

Fly over the moon with LRP's 'Moon Over Buffalo'

Last Resort Players (LRP) will present Ken Ludwig's "Moon Over Buffalo" on March 17 through 19 and 24 to 26 at Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

In the madcap comedy tradition of "Lend me a Tenor," the hilarious "Moon Over Buffalo" centers on George and Charlotte Hay, played by John Bachman and Judy Adams, fading stars of the 1950s. At the moment, the Hays are playing two shows in rep in Buffalo, New York, with five actors.

On the brink of a disastrous split-up caused by George's dalliance with a young ingenue, they receive word that they might just have one last shot at stardom: Frank Capra is coming to town to see their matinee, and if he likes what he sees, he might cast them in his movie remake of "The



The cast of Last Resort Players' "Moon Over Buffalo"

Scarlet Pimpernel."

Unfortunately for George and Charlotte, everything that could go wrong does go wrong, abetted by a visit

from their daughter's clueless fiancé and hilarious uncertainty about which play they are actually performing, caused by Charlotte's deaf old stage-manager mother who hates every bone in George's body.

Directed by Paula Lindekugel-Willis with Leah Goodwin as assistant director, LRP's strong ensemble cast features eight actors in comedic roles.

Daphne John plays Ethel, Karylynn Keppol plays Rosalind "Roz" Hay, Victoria Seitzinger plays Eileen, Grant Hammond plays Howard, Jim Wellington plays Paul and Chuck Knorr plays Richard.

For more information, go to lastresortplayers.org.

To purchase tickets, visit the FEC Box Office, call 541-997-1994 or go to eventcenter.org.

28th annual South Coast Clambake Jazz Festival comes to North Bend March 10-12

NORTH BEND— For nearly three decades, the South Coast Clambake Jazz Festival has entertained thousands in the Northwest with a range of musical genres including toe tapping rockabilly jams, hot jazz, blues and get-up-on-your-feet swing dance music.

This year's festival lineup includes Dave Bennett and The Memphis Speed Kings, Blue Skies Big Band, Stompy Jones, Twice As Good, Red Skunk, Midnight Serenaders, Evolution, Gator Nation, High Street, The Young Bucs and

It's About Time Big Band.

Make sure you book your hotel and get your tickets early, as you don't want to miss a moment of this beloved music festival!

For more information, call 541-756-8800 or visit www.clambakejazz.org

All performances are held at the The Mill Casino Hotel & RV Park, 3201 Tremont Ave.

Tickets are on sale at KoKwel Gift Shop inside the casino or online at clambakejazz.com/tickets.

TASTE THE BEST WURSTFEST ON THE OREGON COAST FEB. 25

FLORENCE—It's time to get prepared for the best Wurstfest on the central Oregon coast, coming to the Florence Elks Lodge, 1686 12th St., on Feb. 25. Gustav will be here to assist the Elks in presenting their first ever Wurstfest.

Gustav will be bringing with him, dancers, musicians and plenty of delicious food, beer, wine, soda and water.

Since this is being called the Wurstfest, there will be plenty of bratwurst, sauerkraut, grilled onions and hot German potato salad. There will be other goodies for everyone's palate, such as apple strudels, German choco-

late cake and large pretzels.

Wurstfest will be held inside the Florence Elks Lodge and will be open to the public.

It promises to be the same kind of fun and frolics as the Septoberfests of a few years ago.

Admission is \$5 and proceeds will go to the Rowdy Row Vocational Scholarship Fund.

Entertainment includes Sam Pecarilla and the Polka Gems, The European Take-Out Band and possibly an accordionist and more.

There will also be a raffle drawing. Gemutlichkeit!

Backstreet Gallery welcomes 2 new members to collective

FLORENCE—Backstreet Gallery, 1321 Bay St., has added two new artists to their artists collective, Colleen McKnight and Kathleen Wenzel.

McKnight is a gourd artist and Wenzel is a designer of remarkable seed bead jewelry.

As McKnight only has been decorating gourds since 2015, one could wonder at the expertise she has developed in such a short time.

Every sculptural piece is individually created to enhance the organic shape of each gourd.

McKnight carves graceful shapes and cutouts, then finishes them with a range of subtle colors and metallic finishes. Many of her sophisticated creations have lids, making them useful as well as decorative.

After moving from Southern California to Florence nine years ago, Wenzel began bead-



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ing.

While she is a talented artist in several media, her outstanding beadwork is what caught the eye of Backstreet Gallery.

Her one-of-a-kind jewelry ranges from items as simple as a snowflake pendant to intricate necklaces, earrings, pins and amulet bags entwined in beaded chains.

Each piece is woven of tiny seed beads into intricate designs that often are three dimensional and always elegant.

These unique artists began showing their work in January.

Gallery winter hours are daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

An interesting and unusual fine art gourd from new Backstreet Gallery member Colleen McKnight.