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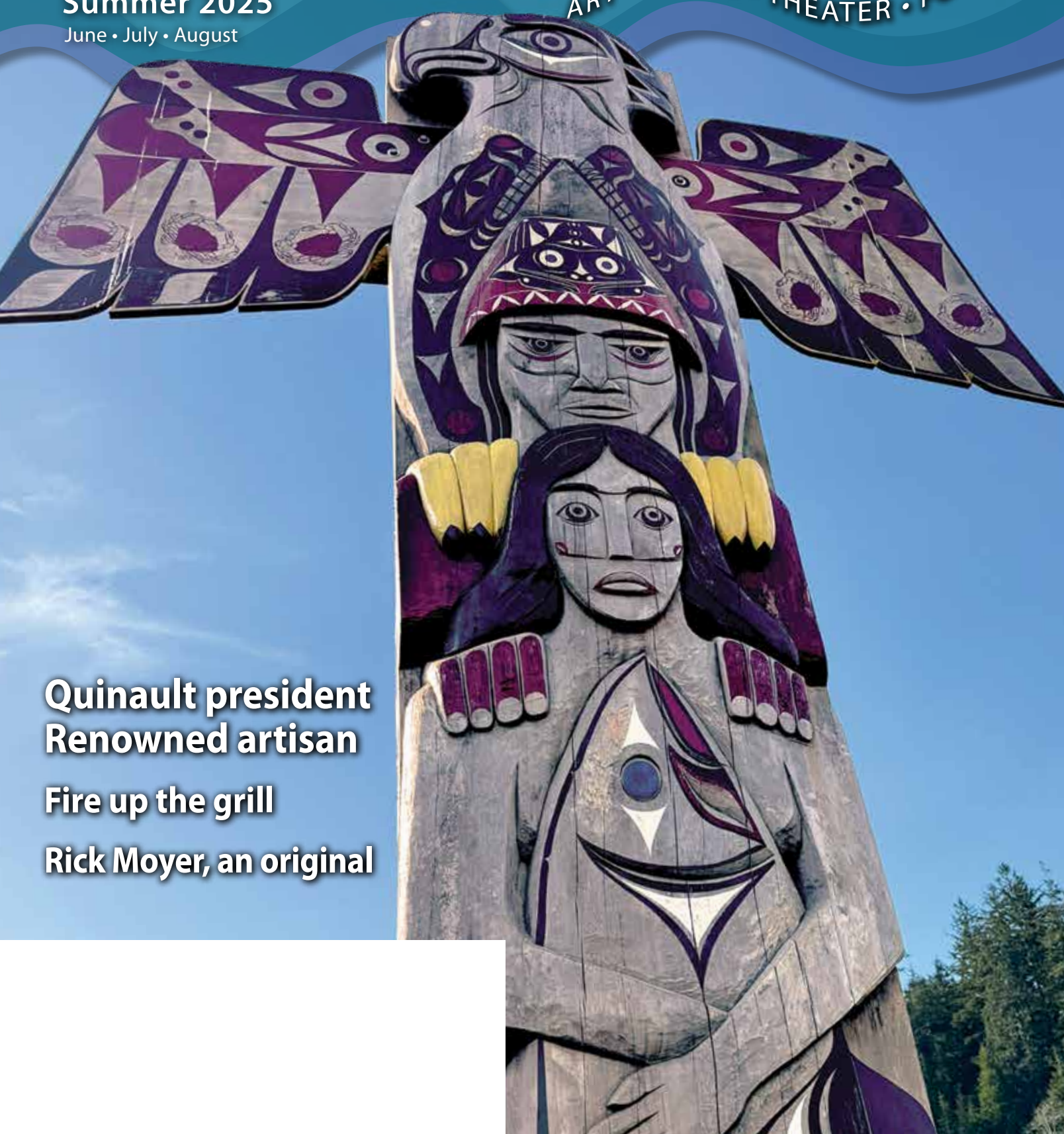
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Members of the Grays Harbor Symphony rehearse for their June 8 concert premiering Harbor film. (See story page 20.)

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WORLD MUSIC DAY

There's music in the air and on the streets June 21 in Aberdeen

STORY BY ANGELO BRUSCAS
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The sidewalks, street corners, alleyways and assorted business of downtown Aberdeen will be transformed into stages of creativity and song June 21 when World Music Day is celebrated here for the third consecutive year.

"Calling all singers, dancers, guitarists, violinists, saxophone players, choirs, bands and anyone else who wants to come make, share, teach or learn about music," says the official online registration site for the annual international event. "We hope to fill the street with performers and music lovers."

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Started locally three years ago, sparked by Downtown Aberdeen Association 98520 director Wil Russoul, the all-day live music free-for-all has blossomed into a song-filled showcase for Grays Harbor's vibrant music scene with performers from all walks of life.

Aberdeen Mayor Douglas Orr likens Russoul to the Johnny Appleseed of the local music revival.

"Wil is out there planting seeds in our community, seeds of inspiration,"



At left, Roger Fisher, one of the original members of the rock band Heart, performed at last year's World Music Day in Aberdeen.

Orr said. "Wil's idea for a music and arts district in Aberdeen has led to a great deal of growth and awareness in downtown Aberdeen. With his many ties to people in the music industry, he has managed to bring folks together and create something truly unique and special in downtown."

In 2023, there were 40 registered musicians participating as Aberdeen officially joined the National Make Music Alliance, which sanctions the worldwide event sponsored by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation.

A year later, June 21, 2024, there were 156 registered musicians performing

downtown with 18 stages, venues, or businesses hosting music. The main stage was graced by members from Nirvana (Krist Novoselic), Screaming Trees (Mark Pikerel), and Heart (Roger Fisher), among other luminaries, playing music along with local musicians of all ages and abilities, including the Aberdeen High School Band and even a couple of church choirs.

The highlight was an all-inclusive jam session featuring Nirvana's iconic song "Come As You Are."

Held annually on June 21, Make Music Day is part of the international Fête de la Musique, taking place in a thousand cities across 120 countries.

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The 2024 celebration was a great success and organizers expect the crowds of music lovers to continue to grow this year at World Music Day on June 21.

Music June 21

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"The daylong, musical free-for-all celebrates music in all its forms, encouraging people to band together and play in free public concerts. This year, more than 100 U.S. cities are organizing Make Music Day celebrations, encompassing thousands of concerts nationwide," according to the website for the events.

Russoul is unabashedly exuberant about how Aberdeen has become a focal point for the celebration in Western Washington.

"All of a sudden Aberdeen's alive," Russoul said of the experience. "There are fathers teaching their daughters how to play guitar on the sidewalk. Across the street, there's a senior citizen band that are all playing together. Then other people start showing up and here's a songwriter, here's a guitar player or here's a band. We have people playing a flute maybe for the second time in their life; there were people dancing to music they've never heard, and it's not radio-fed or even rehearsed."

When he launched the idea of bringing music to the streets of the city, it was

“**World Music Day alone reawakened our region’s spirit, uniting performers from toddlers to grandparents, celebrating local legends, and drawing Pacific Northwest icons like Krist Novoselic back home.**

– Deb Blecha

Three musicians were drawn together to play at last year’s event.



originally tied to what was called “blooms day,” a day when the decorative flower baskets were put out along the streets of Aberdeen.

“I bought shirts and put them on five of my friends who were musicians, and we walked around town, playing guitars and singing our songs,” Russoul recalled.

Then in 2019, Russoul helped spearhead the effort to have downtown Aberdeen certified by the state as a “creative district” for music. Once it was approved by the Aberdeen City Council, he began to percolate with ideas.

“As a creative district, well you've got to fulfill it -- you just can't like draw a ring around your city and say here it is,” Russoul said. “There needs to be life, and



you've got to do something with it."

He had several allies, notably Lee and Dani Bacon, who had purchased an entire building on the corner of South K and West Wishkah streets (the former Goldberg Furniture store). The tastefully restored building now houses Guitar Galactica, the Unplugged "anti-museum" devoted to grunge music and Aberdeen-native Kurt Cobain of Nirvana, The Green Room, Side One Studios and the offices of the Downtown Aberdeen Association among other creative tenants and projects.

The Bacons had formed the non-profit Music Project to bolster their development, and Russoul's efforts to grow the local music scene fit right in.

When he began to talk about launching the first event in 2023, Dani Bacon took a plastic water bottle and had a label put on it that said, "World Music Day." That was all Russoul needed as a catalyst since he had been promoting and inspiring local music and musicians for two decades on the Harbor.

"I think we had about four weeks before it happened and we decided we were going to do it," Russoul laughed. "I said, 'Okay I'll call in some friends.'"

Balloons went up, many more water bottles were labeled, Guitar Galactic supplied equipment, and 40 performers took to the streets of Aberdeen.

"It was an amazing time," Russoul said.

"We gave some music and instruments

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away and we did a group performance of Nirvana's "Come As You Are, and it was a really fun time."

Russoul, himself an accomplished singer/songwriter/guitarist, was out playing on his own that first official World Music Day event when Dani Bacon approached him and told him he needed to go check out the other performers and the crowds that were growing downtown.

"She was saying to me, 'You've got to quit playing guitar and walk downtown. You just need to go see what's happening.'

So, I walked downtown and I remember thinking to myself this is much bigger than anything we imagined. You know there's something else going on here."

It was the magic of music and the freedom of creative expression, from

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Music June 21

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performers as well as the growing audience of all ages and persuasions.

Russoul recalled one woman who parked her car to hear the music and then asked him to come over to the car and play for another woman who had been living in a nursing home.



**All of a sudden
Aberdeen's alive.**

– *Wil Russoul*



“She said she was not supposed to have the woman out of the nursing home, but it was such a beautiful day and she wanted to hear the music,” he said. “So, I lean into the car, and I sing a song I just made up on the spot. I just made the song for her, and, after that, she gets out of the car and wants to walk downtown and dance with all the others on the sidewalk.”

World Music Day has galvanized local participation across the city from

Humptulips resident Colin Gage at last year's event.



the crowds to the volunteers who donate their time to do all the planning and coordination.

“There’s no one in Grays Harbor who can rally a community quite like Wil Russoul,” said Deb Blecha, of Aberdeen, who helped muster some of the initial crowds and publicize the effort. “I’ve been both blessed and challenged to work alongside him over the years. ... World Music Day alone reawakened our region’s spirit, uniting performers from toddlers to grandparents, celebrating local legends, and drawing Pacific Northwest icons like Krist Novoselic back home.”

Humptulips singer/songwriter Colin Gage, who can be seen performing most Thursday nights at the Porthole Pub in Ocean Shores, has been both performer and volunteer at the World Music Day events. This year he will be doing a one-hour set at the Taproom, 103 E. Wishkah.

“Last year, I was able to volunteer as an assistant sound engineer/stage hand on the Pepsi Stage, where several solo acoustic performers appeared

Wil Russoul started Aberdeen's celebration in 2023.



Julie Swor of Aberdeen talks to Nirvana's co-founder and bassist, Krist Novoselic last year.

between bigger acts that took the main stage next to us. It was an awesome experience,” Gage said. “I was able to learn a few tricks of the trade working alongside Bill Leach and the venerable Jim Olson all day. I played a short set of my own that led right into the start of Roger Fisher’s Fisher Brothers & Human Tribe band.”

Later, he walked down the sidewalk to play bass with some other friends performing, “really getting that busking kind of feeling.”

“It was a full day of music and community,” Gage said. “Collaborating with other musicians all through the day and enjoying the broad spectrum of art on presentation, it was a fine showing for our wonderful music community.”

Unplugged musicians can play wherever or whenever they would like and move to new locations. Most perform on the sidewalks. Bands are advised to bring their own public address systems unless pre-arranged.

All performers who check in on the day of the event are eligible for a ticket to have a chance to win a Gibson Les Paul guitar (no purchase or fees necessary). The guitar will be on display at Guitar Galactica, 204 S. K Street.

For information and to sign up to participate, visit the website: www.makemusicday.org; or visit the World Music Day 98520 Facebook page.

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View Grays Harbor artists' studios June 21, 22



Clockwise: Great Blue Heron by Nancy Farrar-Coughlin. Kessiso Rocks Cape Flattery by Rick Woods. Surf Side Sirens by Rich O'Donnell. Handwoven Scarf by Suzan Campbell.

Have you ever been curious how and where artists create?

The Grays Harbor Open Studio Tour slated for June 21 and 22 is an opportunity to visit local artists in their "natural habitats."


Sixteen artists and six galleries will be highlighted during the self-guided tour, which is free. All will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, with a few offering extended hours.

Everyone – from art aficionados to curious adventurers— are invited to peek behind the curtain of creativity, where each studio tells a unique story. It's a chance to ask questions, watch demonstrations and peruse portfolios.

The artwork includes watercolor, acrylic and oil paintings, mosaic, collage, fabric, multimedia, garden art, photography, jewelry, pottery, graphic design and more.

This year's artists include: Brenda Peterson, Carole Cohen, Carol Deutsch, Doug Orr, Jeff Damasiewicz, Kris Jenott and Kenneth Hurley, Kristi Baitzel, Laveta Bowen, Marshelle Backes, Nancy Farrar-Coughlin, Rich O'Donnell, Suzan Campbell, Teresa O'Donnell, Terry Hosford and Rick Woods.

In addition, six area galleries will be participating: South Beach Art Association in Westport, Mother Crow's Studio Gallery and the Aberdeen Art Center, both in Aberdeen. Grays Harbor Potter's Guild and Harbor Books, both in Hoquiam, and Whisperwood Framing Gallery in Montesano.

To attend, first go to the website www.graysharboropenstudiostour.com for a printable map or customizable Google Map of the studios, as well as bios and pictures of each of the artists and their art. 

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NATIVE QUINAULT ARTISANS SHARE THE TRADITION, LANGUAGE, SPIRITUALITY OF A NATION

STORY BY JULIANA WALLACE

On the shore of the Quinault River in Taholah stands a 20-foot-tall figure of a thunderbird, a man, and a woman holding a king salmon. Both imposing and beautiful, the figure serves as a memorial to Quinault fisherman and pays homage to the journeys of both the Quinault people and the fish that play a prominent role in their culture and livelihood.

Artist Guy Capoeman (“Naçaktuah” in the Quinault language), his son Cecil, and his brother Jeff carved most of the figure out of a single piece of old growth cedar. A thousand years old, the tree watched the passing of generations of Capoeman’s ancestors who lived along the Quinault River.

“What uniquely makes us Quinault is our connection to this land that goes back so many generations. Imagine what this tree saw or heard in its lifetime and what it experienced,” mused Capoeman, 55, who has served as the president of the Quinault Nation since 2022.

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Photo by Juliana Wallace



NATIVE QUINAULT

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The Quinault people did not historically have totem poles. Instead, pieces like this would typically be crafted as “house posts,” meant to stand inside a traditional long house, supporting the main beams and often representing the owner’s spirit helper.

Combining function with form, the house posts illustrated stories and themes important to Quinault culture. And they historically played a prominent role in the songs and dances performed for medicinal purposes or spirit representation.

“As a tribal leader, you’re responsible for cultural preservation, for community enrichment. In order to champion the (Quinault nation’s) sovereignty, the people have to know who they are,” explained Capoeman.

To that end, he and his sons and brother have designed and carved several of these house posts for locations around the Pacific Northwest.

“With these pieces, I try to leave a mark that shows our people, what we are and

Guy with his son Carl welcoming canoes to their shore.



Photo courtesy of Guy Capoeman



Art by Guy Capoeman

“What uniquely makes us Quinault is our connection to this land that goes back so many generations. Imagine what this tree saw or heard in its lifetime and what it experienced.”

– Guy Capoeman

what we have been, what we can be and how we can grow in today’s age. We wanted to put a pinpoint in history for people to wonder and ask what it means,” he said.

The fishermen’s memorial in Taholah used just one half of an ancient cedar tree. Out of the other half, Capoeman and his crew built a dugout ocean canoe for a tribe in Southern Oregon. While he has now designed and built more than 30 canoes, his first canoe required a significant learning curve.

In the late 1980s, Capoeman attended

the Pacific Northwest College of Art in Portland to learn the techniques of painting and carving that would allow him to use art to share the Quinault story with the tribe and with the world. When he came home to Taholah on break, the tribal elders approached him and asked him to carve an ocean canoe for the Washington State centennial celebration.

“They showed me this old growth log that was nine feet wide at the butt and 39-foot long,” he remembered. “It was humongous!”

The Quinault people had mastered the design of ocean canoes over many generations, but no one had practiced the art in nearly a hundred years. However, several men in the tribe made river canoes, and they helped Capoeman and his crew of artisans with the general principles of canoe building. Careful research and practice filled in the gaps.

“We named that first canoe May-ee, which means ‘the beginning.’ She has a lot of miles on her, and she’s been in a lot of rough waters, but she’s beautiful,” said Capoeman proudly.

While the 34-foot-long May-ee and his other early canoes were built as classic dugouts from a single log, Capoeman has since evolved his design and methods. Building those canoes and

Guy’s son Theron painting out an idea for cedar panels.



Photo courtesy of Guy Capoeman



Photo by John Schumacher

Guy working on "Our fisherman, Our guardian" in 2020, now installed in Gig Harbor.

crewing them over hundreds of miles of ocean waters helped him understand the form and refine his process.

Now he builds canoes out of boat-stock fir strips stretched around forms that he designed. After sanding and smoothing the fir, the artisans cover it in fiberglass cloth and then epoxy resin. The precisely crafted angles give the canoes exceptional efficiency.

"When it's done, it looks just like a dugout and performs just as well, if not better," explained Capoeaman. "These canoes are faster, lighter, more stable. In fact, I believe the old canoes were actually more like this than the heavier dugouts you see today."

The canoes, like the house posts or traditional songs, help to share an important part of history and cultural identity in a way books cannot. Quinault youth see the stories represented in the carvings, paintings and traditional dances. They learn the language through songs and stories.

"Identity is so important for your foundation as a people. You have to know where you came from, who your community is. These things will change their lives," emphasized Capoeaman.

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That Quinault identity figures prominently in the canoes he carves, the songs he shares in the Quinault language, and the paintings through which he represents traditional Quinault legends. And just as he learned from his elders stretching back through many generations, Capoeaman continues to pass the traditions and skills down to his own children and the youth of the tribe.

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"Our fisherman, Our guardian" dedication in Gig Harbor.



Photo courtesy of Guy Capoeaman




Guy Capoeman in his shop in Taholah, where he crafts canoes with his sons and his brother Jeff. Photo by Juliana Wallace

NATIVE QUINAULT

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Those wishing to see Capoeman's art in person have several options. They can view the house post on Quinault Street in Taholah or another near the boatyard in Gig Harbor. The Quinault Resort in Ocean Shores displays his portrait of Chief Taholah II. And travelers driving east through Aberdeen will see Guy and Cecil Capoeman's "Kape Jiluupak" mural on the west side of the Morck building.

Whether in a mural, on a canvas or house post, or in the form of an elegantly built canoe, Capoeman offers a glimpse into the history and identity of the people who have watched this land from time immemorial.

Anyone who would like to commission a piece or find out more about Capoeman's art can contact him via e-mail at gcap1991@gmail.com. 

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The May-ee ocean canoe heading out from the Quinault River.

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Ride the Harbor July 26



Bicyclists as they begin the Ride the Harbor event in McCleary during the 2022 ride.

Ride the Harbor, a three-in-one cycling event, is scheduled for Saturday, July 26, and bicyclists 16 years and older are invited to participate. The bike ride – it's not a race – starts at 8 a.m. in McCleary. From there, participants can travel for a 7.5-mile ride to Elma, a 17-mile ride to Montesano or a 52-mile journey to Westport.

Hosted by Summit Pacific Medical Foundation and presented by Wellpoint, a medical insurance provider, the event began in the summer of 2020 to inspire wellness and community engagement. "The beautiful thing is that all the riders start together from McCleary at the same time, and each finish line is part of the longest route," said Brad Thomas,

Summit Foundation's executive director. "Whatever route you take, you still get to be a part of the Ride the Harbor community." There are no time limits or prizes, but all participants are invited to a party in Westport, even if they finish in Elma or Montesano. "We want everyone to come to Westport for the celebration because it's worth celebrating! Each ride is its own achievement, and fitness and wellness are their own reward," said Jenelle Canfield, the foundation's event coordinator.

Fundraising is not a requirement to participate, however, all registrations, purchases, and donations support Summit Pacific Medical Foundation which provides essential care and life-changing resources in Grays Harbor. For more information and to register, go to www.bit.ly/rth25. To learn more or volunteer to help, call (360) 495-5734 or email Foundation@sp-mc.org.



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'Spirit of the Harbor' set to premiere June 8



Cathryn Davis

STORY BY GAIL GREENWOOD AYRES
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Music and Harbor history combine in a unique way in "Spirit of the Harbor," a film that premieres Sunday, June 8, with the Grays Harbor Symphony accompanying it live.

Cathryn Davis created the movie and

wrote the film score, which will be performed at 7 p.m. at the Grays Harbor Symphony's Spring Concert in the Bishop Center for Performing Arts.

"I'm a storyteller in film and in music," Davis, 70, said of the best way to describe her work.

"Cathryn created a composition that helps tell the story of our area, along with a film showing historical footage of Grays Harbor," said Bill Dyer, conductor.

"I'm a storyteller in film and in music"
— Cathryn Davis

The film shows Grays Harbor from 1850 to 1930, and Davis asked John Larson, director of the Polson Museum in Hoquiam, to narrate before each

section, providing context to the historical photos and film clips.

"It is a thoughtful, deliberate and creative production, which I'm sure audiences will enjoy for years to come," said Dyer.

A woman of many talents with a background in music, modeling, acting and producing in Los Angeles, Davis attended Grays Harbor College from 2013 to 2016 and then went on to study film scoring at McNally Smith College of Music in Saint Paul, Minn. (She had already earned a bachelor's of fine arts and music theater from Texas Christian University, Fort Worth in 1976.)

As composer in residence for Grays Harbor College, she was commissioned to create the film and score and began working on it in June of 2023. The grant for the commission came from Grays Harbor College and the Karen Meikle Foundation. (Meikle was a beloved member of the orchestra for many years.)

"Cathryn spent countless hours working with Quinalt tribal leaders, the Museum of the North Beach in Moclips and John Larson of the Polson Museum," Dyer said.

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Conductor Bill Dyer and Cathryn Davis, who wrote the film score, discuss how the symphony should play "Spirit of the Harbor."





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'Spirit of the Harbor'

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Once the first two sections of the film were complete – "Pristine Country" and "Timber Train" – Davis said she "took them back and wrote the music for it and then orchestrated it." Knowing the Grays Harbor Symphony intimately was helpful in writing music for it, she said.

The third section is called "Spirit of Quinalt." She was able to compose this section after hearing Guy Capoean, Quinalt president, drumming and singing on a YouTube video.

"I wrote a counter melody to him singing. ... This is why I'm doing this section. (Guy's singing) is so dark and beautiful and deep, and the images are absolutely gorgeous."

"In this part, I edited some 300 black-and-white still photos and Quinalt artwork to the music," she said. "I wanted to show their success. What does success mean to the Quinalt? It's not money, it's passing their traditions and language down," Davis said.

The fourth section is entitled, "Why we love Grays Harbor," and is a composite of

"It is a thoughtful, deliberate and creative production"

– Bill Dyer

what many different Harborites say they love about where they live, juxtaposed with stunning images.

Speaking of love, Davis is hard pressed to say whether she likes film making or composing better. "It's almost like asking 'Which of your children do you love more?'" she said, but then admitted, perhaps composing the music, she loves just a bit more.


Writing a film score is one thing when the composition is on software, she said, but it requires a bit of adjustment as the live orchestra plays the music. Dyer and the orchestra, along with Davis,



have been rehearsing for weeks to get it just right.

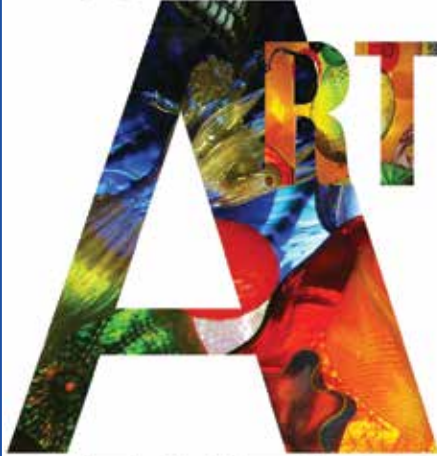
"This film took a village to produce," Davis said, adding that her assistant director, Clyde McDade, as well as Quinalt tribal museum archivists Nicole Law and Aubrey Della, as well as Lee Marriot and Kelly Calhoun of the Museum of the North Beach and John Larson of the Polson Museum, were all a tremendous help.

"My husband (John Davidson) is a film colorist, so he did the color for this film and also helped me edit it and put it together," Davis said. The couple has homes in Copalis Beach and Olympia.

In addition to "Spirit of the Harbor," the June 8 concert will feature the winners of the annual Grays Harbor Music Teachers Association Concerto Competition – GHC students Sam Dorsch and Ben Jurasin – as well as Symphony No. 9, the New World Symphony, by Antonin Dvořák. 



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When traveling, one of the nicest surprises is to stumble upon a unique festival in some quaint small town. Here in Grays Harbor, we host many unusual, fun events – celebrating everything from bears and pirates to art and cars. Here are a few of the offerings this summer.



Photo by Rick Moyer

Sand & Sawdust Festival *June 27-29 • Ocean Shores*

Billed as the largest chainsaw carving event in the state, the Five-Star Dealerships Sand & Sawdust Festival in Ocean Shores features more than 30 sculptors creating sculptures out of sand from the Pacific Ocean and logs from the cedar forests. Events for the free festival are hosted at the Convention Center and other locations.

Live music performances include Deerswerver, Shades of Gray, Meantown Blues and the Washington Old Time Fiddlers. For more information, visit www.tourismoceanshores.com/sand-events.

Rusty Scuppers Pirate Daze *June 27-29 • Westport*

If you've ever wanted to see a live pirate, you have your chance at Rusty Scuppers Pirate Daze set for June 27-29 by the docks in Westport.

Vendors, food, live music and roaming rascally pirates are all part of the fun at this free festival. For up-to-date information and schedules, visit www.rustyscupperspiratedaze.net.

McCleary Bear Festival *July 11-13 • McCleary*

The McCleary Bear Festival is an iconic small-town celebration that began in 1959. The three-day event features a kiddy parade, grand parade, family entertainment, softball tournament, car show, soapbox derby, and of course the famous McCleary Bear Festival Stew, which is served up as part of a delicious meal.



Photo courtesy of McCleary Bear Festival

Citizen volunteers cut up the hundreds of pounds of vegetables, the McCleary Fire Department oversees the simmering stew for many hours, and the tasteful result is served at the end of the grand parade, which begins at noon Saturday. For more information, visit www.mcclearybearfestival.org

Cosi Art Fest *July 19 • Cosmopolis*

The annual Cosmopolis art show is set for Saturday, July 19 at the corner of 1st Street at E Street. In addition to a variety of art – clay, oil, fabric, acrylic, 3D and more, the festival includes local musicians performing everything from banjos to blues. The free family event is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.cosartcenter.com.



Historic Montesano Car Show *July 19 • Montesano*

Hundreds of cars are expected at the 23rd Annual Historic Montesano Car Show in downtown Montesano July 19. Cars will register beginning at 8 a.m. and awards are scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

The day kicks off with a pancake breakfast at the Montesano Community Center. The event also coincides with one of the three Montesano Saturday Markets planned for this summer.

For more information about the car show, visit the Facebook page or contact organizer Dave Foss at dpfoss@comcast.net.



Photo courtesy of Woodfest

Woodfest *August 9-10 • Tokeland*

This year's Woodfest at the Tokeland Hotel will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Presented by the Tokeland North Cove Chamber of Commerce, the event includes chainsaw carving, wood artists, food vendors and live music. For more information, call (360) 713-1333 or visit www.Tokelandhotel.com/events.

Parking at the event is limited to reserved guests and visitors with disabilities. However, a shuttle is available at the Shoalwater Bay Casino.



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**Grays Harbor County Fair
July 30- Aug. 2 • Elma**

If the 2025 theme proves prophetic, fairgoers should experience “Big Fun” at the Grays Harbor County Fair in Elma, Wednesday, July 30 – Saturday, Aug. 2.

Fair food, farm animals, carnival rides, commercial vendors and 4-H and grange displays are all part of the fun.

If you’ve ever wondered how to enter your baked goods, vegetables, artwork, collections, and more, take a look at the exhibitors’ guide for the categories, rules and deadlines. It’s online at ghcfairgrounds.com/events/fair.

Performers include Thomas Mac followed by Bryan Martin at 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, and Dylan Marlowe at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1. Tickets for the performances can be purchased in person or on the phone at (360) 482-2651.



Photo courtesy of Hobie Catamaran Regattas

**Hobie Catamaran Regattas
Aug. 2-10 • Lake Quinalt**

For more than 40 years, Lake Quinalt has been the site of the Northwest Div. 4 Championship Regatta for Hobie catamarans, a type of sailboat.

This year, the races start on the weekend of Aug. 2 and 3, with smaller races

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during the week and the culminating Division 4 championship – with boats from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and British Columbia competing – taking place Aug. 9 and 10.

Typically, the races begin about noon and go to about 4 p.m., depending on the weather. The lake is large, so often the best viewing is at the beginning and the end of the races, said organizer Alan Jones of Montesano. Known for their speed, some 30 to 40 Hobie catamarans will compete.

The race headquarters is at the Rainforest Resort. For more information, go to www.hobiediv4.org.

Art Splash Studio Tour Aug. 9-10 • Ocean Shores

Fifteen Ocean Shores artists are opening their studios once again for the annual Art Splash Tour. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday, visitors can see where all the creativity happens! First go online to www.artsplashtour.org to get a list of the artists and the various galleries.



Photo courtesy of Westport Art Festival

Westport Art Festival Aug. 16-17 • Westport

The 28th annual Westport Art Festival is slated for Saturday, Aug. 16 and Sunday, Aug. 17. This free event features a variety of artists and their work along the picturesque Westport marina on Westhaven Drive. Vendor and food booths are also part of the festival atmosphere. For more information, visit www.westportartfestival.org. 

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believe what you have to offer people is important. I believe that everybody has that inside of them, that there's something important about you that other people need."

Multi-talented and multi-faceted, Moyer is the whirlwind of Grays Harbor.

"I was taught in the church: Don't promote yourself, always promote God. And then what I found was I needed to take the talents and gifts that God gave me and promote those," said the former pastor-turned multi-media man.

Talents Blossom

Moyer grew up in Hoquiam and first became interested in photography in junior high through the 4-H Club.

At Hoquiam High School, Moyer also excelled in band and in speech and debate – becoming the Grizzlies' drum major and winning various speaking competitions, including a state championship in debate.

All those skills propelled Moyer into public prominence when he became captivated by local radio.

"Right out of high school, I started working in radio because I wanted to be a disc jockey. I used to hang out at the fair watching the disc jockeys like Rhys Davis and with Doug McDowell, Stu Black. ... I would sit and listen and laugh and think 'They're so cool!'"

For a school project,

Moyer interviewed Davis, who was then at KXRO and remembers being so nervous to talk to one of his heroes. Then the day after Moyer graduated

Rick Moyer at the control board for his nightly KDUX radio show.

Photo courtesy of the Moyer family

STORY BY ANGELO BRUSCAS

Rick Moyer appears to be everywhere all at once wherever you look or listen throughout Grays Harbor.

Turn on the radio, he's rocking the coast nightly for KDUX in South Aberdeen. Drop by the YMCA in Hoquiam, Moyer will likely be working out in the mornings. Take in the Grays Harbor Shorebird Festival, an Aberdeen street fair, the Westport crab races or the World Music Day celebration, and there's Moyer with his cameras capturing the festivities.

Need a portrait for graduation or a family gathering? Moyer and his wife Amy can create the scenes you will treasure for a lifetime.

Drop by Guitar Galactica or the building housing the Unplugged Museum,

Moyer might be playing guitar or piano, or telling stories.

"I'm a ham," Moyer said proudly. "I always have been trying to entertain people my entire life."

He's been a preacher, a video producer, a computer salesman, a music composer and a friend to just about anyone who has ever crossed his path. His business is called Moyer Multi-Media, and it is all that and much, much more.

"I've had to diversify to not put all my eggs in one basket," Moyer said when asked about his success. "You've got to

You've got to believe what you have to offer people is important. I believe that everybody has that inside of them, that there's something important about you that other people need.

– Rick Moyer

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from Hoquiam High School, Davis called him and asked if he wanted to fill in on the air during some open weekend shifts.

"I said, 'Are you kidding me?' That's insane for a kid right out of high school. Oh, my gosh, I was so excited, I went right over there and signed up."

Because the radio pay was paltry, Moyer worked two other jobs while also taking classes at Grays Harbor College. That's when he met his wife to be, Amy, whom he married in 1986, only two years out of high school.

After marriage, Moyer took a full-time job at KGHO, making a whopping \$3.33 an hour. He stayed at the station for 10 years, eventually becoming the manager while the couple started their family of three children. But when the station was sold, he retired from radio for a while.

"Radio is a tough business. You've got to do it because you love it," he said.

Community Mission

Love is a driving force in Moyer's life, and the love of God afforded him and Amy a mission as Christians to give to the community. Moyer became the director of development for the Union Gospel Mission in Aberdeen at a time in

the 1990s when the logging industry was severely curtailed, devastating the local economy.

"I was raising money for the mission, and I would preach at lunchtime, then put out something like 6,000 newsletters a month," he said.

It became the genesis of his multi-media business.

One of the Union Gospel Mission donors was the local Techline business run by Jerry and Gloria Brown, who got Moyer interested in computers. They hired him to be an internet salesperson, and he became adept at the new technology.

I'm a storyteller. So, I would communicate in crazy ways. I would bring frozen sculptures into the sanctuary and blow them up with blowtorches to illustrate points."

— Rick Moyer

"Never in history had we ever been able to sit in our home and broadcast to the entire world. I got excited about it. And the guys there taught me all this really cool stuff about websites and graphics and how to use Photoshop. Well, immediately I knew this is my media."

His media prowess came to the attention of the pastor at the couple's church, Christian Life Fellowship, and he was asked to be youth pastor there, a position he held for the next 10 years.

"I think I was the first person on the Harbor to ever do a sermon on the internet," Moyer said. As a pastor, Moyer admits he was fairly unconventional.

"I thought of all these ways of communicating. I'm a storyteller. So, I would communicate in crazy ways. I would bring frozen sculptures into the sanctuary and blow them up with blowtorches to illustrate points. I would write plays."

A rift in the church, however, began to develop and the Moyers felt they could no longer be a part of the congregation.

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Rick Moyer not only plays music, he captures it with a growing video business, including working with the Olson Bros Band on several videos.

Photo courtesy of the Moyer family





Rick and Amy Moyer

Photo courtesy of the Moyer family

Rick Moyer

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Amy, who grew up in Raymond, still had connections with the Raymond First Baptist Church, which had just lost its pastor.

First Baptist asked Moyer to fill in until they found a pastor. The position, which was supposed to be six months, turned into three years, Moyer said, adding that he made sure to explain that he wasn't a conventional preacher.

Moyer recalls one Easter service where he worked his multi-media talents to portray the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

"I had my friends build me a big wall on the stage. And it was black. Then I put together some footage of Jesus on the cross for Easter, like depictions that were stitched together to form a movie. I had the projector shining onto the black wall. And I talked about how we see things very dimly until, all of a sudden, things come into focus. I talked about how I converted to Christianity and how my life had changed. And then the projector starts onto the screen, but you can barely see it."

Moyer then pulled out a paint roller and some white paint, painting a cross on the black wall, which allowed some of the scene to clearly show up against the white portion. Then he kept enlarging the white portion.

"And by the time I was done with my sermon, I got all the way to the end and you could see perfectly clear. You saw Jesus hang his head on the cross, then the very end was him resurrecting. And there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

"Visually, I love to use media to bring to life what I'm selling. And I know as much as you say you don't sell Jesus, you do. I mean, you've got to get the thing across. We're all selling something, right?"

However, Moyer had not been sold on his own health at this stage of his life. He was now up to 355 pounds and started having congestive heart failure.

Lifestyle Change

After struggling to breathe, an emergency trip to urgent care one day brought things to a head when doctors told him he might be having a heart attack. The health scare brought about a complete lifestyle change, prompted by several medical professionals who convinced Moyer he could make lasting changes to preserve his life.

Now, he's lost 160 pounds through diet and dedicated exercise, ending his reliance on insulin and reversing that heart condition after seven years.

After he began to recover and shed pounds, Moyer decided it was time to

branch out on his own full time.

"My gift is to promote and to encourage people. That's what I do. And I can do that. Selling their product. I can do that. Encouraging them to be everything they can be. I can do that just by the gifts and talents that I have. That's when I started doing all this stuff on social media and becoming more involved in the community. Because I wanted to see our community grow and be good. And I wanted to see these businesses prosper."

He started recording commercials from his home studio for businesses. He began websites and social media platforms and working for the old MySpace internet media site from his

home in Central Park, managing the site for an Australian organization called "The Martians Are Here." He did an audio book along with music, producing a CD called "Stargazer," which is music to watch the stars by.

At 52, Moyer also began to "reward"

himself with tattoos as a testament to his rebuilding health.

One of the first was a depiction of Golgotha, the hill where Christ was crucified. Another is the Bible verse

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"He approaches his on-air listeners just like he does all people in the community, with an upbeat attitude, full of enthusiasm and a genuine joy."

— Pat Anderson

Rick Moyer finds creative, inspiring settings for his portrait patrons.

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Romans 10.13: "For everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

And then there is the dragon called Fat Slayer: "In his mouth he has 150 pounds," Moyer said, showing off the colorful tattoo. "That's how much weight I had lost at that time. And he's crunching it with his mouth. So, when I look in the mirror, I look at that and go, I'm not going back. I'm under 200 pounds now."

Rick and Amy Moyer currently maintain one of the busiest photo/video enterprises in Grays Harbor, booking shoots for graduations, weddings, family gatherings and local businesses.

Moyer has produced videos for rock bands like Clint and the Eastwoods, Hall of Flame and Metal Church; for the debut of photographer Darrell Westmorland's book chronicling his



Photo courtesy of the Moyer family

Moyer gets his frequent workouts in at the YMCA in Hoquiam.

portraits of myriad musical acts; for community events like the Downtown Aberdeen Spooktacular, the Grays Harbor Shorebird Festival and for local businesses.

He has recorded music with several bands, written commercials and jingles for many businesses, hosted the afternoon show on radio station KIX-95.3 FM, and continues as the late-night

rock show host on KDUX-104.7

Pat Anderson, the station manager at KDUX and another longtime radio host with the morning show at KDUX, calls Moyer "a truly exceptional guy."

"I've been broadcasting here for 35 years, and I've known Rick for several decades. ... I knew he was a radio pro early on," Anderson said. "I tried to lure him back into broadcasting a few



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times over the years, but I was finally successful about 11 years ago.”

It wasn't just his radio ability and his public presence that compelled Anderson to bring Moyer back to local airwaves.


“Rick, beyond all of his technical talents, of which there are many, is a kind, compassionate guy. He approaches his on-air listeners just like he does all people in the community, with an upbeat attitude, full of enthusiasm and a genuine joy,” Anderson said.

At the station, Moyer also provides video and photo services, produces commercials, handles digital editing duties and website services.

“Rick, as a veteran broadcaster, has the background not only in radio but a breadth of technical knowledge that we're so grateful for here at the radio station,” Anderson said. “He's invaluable.

On this particular Thursday night, Moyer is in his element at the controls of the fully digital system that operates the radio station, bubbling with his infectious enthusiasm: “Fleetwood Mac on the rock of the coast 104.7 KDUX. Rick Moyer with you tonight on your Thursday. All right, are you ready to rock? Your Thursday's never gonna be the same now. Crank it up!”

When Moyer talks, broadcasts, snaps a photo or directs a video, a big part of Grays Harbor is listening in, watching and taking his word as gospel.

Reach Rick Moyer through his website: Moyer Multi Media LLC – Wedding and Family Photography and Video Production, Social Media Marketing; <https://moyermultimedia.com>. 

Rick before his lifestyle changes.

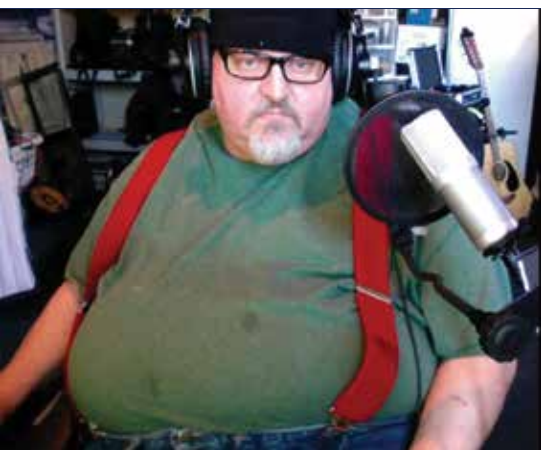


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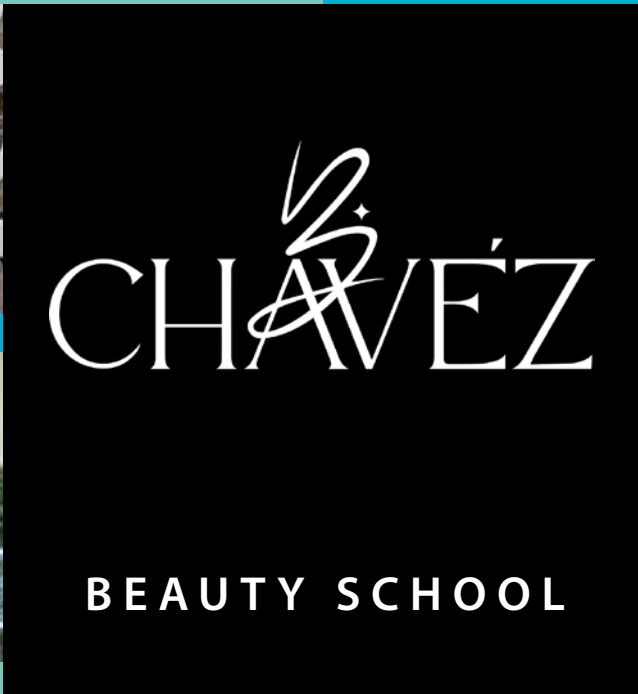
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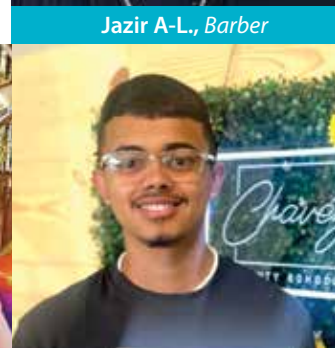
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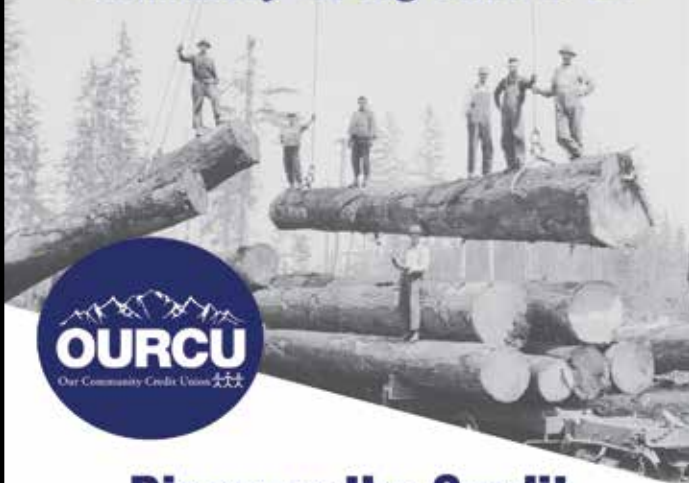
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and features four Hoquiam gardens. In addition, a plant sale is set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 2618 Sumner Ave. in Hoquiam.

The Hoquiam gardens range in size from two acres to city-sized lots. Master Gardeners are available at each garden to answer questions. A ticket allows entrance into the gardens in any order.

nod to other parts of the world that were inspired from extensive trips to the Far East and Europe.

In addition to the Master Gardeners, Lamb family members will be on hand to answer questions about the property and provide memories of the garden.

Other gardens featured include ones that showcase Japanese maples, a private garden oasis and one that's curb appeal is undeniable.

Tickets are \$15 and on sale at Marshall's Garden & Pet, Aberdeen; Harbor Drug and Gifts, Hoquiam; Valu Drug, Montesano; Dennis Company, Elma and Raymond; Galway Bay Gift Shop and Tip & Gwenner's Pet, Ocean Shores; and Westport Winery, off of Highway 105. Tickets will also be available at each garden and the plant sale the day of the tour. 

Ready to be inspired by the creativity and beauty of area gardens? Make plans to attend the 27th annual WSU Master Gardeners Garden Tour & Plant Sale, slated for Saturday, July 19.

This year's event, "Historic & Heavenly Harbor Gardens," is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The largest of the gardens is owned by Chis Gunderson, who is renovating the historic home of Grays Harbor pioneers and business leaders, Frank and Alice Lamb. A cultivated garden of about two-acres surrounds the Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired house originally built with garden rooms themed with various



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Take in a show in Grays Harbor this summer

The Harbor is hopping with music and theater opportunities this summer including several for young theater enthusiasts to get into the act. The summer offerings include the following.



**Bishop Center for Performing Arts
1620 Edward P. Smith Drive, Aberdeen**

In addition to the **7 p.m. Sunday, June 8** premiere performance of the **“Spirit of the Harbor”** featured on page 21 of this issue, The Bishop Center for Performing Arts at Grays Harbor College is bustling with events this summer.

**GH Civic Choir & Concert Band -
Themes from Early Immigrants**
Based on the beautiful mural by Grays Harbor artist Jenny Fisher, the **“Themes**

from Early Immigrants” concert is set for **2 p.m. Sunday, June 15**. Fisher’s mural can be seen near the base of the Chehalis River Bridge, traveling east on Heron Street. The mural depicts the various immigrants that settled in Aberdeen, and the concert’s music includes folk songs from the countries depicted.

**Grays Harbor Opera Workshop –
“Semele”**

The musical drama **“Semele”** will be performed by Opera Workshop singers as well as an orchestra of local instrumentalists at **7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 28**.

This timeless opera, directed by Ian and Joy Dorsch, is the story of Semele, who is betrothed to a prince, but is in love with Jupiter, the king of the gods. Jupiter sweeps her away on her wedding day, but his wife, the goddess Juno, plots revenge. This is a classic tale of love, jealousy and vengeance, told through Handel’s sparkling music.

“Shrek The Musical”

Grays Harbor College and the Bishop Center are presenting **“Shrek The Musical,”** this summer. The show will be performed at **7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 24-26**. In addition, matinees will be at **2 p.m. Saturday, June 26 and Sunday, June 27**.

Based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film, “Shrek The Musical”

is a Tony Award-winning fairy tale adventure that includes familiar fairy tale characters as well as the unlikely pairing of Shrek, a hulking green ogre and Princess Fiona, who mysteriously disappears when night falls.

The musical, with music by Jeanine Tesori and book and lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire, will be executively produced by Brad Duffy. It will be directed by Ryan Colburn, with vocal direction by Ian Dorsch and music direction by Bill Dyer. Monika Kuhnau is the stage manager and Lori Oestreich is the choreographer.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for area students and free to GHC students and those 12 years and younger.

For more information about events at the Bishop Center for Performing Arts, go to www.ghc.edu/bishop.

**7th Street Kids
313 7th St., Hoquiam**

The 7th Street Kids program once again has two treats for theater lovers this summer. These plays, both produced by Brad Duffy, have casts comprised of Grays Harbor kids, ranging in age from 7 to 16, and are performed in the historic 7th Street Theatre.

The first show, presented after an intense four-week workshop, is **“101 Dalmatians KIDS.”** Directed by Taylor Jones, performances are set for **7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 11 and 12, and 2 p.m. Sunday, July 13**.

Made popular by the beloved animated





Photo by Rick Moyer

7th Street Kids performed Finding Nemo JR at the 7th Street Theatre in Hoquiam in 2024.

film, "101 Dalmatians KIDS" features the outrageous villain, Cruella De Vil, who plots to steal Dalmatian puppies from pet owners, Roger and Anita, and their dogs, Pongo and Perdita. Cruella intends to use the puppies to make a fur coat! Spoiler alert: The Dalmatians rally the dogs of London for a daring rescue of the puppies from Cruella and her bumbling henchmen.

This year's 7th Street Kids' six-week workshop will present Cameron Mackintosh and Disney's "Mary Poppins JR." Directed by Kyle Sholinder with musical director Jonica Beatie, the performances are at **7:30 p.m. July 31, Aug. 1 and Aug. 2**, as well as **2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3**.

Based on one of the most popular Disney movies of all time and the heralded Broadway musical, "Mary Poppins JR" is simply supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

Nanny Mary Poppins shows up at the Banks family after young Jane and Michael have scared away many a nanny.

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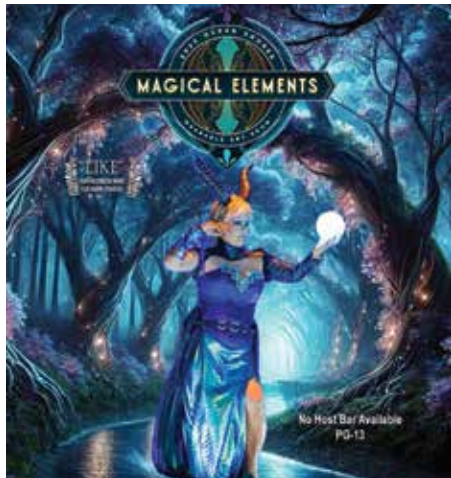
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Stage West Community Theatre

"Magical Elements" is the theme for this year's **Wearable Art Show**, which is set for **7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 7**, with the doors open at 6:30 p.m. at the Ocean Shores Convention Center. The show is PG-13 and includes a no-host bar.

Artists come from near and far to participate in this runway show featuring artistic "outfits" of every kind. Wearable art is hand-crafted, one-of-a-kind artwork created to be worn.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.stagewestcommunitytheatre.org at the door or at The Dusty Trunk. They range in price from \$25 to \$35. For more information, go to www.oswearableart.com.

For the younger set, Stage West Community Theatre will present **Summer Theater Camp** for young artists from 12 to 17. The weeklong camp is set for **Aug. 18-22** at the Ocean Shores Lions Club, 832 Ocean Shores Blvd. NW, and lasts from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily with lunch included. A show is set for **6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22** for family and friends.

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Healthy meets delicious as grilling delivers the best of summer

Chris German



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STORY BY JULIANA WALLACE

The sizzle of steak, the smell of charcoal or hickory smoke, a rainbow of vegetables on a kebab, ripples of heat. And the flavor. Nothing says “summer” quite like the taste of grilled meats and vegetables. Outdoor cooking delivers a multisensory experience that brings people together in a way nothing else can.

“The nice thing is that you start with a base of salt, pepper, garlic and onion. That will be in almost everything. Then you can branch out from there.”
 – Chris German

Mike Villarreal, superintendent of the Hoquiam School District, loves the community aspect of grilling whether he is feeding family or coworkers or grilling 180 pounds of chicken for a high school fundraiser. With a busy job, he also craves the meditative aspect.

“Grilling allows me to think about what’s going on right here and nothing else,” he explained. “You kind of get away from the hubbub of work and everything else.”

While Villarreal lives in Hoquiam, he learned to cook from his mother, a Peruvian native with a critical understanding of spices. The garlic, cumin and cilantro of his youth still feature prominently in his spice cupboard although, like most grillers, he tends to experiment.

“I have tubs of rubs,” he chuckled. “It’s one of my addictions. I buy rubs

everywhere I go. Then I blend them back and forth to taste.”

Like Villarreal, Chris German, who has worked as the personnel manager at The Market Place in Aberdeen for the past three years, finds the lavish spice section there especially helpful.

“The nice thing is that you start with a base of salt, pepper, garlic and onion. That will be in almost everything. Then you can branch out from there,” he added. “It all comes down to personal taste.”

For example, cumin and Mexico oregano add a south-of-the-border flavor, while mustard and ginger will create a more Asian style. Add a little (or a lot) of cayenne for some heat if you dare.

Try some smoked or hot paprika, chipotle, a selection of peppers, or hickory salt. Or challenge your taste buds with various levels of cayenne, from the comparatively tame 40,000

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Mike Villarreal

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In addition, the perfect barbecue can start with a homemade barbecue sauce, marinade or mustard. Consider adding a fruity taste to barbecue sauce with pomegranate molasses, for instance. Or make homemade mustard by soaking mustard seeds in water overnight and then adding your vinegar and seasonings of choice.

While spice rubs, marinades and sauces deliver a host of possibilities for

the palate, the grill itself also plays a significant role. Charcoal, for instance, delivers the classic smoky flavor of a down home, backyard barbecue. Smoking pellets or wood chips, on the other hand, add distinct flavor overtones depending on the type of wood.

“Grilling allows me to think about what’s going on right here and nothing else.”

– Mike Villarreal

Mike Villarreal grills on his Santa Maria-style grill.



Photo by Juliana Wallace

Several years ago, Villarreal discovered the Santa Maria-style grill, an open-frame grill with an adjustable rack.

“I had a shop teacher build this for me several years ago,” he remarked as he piled perfectly grilled ribs on a platter. “The idea behind it is that you can control the heat. Raise the rack up, and it cooks slowly. Then, when you want to sear stuff, drop it down.”

While German likes the taste from a charcoal grill and uses it for some recipes, he tends to favor his pellet grill.

“I have a charcoal grill and a pellet grill, but I primarily use my pellet grill. That one’s nice because for a slow cook I can set the temperature on it, and it maintains it for me,” he explained.

Whether you cook with charcoal or wood or gas, flavor with dry rubs or

marinades, grilling and smoking offer endless delicious possibilities. As a bonus, outdoor cooking proves a healthier way to bring out the flavors of meat and the natural sweetness of vegetables, retaining more nutrients while reducing fats.

Grilling tips to whet your appetite

As summer gets fully underway, our grill masters offer a few suggestions to expand your grilling repertoire.

New to grilling? Consider starting with pork ribs or pulled pork. Pork ribs provide a lot of room for playing with different spices, and grillers can use mustard or oil to bind the spices to the meat. German likes to use pineapple juice, as well, both on ribs and pulled pork.


“There’s an enzyme in pineapple called bromelain that further breaks down proteins,” he pointed out. “Besides, pineapple and pork go well together.”

Feeding a big group? Villarreal’s go-to recipe is teriyaki chicken because, as he explained, “It’s easy and quick, and you can feed a crowd.” Start by butterflying boneless, skinless chicken thighs and cutting peppers and onions into bite-size pieces.

“Then throw some garlic in there and some sweetener like pineapple juice and some minced garlic,” he continued. “I use Veri Veri Teriyaki sauce, as well. Then I marinate for two to three hours (no more than three) before grilling.”

Itching to try something a little unique? German recommends smoking a tray of sea salt for a few hours, stirring it until it takes on the color, as dark as you want it to be. Alternatively, try smoking a block of cream cheese to make a dip.

“Just put it in a foil tray and add your favorite spices or seasonings,” he suggested. “Sometimes I’ll mix caramelized onions with it when it’s done. But it’s good by itself with crackers or veggies.”

If you need more ideas, ask your friends for their favorite recipes, scour the internet or experiment on your own. But whatever you do, invite a friend or two to share the fun. 

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JUNE 1-18 . Student Art Exhibit . Aberdeen . Grays Harbor College, Spellman Library gallery.

JUNE 6, 7, 12 . Herbs . Timberland Libraries . Aberdeen 6/6, 1:30pm. Montesano 6/7, 10:30am. Hoquiam 6/7, 2:30pm. McCleary 6/12, 10:30am.

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JUNE 6 . First Friday Art Walk . Aberdeen Art Center . Enjoy art, live music, artist demonstrations & snacks. Free art class on First Friday, 5 - 8pm.

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JUNE 7, 14, 21, 28 . Aberdeen Farmers Market . Produce, arts & crafts, live music & food, on Broadway, Saturdays, 10am - 3pm.

JUNE 7, 14, 21, 28 . Seabrook Saturday Market Fresh produce, food, art, handcrafts. 10am - 3pm.

JUNE 8 . Grays Harbor Symphony . Bishop Center . Aberdeen . Grays Harbor College. 'Spirit of the Harbor,' Sunday, 7pm. (See pg. 20).

JUNE 8 . Summer Concert Series . Lake Quinault Lodge . Enjoy great music on the lawn, featuring Dain Norman. BBQ, beer garden 12-3pm.

JUNE 11 . Drumming & Storytelling with Javoen Byrd . Montesano . Timberland Library. West African & African American drumming. 2pm.

JUNE 11 . GHC Honors Recital . Bishop Center . Aberdeen . Grays Harbor College. Wed., 7pm.

JUNE 14 . Dance House Recital . 7th Street Theatre . Hoquiam . 4:30pm.

JUNE 14-15 . NW Mini Horse Club . Elma . County Fair & Event Center.

JUNE 14-15 . Urban Unglued . Ocean Shores . Convention Center. Freaks at the Beach, vendors.

JUNE 14, 15 . Cat Show . Elma . Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds. 'Summertime & the Livin' is easy.

JUNE 15 . Father's Day Vintage Car Cruise-In & BBQ . Seabrook . Cars, food, & memories.

JUNE 15 . Grays Harbor Civic Choir & Concert Band . Bishop Center . Aberdeen . Grays Harbor College. 'Themes from our Early Immigrants.' 2pm.

JUNE 15, 21, 28 . Grays Harbor Raceway . Elma . Sprints, Modifieds, Super Stocks, Hornets. 5pm.

JUNE 17 . GHC Spring Steel Drum Concert . Aberdeen . Wellington Rehearsal Hall at Grays Harbor College. Tuesday, 1pm

JUNE 17 . GHC Jazz Concert . Bishop Center . Aberdeen . Grays Harbor College. Tuesday, 7pm

JUNE 17, 26 . The Reptile Lady . Timberland Libraries . Snakes, alligators, & lizards! McCleary Event Center 6/17, 10:30am. Elma Library 6/17, 1pm. Oakville Library 6/17, 3:30pm. Westport 6/26, 10am. Hoquiam 6/26, 1pm.

JUNE 18 . GHC Spring Drama Production . Aberdeen . Grays Harbor College, on campus, 7pm.

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JUNE 20, 27 . Seabrook Sunset Concert Series
Live music, Sunset Amphitheater. 5:30-7:30pm.

JUNE 21 . Saturday Market . Montesano
. Fleet Park. Enjoy local artists, fresh local food, vendors, yoga, painting and music. 9am-1pm.

JUNE 21 . 3D Celebration . Cosmopolis . Cosi
Art Center. Try 3D Art & draw, family fun! 10am-4pm.

JUNE 21 . World Music Day . Aberdeen .
Musical events all day. (See page 5).

JUNE 21 . Stomp & Shout: The Untold Story of Northwest Rock & Roll . Aberdeen .
Timberland Library. With author Peter Blecha, 2pm.

JUNE 21 . Bart "HOSS" Herigstad . McCleary Museum .
Performing country favorites, 7pm.

JUNE 21, 22 . Grays Harbor Open Studio Tour
Visit artists in their art studios. (See page 11).

JUNE 22 . Summer Concert Series . Lake Quinault Lodge .
Music on the lakeside lawn, featuring Emmanuel Simmon, BBQ, beer, 1-4pm.

JUNE 24 . Jeff Evans Reading Magic Show . Timberland Libraries .
McCleary Event Center 6/24 10:30am. Westport 6/24 3pm.

JUNE 25 . Touch-A-Truck . Hoquiam . Polson Museum .
Join Museum Director John Larsen to experience historic logging equipment. 1pm.

JUNE 27 . Creature Teachers . Timberland Libraries .
Meet live reptiles, amphibians & more. Aberdeen 6/27, 11am. Montesano 6/27, 3pm.

JUNE 27, 28, 29 . Rusty Scuppers Pirate Daze
Westport . Fri. Noon - Sun. 6pm. (See page 24).

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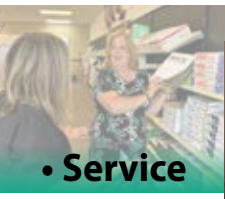
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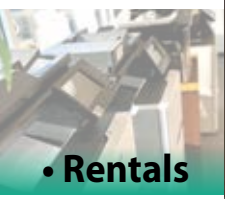
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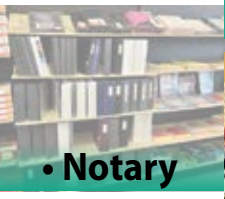
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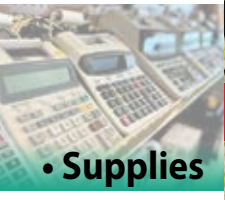
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JUNE 27, 28, 29 . Five Star Dealerships Sand & Sawdust Festival . Ocean Shores . Celebrating sand & chainsaw artists. (See page 24).

JUNE 27, 28, 29 . Elma City Wide Garage Sale

JUNE 28 . Grays Harbor Opera Workshop presents "Semele" . Bishop Center . Aberdeen . Grays Harbor College. 7:30pm. (See page 38).

JUNE 28-29 . Pre-Fair Horse Show . Elma . County Fair & Event Center.

JULY

JULY 4 . First Friday Art Walk . Aberdeen Art Center . Enjoy art, live music, artist demonstrations & snacks. Free art class on First Friday, 5 - 8pm.

JULY 4 . SPLASH! Festival . Aberdeen . Morrison Park. Noon - 11pm. Fireworks 10pm.

JULY 4 . Booming Bay Fireworks Display . Westport Marina . Starts at dusk.

JULY 4-6 . Oakville Junior Rodeo . Oakville Regional Event Center, 7000 Highway 12.

JULY 4-6 . Chief Taholah Days . Taholah

JULY 5 . Oakville Independence Day Parade & Celebration . Handcrafts, food, car show & more.

JULY 4, 11, 18, 25 . Friday Market . Elma . Produce, eggs, local artisans, soaps & more. 12 - 6pm.

JULY 4, 11, 18, 25 . Seabrook Sunset Concert Series . Live music, Sunset Amphitheater. 5:30-7:30pm.

JULY 5 . Coastal Clean-up . Clean up the beaches following 4th of July with Washington CoastSavers.

JULY 5 . Old Fashioned 4th of July Parade & Picnic . Tokeland . Parade at 11am.

JULY 5, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26, 27 . Grays Harbor Raceway . Elma . Fireworks on July 5th. Races 5pm.

JULY 5, 12, 19, 26 . Aberdeen Farmers Market . Produce, arts & crafts, live music & food, on Broadway, Saturdays, 10am - 3pm.

JULY 5, 12, 19, 26 . Seabrook Saturday Market . Fresh produce, food, art, handcrafts. 10am - 3pm.

JULY 10 . Responsible Recreation . Hoquiam Timberland Library. With State DNR, 11am.

JULY 10 . Insect Invasion! . Montesano . Timberland Library. Learn about invasive insects. 1pm.

JULY 11, 12, 17 . Succulents & Sedums . Timberland Libraries . Grow indoors & out. Aberdeen 7/11, 1:30pm. Montesano 7/12, 10:30am. Hoquiam 7/12, 2:30pm. McCleary 7/17, 10:30am.

JULY 11-13 . McCleary Bear Festival . Parade, softball, car show, Bear Festival stew. (See page 24).

JULY 11-13 . Windrider's Kite Festival Westport . Competition, demonstrations & more.

JULY 11, 12, 13 . "101 Dalmatians KIDS" . Hoquiam . 7th Street Theatre. (See page 38).

JULY 12 . Summer Concert Series . Lake Quinault Lodge . Featuring Sea City Underground on the lakeside lawn, BBQ, beer garden 12-3pm.

JULY 13 . Run Like the Wind 5k/10k/Half Marathon . Westport . Pre-register. 9am start.

JULY 16, 17 . Meet YA Author Vanessa L. Torres . Timberland Libraries . Q & A with the

author. Hoquiam 7/16, 2pm. Montesano 7/16, 4pm. Amanda Park 7/17 10:30am.

JULY 19 . Water Bash . Grayland . Community Hall. Water slides, food & local entertainment.

JULY 19 . Saturday Market . Kids Summer Fest . Car Show . Montesano . Fleet Park. (See page 24).

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JULY 19. Annual Cosi Art Fest . Cosmopolis . Art, music & food! Banjos to blues. (See page 24).

JULY 19 . WSU Master Gardeners Garden Tour & Plant Sale . Hoquiam. (See page 36).

JULY 19 . Ben Fagerstedt . McCleary Museum . Performance, ice cream social, 7pm.

JULY 24, 25, 26, 27 . “Shrek The Musical” . Bishop Center . Aberdeen . Grays Harbor College Thurs. - Sat., 7:30pm, Sun. 2pm. (See page 38).

JULY 25 . Summer Concert Series . Lake Quinault Lodge . With Sean Curkendal. 1-4pm.

JULY 25-27 . Hog Wild in Ocean Shores . Convention Center. Music, parades, stunt performers.

JULY 26 . Ride the Harbor . McCleary, Elma, Westport . Road cycling event. (See page 18).

JULY 26 . Young Life Wiffle Ball Tourney .

JULY 30, 31, AUG. 2 . Meet Children’s Author Ellie Peterson . Timberland Libraries. Montesano 7/30, 11am. Aberdeen 7/30, 2pm. Hoquiam 7/30, 4pm. Amanda Park 7/31, 11am. McCleary 8/2, 10:30am. Oakville 8/2, 3:30pm.

JULY 30 - AUGUST 2 . Grays Harbor County Fair . Elma . County Fairgrounds . (See page 25).

JULY 31, AUGUST 1, 2, 3 . “Mary Poppins JR” . Hoquiam 7th Street Theatre. (See page 39).

AUGUST

AUGUST 1 . First Friday Art Walk . Aberdeen Art Center . Art, live music, artist demonstrations & snacks. Free art class on First Friday, 5 - 8pm.

AUGUST 1-2 . Heat on the Street Car & Motorcycle Show . Elma . Street Dance with live band ‘Joker’s Wild’ on Friday evening.

AUGUST 1-2 . 17th Annual Tuna Classic . Competitive Albacore Tuna Tournament that benefits Veteran Heroes & South Beach Food Bank.

AUGUST 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 . Seabrook Sunset Concert Series . Live music, Sunset Amphitheater. 5:30-7:30pm.

AUGUST 2 . Summer Concert Series . Lake Quinault Lodge . Enjoy music on the lakeside lawn, featuring Silver Steele. BBQ, beer garden 12-3pm.

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AUGUST 2-10 . Hobie Catamaran Regattas . Lake Quinault . *Sailboat races. (See page 25).*

AUGUST 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 . Aberdeen Farmers Market *Produce, arts & crafts, live music & food, on Broadway, Saturdays, 10am - 3pm.*

AUGUST 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 . Seabrook Saturday Market . *Produce, art, handcrafts. 10am - 3pm.*

AUGUST 2, 9, 15, 16, 23, 31 . Grays Harbor Raceway . Elma . *360 sprints, limited sprints, midgets, IMCA Modifieds, Super Stocks, Hornets. 5pm.*

AUGUST 5 . National Night Out . In your community . *Find an event in your town or neighborhood or host one yourself.*

AUGUST 8, 9, 14 . Planning Your Fall & Winter Garden . Timberland Libraries . *Aberdeen 8/8, 1:30pm. Montesano 8/9, 10:30am. Hoquiam 8/9, 2:30pm. McCleary 8/14, 10:30am.*

AUGUST 8, 15, 22, 29 . Friday Market . Elma . *Produce, eggs, local artisans, soaps & more. 12 - 6pm.*

AUGUST 9 . Elk River Boat Challenge . *This 3- or 7-mile human-powered boat race*

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AUGUST 9 . Montesano City Wide Garage Sale 8am-6pm.

AUGUST 9-10 . Tokeland Woodfest .
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AUGUST 9-10 . Ocean Shores Art Splash Studio Tour . 15 local artists, 8 local studios, 10am - 5pm. (See page 26).

AUGUST 12, 13 . Found In the Stars with Professor Universe . Timberland Libraries. This fun, playful, interactive theater show explains science concepts about space. Oakville 8/12, 10am.

McCleary 8/12, 1pm. Elma 8/12, 4pm. Aberdeen 8/13, 11am. Amanda Park 8/13, 3pm.

AUGUST 16 . Summerfest . Aberdeen .
Downtown, BBQ, music, entertainment & more! 10am - 4pm.

AUGUST 16 . Midnight Cruisers Hot Rod Show . Aberdeen . at Five Star Chevrolet

AUGUST 16 . Saturday Market . Montesano . Fleet Park. Enjoy local artists, fresh local food, vendors, yoga, painting and music. 9am-1pm.

AUGUST 16 . Summer Concert Series . Lake Quinault Lodge . Featuring Perfect Mess on the lakeside lawn, BBQ, beer garden 2-5pm.

AUGUST 16-17 . Westport Art Festival . Enjoy beautiful art, beer garden, food, live music & more! 10am - 4pm. (See page 26).

AUGUST 16-17 . Body & Soul Festival . Ocean Shores . Convention Center.

AUGUST 18-22 . Summer Camp with Stage West Community Theatre . Ocean Shores . 10am-3pm. Show: Friday 6pm. (See page 40).

AUGUST 23-24 . Driftwood Show & Glass Float Hunt . Driftwood exhibits, competition & prizes. Glass float round up on Grayland Beach. Grayland Community Hall.


AUGUST 30 . Seafood Festival & Craft Show Westport . A family feast with fresh fish, oysters, live music & local crafts.

AUGUST 30 . Corvettes at the Marina . Westport . Bring yours!

AUGUST 30 . Junk Queens Flea Market . Westport . Near viewing tower. 10am - 5pm.


AUGUST 29-31 . Ocean Shores Arts & Crafts Festival . Convention Center, 10am - 5pm.

More events to come! The summer issue will be in your mailbox on June 1. Meanwhile, check www.coastal-currents.com for the latest information on Harbor events.

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- DINE-IN
- DELIVERY
- TAKE-OUT
- HOME-BAKED
- BIG SCREEN TV
- BRICK OVEN BAKED

- **LIVE DJ**
FRIDAY & SAT. 8PM
- **GAME NIGHT**
FRIDAYS 6 - 8PM
BINGO, NAUGHTY TRIVIA,
BEER SPECIALS &
FUN PRIZES
- **DART TOURNEY:**
SIGN UP TODAY!
TUES. WED. THURS. EVE.
- **LIKE/FOLLOW US**
ON FACEBOOK @CASCADE BAR



XX-LARGE **18"** Feeds 5!

CASCADE SPECIAL!
HUGE 18"
4-Topping
PIZZA

Made with 1 Lb. of Cheese

\$34.99 SAVE \$5.00



Price Buster!

Homemade Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner with Garlic Roll

\$10.99

SAVE \$6.00

1 18" 2-Topping PIZZA
1 Order Breadsticks
1 2-Liter Soda
\$33.99



SAVE \$8.98

What can we get you to drink?



HAPPY HOUR
5-7PM
DAILY



Inflation Fighter
12" 2-Topping PIZZA

\$16.99

SAVE \$1.50



Delivery to Elma, Montesano, McCleary, Porter & Malone

Mention the special offers when you order -- no coupon clipping needed!

Order Online at www.CascadePizzaElma.com or Call 360-482-2006

203 W. Main Street • Elma OPEN SUNDAY - THURSDAY: 11AM - 9PM • FRIDAY - SATURDAY 11AM - 10PM

