

American Roots Music Festival makes big return

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The foundation with the aim of keeping music programs in schools is coming back to its roots.

After a decade's absence, the American Roots Music Festival returns to The Tabernacle in Turner on Nov. 2.

The festival ran from 2002 to 2009, usually at the Turner location, and was the primary fundraiser for the Keeping The Arts Foundation.

Steve Gehlen, a foundation board member and one of the festival's founders, said the event sold out in 2007 when John Carter Cash and the Carter Family played the festival. It was discontinued after the 2009 event as there wasn't enough interest to keep going among the organizers.

Since the Keeping the Arts foundation brought back the Portland-based Cre8con in 2008, that event has become the primary fundraiser for the group.

Cre8con, which was held this year Sept. 27 at the Gerding Theater at the Armory in Portland, is a conference to celebrate the creative process with keynote presentations from leading industry professionals.

Gehlen said that conference sold out for the second year in a row.

"From a funding perspective we're in good shape from Cre8Con," Gehlen said.

Gehlen said the foundation has donated more than \$62,000 to communities within 12 miles of the festival's Turner location.

"It started out as a fundraiser for North Santiam School District and as we started growing the attendance and the other revenue for it, we started giving money to other school districts," Gehlen said.

The Keeping the Arts Foundation has



The Trail Band plays at the American Roots Music Festival in 2006. The festival is being brought back Nov. 2, a decade after it last took place. STATESMAN JOURNAL FILE

provided over \$155,000 in grants to youth arts and music programs in Oregon.

Gehlen said the key in the foundation bringing the American Roots Music Festival back this year is Hal Weiner joining the organization's board.

Weiner is new to the group, but he formerly promoted similar festivals and now lives in Eugene.

"He has so much great experience with the Florence Winter Folk Festival that it was just a natural," Gehlen said.

"He's all in. He's gathering a good team around him."

The festival kicks off with a youth concert at 9:30 a.m. and includes jam sessions and workshops.

The headline act is The Western Flyers, which performs at 6:30 p.m. Other musicians performing include Mary Flower, Lauren Sheehan and Fern Hill Bluegrass Band.

Joey McKenzie, multi-instrumentalist and singer for The Western Flyers, was a child prodigy who grew up in

McMinnville before moving to Texas.

Gehlen said he and his brother, Damon, jammed with him when they were in high school.

"It's going to be great to see him again," Steve Gehlen said.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, though students 18 and under get in free. More information is available at american-rootsmusicfestival.com.

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RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS

MARION AND POLK COUNTY

Semi-annual restaurant inspections from Aug. 29 to Sept. 12.

Amanis Bar & Grill

Location: 1793 Silverton Road NE, Salem

Date: Sept. 6

Score: 97

Priority violations

Hand towels or a hand drying device is not provided at the handwashing sink, specifically: No paper towels at the bar hand washing sink. **Point deduction: 3.**

Arby's

Location: 4510 River Road N, Keizer

Date: Aug. 29 (reinspected Sept. 10)

Score: 95

Aug. 29: Priority violations

Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures, specifically: Shake mix measured 48-61°F towards the front half of the shake dispenser, foam buildup also observed in the front.

Point deduction: 5.

Sept. 10: Priority violations

Potentially hazardous food is not maintained at proper hot or cold holding temperatures, specifically: Shake mix measured 48-61°F towards the front half of the shake dispenser, foam buildup also observed in the front.

Bento Box

Location: 3284 Lancaster Drive NE, Suite A, Salem

ABOUT RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS

This is a snapshot of the inspections conducted by the Marion and Polk County health departments.

Twice annually, licensed restaurants receive unannounced inspections that focus on food temperatures, food preparation practices, worker hygiene, dish-washing and sanitizing, and equipment and facility cleanliness.

Violations: Restaurant scores are based on a 100-point scale. Priority violations deduct 5 points, and priority foundation violations deduct 3 points. Violations recorded on consecutive inspections result in point deductions being doubled.

Scoring: Scores of 70 or higher are considered compliant. Restaurants scoring below 70 must be re-inspected within 30 days or face closure or other administrative action. Restaurants display a placard by the entrance to indicate whether they have passed their last inspection.

Food trucks, carts and trailers: Mobile food operators do not receive a numerical score. They are either approved to operate or not approved to operate.

Date: Sept. 10

Score: 100

No priority violations

Bing's Happy Garden

Location: 125 N Main St., Mt. Angel

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Crown Lake. PHOTO COURTESY OF BOBBIE SNEAD

Crown Lake

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ries are very dark and stain my fingers deep purple.

The Cascade huckleberry (*Vaccinium deliciosum*) grows on the opposite side of the trail. Its bright blue berries are plumper and firmer than those across the aisle. They have an intensely earthy sweetness with a hint of pineapple. Only the prolonged cold of a highland winter, the acidic soil of a conifer forest, the gentle work of pollinators and high elevation sunshine can produce this wild glory. Scientists have identified thirty-one different chemical compounds that comprise the Cascade huckleberry's flavor. To me, it is simply the taste of the mountains.

A sketchy path leads me away from Crown Lake and over a small ridge to Claggett Lake. Claggett is smaller than its neighbor but much deeper. Its clear waters shimmer in the sunlight as Mt. Jefferson peeks over the wooded valley headwall. A log under a Douglas-fir provides the perfect seat for lunch.

My only companion is a chubby little duck floating in the middle of the lake. Its chocolate brown head, gray back and steep forehead confirm that it's a female Barrow's goldeneye. I watch as she circles the lake, repeatedly diving and surfacing. Each dive launches a new set of

concentric ripples across the surface. Her hungry search for aquatic tidbits creates a moving piece of monochromatic line art on a liquid canvas.

A flash of electric blue catches my eye. It is a bluet damselfly. Smaller cousin to the dragonfly, a damselfly is about the size of a toothpick. This little guy hangs from a slender branch. His elegant wings look like veined cellophane as he holds them above his thin body to rest. The child in me wants to touch this delicate creature, but I resist the urge. He is gone as quickly as he came. His quest for mosquitoes and other airborne prey is constant.

Driving home, I relive all that I've experienced today. The sights, sounds, smells and taste of nature are as vivid to me now as they were in childhood. The magic of discovery is timeless.

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If you go

Directions: From Detroit, drive north on Road 46 for 11.6 miles. Turn right on Road 4685 and drive 8.6 miles to its end.

Length: 3.8 miles round trip

Duration: 3.5 hours

Elevation gain: 600 feet

Age range: suitable for children 8 years old and up

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day, Oct. 14, is Thanksgiving in Canada.

Harry the mostly Jack Russell and I provided a welcoming committee the past week on one of our daily walks when we spotted six of the perambulating fowl, four hens and two toms, walking down Friar Court SE toward Brown Avenue SE.

Harry the turkey whisperer launched into his patented girly-dog yodel, and just as during previous sightings, the birds sent up a chorus of yowl-and-response gobbles and started toward us.

I hauled on the leash, and we headed up the street to Hillview Park, leaving the birds to continue their foraging.

And while it's illegal to discharge a firearm inside city limits, the arrival of the birds provided a handy reminder that the western Oregon fall turkey-

hunting season opens on Oct. 15. Details are online at <http://www.eregulations.com/oregon/game-bird/turkey-seasons/>

Dogs may be used during the fall season, a rule with which Harry approves, although it doesn't specify if they can be used as four-legged turkey calls.

That dog, as Southerners might say, can hunt.

MISSING IN ACTION: In giving credit where it is due, a couple of organizations and retailers who contributed to the record success of the Youth Pheasant Hunts on Sept. 21 and 22 at E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area were inadvertently left off the list (my fault).

Those are the Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, Coastal Farm & Ranch and Cabela's Sporting Goods.

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