

# Class Act Theater hosts return of 'Spelling Bee'

The cast of "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" is returning to Florence to hold two special concert version performances to open Class Act Theater (CAT), at the corner of Rhododendron Drive and Kingwood Street.

The performances will be Friday, March 25, and Saturday, March 26, at 7 p.m.

Tickets will be \$20 and are available by calling 541-997-4815 during business hours.

David Lauria, owner of Class Act Theater, returns to direct "Spelling Bee" and steps into the role of Don Panch on stage.

The rest of the cast includes reprises of characters by the original actors.

The spelling bee contestants are Jason Wood as William Barfee, Matt Kerro as Leaf Conebear, Jesse Reeves as Chip Tolentino, Elizabeth Rose as Logainne Schwartzandgruenierre, Erin Reinke as Marcy Park and Tamara Cole as Olive Ostrovsky.

Besides Lauria, the grown-up characters include Hilary Roach as Rona Lisa Peretti and Jacob Ternyik as



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The cast of "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" will take the stage at Class Act Theater, at Rhododendron Drive and Kingwood Street, this Friday and Saturday.

Mitch Mahoney.

Each character has unique quirks and gifts. All of the characters' personalities run deep and have stories that everyone can relate to: loneliness, puberty, sibling rivalry, imagination and more.

Solos, duets and all-cast numbers will fill the 75-seat theater at CAT with the

sounds of one character's "favorite moments of the bee."

"25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee's" production team includes Lauria, Wood, who is the musical director, Rosemary Lauria, Dave Hansen and Paula Burnette.

This show is full of fun,

humor and audience participation.

It is suitable for mature audiences. Parental discretion is advised because the play is both comedic and adult at times.

For more information about Class Act Theater, go to its page on Facebook or stop by at 509 Kingwood St.

# Comedy Thursdays at Three Rivers Casino

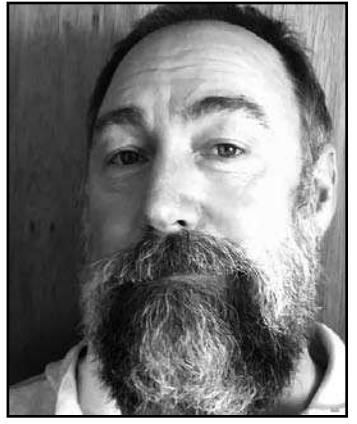
Three Rivers Casino Resort's Comedy Thursdays continues through March, with stand-up comedians from around the Northwest performing each Thursday in Blue Bills Sports Bar and Tap Room (located inside Three Rivers) from 7 to 8 p.m.

On March 24, the headliner performer will be Benjie Wright, with opener Scoot Herring.

Wright is a former radio personality and Alabama native who has endeared himself to a wide range of audiences. With a contagious laugh and friendly, almost intoxicating demeanor, Wright's admissions of dysfunction connects to people of all walks of life.

He jumped on to the comedy stage in 2006 at the Stardome Comedy Club in Birmingham, Ala., at an open mic night. His unique outlook and quick wit was instantly popular, launching him into a career in comedy.

That next year, Wright was



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Benjie Wright

a finalist in the Stardome Comedy Series, Punchline Atlanta's Super Comedy Challenge, Mobile's Belly Laugh Comedy Competition, as well as emceeing the first season of Nashville Star's field talent search.

Now based in Eugene, Ore., he is the co-host of the Brickwall Comedy Show on KLZS-All Comedy 1450, the "Faces For Radio" television show on KEVU Fox 16, and cohost of the Brickwall Comedycast on Soundcloud.

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