

September Entertainment at Three Rivers Casino Resort

Every weekend in September, Three Rivers Casino Resort invites the community to Blue Bills Sports Bar and Tap Room, which features live shows performed by top local artists.

Be sure to stop in Blue Bills every Friday and Saturday night from 7 to 11 p.m. to enjoy the live entertainment. As a reminder, there is no cover charge, but patrons must be 21 or older to attend. To learn more about Three Rivers Casino Resort and the entertainment line-up at Blue Bills Sports Bar and Tap Room, visit www.threeriverscasino.com/events.

Tonight, Sept. 14, **Hip Pocket** will be here. This is an energetic bluesy, jazzy, funky danceable



Three Rivers Casino's September entertainment lineup continues with (from left) Jacob Westfall, Hip Pocket and Anthony McCarthy on Friday and Saturday nights. Plus, Allen Lissan will play.

group from the Oregon Coast and the Willamette Valley which features the soulful voice of favorite local singer Maree Beers. The versatility and talent of Hip Pocket will delight and engage audiences of all kinds; this is one show you will not want to miss.

Next weekend, Sept. 20 and 21, will feature **Jacob Westfall**. When

this Nashville native is not writing music for commercial placements, he is touring the country performing his original music. After an appearance on ABC's American Idol season 16, he released his debut record "Where Are We." Jacob covers a variety of genres that will definitely delight listeners from all around.

Finally, on Sept. 27 and 28, Blue Bills will have a new entertainer each night. On Friday, **Anthony McCarthy**, a solo singer-songwriter from Eugene, Ore., who now resides in Portland, will be performing theater and music. Playing guitar and piano, Anthony brings with him the astonishing ability to touch the hearts of

his listeners with a mix of folk, soulful, pop-rock offerings, presenting poignant melodies and heartfelt lyrics. Anthony has toured the Pacific Northwest, playing wineries, clubs, bars, festivals, even a wedding or two, along with two tours that took him all the way to the Sundance Film Festival.

On Saturday, the bar will have the **Allen and Friends Jam Session**. Local entertainer Allen Lissan and his friends present to us their Jam Sessions.

For more information about Three Rivers Casino Resort, owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, visit www.threeriverscasino.com.

Expo focuses on senior health, opportunities

Florence Good Life Expo is an event you don't want to miss. It takes place Thursday, Sept. 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the FEC, 715 Quince St., and features information designed especially for seniors, caregivers and their friends and family members.

Admission is free, though a donation of canned food for Florence Food Share is appreciated. As a special treat, BJ's Ice Cream is dishing up free scoops all day.

Hundreds of Florence residents are embarking on an exciting new phase of their life.

Men and women 50 and older are looking for information on everything from retirement benefits to recreational opportunities, health concerns and housing options.

"We have a diverse senior population in this community and we hope the

GOOD LIFE 2019 Boomer & Senior Expo

Boomer and Senior Expo offers new and creative ways to meet the needs of these residents," said Siuslaw News Publisher Jenna Bartlett. "We have programs for active seniors who are looking for everything from new fitness activities to financial services, or information and tips for those who need assistance getting around safely and affordably."

The seventh annual Florence Good Life Boomer & Senior Expo, presented by the Siuslaw News and sponsored by PeaceHealth Peace Harbor and Banner Bank, provides the perfect venue for businesses to present

to this strong and vibrant population.

Attendees at this expo can look forward to free health screenings and accessing investment guidance, travel news, retirement choices and attending a

variety of educational seminars.

The expo includes a diverse range of exhibitors, entertainment and educational seminars with the goal of helping the 50-plus demographic manage and enhance all aspects of their lives.

There will also be chances for volunteer opportunities and community engagement. However, people should not that this year there will not be flu shots offered.

Come spend the day and learn how various businesses can help anyone make the most of their retirement years.

2nd Saturday Gallery Tour today

On Saturday, Sept. 14, many Florence-area galleries are showcasing local fine artists with receptions. Be part of the 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour from 3 to 5 p.m. and visit more than a dozen galleries in Historic Old Town Florence, around town and uptown. For a complete listing of participating locations, visit www.2ndsaturdaygallerytour.com.

Below are some gallery highlights: Resident artist Gigi Lissan will be the featured artist at **The Studios at Jayne Smoley Designs**, 1458 First St.

For the past three decades, Gigi's jewelry collection has often incorporated mechanical elements from clocks and broken or abandoned objects. She often mixes the old with the new in creating her imaginative one-of-a-kind, striking wearable works of art.

The Studios resident artists Jayne Smoley and Tamarah Phillips will also attend the 2nd Saturday reception. There will be live music and a new seasonal Studio Box will be on display.

Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) is featuring the versatile artwork of Patricia Williams during the month of September at the FRAA Art Center and Gallery, 120 Maple St. in Old Town. The community is also invited to meet Williams at the 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour. Refreshments will be served.

In addition to painting, Williams has been making jewelry since the 1970s. Her jewelry is one of a kind filigree fine and sterling silver with gold accents and handmade lamp work focal beads. You can view more of her work at artjewelrybypatti@gmail.com, as well as FRAA's Art Center and Gallery.

Celebrate 'Summer's End' with FRAA

The Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) continues its literary arts programs with Writers on the River classes designed for all writing levels and genres.

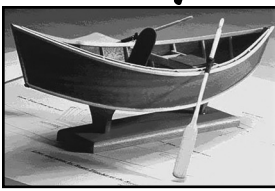
A first-time workshop, "Summer's End Writing Boot Camp: Simple Steps for Stronger Writing," will take place on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the FRAA Art Center, 120 Maple St. in Historic Old Town Florence.

Every writing style requires some polishing. This fun, hands-on workshop will show writers how

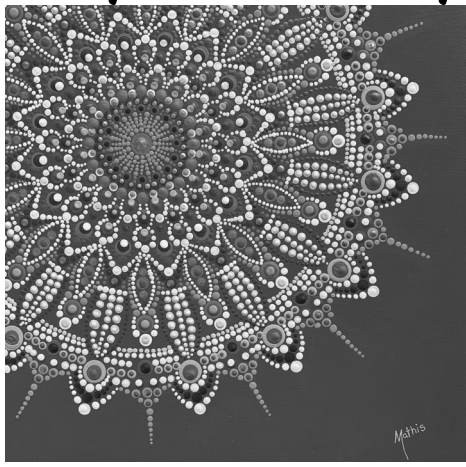
to streamline their words and make them jump off the page, with simple steps from a former Amazon book editor.

FRAA creative writing instructor Catherine J. Rourke will share professional revision tips and editing techniques from working as a staff writer and editor at major publishers, national magazines and daily newspapers over the past 35 years.

Participants can bring a sample of their writing to work on or create a new one during the writing practices as the group writes and revises together.



These and other works by area artists will be on display at the 2nd Saturday Gallery Tour.



gmail.com, as well as FRAA's Art Center and Gallery.

Backstreet Gallery honors two multi-talented artists, Mike McIntyre and Don Mathis, at a reception at the gallery on Sept. 14, from 3 to 5 p.m.

McIntyre is a silversmith, lapidarist and ship-modeler who displays a wide variety of handsome jewelry at the gallery.

Mathis developed his artistic skills for many years, first in drawing and sketching as a teenager. Later, other related activities included painting on his hand-crafted wooden signs for businesses as well as numbers and logos on race cars. His custom work includes handmade furniture, cabinets, leatherwork, wire-wrapped jewelry and even digital art.

Enjoy these two outstanding artisans along with more than 20 other accomplished artists and authors at Backstreet Gallery, 1421 Bay Street, open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Galleries one and five at the **Florence Events Center** 715 Quince St., will display the FEC Gallery Committee's "Everything Odd-Umn" Group Show in September and October, as well as artwork by oil painter John Leasure and his students. The reception for these shows was on Friday.

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Siuslaw Alumni All-School Reunion & Banquet

Help the alumni association raise money for Siuslaw scholarships and have fun doing it on Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Siuslaw Alumni Association Board Meeting and All-School Reunion and Scholarship Banquet.

Gather around the tables with your classmates to remember good times and make plans for future meetups. Win fantastic raffle prizes donated from local businesses and graduates.



ates. Bring cash to buy raffle tickets, t-shirts and hats.

The event takes place at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., with a

happy hour at 5 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. that Saturday night. Everyone must be pre-paid/registered as there will be no pay-at-door for the banquet.

Following the banquet the Class of 1969 has arranged for music by The Intruders for the alumni's dancing and listening enjoyment, which is free with paid banquet reservation.

For more information, visit www.siuslawalumni.org/reunions-1.

Florence Festival of Books returns Sept. 27 & 28

The 2019 Florence Festival of Books will take place on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 27 and 28, at the Florence Events Center.

From 3 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, all are invited to a free authors and publishers panel

discussion. This year's topic is "The Ins and Outs of Publishing."

The amazing author Bob Welch will be the keynote speaker at this year's Florence Festival of Books on Friday at 7 p.m. in the main

theater. Tickets are available now at eventcenter.org.

Event times on Saturday will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with free admission.

For more information, visit www.FlorenceFestivalofBooks.org.