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Briefcase Full of Blues (left) and Steel Breeze will both appear at Wildhorse in May.

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Wildhorse Resort & Casino will host an exciting and danceable entertainment lineup in its new Wildfire Cabaret this month, opening with the dynamic Blues Brothers tribute, *Briefcase Full of Blues*, May 3-5. Each weekend's live entertainment runs from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. Thursday and 7 p.m. – 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday. There is no cover charge.

In addition to foot tapping music, the Wildfire Cabaret serves beer, wine, cocktails, delicious appetizers and light meals.

Upcoming acts include:

May 3-5, Briefcase Full of Blues

Briefcase Full of Blues is a realistic reproduction of the legendary comedians turned blues-men, Joliet Jake (John Belushi) and Elwood Blues (Dan Aykroyd): The Blues

Brothers. The Sacramento based duo of Shawn Amato (Jake) and Fred Vinson (Elwood) capture the identical persona, sound and energy that propelled the original Blues Brothers to platinum recording artists, motion picture cult figures and television icons. Behind them is an equally high-energy band, including bass guitar, drums, keyboards, lead guitar and backup vocals.

May 10-12, Society's Child

One of Seattle's premier blues bands, Society's Child brings a wide range of blues and Motown sounds to the stage. Beginning in 1996, the band has worked casinos in the Pacific Northwest and Nevada and toured Asia entertaining American troops. This group is a high-energy show band with slick choreography, lavish costumes and smooth harmonies. Their tunes include works from many rhythm and blues artists: Stevie Wonder, the Vandellas, Gladys Knight, the Temptations, Marvin Gaye and many others.

May 17-19, Freddy Pink

Got Soul? Freddy Pink has been delighting Northwest audiences for over twenty-five years with what he calls Northwest Rock n' Soul. One critic dubbed the eight-piece band's unique style of rhythm and blues as "Jazz oriented, Blues-rock, Funk soul, with an Eagles-like twist". Freddy's vocals have been likened to that of David Clayton Thomas of Blood Sweat & Tears, as well as Otis Redding and Sam Cooke. The members of Freddie Pink have shared the stage with a host of touring greats: Tina Turner, The Miracles, Little Richard, Tower of Power, Sly Stone, Oscar Peterson, Johnny Rivers, and Edgar Winters, and many others.

May 24-27, Steel Breeze (NOTE: Memorial Weekend Sunday performance, 6-10 p.m.)

Steel Breeze is a classic hits band with a repertoire that includes the party music of the 60s, the disco dance music of the 70s, and the pop/adult contemporary music of the 80s and 90s. Starting out as college party band, Steel Breeze evolved into a club act and then into a national recording act. The band has sold almost one million albums.

May 31-June 2, Raeann's Groove

Raeann's Groove is the most exciting live band playing Top 40 hits on the Northwest casino and club circuit today. Raeann's Groove is a five-piece band featuring Raeann Phillips on lead vocals. The 26-year-old's vibrato-rich voice has been compared to that of famed French singer Edith Piaf, although the music is much different. She is backed by a tight four-piece band, featuring northwest music veterans Gary Falter on keyboards and vocals, Billy Young on drums, Gary Oldroyd on bass and vocals and Rick Weiler on guitar.

Wildhorse Resort & Casino is the Pacific Northwest's highest paying casino, with a record \$9.3 million slot jackpot. The Resort includes a 24-hour casino, five restaurants including the new buffet restaurant, *Traditions*, and new fine-dining restaurant, *Plateau*, the *Players* lounge, weekly live entertainment in the *Wildfire Cabaret*, hotel, RV Park, 18-hole golf course and Tribal museum. It is located just minutes off I-84 at Exit 216, four miles east of Pendleton. For more information: 1-800-654-9453 or

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