover. The Brian Copeland Band plays a cultivated and unique brand of lyrical guitar-pop and original rock music.

“Blithe Spirit”

7:30 p.m., Coaster Theatre, 108 Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1242, www.coastertheatre.com, \$20 to \$25, rated PG. Noel Coward’s “Blithe Spirit” is a supernatural comedy to die for.

Saturday, Sept. 30

Fall Festival

10 a.m., Cannon Beach Library, 131 Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1391, www.cannonbeachlibrary.org, all ages. The library will host its fall festival fundraiser, offering baked goods, handmade crafts, silent auction, cake walk and more.

Book Signing

1 p.m., Cannon Beach Book Company, 130 Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1301. Join writer Lori Tobias for a signing of her book “Wander.”

Cooking Class

1 p.m., Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway, Seaside, 503-738-6742, www.seasidelibrary.org. Jennifer Burns Bright will share a “Local Fishes, Global Dishes” cooking class with hands on demonstrations; limit to 20, sign up required.

Open Jam Session

6 p.m., American Legion, 1315 Broadway, Seaside, 503-738-5111, www.seasidepost99.org, 21+. Jam at the legion with Mark Dove, open mic, all genres; musicians should bring own instruments, drums and amplifiers provided.

RJ Marx Quartet

7 p.m., Hoffman Center, 594 Laneda Ave.,

Manzanita, 503-368-3846, www.hoffmanblog.org, \$10. Saxophonist RJ Marx leads the quartet in a repertoire of jazz music with John Orr (guitar), Joe Church (bass) and Dave Gager (drums).

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7:30 p.m., Coaster Theatre, 108 Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1242, \$20 to \$25, rated PG.

Sunday, Oct. 1

Carey Buerk

2 p.m., United Methodist Church, 241 Holladay Drive, Seaside. Carey Buerk will play a medley of songs from classical to show tunes on piano at a benefit for the Seaside Food Bank.

“Blithe Spirit”

3 p.m., Coaster Theatre, 108 Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1242, \$20 to \$25, rated PG.

Monday, Oct. 2

Knochlers Pinochle

1 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-738-7393, www.sunsetempire.com, \$1 per session per person. This is a weekly, regular play card game.

Tuesday, Oct. 3

TOPS Meeting

9:15 a.m., North Coast Family Fellowship, 2245 Wahanna Road, Seaside, 509-910-0354. Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) focuses on healthy lifestyle changes for weight loss, meets weekly.

Wednesday, Oct. 4

Bingo!

12:30 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-738-3311, www.sunsetempire.com, 10 cents per card, \$2.40 all games. A weekly game of Bingo fun with friends.

Gearhart City Council

7 p.m., City Hall, 698 Pacific Way, Gearhart, 503-738-5501, www.ci.gearhart.or.us. Regular city council meetings are held monthly on the first Wednesday.

Thursday, Oct. 5

Ham Radio Breakfast

8 a.m., call for location, Seaside, 503-

739-3890. Ham radio operators meet every Thursday; venues change on the first Thursday of the month.

SDDA Breakfast

8:30 a.m., Pig ‘N’ Pancake, 323 Broadway, Seaside, 503-717-1914, www.seasidedowntown.com. Weekly speakers, discussions and a no-host breakfast.

Kiwanis Club Meeting

Noon, Seaside Golf Course, 451 Avenue U, Seaside, open to the public, www.facebook.com/pages/Kiwanis-Club-of-Seaside-Ore. Features weekly speakers, discussions and a no-host lunch.

WOA Meeting

Noon, Mary Blake Playhouse, 1218 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-440-3761. A new Women’s Overeaters Anonymous group meets weekly.

Matinee Thursdays

1 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-738-7393, www.sunsetempire.com. Enjoy popcorn and a movie on senior matinee Thursdays.

Grief Support

2 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-338-6230, 18+. Lower Columbia Hospice provides group support through journaling and discussion.

Friday, Oct. 6

Chamber Breakfast

8:20 a.m., call for location, Seaside, 503-738-6391.

AAUW Walkers

9:30 a.m., 503-738-7751, locations vary.

Art Reception

6 p.m., Cannon Beach History Center, 1387 Spruce St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-9301, www.cbhistory.org. The fall exhibit features the work of Scott Johnson and Debra Carnes with a memorial to Steve McLeod, refreshments and live music.

RJ Marx Quartet

7 p.m., WineKraft, 80 10th St., Astoria, 503-468-0206, www.winekraftpnw.com, no cover, 21+.

The Columbians

7 p.m., McMenamins Sand Trap, 1157 Marion Ave., Gearhart, 503-717-8150,

no cover. The Columbians play a mixture of acoustic bluegrass and Americana eclectic.

“Blithe Spirit”

7:30 p.m., Coaster Theatre, 108 Hemlock St., Cannon Beach, 503-436-1242, \$20 to \$25, rated PG.

Saturday, Oct. 7

Beach Clean Up

9 a.m., meet at Seashore Inn on the Beach, 60 Promenade, Seaside, all ages. Join local volunteers for the monthly “Treasure the Beach” community beach clean up.

Artist Reception

2 p.m., Romancing the Home, 3350 Hwy. 101, Gearhart, 503-738-9977. Watercolorist Reba Owen will show her latest collection of autumn and Halloween themed paintings and will be on hand to discuss her work.

Artist Reception

2 p.m., Trail’s End Art Gallery, 656 A St., Gearhart, 503-717-9458, www.trailsend-art.org. Photographer Richard Newman will be the featured artist at a reception exhibiting his work in “Photography in Black and White.”

Gearhart ArtWalk

2 p.m., celebrate creative art forms during the monthly Gearhart ArtWalk at businesses and galleries in Gearhart; look for “Welcome to the Shore” flags at participating merchants.

Saturday Art Walk

5 p.m., enjoy original artwork, live music and refreshments during Seaside’s monthly First Saturday Art Walk, includes artists receptions and demonstrations; look for art walk signs at participating merchants.

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Karaoke

8 p.m., American Legion, 1315 Broadway,

Seaside, 503-738-5111, 21+. All are welcome to stop by and try out a new song or sing an old standard during American Legion’s karaoke night.

Sunday, Oct. 8

Writing Lab

10 a.m., Hoffman Center, 594 Laneda Ave., Manzanita, 503-368-3846, north-coastsquid@gmail.com, \$10. Writers who want to submit work for the 2018 North Coast Squid are invited to attend a workshop to get feedback from fellow writers and to better polish submissions, sign up requested.

NAMI Meeting

2 p.m., Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway, Seaside, 503-738-6165, www.nami.org. The National Alliance on Mental Illness welcomes individuals and caregivers of anyone who suffers from mental illness.

Monday, Oct. 9

Knochlers Pinochle

1 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside, 503-738-7393, \$1 per session per person.

Seaside City Council

7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway, Seaside, 503-738-5511, www.cityofseaside.us. The Seaside City Council meets twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays.

Tuesday, Oct. 10

Intro to Excel

8:30 a.m., CCC Seaside Campus, 1455 Roosevelt, Seaside, 503-338-2402, \$20. Students with a basic foundation of Excel will continue to learn skills used in a work environment; registration required.

TOPS Meeting

9:15 a.m., North Coast Family Fellowship, 2245 Wahanna Road, Seaside, 509-910-0354.

Night of Trivia

6 p.m., Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway, Seaside, 503-738-6742, www.

seasidelibrary.org, free. Trivia tournament nights are informal, fun competitions; prizes awarded.

Wednesday, Oct. 11

Bingo!

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Thursday, Oct. 12

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Matthew Szlachetka

7 p.m., McMenamins Sand Trap, 1157 Marion Ave., Gearhart, 503-717-8150, no cover. Matthew Szlachetka is a rock-n-roll, Americana singer songwriter who plays a blend of roots rock, rock, blues, country and folk influences.

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