

Three Rivers Casino Resort announces June entertainment line-up

Every Friday and Saturday in June from 7 to 11 p.m., Blue Bills Sports Bar & Tap Room in Three Rivers Casino Resort is featuring live shows performed by top local artists.

• June 7 and 8, the Bret Lucich & Paul Biondi Experience — This variety band has a wide array of sounds. Lucich can play a multitude of instruments and his vocal abilities allow him to do great impersonations, all in in combination with Biondi's unique saxophone stylings.

• June 14 and 15, Hecktik Week — An energy packed duo with powerful vocals and beat driven grooves is a blues-influenced infusion of nostalgic country, folk and rock.

• June 28 and 29, Anthony McCarthy — A solo singer-songwriter from Eugene who performs theater and music in Portland, McCarthy plays guitar and piano, bringing with him a mix of folky, soulful, pop-rock offerings.

There is no cover charge for any of the June perfor-



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Hecktik Weekend (left) will perform at Blue Bills Sports Bar & Tap Room June 14 and 15 as part of Three Rivers Casino Resort's June entertainment line-up.

mances, but patrons must be 21 or older to attend.

To learn more about Three Rivers Casino Resort and the May entertainment line-up at Blue Bills Sports Bar and Tap Room, visit www.threeriverscasino.com/events.

Backstreet Gallery to celebrate 14 years at gala birthday

The community is invited to Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay St., on Saturday, June 8, from 3 to 5 p.m., for a birthday celebration and show of guest artist, Deborah Cray during the Second Saturday Gallery Tour.

Fourteen years ago, several artists gathered in a small, former bakery in Florence to establish Back-street Gallery.

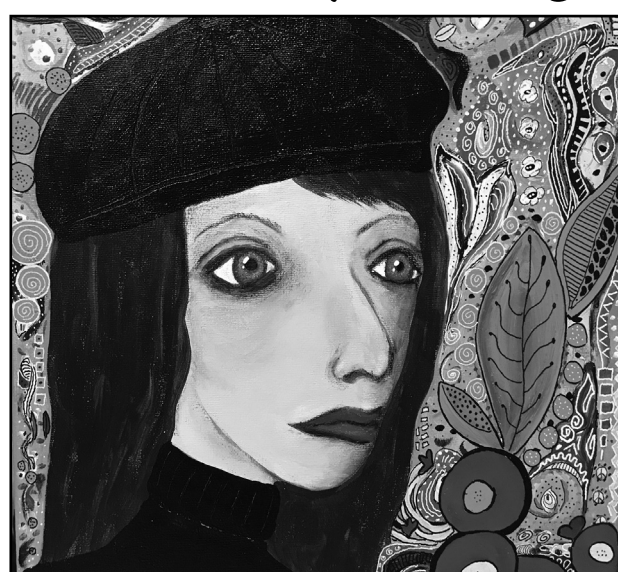
The co-operative gallery took root, with all artist-members sharing

in the work to operate the gallery and have a place to show and sell their art.

Moving from Laurel Street to Bay Street, the gallery has become a home to unique art in multiple mediums.

The gala is an opportunity to express appreciation and thanks to the community, gallery members and area artists that have helped make the gallery a success.

The birthday event is also in conjunction with



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Artwork by "Where ART Thou?" art show People's Choice winner Deborah Cray will be among the works on display at Backstreet's upcoming gala birthday celebration.

the show of the annual Where ART Thou? (WAT) award-winners: Best of Show, Jessalyn Keppol and People's Choice, Deborah Cray and Jessalyn Keppol.

FUUF to discuss answer to important question Sunday

Sunday, June 2, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Rev. Marcia Pearce will deliver a message titled: "Is God Coming Out to Play Yet?"

This was a question Rev. Pearce said she often asked as a child, but never seemed to get the answer she wanted.

"Now I realize I wasn't getting the right answer because I was asking the wrong question," said Rev. Pearce. "I think this wonderful world has given us a great place to play and investigate, unless we happen

to be too busy. Like Saul, for an example, whom God gave an eye-opening two-by-four."

On Sunday, Rev. Pearce will respond to her own question.

FUUF is located at 87738 Highway 101 at Heceta Beach Road and is wheelchair accessible.

Each service concludes with refreshments and a dialogue circle to explore the questions that come up during each worship service.

For more information, visit www.florenceuuf.org.

Community invited to experience new pipe organ at New Life Lutheran Church

Anyone who enjoys organ music — and especially pipe organ music — New Life Lutheran Church is the place to experience it.

The church has the only pipe organ in Florence and one of very few on the Oregon Coast. In fact, the church was built especially to accommodate the organ.

Each week, the sanctuary is filled with the soaring tones of this beautiful instrument played by the talented local organist Brian Lindsey.

The Greek engineer Cteribius is credited with inventing the organ in the third century B.C. He devised an instrument called the hydraulis, which delivered a wind supply maintained through water pressure to a set of pipes. The organ was initially used mainly for ceremonial functions, circuses or performances and extensively in the Roman culture.

A component of a pipe organ is a stop that admits pressured air to a set of



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New Life Luthern Church organist Brian Lindsey and the church's unique pipe organ, one of only a handful on the Oregon coast and the only one of its kind in Florence.

pipes. The phrase "pull out all the stops" has entered general usage for deploying all available means to pursue a goal.

Mozart called the organ the "King of all Instruments" because of its wide expressive range.

Subtle differences in the shape of pipes enable it to imitate many other instru-

ments, especially wind instruments to create a variety of sounds.

The community is welcome to come and hear this beautiful instrument played professionally by an expert organist each week.

New Life Lutheran is located at 2100 Spruce St.

For more information, call 541-997-8113.

LCSO, Bi-Mart to offer free boat inspections in Florence

The Lane County Sheriff's Office is again partnering with Bi-Mart to offer free boat inspections to help people get on the water safely.

"We can help you make sure you have everything

you need," said LCSO Sergeant Carrie Carver.

People are asked to bring their boat of any kind to the below listed Bi-Marts on the scheduled date/time and a Lane County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Depu-

ty will inspect the boat for free.

In Florence, the boat inspections will take place on Sunday, June 16, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Florence Bi-Mart, 4310 Highway 101.

Spirituali-Tea to discuss 'reflections of the heart' Monday

Monday evening, June 3, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at 875 Seventh St., a group of friends who are diverse in

their spiritual backgrounds will gather to discuss and participate in a meditation lead by Lynette Kristine.

The Baha'i Writings say, "The meditative faculty is akin to the mirror; if you put it before earthy objects it will reflect them. But if you turn the mirror of your spirits heavenwards, the heavenly constellations and the rays of the Sun of reality will be reflected in your hearts..."

The gathering will end at 8 p.m. with prayer requests from the prayer pole located in the garden of the Florence Playhouse in Old Town, and also the requests made by those in attendance.

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