

Three Rivers Casino to host Mr. Wizard

Three Rivers Casino Resort's weekend entertainment Friday, Nov. 4, will be the band Mr. Wizard from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The concert will be held at Blue Bills Sports Bar & Tap Room, located inside Three Rivers Casino Resort, 5647 Highway 126, in Florence.

Mr. Wizard was formed 20 years ago and comes to Florence from Eugene. The group is one of the most versatile bands around, shifting easily from one style to another, touching on rock, top 40, country, reggae, funk and blues.



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Mr. Wizard will perform this Friday at Three Rivers Casino Resort

Library officially adds 'Eco' to its art collection

The Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library recently announced that "Eco the Dancing Sea Lion," has a permanent home at the library.

With broad support from the community, the Friends staged a successful fundraising campaign and were able to secure Eco during the live auction of the Dancing with Sea Lions public art project held Oct. 8, at the Florence Events Center.

"Thanks to all of the generous Friends of the Library members and community supporters who contributed to this effort," said Annie Schmidt, Friends president. "We were able to place the winning bid at the auction."

Since April of this year, when the 7.5 foot long fiberglass sea lion, "Eco and the Ecosystems of Oregon," went on exhibit in front of the Florence branch of the library, the sculpture has generated lots of attention and countless self-



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"Eco," painted by Siuslaw High School student Ben Cahoon, is now on permanent display at the library.

Eco was created by local student Ben Cahoon, and was artist and Siuslaw High School part of the Dancing with Sea

Lions public art project to commemorate the Florence Events Center's 20th Anniversary.

"We're thrilled that Eco is back at the library," said Meg Spencer, Library Director. "We have created a new display area for Eco that is visible through the window of the Children's Library. We can't wait to hold a storytime with the sea lion next summer."

Schmidt and The Friends of the Library gratefully acknowledged the generosity and support of the community. "We invite the public to come see Eco, still swimming at the Siuslaw Library," said Schmidt.

The Friends of the Siuslaw Public Library is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to support the library.

For more information, email SiuslawLibraryFriends@gmail.com or visit www.SiuslawLibrary.org.

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Weese installed as OAMR Region IV Director

The Oregon Association of Municipal Recorders (OAMR) recently installed Florence City Recorder and Economic Development Coordinator Kelli Weese as the 2016-17 OAMR Region IV Director.

Weese received the oath of office at the association's annual conference banquet held at the Ashland Hills Hotel in Ashland, Ore., on Sept. 23.

Weese has been an active member of OAMR since 2010. She has served on the Records Management Committee and



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Florence City Recorder
Kelli Weese

Conference Committee. She is also very involved in her community. She serves on the board and committees for the local Downtown Revitalization Team and Main Street, City Club, Chamber of Commerce (Ex-Officio), Ford Pathways Vision Keepers and many others.

In addition, Weese serves as the staff representative of the Public Art Committee helping establish a strategy and protocol for the new program.

Weese has worked for the

City of Florence since May 2008 and has served in multiple capacities in addition to City Recorder, including Geographic Information Technician and Interim Planning Director.

Weese is a certified planner having earned her AICP status.

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Tregoning, Godin to speak tonight at STEP meeting

Senior Chief Tim Tregoning of the U.S. Coast Guard Station, Siuslaw River, along with Steve Godin, president of the Oregon Coast Anglers (OCA), will be the featured

speakers at the Wednesday, Nov. 2 meeting of the Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP).

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Elks' Lodge on 12th

Street in Florence. The public is invited to attend and learn more about STEP and the work it does in the Siuslaw Basin.

Prior to the speakers, STEP will hold its annual election for the board of directors.

There are seven seats open for the nine member board of directors.

There will also be information about opening the Munsel Creek trap to monitor the coho and spawn three to four pair to collect the 10,000 coho eggs to raise at the club's hatchery site in Florence.

Tregoning has been the officer at the Coast Guard station, Siuslaw River, since June, 2015.

Prior to coming to Florence, he was stationed in Guam. Tregoning will be discussing the Coast Guard operations on

the Oregon Coast, including the decisions around opening and closing the bar and safety on the river and in the ocean.

The Coast Guard's area of operations runs 16 miles north to Cape Perpetua and extends nine miles south to the Siltcoos River. Its primary mission is search and rescue for commercial mariners, recreational boaters and surfers.

Other responsibilities include escorting fishing vessels across the bar, marine environment protection, fisheries conservation enforcement, towing and enforcing boating safety regulations.

The second speaker, Godin, is president of the newly formed Oregon Coastal Anglers (OCA) organization.

Godin, who lives in Reedsport, will share with STEP the mission and objective of the group, which formed out of the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) of Oregon.

The group is a nonprofit organization made up of anglers from Brookings to Florence uniting to preserve and increase angling opportunities along the coast.

For more information about STEP, contact club president Ron Caputo at 541-997-4961

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Ceramics for Kids with Ben Cahoon and Alissa Clark

Thursdays, 4-5 pm, \$10/member/class,
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questions: 503-957-5222

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Saturdays 9 am - 12 pm
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Contact: jnleasure@hotmail.com or
541-991-2754 for details and fees.

Oil Painting with Michael Wood

Wednesdays 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Contact: fmwood@msn.com for details,
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Creative Writing Workshop - Writers on the River with Catherine Rourke

Stay tuned for next one in January.
\$20/member, \$25/non-FRAA member
To register, call 541-708-2120 or email
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Yachats to host holiday arts, crafts event



More than 70 booths will be at this year's event.

The 19th Annual Harvest and Holidays Arts and Crafts Festival by Crafts on the Coast will feature more than 70 exhibitors this year.

The festival will take place inside Yachats Commons, 441 Highway 101, in Yachats on Saturday, Nov. 5, and Sunday, Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

There is no admission charge to this annual family-friendly event.

For more information about classes, visit fraaoregon.org. To register for these classes, please call or visit FRAA at our art center on Maple Street.