

# Dance: 'Family is really how you define it, and it's not one particular definition'

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positive feedback, and it enabled people to participate who have been limited from doing so in the past because of the narrow definition.

Throughout the night, Bruce Smith served as the DJ, while Justin Grafton Studios managed a photo booth.

The event included a raffle drawing for prizes such as candy, mugs and stuffed animals, which was made possible through the sponsorships, Ousley said.

The recreation district also had plenty of help running the event from staff members and volunteers. Jennifer Gooch brought several Seaside middle schoolers from the builders club, and a handful of high school seniors also volunteered as part of their Pacifica projects. They stayed busy throughout the night, restocking the

refreshments.

They also pitched in for setup and cleaning at the end of the night. As the facility is used for the district's childcare program, Ousley said, they appreciated the extra hands to get it ready for use the following week.

"We were really thrilled with all the help we received in putting the dance on," she added.

The recreation district has two upcoming community events:

- It's About Time: Fun All Comer Swim Meet, 4 to 5 p.m., Friday, April 1, and Splash-a-Thon, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 2. This is a fundraiser to help the swim team purchase a new timing system and replace the diving blocks.

- Seaside's Free Annual Community Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 16, at Broadway Park.



Dancing at "A Knight Out" at the Sunset Recreation Center.

Katherine Lacaze



Kids enjoy crafts and games at "A Night Out."



The Northwest Piano Trio comes to Cannon Beach on April 3.

## April Music Festival in Cannon Beach

Seaside Signal

Cannon Beach Community Church hosts a month-long April Music Festival.

On Friday, April 1 at noon, Jennifer Goodenberger on the Steinway Grand Piano and Shelly Loring on flute will perform an hour of meditative music in honor of the season of Lent.

On Sunday, April 3, at 3 p.m., the Northwest Piano Trio returns to perform "From Dvorak to Duke" featuring the music of Antonin Dvorak and Duke Ellington, with some Harry Burleigh thrown in. Northwest Piano Trio include Esther Shim on violin, Hannah Hillebrand on cello, and Susan McDaniel on piano.

On Friday, April 8, at noon, Portland Opera Baritone Deac Guidi will be accompanied by pianist Susan Buehler to perform a concert of sacred vocal and piano classics.

On Sunday, April 10, at 4 p.m., the Buehlers will host a hymn singalong, featuring hymns from Holy Week and Easter.

All these events are free

and open to the public.

On Wednesday, April 20, 7 p.m., Cannon Beach Community Church hosts award-winning New York City jazz pianist and accordionist Ben Rosenblum and his jazz trio in concert; \$10 at the door.

The church is located at 132 E. Washington St., Cannon Beach.

**Jennifer Goodenberger performs at the Cannon Beach Community Church Steinway Series.**



Kathleen Barber

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