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GHC's 'Groundhog Day the Musical' set to entertain – repeatedly

STORY & PHOTOS BY KATIE MCGREGOR

For the first time since its London premiere in 2016, the beloved comedy time-loop story, "Groundhog Day the Musical" is coming to the Bishop Center stage in March.

"One of the challenges that I give myself is to try to pick a production that hasn't been done at the Bishop Center," director Andrew Gaines explained. "My wife and I saw the musical in New York in 2017. It was delightful."

"It asks a really penetrating question: What would you do if you could repeat today an infinite amount of times? How would you live today?"

– Andrew Gaines

Gaines has been monitoring the status of the rights for "Groundhog Day" for four years and jumped at the opportunity to produce it here on the Harbor when licensing was finally possible.

"Groundhog Day the Musical" very closely follows the plot of the 1993 film of the same name. The film stars Bill Murray who plays Phil Connors, a cynical TV weatherman. Connors gets stuck in a time loop in the small town of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, where he is reporting on the annual Groundhog Day prediction event.

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Aiden Brown, playing Phil Connors, and Natalie Calkins, playing Debbie Johnson, practice a dip while rehearsing.



"Groundhog Day the Musical" will be at the Bishop Center at **7:30 p.m. March 7, 8, 14 and 15, and 2 p.m. March 9 and 16.**



Director Andrew Gaines goes over the script with Aiden Brown, as other cast members look on.

'Groundhog Day the Musical' *(continued)*

"If you like the movie, you might adore the musical," Gaines said. "I would say the central theme of the show is about one man's evolution to becoming a decent human being."

"I also consider it to be about finding happiness with where you are instead of being angry about it," added assistant director Saebre Winn-Lark.

Though currently based in Olympia, Gaines arrived in Cosmopolis seven years ago when he was brought on as head of the Theatre Arts and Communication Department at Grays Harbor College. He's had a theater career spanning decades and has been involved in school theater programs, off-Broadway shows, drama therapy, professional acting, and film and television. His career has taken him everywhere from New York to Los Angeles and, eventually, Grays Harbor.

Assistant director Saebre Winn-Lark was born and raised on the Harbor and graduated from Ocosta High School in 2009. Winn-Lark's first experience with

theater was at the age of 18 through the Bishop Center, and over the years has worked both on stage and behind the curtain.

"Groundhog Day the Musical" is written by Danny Rubin, who also wrote the original story and co-wrote the screen play for the 1993 film with the late Harold Ramis. Musical comedian Tim Minchin wrote the music and lyrics to bring the story to life on stage.

"It's a very dynamic show, really contemporary," Gaines explained. "There's a wide range of music styles; pop rock, folk rock, country, funk and a little big band on occasion."

Fans of the movie may appreciate the musical's expansion of overall story themes and side characters. This is a show where even the chorus members have names and recognizable personas that are integral to the portrayal of the town of Punxsutawney.

"The intention is to make it feel like we're populating the stage with a real-life town," Gaines said.

"I would say the central theme of the show is about one man's evolution to becoming a decent human being."

— Andrew Gaines

"Almost everyone has a musical solo or lines of their own," Winn-Lark added.

A production like this comes with its fair share of hard work. Scheduling and organization are really important to making sure everything runs smoothly. However, solving problems and puzzles is part of a director's job.

Gaines and Winn-Lark are taking it all in stride as they work with the cast and crew.

"It's very challenging but it's ultimately really fun," Winn-Lark said. "Problem solving is, to a degree, one of my favorite things."

The cast consists of more than 30 performers, ranging in age from 16 to 72, two thirds of whom have been involved in Bishop Center productions before.

"I love every single one of our cast members. Casting this show was one of the hardest things we've had to do because we had a lot of strong contenders for the roles," Winn-Lark said. "My favorite part is watching everyone grow and learn together."

One exciting aspect of the show is watching the time loop unfold on stage. A production like this can be challenging because there are many set pieces that need to be moved around to convey the repetition of time.

The Grays Harbor community has contributed to the production as well by procuring props such as marching band uniforms, percussion instruments, and even a real television film camera to be used on stage.

"Audiences should expect some clever gimmicks," Gaines teased. "It's really

Cast members practice tap dance number.



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'Groundhog Day the Musical' (continued)



Ross McCobb practices dance steps during rehearsal.

rewarding because once you see patterns you can start anticipating what might happen."

"Groundhog Day" is considered a comedy, but the show also deals with some darker themes, including sexuality, drugs and suicide, so parental guidance is advised.

"It's an outrageous comedy but the adults will be delighted," Gaines said. "It asks a really penetrating question: What would you do if you could repeat today an infinite amount of times? How would you live today?"

"Groundhog Day the Musical" will be performed at the Bishop Center at **7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, March 7, 8, 14 and 15, and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 9 and 16.** Tickets can be purchased at the door or online ahead of time at ghc.edu. 



Director Andrew Gaines displays the play's maquette.

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In addition to "Groundhog Day" at the Grays Harbor Bishop Center, thespians from throughout Grays Harbor are getting ready for a variety of other productions. These include:

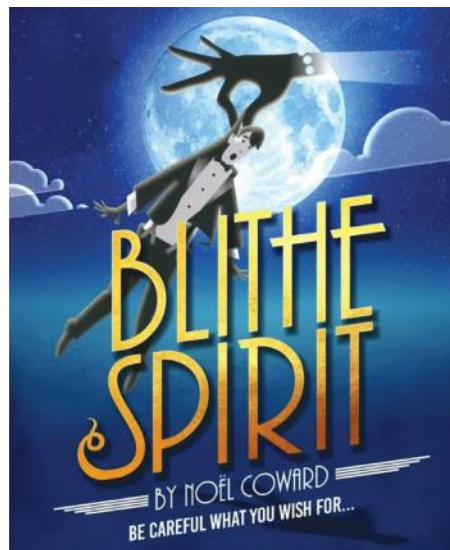
Driftwood Players 120 E. 3rd St., Aberdeen

This spring the Driftwood Players will present **"She Kills Monsters,"** by Qui Nguyen, a drama with strong language and adult themes. Directed by Libby Carrico with mentor director Alex Eddy, performances are at **7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, April 26, May 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17, and at 1:30 p.m. Sundays, May 11 and 18.**

The plot includes Agnes, who ends up participating in her sister Tilly's created world, embarking on a journey of discovery, self-acceptance, and slaying a few mischievous spirits. In the process, she comes to see just how much of her sister she never really knew.

Tickets for Driftwood plays are \$20 and can be purchased online at

aberdeendrftwood.com. In addition, they can be purchased at Valu Drug in Montesano, The Tinderbox in Aberdeen, Harbor Drug in Hoquiam and The Dusty Trunk in Ocean Shores. If available, tickets may be purchased at the door.



Stage West Community Theatre Ocean Shores

Stage West's production of Noel Coward's **"Blithe Spirit,"** will be presented at **7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, March 1, 7 and 8, as well as 2 p.m. Sundays, March 2 and 9** at the Ocean Shores Lions Club, 832 Ocean Shores Blvd. Doors are open

half an hour before the show begins.

Directed by Lori Hardin, this farce is the story of a writer who invites a local psychic to his home to gather material for his new book. During the séance, he clearly does not believe in, the hapless psychic manages to summon the ghost of his late wife Elvira. Her appearance proceeds to turn life upside down for the writer and his new wife.

Stage West also invites the public to attend its audience participation **Mystery Dinner Event, "I Love You to Death,"** at the Oyhut Bay Event Center on **March 28.** Additional information will be on the website closer to the event.

Later in the spring, Stage West will perform, **"The Plot, Like Gravy, Thickens,"** at **7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, May 9, 10, 16 and 17 and 2 p.m. Sundays, May 11 and 18** at the Ocean Shores Lions Club.

This audience-participation comedic murder mystery by Billy Wayne St. John is about a birthday dinner that ends in murder. The story is told by Walter, the playwright's alter ego, who narrates the story as if he is explaining how he committed the murder. He introduces

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the audience to tyrannical millionaire Edward Worthington's relatives, business associates, and household staff, most of whom have reason to wish the man dead. It becomes clear that each has a motive when they are all gathered on a stormy evening at Worthington Manor to celebrate Edward's fiftieth birthday and the lights go out.

Tickets for all the Stage West Theatre events can be purchased online at stagewestcommunitytheatre.org. In addition, tickets will be available at The Dusty Trunk and Mocha Madness beginning about two weeks before each show. The tickets are "flex-pass" and may be used for any of the performances.

The Aberdeen High School
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In May, Aberdeen High School will present the 1982 version of "**Little Shop of Horrors**," a horror/ comedy/ rock musical by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman.

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Director Maria Manning said the script has been scrubbed of offensive language, but some elements -- issues of domestic violence and homelessness, as well as a possibly scary alien plant -- might not be for the very young.

"Little Shop of Horrors," will be performed at **7 p.m. Thursday – Saturday, May 8, 9 and 10, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 11,**

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All-you-can eat crab, oyster feeds this spring

Grays Harbor reigns as a seafood-lovers paradise! Those who love crustaceans and mollusks – particularly Dungeness crab and oysters – will want to mark their calendars this spring for three all-you-can-eat feasts – a crab feed and two oyster feeds.

The Ocosta Jr./Sr. High School Booster Club's all-you-can eat crab feed is set for **March 8**, the Sharon Grange's oyster feed for **April 12**, and the Ocosta Recreation Hall's oyster feed for **May 3**.

Ocosta Booster Club Crab Feed

The 27th-annual Ocosta Booster Club crab feed is set for **noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at the Ocosta Recreation Hall, 45 Ocosta Sixth St.**



Sharon Grange Oyster Feed cooks frying oysters, from left, brothers Karl and Gene Goeres and Karl's son Kent Goeres.



In addition to all the local crab you can eat, donated by Westport fishing families, the dinner includes spaghetti, garlic bread and coleslaw. Beverages are sold separately.

Tickets, which are available only at the door, are \$40 for diners 13 and older, \$20 for children 6 to 12, and free for children 5 years and younger.

All proceeds benefit the Ocosta Booster Club's scholarship program. For more information: e-mail ocostaboosterclub@gmail.com.

Sharon Grange Oyster Feed

The all-you-can-eat Sharon Grange oyster feed has been a fixture of the grange for more than 70 years. This year it is scheduled from **noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at the grange hall, 912 South Bank Road**, across the river bridge from Porter.

Grays Harbor reigns as a seafood-lovers paradise!

In addition to the oysters, grange members will be serving ham, potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, roll, beverage and pie.

Tickets, which are available at the door with cash or check, are \$30 for diners 13 and older, \$25 for seniors 65 and older, \$15 for children 5 to 12, and free for children under 5.

For more information, call Debbie Hill, president of the Sharon Grange, at (360) 490-4988.

Ocosta Recreation Hall Oyster Feed

The Ocosta Recreation Hall oyster feed is set for **3 to 7 p.m., Saturday, May 3, at the Ocosta Recreation Hall, 45 Ocosta Sixth St.** The annual event has been featured for some 40 years.

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Open mic nights spotlight Harbor's hidden talents

STORY & PHOTOS BY ANGELO BRUSCAS

Tuesday nights the mic is open for those who want to perform on the stage at Messy Jessy's in Aberdeen.

Wednesday nights the open microphone, sound and lights are set at Geppetto's in Montesano.

On Thursdays, the open mic includes live musicians along with karaoke singers of all ages until closing at Hot Mama's in Ocean Shores.

On Fridays, ShuJack's Bar & Grill on Main Street in Elma highlights all things that make people laugh with open mic comedy performances as a regular weekly feature.

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It's brought another outlet to Ocean Shores for live entertainment and local artists to express themselves.

– John Duncan, Hot Mama's

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For the venues hosting a growing field of local performers, open mic entertainment brings in patrons and builds a community that returns for repeat performances – and repeat customers who spread the word and bring others.

Two of the hosts for the ongoing open mic events – Johnny “The Capo” Gargano in Ocean Shores, and Clinton “Dogger” Mullins in Montesano – shared their insights on the revived popularity

of open mic entertainment; and the owners of Geppetto's and Hot Mama's had nothing but gratitude for the performers, the customers, and the fun they've had in the process.

“It is community, and it is financial as well,” Mullins said before hosting a recent open mic night at Geppetto's. “We are all friends and family when it comes down to it. As a full-time artist, you can't find a Tuesday, a Wednesday or a Thursday where you can play (a paying gig) very easily.”

Dogger Mullins has long played music in Grays Harbor as one of the members (bass player) of the band Gebular, which was popular locally about a decade ago. He now writes, records and performs his own music as well as playing live across southwest Washington.

“The biggest reason I got where I am was that I used to go to an open mic in Olympia. They had one five nights a week while I was going to college at Evergreen, hosted by (sound engineer)

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Johnny Gargano performs in Ocean Shores at Hot Mama's, owned by Nai and John Duncan.





Paul Werda performs at Gepetto's in Montesano.

Open mic nights

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Scott Lesman. He gave me the confidence to actually play as a solo performer."

Johnny "The Capo" Gargano has been in the entertainment business for decades, having been a band leader and casino entertainment director in Las Vegas, as well as in the Seattle area. When he and his spouse moved to Ocean Shores several years ago, Gargano started to look for any work he could get for his band The Bad Boys, his solo performances or his DJ and karaoke setup.

John and Nai Duncan opened Hot Mama's on Ocean Shores Boulevard two years ago, and Gargano took over a previous karaoke night there, suggesting they also try an open mic concept.

"It's a big hit, and I made it work, combining karaoke singers with performing musicians. What we have works well," Gargano said.

All the venues heavily use social media to attract performers, and the organizers help recruit and nurture some of the more regular players.

"We started with 15 to 20 people, and now we get 40 to 50 people here," Gargano said.

Dogger received his master's degree in education in 2020 and planned to stop performing to become an educator. But he found he was having too much fun playing solo around the Harbor.

He started up an open mic night at the Pitchwood Alehouse in Raymond and then made it a Wednesday centerpiece at Geppetto's about a year ago.



We're really big advocates of bringing music into the community and supporting the music. So, we thought it was a great idea.

— Ken Anderson, Geppettos



"I needed the open mics to help with gas money for my weekend shows," Dogger said. "But also to help other people get shows and share their music with others. I noticed right off the bat that certain people who were playing here also were getting booked other places."

For many musicians, open mic nights present a unique opportunity to share talents with an audience, explore new music and connect with fellow artists. It brings a jolt of instant excitement, testing your nerves, your memory and your ability to the fullest.

"Some of the people who come through here are naturally talented, amazing songwriter-singers," Dogger said. "My job as host when I see that talent is in a sense like grooming that talent. You can put them on a stage or in a space

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Clinton "Dogger" Mullins opens the show at a Wednesday open mic night at Geppetto's in Montesano.

that they didn't know they could get to. There are people who are crazy-beyond-me good and they don't even know."

Dogger has visited The Capo for the Hot Mama's open mic and thoroughly enjoyed the atmosphere there as well.

"I had a blast there and actually had the crowd singing one of my songs," he said, noting he's likely played every venue on the Harbor. "But the thing I offer (at Geppetto's) that is somewhat unique to this area is a professional sound system, and a professional sound experience. I go out of my way to provide the highest quality sound that I can."

Dogger tries to videotape one song by each performer at Geppetto's and posts them on his social media platforms. The Capo airs some of his performers weekly on North Beach Community TV and also on his social media sites.

"We really get some great talent," Gargano said. He's even accommodated a full band when the group Blues Remedy showed up to play an open mic night, and there is

a drum kit set up for more rocking jams.

"There are a lot of musicians in this area – good ones – and they have nowhere else to play," Gargano said.

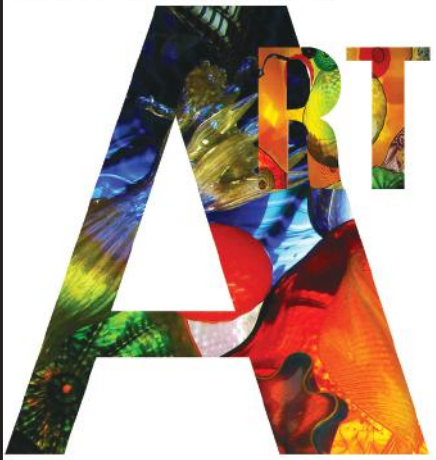
The open mics at Hot Mama's have been a regular Thursday night feature since April 2024, and Gargano notes they have stayed busy through the winter, usually going as late as 10 or 11 p.m. There's even been an open mic poetry reading night, featuring the poetry club from the Ocean Shores Library.

Gargano likes to execute songs solo that he might play with his full band. In many ways, performing is his way of practicing. He throws in an occasional original song, like one called "Tender Feelings," written for his wife and performed for her at Hot Mama's while she was eating dinner.

Hot Mama's and Messy Jessy's both allow all-ages participants, but performers must be 21 or older to perform in Geppetto's lounge.

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Jacob Wikan at Hot Mama's in Ocean Shores.



Donna and the Dudes perform at Geppetto's.

Open mic nights

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Nai Duncan notes the restaurant space for Hot Mama's had been vacant for several years, and the entertainment has helped bring locals back into their newer business.

"We're bringing in more customers in the evenings now, especially on Thursdays. Johnny has a big following,

and he brings in customers all around," John Duncan said.

The couple take the microphone too from time to time.

"We have fun with it," John said. "It's brought another outlet to Ocean Shores for live entertainment and local artists to express themselves."

In Montesano, Ken and Lonnie Anderson took over ownership of Geppetto's after

relocating to the area and meeting previous longtime owners Bob and Sue McEndoo. The stage area, dance floor and lounge area "had been dormant for quite a while," Lonnie Anderson said. "So, we were able to utilize existing resources to bring it all back to life."

They added new stage lights and Dogger and fellow performer Paul Werda balance the sound system for the performers.

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Waitress Barbara Belmont takes a break to sing with Dan Dyer at Hot Mama's.



Silver Steele sings and plays mandolin at Gepetto's.

"Dogger has just done an amazing job," Ken Anderson said. "When he first came to us and said he wanted to put together an open mic session, Lonnie and I had no clue how that really worked. We're really big advocates of bringing music into the community and supporting the music. So, we thought it was a great idea. At first, it was a slow start. But now, there's quite a little gathering on Wednesdays. It's good for the soul."

Clinton Mullins clearly has come full circle musically from a hard-rocking bass player to become Dogger, a hard-working singer-songwriter. His recorded

music, "Dogger Atta Bomb," is available on several streaming platforms, and he's booked regularly at the Quinault Beach Resort and Casino as well as dozens of other locations around Southwest Washington. He'll extend the open mic-hosting gig to the Cave Bar at the Polish Club in Aberdeen for the last Monday of April (the 28th), in what may prove to be another regular night on the circuit.

"My favorite open mic experiences have been when I see the growth of an artist. For example, someone who may have been shy and very reserved on coming out of their shell after a year of

open mics," he said. "One of the most rewarding open mic experiences has been the artist Silver Steele writing his song 'Northwest Country.' He wrote the song after being inspired by one of my original songs I wrote called 'Grays Harbor Nights.'"

The Dogger original goes: "There ain't no place that I'd rather be. It's my hometown, with a real music scene. ... I'm loving these Grays Harbor nights." 

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WEDNESDAYS

Gepetto's Italian Restaurant & Sports Bar • 126 E. Pioneer Ave., Montesano • (360) 249-4445

Open Mic Night with Dogger from 6 to 10 p.m. (Must be 21 years or older.)

THURSDAYS

Hot Mama's • 806 Ocean Shores Blvd. NW, Ocean Shores • (360) 940-7211

Hot Mama's Nite Club hosted by Johnny "The Capo" Gargano, open mic all ages and karaoke with live music from 7 to 11 p.m.

FRIDAYS

ShuJack's Bar & Grill • 326 W. Main St., Elma • (360) 482-1276

ShuJack's Open Mic Comedy Night begins with sign-ups at 7:30, show starts at 8 p.m.

Over Memorial Day weekend, Hot Mama's open mic and karaoke event heads to the Ocean Shores Convention Center as part of the Rock & Blues Flea Market Festival. Hot Mama's Beach Party at the festival will be at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 24.

For more information on venues and performers, visit the Facebook page Open Mic Nights Hosted by Dogger.



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Hoquiam's Grizzly Den named one of America's Best Restaurants

STORY BY RICK ANDERSON
PHOTOS BY RICK MOYER

For several generations of Grays Harbor residents, the Grizzly Den restaurant was regarded as a modest but tasty burger eatery located across Emerson Avenue from the Hoquiam High School and Middle School campuses.

Few envisioned it to be included among America's best restaurants.

But the locally owned establishment was recognized by the Food Network's

"A cozy establishment ... offering a unique experience for visitors seeking a taste of local charm."

**– Food Network's
"America's Best Restaurants"**

"America's Best Restaurants" television series in late 2024. It is one of only two Grays Harbor restaurants to be so honored – along with La Spiaggia in Ocean Shores, featured in the Summer 2024 issue of Coastal Currents.

The America's Best Restaurants website described the Grizzly Den as "a cozy establishment ... offering a unique experience for visitors seeking a taste of local charm."

The Grizzly Den celebrated its 60th anniversary (although not all under its current name) last year. It owes its longevity not only to the quality of its food but also to a pivot in its business strategy.

Founded by Norm Johnson in 1964 as The 5 Jays, it was exclusively a drive-in restaurant for two decades. A 480-square-foot dining area was added during the 1980s.

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The Grizzly Den

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Ownership changed hands several times before Hoquiam High School graduate Brad Bonell and his wife, Stacey, a native of Alaska's Kenai Peninsula who also operates Charlie's Café at Grays Harbor College, purchased the restaurant in 2000.

For much of its existence, the Grizzly Den catered primarily to Hoquiam students, faculty and staff — even closing during the summer months some years.

But a changing market made that business model unsustainable. Most off-campus eateries have closed during the past 25 years. According to Stacey Bonell, the Grizzly Den is one of only two mascot-named restaurants still operating in the state.

"We still get students, but it's not like the '80s where everybody hung out," she said. "When we took it over, it wasn't doing well. But with the growth of Ocean Shores and Seabrook, it really started to grow."

"What we were going for was to give people what they couldn't get in town and focus on the beach traffic," she added.

The restaurant is now open seven days a week throughout the year.

The menu includes seafood, salads and chicken items. But the restaurant's stock in trade remains its hand-pressed burgers, hand-cut french fries and more than 15 flavors of milkshakes made from actual ice cream instead of a shake mix.

"We get a lot of familiar faces because we're trusted, and we have a lot of tourists because of our reputation."

— Stacey Bonell

Although the Grizzly Den offers more than 20 burger options, Stacey Bonell considers the Grizzly Burger, a double-meat burger topped with bacon, two types of cheese, fry sauce and other

customary condiments, the restaurant's signature item.

Other popular menu items include the Jalapeño Burger and the Black and Blue Burger that is topped with bleu cheese and candied bacon. The latter dish is not part of the restaurant's everyday menu but is frequently offered as a special.

One thing the Grizzly Den is not is a fast-food restaurant. Because only one large grill and two fryers are in operation, the food can frequently take some time to



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Owner, Stacey Bonell, shows off a Grizzly Burger.

prepare during peak dining hours.

Although the primary seating area includes seven tables and there are another handful of seats in a gazebo-like

annex, many longtime customers tend to phone in advance for takeout orders.

"We have more call-ins than diners in," Stacey said. "(Calling in advance) is smart, because the wait can be up to an hour (during certain times) in the spring and summer. It can get crazy."

Despite their focus on tourists, the Bonells, and their 13 to 15 employees, take pride in their Hoquiam roots.

"We're kind of an old-fashioned mom-and-pop diner."

— Stacey Bonell

The Grizzly Den was one of the area's first non-chain restaurants to be active in the annual Aberdeen-Hoquiam FoodBall event and sponsors many youth and community activities. The Bonells also own a food truck that can be rented for community functions.

"We get a lot of familiar faces because we're trusted, and we have a lot of tourists because of our reputation," Stacey Bonell summarized. "We're kind of an old-fashioned mom-and-pop diner." **CL**

Ashley Bonell offers a colorful ice cream cone.



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Boyle's bold lines and soft palette create striking paintings

STORY & PHOTOS BY KATIE MCGREGOR

Cleve Boyle creates a unique style in his watercolor paintings with bold line work that contrasts the softness one might expect from the medium.

"The ink is a big part of it because the dark colors bring the picture together," Boyle explained.

The 67-year-old watercolor artist grew up in Spanaway, but has many memories associated with Grays Harbor. He recalls taking two-week trips to Westport every summer when he was young to visit his great uncle who owned a cabin in the area.

After graduating from Bethel High School, Boyle studied art at Grays Harbor College on a football scholarship before moving on to Western Washington University where he studied abstract art.

Boyle ended up back in Pierce County where he met his wife, Pam, in 1995. The two resided in Buckley before building a new house and moving to Westport four years ago.

"The figures usually have something to do with my overall life and things that have happened to me."

— Cleve Boyle



Cleve Boyle on his deck in Westport.

Through all of this, Boyle has been an artist at heart.

"I'm pretty self-taught," Boyle said. "I took art classes in high school and college. I started drawing as a little kid."

When Boyle first started making art, a lot of his pieces had religious themes. This is when he developed a taste for drawing figures, which still appear in his paintings.

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Boyle uses India ink to re-ink his watercolor painting.

Below is Boyle's "Snow Globe," and "The Ghost Digger" is on the facing page.







"Sugar Mountain" by Cleve Boyle

Striking paintings (continued)

"The figures usually have something to do with my overall life and things that have happened to me."

His current work has glimpses of his original style. However, it's changed as he now takes a lot of inspiration from bodies of water and often keeps his aesthetic consistent with a calm blue, green, gray, brown and yellow color palette.

Though Boyle has always loved making art, he took a break from it while he

worked full time doing maintenance for Clover Park School District for 40 years.

"I was away from art for a long time," Boyle explained. "I was pretty serious about it in my thirties. Then I was so busy that I kind of put it away for a few years. I started back up again when I retired about four years ago. I missed it."

When Boyle started painting again, he created pieces depicting clam digging, something he has enjoyed doing since

he was young. Though abstract in style, many of his pieces have recognizable Grays Harbor motifs including the ocean, lighthouses, trees and, of course, clam diggers.

Some pieces take less time than others but on average, Boyle spends at least 200 hours on a painting. It starts with an initial sketch which he workshops before transferring it onto watercolor

"At my age, it's more about the process than the inspiration. When you make art, you're going for emotion of some kind."

— Cleve Boyle

paper. From there he does initial line work with India ink, adds the color with watercolors and finishes with re-inking his line work.

Boyle is unique in his approach because he draws from imagination and doesn't use photos or real-life scenes as a direct reference to copy.

"Self Reflection"





"House on the River"

"At my age, it's more about the process than the inspiration. When you make art, you're going for emotion of some kind," Boyle said. "It's something to fill my time and something I enjoy doing. Art is a complete passion."



"Ocean"

Cleve Boyle's work is currently hanging in Sand Dollar Steak and Spirits, a new Westport restaurant owned by Brooke and Todd Emmert, former owners of the Monte Pub.



"Clamdigger"

His work can also be viewed and purchased at the Aberdeen Art Center. To purchase one of his pieces, Cleve and Pam Boyle can be contacted at pboyle12384@gmail.com. 

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Interest in sourdough baking is on the rise

STORY BY GAIL GREENWOOD AYRES

Interest in bread baking exploded during the lockdowns of 2020, with people stuck at home taking up the comforting craft. The employees of The Market Place in Aberdeen saw this first hand as people shopped for various kinds of flours and bread-making tools.

Five years later, people are still pursuing baking, said Michelle Olson, who with her husband, Erick, owns The Market Place, Grays Harbor's popular health food store. That rising interest, along with a flourishing fascination with fermented

"At The Market Place, we've seen a growing interest amongst shoppers in fermented foods, especially sourdough bread."

— Michelle Olson

foods, has made sourdough bread baking especially popular, Michelle said.

"As with many fermented foods, sourdough bread has been consumed for centuries," Michelle said. "The enthusiasm over fermented foods and their effects on digestive health and gut microbiome is growing, and sourdough bread baking is one channel many people have found fulfilling."

"Some sourdough bread consumers have noticed that the activity of enzymes and lactic acid bacteria during sourdough fermentation produces a

bread that is more enjoyable and easier to digest than other breads," she added.

Much to her family's delight, Michelle enjoys baking sourdough bread and rolls herself.

"I've recently become inspired to experiment with different flours and their effects on sourdough baking. I was feeding my sourdough starter one day, only to discover that I didn't have enough bread flour to do the job. I happened to have some rye flour, so I decided to supplement with it and hope for the best," she said.

"I was soon amazed at the result. My starter tripled in size within half the time! As it turns out, rye is known to contain more wild yeasts than other flours, making it particularly active when incorporated into sourdough because it boosts fermentation. It's now a routine practice of mine to incorporate a bit of white rye into sourdough feedings," Michelle said.

At the store, "We have almost every flour a baker could dream of," she said.

She isn't exaggerating. Twenty different kinds of flour, including unbleached bread, all purpose, pastry, rye, whole wheat, einkorn, vital gluten and stone-ground varieties are available. Then, there's an additional 20 varieties of gluten-free flours and blends!

"We also sell wheat berries and grains, which some customers grind into fresh flour at home," she said.

The flours are offered in packages as well as in bulk. "Bulk is convenient for those



Photos courtesy of Michelle Olson





Michelle Olson, of The Market Place in Aberdeen, enjoys baking sourdough bread.



Sourdough Sandwich Bread

150 grams ($\frac{3}{4}$ cup) active sourdough starter

315 grams ($1\frac{1}{2}$ cup + 1 Tbsp.) warm water

10 grams ($\frac{1}{2}$ heaping Tbsp.) salt

15 grams (1 Tbsp + 1 tsp.) oil

450 grams ($3\frac{3}{4}$ cup) unbleached bread flour

Mix all ingredients to form a shaggy dough. Cover and let sit an hour. Stretch and fold once an hour for about six hours. Dough is ready when you notice air pockets throughout. Transfer dough to a buttered bread pan and cover. Place in fridge anywhere from 3 to 24 hours. When ready to bake, score top of dough, then cover with a second, inverted bread pan, and bake at 450°F for 30 minutes. Uncover bread and bake an additional 15 minutes. Remove from pan and cool.

Note: When sourdough baking, in particular, a digital scale is more accurate, especially regarding the starter.

looking for specific amounts, from as little as a cup to as much as a 50-pound bag. Nothing beats bulk prices!" she said.

This spring the store is featuring all the tools of bread baking, as well. Those for sale include digital scales, which Michelle highly recommends to get the precise measurements crucial to obtaining consistent results. This is especially true regarding measuring the sourdough starter.

"Depending on how active the starter is, that is, full of air bubbles, weight is definitely going to be most accurate," Michelle said, adding that her daughter recently was baking sourdough

bagels with a recipe that stated both measurements. "Our starter was so active that Maddy decided to compare the weight required for the recipe to the amount in cups. To reach the weight stated in the recipe required two cups, not the $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups suggested. The more we bake, the more we learn."

Other helpful bread baking tools include the Danish dough whisk, designed to blend flour and water into dough without over-mixing; wood bannetons, bread baskets that are handy when preparing artisan loaves; wood bread bow knives, which smoothly cut uniform slices with their serrated blades, and bread lame,

a tool to score the top of bread dough before it goes into the oven. (This not only creates a decorative pattern on the bread's surface, but also allows the baker to control the rise of the bread by directing the steam where to escape.)

And of course, The Market Place sells a sourdough kit. It includes a starter jar with lid, band for monitoring starter progress, spatula, and dehydrated sourdough starter.

Recently, Michelle and her daughter Maddy made sourdough cinnamon rolls with her favorite recipe – the aptly named "The Best Sourdough Cinnamon Rolls," and photographed the process. The recipe can be found online at amybakesbread.com.

When it comes to learning more about bread baking, Michelle said, "The internet is bustling with sourdough bakers, from novices to experts and everything in between, each sharing their experiences, advice, and recipes. YouTube is a great place to go to learn the terms and watch the methods." 



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Spring 2025

Spring high school and college art shows set at GHC



Grays Harbor high school artists have the opportunity once again to participate this spring in a juried arts show at the Grays Harbor College Art Gallery. Last year's show included the work of 264 students from seven different Harbor school districts.

The **2025 Annual High School Art Show** will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, **April**

14 through May 8, at the Grays Harbor College Gallery, which is in the 1500 building, downstairs from the John Spellman Library.

"It features so many great ideas, nods to pop culture, and a spectrum of styles, techniques and skill."

— Haley Adair

The public is invited to a reception and award ceremony for the high school art show at **4 p.m. Friday, May 2.**

"The High School Art Show is my favorite of the year," said Haley Adair, who helps organize the event. "It features so many great ideas, nods to

pop culture, and a spectrum of styles, techniques and skill. This show brings the GHC Gallery to life."

In addition, the **Grays Harbor College Student Art Exhibit** is set for **May 19 through June 18** in the gallery. This exhibition features outstanding works created by students enrolled in studio art classes during this academic year. The artwork includes drawing, painting, printmaking and design.

The public is invited to the opening reception for the college art show at **4 p.m. Thursday, May 22.**

Information about upcoming art shows at Grays Harbor College is available on a recently re-vamped GHC Art Gallery website. For more information, contact Haley Adair at haley.adair@ghc.edu. 

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Whisperwood Custom Framing creates new Montesano art gallery

STORY BY GAIL GREENWOOD AYRES

In 2021, Marisa Salzer began a full-service custom framing studio at her Montesano home. The popularity of her work – for art lovers and artists alike – has kept her so busy that it became clear it was time for a move.

“I’ve set up this gallery for that immersive feel, as if you are living with the art.”
– Marisa Salzer

“I’ve maxed out my studio and this rental opportunity came along, and I couldn’t pass up the opportunity to expand,” said Salzer, who has a degree in visual arts and has worked in a variety of framing shops over the years.

A packed crowd filled her new 1,500-square-foot studio at 633 East Pioneer Ave. in Montesano during the Whisperwood Custom Framing grand opening party Jan. 31.

While Salzer offers her framing expertise, with an expansive menu of choices for frames, mats, and types of glass, her new digs are also set up as a gallery, with high ceilings and places to sit and enjoy the vast variety of art on the walls.

“I’ve set up this gallery for that immersive feel, as if you are living with the art,” she said. “People arrange art differently at home than they are presented in typical galleries. I want more of an immersive experience for everyone.”

Inside the space, a section has been set aside for a new Elton Bennett Gallery, which his daughter, Barbara Bennett Parsons, has moved from Hoquiam.

Many other artists’ works – including oil and acrylic paintings, pastels, watercolors, photography, quilts, pyrography items, mixed media, glass and ceramics – are displayed to be enjoyed and sold. The more than 20 artists include Kelly Harvey of Aberdeen, Jerri Shrader of Lake Quinalt, Rick Woods of Hoquiam, and Scott Hawn, Barbara Patton and Jim West, all of Ocean Shores.



From left, Jenna Waddell, owner Marisa Salzer with her husband Jerrod Salzer at the grand opening party. Photo by Jim West





Photo by Jenna Waddell

Whisperwood Custom Framing's wall of frames.

Whisperwood (continued)

In the future, Salzer plans to encourage more artistic endeavors by offering additional art supplies for sale.

Whisperwood Custom Framing is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, and by appointment. To reach the shop and gallery, call (360) 470-7180 or e-mail marisa@whisperwoodframing.com. It can also be found on Instagram and Facebook. 



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Spring theater

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at the AHS auditorium. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children and can be purchased through the school's website via Revtrack, at the ASB office, and Harbor Drug and Gift in Hoquiam.

Elma High School, 1011 W. Main St.

"The Love Note," a heartwarming comedy by Gail Phaneuf, will be presented by the Elma High School drama department this spring.

Directed by Charla Buchanan, this lively and entertaining play follows young Jessie as she navigates the ups and downs of a new school – facing challenges with bullies and self-confidence, while experiencing the power of friendship – all with the help of a magical love note from her mother.

Performances in the Elma High School commons are set for **7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 17-19, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, April 20.** Tickets will be available at the door. 

All-you-can eat

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In addition to all-you-can-eat oysters – fried, steamed and stewed – the menu includes spaghetti, Asian-style noodle salad, ambrosia salad, coleslaw, garlic bread and hot dogs. Beer and wine are available for an additional fee.

Tickets, which can be purchased at the door with cash or check (no credit cards), are \$20 for diners 13 and older, \$10 for children 6 to 12 years old, and free to those under 5. In addition, raffle tickets are available for \$1 with items raffled off throughout the event.

Profits are used for the maintenance of the Ocosta Recreation Hall, including supplies, repairs and insurance. For more information, call Martin Schroeder at (360) 580-4415, or e-mail info@ocostarechall.org. 

McCleary Museum hosts many spring events

It's a bustling spring at the McCleary Museum & Events Center, 426 S. 3rd St., McCleary, with a wide variety of events offered.

- **The Amazing Magic Show with Jeff Evans** is set for 7 p.m. Saturday, **March 22**. Tickets are \$15 each or \$35 for a family pack. Tickets are available at the door or online.
- **The American Revolution & the Life of a Continental Soldier** will be presented at 2 p.m. Saturday, **April 5**, by Captain Fred Gilbert (Col. USAF Retired) of the John Paul Jones Chapter of the Washington State Sons of the American Revolution. Dressed in an authentic Continental uniform, Capt. Gilbert will share information and artifacts. The event is free.
- **"The Voice of Elvis," Music Memories with Terry Barteime**, will be presented at 2 p.m. Saturday, **April 12**. Barteime helps his audience travel back in time while he performs Elvis Presley songs. Tickets are \$20 and available at the door and online.
- **A Mystery Tea Party** is set for 2 p.m. Saturday, **April 26**. More information and tickets are available online.



A past show at the McCleary Museum & Events Center featured Jazz duo Jessica Blinn & Vince Brown.

- The **Mother's Day plant sale fundraiser** is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, **May 9 and May 10**.
- **CJ & V, a musical duo covering hits from the 60s, 70s, 80s and more**, will perform at 7 p.m. Friday, **May 23**. Tickets are \$15 and available at the door or online.

For additional information, check online at mcclearymuseum.org. 



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MARCH

MARCH 1 . From the Mexico Kitchen . Aberdeen

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MARCH 1 . A Year of Gardening: Resilient Gardening . Hoquiam Timberland Library .

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MARCH 1, 2 . "These Shining Lives" .

Aberdeen . Driftwood Theatre. LAST 2 DAYS! Chronicles the strength & determination of women considered expendable in their day. Drama directed by Alex Eddy. Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 1:30pm.

MARCH 1, 2 . "Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid" . Hoquiam . Seventh Street Theatre. 1969 movie. Sat. 7:30pm & Sun. 2pm.

MARCH 1-2 . Beachcombers & Glass Float Expo . Ocean Shores Convention Center .

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onto the beaches in & around Ocean Shores in the 2 weeks preceding. 10am - 4pm.

MARCH 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 . "Blithe Spirit" . Ocean Shores . Stage West Community Theatre. Enjoy wit, conflict & big laughs as a novelist gathers writing material from a homicidal spiritualist. Fri. Sat., 7pm. Sun., 2pm.

MARCH 5 . Tea Time Tastings & Traditions . Aberdeen Timberland Library . Drink tea, eat treats, & journey through tea time history learning about literary connections, etiquette, & traditions. Registration required. 3pm.

MARCH 7 . First Friday Art Walk . Aberdeen Art Center . Enjoy live music on stage, artist demonstrations, snacks & new art. 5 - 8pm.

MARCH 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 . "Groundhog Day: The Musical" . Bishop Center . Aberdeen . Grays Harbor College. The winter musical is the story of the TV weatherman at the Groundhog Day event. Fri., Sat. 7:30pm & Sun. 2pm.

MARCH 8 . Beachside Author Series . Books for Young Readers . Seabrook Town Hall . Martha

Brockenbrough, Jessixa Bagley, Aaron Bagley, Julia Kuo & Rachel Michelle Wilson. Award-winning authors & illustrators of many books for young readers. 10am.

MARCH 8 . Beachside Author Series . Wanda M. Morris . Seabrook Town Hall . Author of award-winning mystery novels. 3pm.

MARCH 8 . Ocosta Booster Crab Feed . Ocosta Recreation Hall . Noon-6pm. (See pg. 13.)

MARCH 8 . Genealogy Café with the Grays Harbor Genealogical Society. Timberland Libraries in both Hoquiam & Aberdeen. Discover the hidden treasures of your family history. 1 - 4pm.

MARCH 17 . St. Patrick's Day at Galway Bay Irish Pub . Ocean Shores . Where else would you want to spend St. Patrick's Day in Grays Harbor?

MARCH 19 . Learn Basic Cake Decorating with Suzie . Aberdeen . Grays Harbor College . Learn how to decorate a tree stump cake like a pro - taught by Suzie Holt, retired owner of Suzie's Cakes. Preregister. 6-8pm.

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MARCH 20 . GHC Jazz Concert . Bishop Center . Aberdeen . *Grays Harbor College. Jazz Band & Jazz Choir. A lively evening of jazz, directed by William Dyer and Kari Hasbrouck. 7pm.*

MARCH 21, 22, 23 . Grays Harbor Mounted Posse Indoor Pro Rodeo . Elma . *Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds.*

MARCH 21, 22, 23 . Ocean Shores Razor Clam & Seafood Festival . Ocean Shores Convention Center . *Celebrate all things seafood! Razor clams, Dungeness crab, clam chowder, raw oyster bar, fish & chips, scallops, crab shooters, salmon & more! Listen to music, enjoy the wine & beer. Musical line-up includes SR.109, Raucous & Deer Swerver.*

MARCH 22 . Pacific Beach Spring Spectacular Artisan Market . Pacific Beach . *Local artists & goods, 14 Main St, 10am-4pm.*

MARCH 22 . Amazing Magic Show with Jeff Evans . McCleary Museum & Event Center. *7pm. (See pg. 41.)*

MARCH 22 . Hike with a Ranger at Lake Sylvia State Park . Montesano . *Montesano Timberland Library sponsored. Meet at the beach shelter in the day-use area. All ages welcome. Park pass required.*

MARCH 22, 23 . "Space Jam" . Hoquiam . *Seventh Street Theatre. 1996 movie. Sat. 7:30pm & Sun. 2pm.*

MARCH 28 . "I Love You to Death" Mystery Dinner . Ocean Shores . *Stage West Community Theatre. Oyhut Bay Event Center.*

MARCH 29 . Clam Jam . Tokeland Hotel . *Celebrate razor clams! Grab your razor guns, & prep your chowder for a competition, 4-8pm.*

APRIL

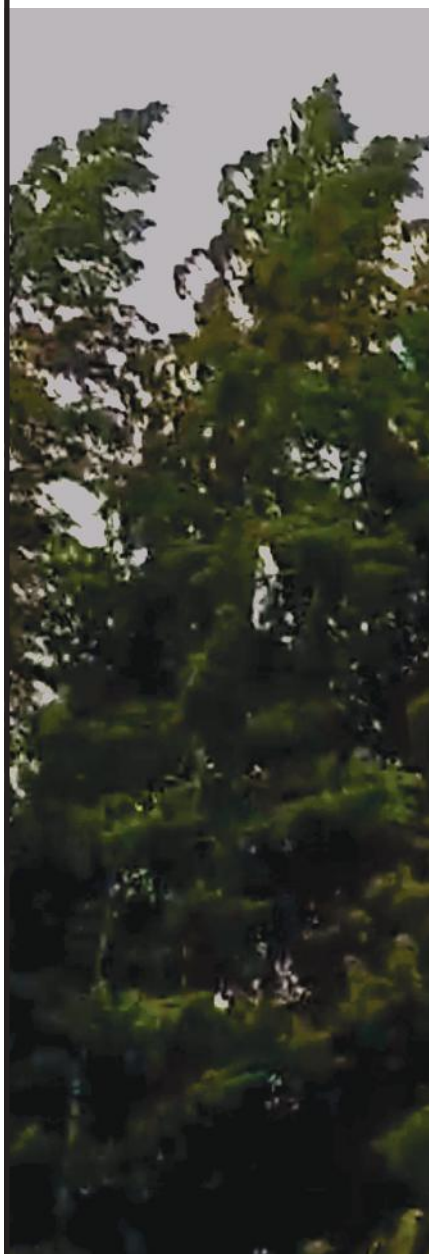
APRIL 4 . First Friday Art Walk . Aberdeen Art Center . *Enjoy live music on stage, artist demonstrations, snacks & new art. 5 - 8pm.*

APRIL 5 . Beachside Author Series . Laurie Frankel . Seabrook . *East Main Meeting Room. An unforgettable afternoon with one of today's most captivating novelists. 1:30pm.*

APRIL 5 . A Year of Gardening: Starting Seeds . Hoquiam Timberland Library . *Give your garden a jump start by starting seeds indoors. Learn which plants do better planted outdoors directly. 2:30pm.*

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Spring months bring wind



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APRIL 5 . The American Revolution & the Life of a Continental Soldier . McCleary Museum & Event Center . Captain Fred Gilbert of the Washington State SAR, will present dressed in a Continental uniform. Free, 2pm. (See pg. 41.)

APRIL 5, 6 . 'Jesus Christ Superstar' . Hoquiam . Seventh Street Theatre. 1973 movie. Sat. 7:30pm & Sun. 2pm.

APRIL 8 . Calligraphy - Whimsical Lettering . Aberdeen . Grays Harbor College . Beginner to experienced – calligraphy instructor Tammie Jones will guide you through techniques & styles to help you create beautiful & unique lettering. Preregister. four consecutive Tuesdays. 6-8pm.

APRIL 12 . Sharon Grange All-You-Can-Eat Oyster Feed. near Porter . Serving as long as the oysters last, noon-5pm. (See pg. 13.)

APRIL 12 . An Introduction to Birding . Hoquiam . Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge. Sponsored by Hoquiam Library. Meet at the Sandpiper Trail, learn about the refuge & the birds, how to use a field guide & birding etiquette. 11am.

APRIL 12 . "The Voice of Elvis" . McCleary Museum & Event Center . Music Memories with Terry Bartelme. Travel back in time with Elvis Presley songs. 2pm. (See pg. 41.)

APRIL 4 - MAY 8 . Annual High School Art Show . Aberdeen . Grays Harbor College . Spellman Library, College gallery. (See pg. 34.)

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APRIL 13 . Push Rods – Car Club Spaghetti Feed . Hoquiam Elks . Noon.

APRIL 17, 18, 19, 20 . “The Love Note” . Elma High School . *Jessie navigates the ups and downs of a new school . Thurs. Fri. Sat., 7pm., Sun. 2pm.*

APRIL 18, 19 . ‘The Neverending Story’ . Hoquiam . *Seventh Street Theatre. 1984 movie. Fri., Sat. 7:30pm.*

APRIL 19 . World Class Crab Races, Crab Feed & Derby . Westport Marina . *Unique family fun experience. Eat, race & enjoy!*

APRIL 19 . Easter Eggstravaganza! . Lake Quinault Lodge . *Egg hunts, bounce houses, local vendors and live music. 11am-2pm.*

APRIL 25-27 . Grays Harbor Shorebird and Nature Festival . Hoquiam . *Celebrate migratory shorebirds returning to Grays Harbor. Shuttles from Hoquiam Middle School to the refuge. Field trips led by knowledge birders. For all-ages!*

APRIL 26 . Washington Coast Clean-up . *Join WA CoastSavers clean-up in honor of Earth Day.*

APRIL 26 . Mystery Tea Party . McCleary Museum & Event Center . *2pm. (See pg. 41.)*

APRIL 26 . “She Kills Monsters” . Aberdeen . *Driftwood Theatre. See full listing under May 2.*

APRIL 26 & 27 . 14 Ring Cat Show . Elma . *Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds . Over 100 cats, 25 different breeds competing for Best of Show.*

APRIL 26 & 27 . GH Gem & Geology Rock & Gem Show . Elma . *Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds.*

APRIL 27 . YMCA Healthy Kids Day . Hoquiam . *Free to the community, fun, family event featuring all things “healthy!”*

MAY

MAY 2 . First Friday Art Walk . Aberdeen Art Center . *Enjoy live music on stage, artist demonstrations, snacks & new art. 5 - 8pm.*

MAY 2 . Annual High School Art Show Reception & Awards . Aberdeen . *Grays Harbor College . Spellman Library, College gallery. 4pm. (See pg. 34.)*

MAY 2, 3, 4 . Olympia Dog Fanciers Dog Show . Elma . *Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds.*

MAY 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 . “She Kills Monsters” . Aberdeen . *Driftwood Theatre. For the adventure seeker in all of us. Directed by Libby Carrico, mentored director Alex Eddy. Fri., Sat. 7:30pm, Sun. 1:30pm.*

MAY 3 . UFO Northwest: How Washington State Spawned the Men In Black . Elma Timberland Library . *Steve Edmiston, will talk about “The Maury Island Incident,” a short film chronicling the true story of Harold Dahl & his alleged 1947 sighting of a UFO over Puget Sound. 11am.*

MAY 3 . Beachside Author Series . Jo Segura . Seabrook . *East Main Meeting Room. Bestselling Romance author. 1:30pm.*

MAY 3 . Annual Oyster Feed . Ocosta Recreation Hall . *All you can eat, 3-7 pm. (See pg. 13).*

MAY 3, 4 . ‘The Seven Year Itch’ . Hoquiam . *Seventh Street Theatre. 1955 movie. Sat. 7:30pm & Sun. 2pm.*

MAY 8, 9, 10, 11 . “Little Shop of Horrors” . Aberdeen High School . *A hapless florist shop assistant raises a plant that becomes a man-eating alien! . Fri. Sat., 7pm. Sun., 3pm.*

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GROUNDHOG DAY

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COASTAL *Currents* MAGAZINE Surveys provide great insights

In the winter issue of Coastal Currents, we encouraged readers to fill out a survey about the magazine, which is now entering its seventh year of production.

Over a five-week period, more than 720 people logged onto the survey, and of those, 484 completed it. According to John Marling of Pulse Research, who conducted the survey for us, only 380 respondents were required to make the sample statistically valid. So, thanks for the good response!

Here are some things our readers said:



Overall, readers gave Coastal Currents a 4.55 rating out of 5 points, with 72 percent giving it the highest rating.



84 percent of respondents have read the last four magazines.



74 percent gave the photography in the magazine a 5, and the overall average for photography was a 4.58 weighted average, the highest of all the questions!



More than 90 percent of the respondents rated "Coastal Currents encourages me to support local businesses" with a 4 or 5, giving it a 4.57 weighted average.



More than 90 percent rated "Coastal Currents does a good job keeping me informed about things to do in the local area" with a 4 or 5, giving it a 4.55 weighted average.



More than 87 percent of the respondents rated "Coastal Currents has introduced me to new places and activities in Grays Harbor" with a 4 or 5, giving it a 4.5 weighted average.

We're still analyzing all the data, and reading the comments, but are heartened by both the number of people who responded and all the kind compliments and helpful suggestions.

Four Harborites win groceries

As promised, we drew four names from those who filled out the survey to win a **\$250 gift certificate** to their choice of grocery store – Swansons, Pickrite Thriftway, Shop'n Kart, Grocery Outlet and Ocean Shores IGA.

The winners were notified in February. They are **Christine Peck of Aberdeen, Erin Jeffreys of Hoquiam, Lindsey Fry of Ocean Shores and Jessica Spitzer of Oakville.**

Congratulations, again!

And thanks to all who took the time to fill out the survey.



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MAY 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 . "The Plot, Like Gravy, Thickens" . Ocean Shores . Stage West Community Theatre . at Ocean Shores Lions Club . Fri. Sat., 7pm. Sun., 2pm.

MAY 9 - 10 . Mother's Day Plant Sale . McCleary Museum & Event Center . 10am-4pm. (See pg. 41.)

MAY 10 . Blooming Planter Sale, Master Gardeners . 86 Rustemeyer Rd., Aberdeen & Garden By The Sea, Ocean Shores. 9am-4pm.

MAY 10 . A Year of Gardening: Attracting Wildlife to Your Garden . Hoquiam Timberland Library . Wildlife in your garden can be a magical experience, an annoyance, & sometimes both at the same time! We'll discuss it all. 2:30pm.

MAY 10-11 . 4-H Hairy Horse Show . Elma. Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds.

MAY 10-11 . Body & Soul Festival . Ocean Shores Convention Center . Metaphysics & Wellness + Gem Show.

MAY 11 . Mother's Day High Tea . Seabrook . Town Hall, 2 seatings, limited tickets. Delicious tea, scrumptious treats & heartwarming conversations.

MAY 17, 18 . Home & Garden Show . Elma . Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds, Sponsored by Master Gardeners. Ciscoe Morris presents, May 18, noon. Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4.

MAY 16 . Art Walk . Seabrook . A celebration of local art & artists that will leave you awe-inspired! Sponsored by the merchants of Seabrook. 4-6pm.

MAY 16, 17 . 'The Greatest Showman' . Hoquiam . Seventh Street Theatre. 2017 movie. Fri., Sat. 7:30pm.

MAY 18 . Savor Seabrook Food & Wine Festival . Seabrook . More than 20 wineries, 21-&-over affair includes live music, games & more. 1-5pm.

MAY 19 - JUNE 18 . GHC Student Art Exhibit . Aberdeen . Grays Harbor College . Spellman Library, College gallery. May 22 reception. 4pm. (See pg. 34.)

MAY 10 . Push Rods/Tractor Supply Show-N-Shine . Aberdeen . Gateway Plaza. 9am -2pm.

MAY 23 . CJ & V . McCleary Museum & Event Center. A musical duo covering hits from the 60s, 70s, 80s & more 7pm. (See pg. 41.)

MAY 24-25 . Rock & Blues Flea Market Festival . Ocean Shores Convention Center . Music & treasures. Hot Mama's open mic.

MAY 25 . Blessing of the Fleet . Westport . Remembering those lost at sea and bless the fleet for a safe & bountiful harvest. Fishermen's Memorial, 1pm.

MAY 31-JUNE 1 . Puget Sound Siberian Husky Club Specialty Show . Elma. Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds.

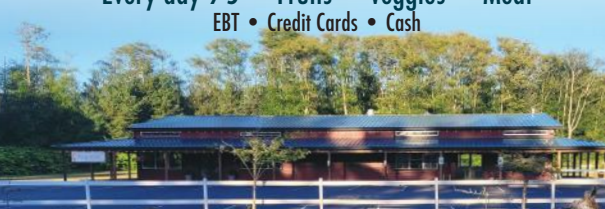
More events to come! The summer issue will be in your mailbox on June 1. Meanwhile, check www.coastal-currents.com for the latest information on Harbor events.

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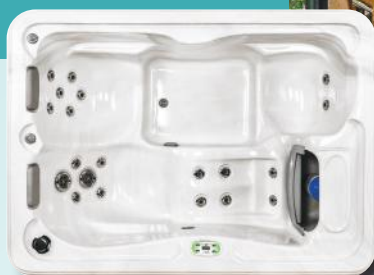
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