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Artistic Currents are Running Fast in Grays Harbor this Fall

As we wrap up the final details of this second issue of *Coastal Currents*, I can't begin to describe the gratitude I feel for the many friends and businesses that have made this publication possible. The mission of *Coastal Currents* is to showcase Grays Harbor art, music, theater and food. And, appropriately, it is produced by Grays Harbor writers, photographers, graphic designers and artists for you, our Grays Harbor neighbors.

I so appreciate the ideas provided by our readers after our inaugural issue this summer. The creative team has worked hard to incorporate many of those ideas into this and upcoming issues. Your continued input is welcome!

Here are highlights from this Fall Edition: **The annual Celtic Music Feis, slated for October 14-20**, in Ocean Shores is well on its way to putting Grays Harbor on the national music map. Once you read all about it on page 8, you'll want to ensure you make 2019 the year you check it out!



On page 14, we feature the Art Drives studio tours coming the first two weekends in October. Take this wonderful free opportunity to see many local artists in their natural habitat. I promise you'll come away with a heightened appreciation for the artistic talent that resides here!

Not only do I appreciate our local artists, including the creative crew listed on page 4 that helped me put together this edition, but I am also grateful for our advertisers. They are almost entirely locally owned businesses that have chosen to use *Coastal Currents* to deliver their messages the old fashioned way – printed on paper and delivered by dedicated employees of the U.S. Postal Service. Please choose to shop locally, and brag about it! Amazon is doing just fine without you.

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BY MARGUERITE GARTH
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Question:

What do Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Ocean Shores, Washington have in common?

Answer:

Not much except these two cities host the two largest Irish Music Festivals in America!



An Irish invasion is headed to our shores in October!

The **Galway Bay Celtic Music Feis** will kick off Monday, Oct. 14, at a special dinner at the 8th Street Ale House in Hoquiam. The feis (which means “festival” in Irish), will rage on until Sunday, Oct. 20, with performances and events at the 8th Street Ale House, as well as the Ocean Shores Convention Center and the Galway Bay Irish Pub in Ocean Shores.

Performers come to the Washington Coast from all over the world to sing, play and dance to Celtic-inspired music, drawing crowds large enough to rank this as one of the top two Irish music festivals in the United States. This year, there is even a headliner group, **O’Jizo**, hailing from Japan.

Other headliners at this, the 16th annual feis, include the **Celtic Tenors**, **Seven Nations**, **Doolin**, and **Daimh**. The multiple stages will feature Irish balladeers, folk

singers and dancers. In addition, attendees are invited to take part in workshops in all things Irish, including bagpiping, fiddling and Irish dance.

Of course no festival would be complete without great food, and this one is known for its cultural offerings – from Irish stew to soda bread, washed down with a pint or two. A shuttle service is available to safely transport festival goers between venues.

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The Celtic Music Feis was created in 2004 by William “Liam” Gibbons on a much smaller scale. He believed that many people loved Irish music and culture as much as he did and that the area could attract and support such an event. He






Photos from past Galway Bay Celtic Music Feis show a festive and exciting event fed by the rousing Celtic music. Festival organizers Christopher Doyle, (left) and Liam Gibbons (right) pose with Stacey Webb (center, patron from Hawaii) in their kilts and caps. ►

also thought it would bring in revenue and jobs to the community during the lag time after summer's busy tourist season.

The festival's growing popularity, however, surprised even Gibbons. So in 2011, he brought in a partner. Now Christopher Doyle manages the Feis and their three restaurants, while Gibbons says he's simply "just the maintenance man."

Tickets for the Galway Bay Celtic Music Feis can be purchased in advance at www.celticmusicfeis.com. In addition, the website includes the performance schedule and directions to the three venues.



As the Irish say, "May you always have a clean shirt, a clear conscience, and enough coins in your pocket to buy a pint!" 



Galway Bay's 16th Annual Celtic Music Feis

October 14-20, 2019

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Sleep difficulty is one of the most common medical complaints in our country. Over 50 million adults suffer from insomnia. Sleep is our body's chance to recover from our busy, eventful days. Without this opportunity to process and "reset," quality of life suffers. It begins to have a negative impact on our

physical as well as mental health. There is an important relationship between insomnia and negative health effects such as depression, anxiety, substance abuse, decreased immune function, cardiovascular disease, chronic pain, gastrointestinal complaints and urinary problems.

Music distracts us from stressful thoughts and decreases stress hormone levels while increasing relaxation hormones


In the medical world, there are two general paths to treating insomnia: behavioral intervention and medication. Behavioral interventions result in better long-term management of chronic insomnia, while medications may help in the short term, but may stop working due to a developed tolerance and have the potential for unwanted side effects. Too often in our fast-paced society we reach for medications in an attempt to effortlessly slip into a good night's sleep. However there are other methods that may be effortless and also beneficial for our health rather than posing risk.

Music therapy and the impact it has on various medical conditions is becoming

more understood. Studies have shown that music is a useful intervention for helping improve sleep quality. Not only is music therapy effective, but also comes without the risk of unwanted side effects that medications may have. Studies on music therapy and insomnia suggest that music distracts us from stressful thoughts and decreases stress hormone levels while increasing relaxation hormones, such as oxytocin, in our bodies. Music has also been shown to decrease the "fight or flight" arousal of the autonomic nervous system, which allows us to relax.

(Jespersen KV, Koenig J, Jennum P, Vuust P. Music for insomnia in adults (Review). Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews. 2015; Issue 8.)

For those of you struggling with chronic or even occasional insomnia, I challenge you to explore the impact music may have on your level of relaxation and ability to sleep by experimenting with different genres of music as part of your sleep hygiene routine. Remember that an important part of sleep hygiene is to avoid any type of screen use and anything stimulating, including exercise, one to two hours before bedtime.

With a calm mind you will find more regenerative sleep and wake up refreshed and ready to conquer your day! 

McKenzie recently completed her residency program and will be starting her new job as a full spectrum family medicine physician with Community Health Care in Spanaway, Wash. this September. Her husband is a Twin Harbors native.



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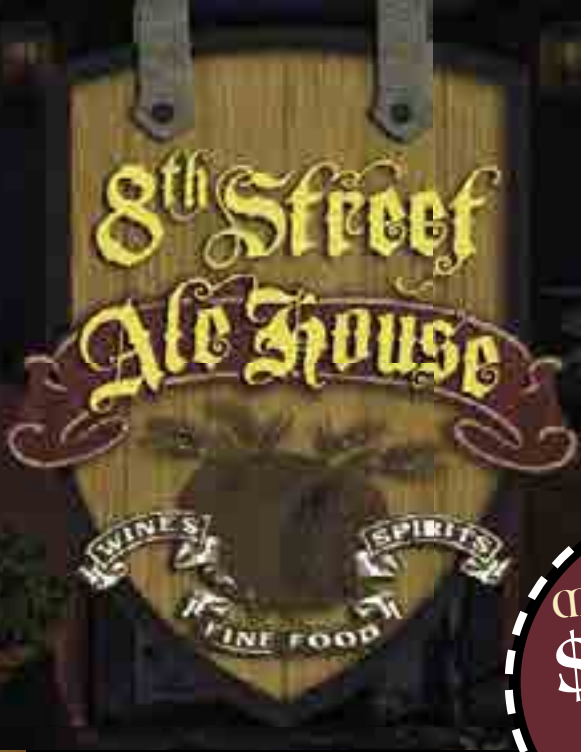
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Art Drives Taking a Peek

BY GAIL GREENWOOD AYRES
PHOTOS BY RICK MOYER

Getting a glimpse inside the working studios of Grays Harbor artists produced such a powerful pull for the public last fall that the inaugural Art Drives Open Studio Tour has staged an encore this year.

"For our first year it was successful beyond our wildest imagination," said Mery Swanson, the project's director and a watercolor painter. "We hope to make it an annual event."

This year's Art Drives is scheduled for the first two weekends in October: **Saturday, Oct. 5; Sunday, Oct. 6; Saturday, Oct. 12; Sunday, Oct. 13 and Monday, Oct. 13** (Columbus Day).

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on these days, more than 30 area artists invite the public to observe them creating in their own studios. In addition, the attendees to this free event can ask the artists questions, peruse individual collections and even purchase locally created art on the spot.

"In 2018 we had more than 500 individual visits during the five-day



Barbara Inman of Westport shows off one of her baskets created of natural materials. Another of Barbara's creations, made from a gourd, is below.

event with people coming from all over the U.S., which was just amazing results for us," Swanson said. "We're expecting even more this year."

Like last year, each artist will also have a piece of their artwork displayed at a "pop-up" gallery during the five days. This year the pop-up gallery will emerge at the Shoppes at Riverside mall in South Aberdeen at 1017 South Boone St., Suite #050, near the Sears store. The public is also invited to the gallery for an opening reception from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, to meet the artists, organizers and sponsors, as well as view the vast variety of art.

In addition to displaying a sample of each artist's work – including sculptures, ceramics, photography, jewelry and acrylic, watercolor and oil paintings – the pop-up gallery is a place to obtain the catalog of artists, which includes

the map and addresses of each studio, allowing attendees to plan their individualized art drives by interest and location.

The catalog containing the maps is also available at artist galleries and area hotels and motels, as well as at each branch of Timberland Bank. The City of Aberdeen, the City of Westport, Grays

"Creativity is one of the basic skills of life. I don't think we could live on this earth without creating something and some of us are just wild about it."
Mery Swanson

Inside Local Studios

Debra Norton in her studio in Montesano where she paints and also teaches private or small group classes.



Harbor County and Timberland Bank are sponsors of the event.

Debra Norton, a Montesano oil painter who specializes in landscape, still life and portraits, said she enjoyed opening her studio last year and is eager to participate again this October.

"My 800-square-foot studio has wood floors, two skylights and a northern exposure, which means that most of the time I paint in natural light. It's big enough that I can teach private students including small group workshops and classes," Norton said.

Last year not only did she display her own in-progress work, but also that of several of her students.

"Everyone loved my studio," Norton said. "People enjoyed watching me work on a still life of heirloom pumpkins. They liked talking about art they might do or art that someone else that they know is doing.

"It seemed like the visitors were in three main groups: artists, art collectors and just people who saw the signs and dropped in," Norton observed. She

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sculptures and weaving baskets using pine needles, Scotch broom, gourds and other assorted natural and manmade materials.

"It was really fun and good for me," Inman said. "People who came were specifically interested in what I do and I sold quite a few pieces. A lot of people collect baskets. One artist from Olympia walked in and immediately spied a

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expects the Art Drives to bring even more viewers this year as the reputation from last year's event is augmented by a bigger advertising budget.

In Westport, Barbara Inman of Green Door Studio had a similar positive experience sharing her love of creating

Brenda Peterson (below & right) gets creative in her 'Harbor Rose' studio in Cosmopolis.



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Art Drives

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sculpture that I had created with dried kelp and pine needle coils and said, 'This is what I want!'

Of the some 50 people who came to visit Inman's studio over the two weekends, many had technical questions about the materials and techniques she uses.

"I hope to have even more things available this year – at least three sculptures, some ceramic masks and some wooden bowls along with the baskets," she said.

"I think a lot of people don't realize that there is as large an artist colony as there is here," Inman said. Norton and Swanson agreed.

"Creativity is one of the basic skills of life," said Swanson. "I don't think we could live on this earth without creating something and some of us are just wild about it."

"Most of us who do art stuff, we just can't help ourselves," she added. "It's like gardening. These are all creative skills. It's a human instinct and people recognize it when they see it. I think everyone responds to it."

For more information go to www.artdrives.org 

Debra Norton paints pumpkins in her studio in Montesano, recently (right).



Masks created by Barbara Inman of Westport (below right).

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Barbara Inman*



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Driftwood Players
production of
'Godspell' in Fall 2015.



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Driftwood Players Celebrate 60 Years of Live Theater in Grays Harbor

BY JULIANA WALLACE

"To enter a theater for a performance is to be inducted into a magical space, to be ushered into the sacred arena of the imagination."

So wrote British actor Simon Callow, and this September we celebrate the anniversary of one of the best of those "magical spaces," located right here in Grays Harbor.

For the past 60 years, the Driftwood Players have delighted audiences with thousands of performances. From *Cabaret* to *Godspell*, *Nunsense* to *Steel Magnolias*, audiences have laughed, cried and perhaps learned something new about themselves.

"Live theater has enriched my life tremendously," says Debbie Scoones, an actress, director and board member at Driftwood Players. "I love that when

I walk into a theater, I suspend reality and become thoroughly involved in the show. It's given me insight into things I'd never even thought about."

Today's audiences enjoy productions in the historic Driftwood Theatre on the corner of Third and I Streets in Aberdeen. Patrons enter through stunning columns in the front of the theater. Inside, play posters line the walls, painting a history of the 289 plays produced since 1959. This beautiful theater represents a huge step from Driftwood's humble beginnings in a remodeled storefront in Cosmopolis.

It is fitting, then, that Driftwood's Diamond Jubilee year begins with a gala event to raise funds for much needed repairs to the 3rd Street theater. The September 21st gala includes a special production of *Always...Patsy Cline*, along with champagne and hors d'oeuvres. While the event raises funds for theater repairs, it also gives Driftwood a chance to celebrate the many people who have supported the theater over the years.

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Driftwood Players production
of *'Moonlight & Magnolias'* in
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From left, Matthew Kline, Sara Henry, Jeff Rockwell and Christian Gleason.



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Driftwood Players

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"It's taken a lot of blood, sweat and tears to get this theater where it is," reports Scoones. "There are countless people who have done amazing things for local theater in Aberdeen over the years, and the support of the community is so important to us."

In addition to supporting the fundraiser, local theater fans can join the Driftwood family in a variety of ways. Participants say, whether you audition for a play, work backstage, hand out programs or serve on the board, you will quickly find a camaraderie unmatched anywhere else. For more information on volunteering, contact Stacy Murphy at 360-589-6080.



'Nunsense' Fall 2003.

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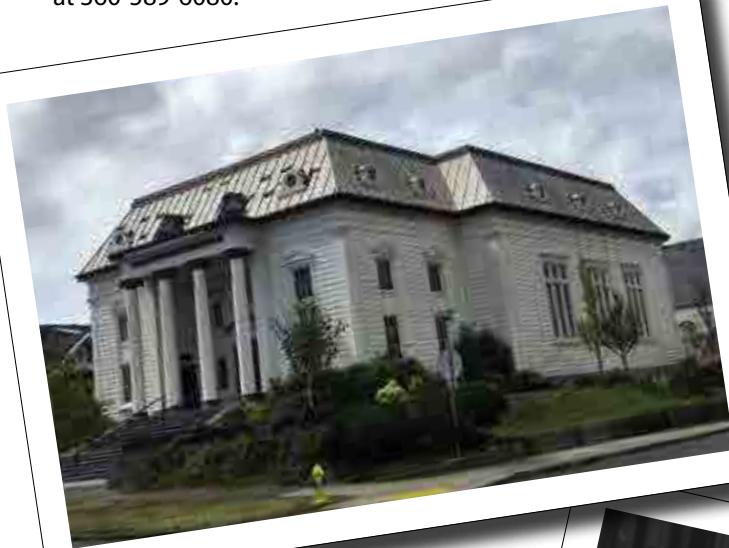
Driftwood production of 'The Taming of the Shrew' 1963. (below)



Photo courtesy of Driftwood Players

"The theater is as essential to civilization as safe, pure water."

Vanessa Redgrave




Driftwood Theatre at Third & I Streets in Aberdeen



'The Glass Menagerie' Fall 1982.

Photo by Tom Wingfield

But most importantly, walk through the front door and experience a magic you can only find in the seats of a live theater. The upcoming season includes six plays, with something for everyone. With regular tickets just \$15 and student tickets at \$10, you can catch the theater bug for about the price of a movie ticket.

You might just find, as Vanessa Redgrave once said, that "the theater is as essential to civilization as safe, pure water." Drink up. Discover the beauty of community theater. 

Driftwood 2019 - 2020 Season

Always...Patsy Cline (Musical)

September 21, 27, 28

October 4, 5, 11, 12, 13

Over the River and Through the Woods

November 29, 30

December 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15

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February 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 2020

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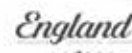
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BY GREGORY E. ZSCHOMLER

There are many places along Washington's Pacific shores to sip and savor the bean (especially during a winter storm), but here are just a few of the many I've tried and find to be really, really good—a notch above the rest. Since coffee is an experience for me, I have only included those places on the coast that meet these five criteria:

1. They must have their own roast of coffee.
2. They must have great, friendly service.
3. They must have an attractive, inviting setting (no drive-up coffee stands listed).
4. They must have reliable Wi-Fi.
5. And, of course, the coffee must taste heavenly.

Scoops Ice Cream and Espresso in Westport is one of two locales that serve Grays Harbor Coffee Company's roasts. There's also an Aberdeen **Scoops** inside a beautifully restored circa 1950s gas station on Highway 101 (Heron Street). They also have really yummy locally made donuts at both locations.

Tinderbox Coffee Roasters is in Aberdeen, the PNW's coastal music city. The place is a tad cavernous and can be noisy (they often host music on Wednesdays and Saturdays), but everything else is on the mark. The friendly, skilled baristas and a wide variety of tasty blends (both coffee and teas) as well as pastries baked next door at **CakeCakes** make this a social hub for downtown.





The other location of Scoops is in Westport at 101 N. Montesano St. (shown above and immediately to the right). Tinderbox in Aberdeen is at 113 E. Wishkah St. (four photos on the far right).




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Honorable Mentions (that meet all the criteria except for their own roast of coffee, though they still have an excellent supplier): **The Jitter House** in Hoquiam (serves **Batdorf & Bronson** out of Olympia), and **All Wrapped Up** in Montesano (serves **Tinderbox**). 

Gregory Zschomler has sampled coffee from shops across the U.S.A. from NYC (his favorite is there) to California, Florida and New Orleans (Chicory anyone?), across the Pacific Northwest, Hawaii and dozens of places in between. Many of them, which meet the five criteria, have been very good and rated highly, but, really, when it comes to the best coffee, he believes there's no place like home.

Coffee shop photos by Gregory Zschomler. Scoops Aberdeen photo: Hezekiah Zschomler.



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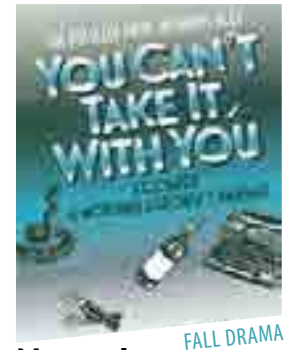
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BLACK SHEPHERD CAPTURES COAST WITH HEAVY ROCK, BLUES

BY PAUL WOODY . PHOTOS BY V.A. DAVIS PHOTOGRAPHY



"Our sound is heavy, but with enough soul that you still want to listen to it."

Justin Kautzman

From dreams of a solo country music career to becoming the lead singer, guitarist and lyricist of a rising Grays Harbor heavy rock and blues band, Justin Kautzman, 30, has embarked on quite a musical odyssey. And, if the growing fan base is any indication, it looks like the journey is just beginning.

When Kautzman, a 2006 Ocosta High School graduate, put down his acoustic guitar and hooked up with Steve Markham and drummer Steve Stoken at the Westport V.F.W., the new reverberation and rebranding for "Black Shepherd" emerged.

"We threw down some sound behind his original stuff, gave it a rock beat, fast and hard hitting, giving it some body, which changed the whole sound," explained Markham, 60, also of Westport. Markham, a former Army band trumpeter originally from Bakersfield, Calif., handles the vocals on most of the band's cover songs, as well as deftly playing bass and trumpet.

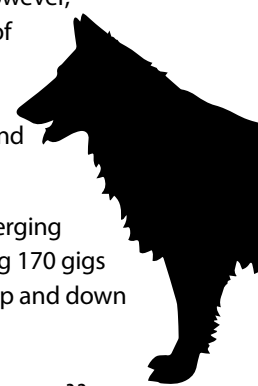
"When people think of this area, they often think of music like Kurt Cobain played – loud and off kilter," Kautzman said. "That is the stereotype. But there are a lot of musicians on the Harbor now with a different sound. The music community is growing musically. People are coming out of the woodwork with it. It's not that Kurt Cobain was a bad dude, but he played a very specific style."

"I'd say our sound is heavy, but with enough soul that you still want to listen to it."

When Kautzman started the Black Shepherd label as a country artist, he owned a shepherd dog. However, because black is the color of heavy metal, it was easy to rebrand the name to imply, "leading you back to the land of rock," he said.

Beginning in 2016, the emerging group played an exhausting 170 gigs in two and a half years all up and down the Washington coast.

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BLACK SHEPHERD



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"As a three-piece band we started rolling into bars," Kautzman said. "We'd play for tips on a Thursday night and tell them, 'If you like us, you can book us for this weekend. We would know Thursday night whether we would have a show that weekend.'"

After a while, Stoken left the band. For some time, Kautzman and Markham relied on the depth of area drummers including Larry Cowles from This Way Out and Jeff Ramberg from Fat Chance Band. Then Michael Johnson, who had recorded Black Shepherd's demo the previous year, offered to keep the beat going and has been performing with the band since May.

Johnson has just finished his degree in music from The Evergreen State College in Olympia and works as a studio control and sound mixing engineer as well as performing in four other bands – playing guitar in three and drums in one.

"He's pretty much a musical genius," said Kautzman.

Kautzman, who recently completed his associate's degree in music at Grays Harbor College, will start GHC's elementary teaching program this fall with the goal of becoming an elementary music teacher by day.

His interest in music started when he began playing guitar in high school with

Justin Kautzman takes over the bass, freeing Steve Markham to play his horn (above).

Black Shepherd members, from left, Michael Johnson, Justin Kautzman, and Steve Markham, on the dune at Westport (above right).



the intention of becoming a singing comedian. His early musical influences were 90s country music. "But once I learned of Rob Zombie and Blink-182, I got into hard rock and blues."

"Now I draw my influence between Zakk Wylde (Black Label Society) and blues guitarist, B.B. King – fast and heavy, but with the feeling of B.B. King," he said.

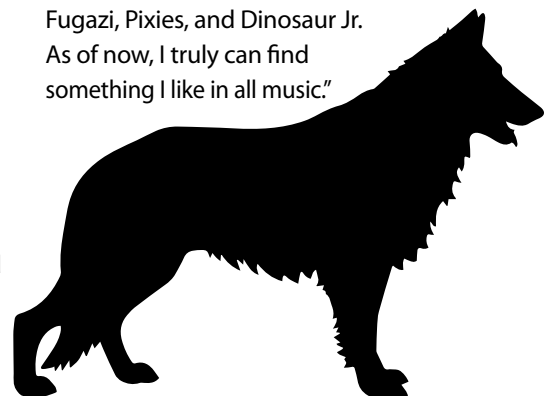
And if the band's July performance at the Small Town Throwdown 3 in Westport, is any indication, he's nailed it – his fingers furiously flying over the frets.

"I've worked hard to learn how to triple pick so we can pick our instruments together," said Markham, whose bugling and other music skills are also on demand throughout the county.

Markham started playing trumpet at 8,

tutored by his Uncle Don, who played with country great Merle Haggard as well as members of the Buck Owen's band, and even arranged music for the "Hee Haw" TV show.

As for Johnson, he spent most of his early years enjoying everything on the radio. "By 11 years old, I was so into Metallica. During the 90s I started to like more underground bands such as Nomeansno, Fugazi, Pixies, and Dinosaur Jr. As of now, I truly can find something I like in all music."



"We are a few dudes who enjoy writing and playing music. We like to do it loud and with energy for people who like the same."

Justin Kautzman



Justin Kautzman

Johnson started playing the guitar as a 10 year old. "My mother had a Takamine 12 string. I loved the way it sounded. I didn't start playing the drums seriously until about six years ago, but fell in love with them."

While most of their sets are original songs, "the audience loves covers. They know the lyrics and melody," Johnson said.

"If I could have it my way, I wouldn't play any covers unless they were renditions and not note for note. I like to take covers, flip them upside down and find if there's another way to convey the artist's original intent. My favorite is 'Old Time Rock-n-Roll' because the band punches the song and it always gets the crowd going."

As far as original music, Kautzman said he's the proudest of the song, "F---in' A."


"It is catchy and people sing along. You can look out from the stage and see people singing loudly and others covering their

mouths in case anyone were to see them. Plus, it's a heavy rock song with a reggae break and a heavy metal trumpet solo."

While the band has backed off some from its busy schedule a bit so the members can focus on their personal lives and other projects, Black Shepherd is still booking gigs.

For more information, log onto the band's website at www.blackshepherdmusic.com; check out its Facebook page at Black Shepherd Music; its Instagram and Twitter accounts at [blackshepherdWA](https://www.instagram.com/blackshepherdWA).

"We aim to play music for people and have a good time," Markham said.

"We are a few dudes who enjoy writing and playing music, and we like to do it loud and with energy for people who like the same," Kautzman said. 



Steve Markham

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SEPTEMBER 6 . First Friday Art Walk . 5 pm . Aberdeen . Artist's demos, live music & snacks.

SEPTEMBER 6-7 . Hank Cramer . Ocean Shores 8pm Galway Bay Irish Pub

SEPTEMBER 7 . Who Was Chief Seattle? . Aberdeen
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SEPTEMBER 7, 14, 21, 28 . Paul Bouma on the Baby Grand . Tokeland . 6pm . North Cove Bar & Grill

SEPTEMBER 11, 18, 25 . Acrylic & Watercolor Painting Workshop . Oakville
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SEPTEMBER 17, 24 . Square Dance Lessons with Harbor Haylofters . 7pm Aberdeen VFW

SEPTEMBER 20 . Harvest By The Sea . Seabrook . 5:30pm Seabrook Town Hall . Coastal Harvest annual fundraiser dinner. Live auction, live music, and a dessert auction.

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SEPTEMBER 21 . 2nd Annual Oktoberfest . Tokeland . Enjoy Bavarian OOMPAH, authentic German beer and traditional food. Tokeland Hotel

SEPTEMBER 21 . 10th Annual Lake Sylvia State Park Fall Festival .

Montesano . 7am - 4pm A handmade only Artists Market with 30 artists, live music, pancake breakfast, food vendors, kids nature crafts, and a historic talk. Also Trail races, and a kayak paddle.



SEPTEMBER 20-21 . Curlew's Call . Ocean Shores . 8pm Galway Bay Irish Pub

SEPTEMBER 20 - 21 . National Lampoon's Vacation . Hoquiam . 7:30pm . Movie. 7th Street Theater

SEPTEMBER 20 - 23 . 26th Annual Whale of a Quilt Show . Ocean Shores Convention Center . Boutique vendors, handmade quilts, demonstrations, and quilted items.

SEPTEMBER 21 . Fun On the Farm . Seabrook . 12pm . Farm District. Live country music, line dancing, face painting, and farm-themed games. Meet-and-greet the Seabrook horses.

SEPTEMBER 21 . Steam Donkey's 3rd Wurst Party Ever . Aberdeen . 12pm - 10pm . Steam Donkey Brewing Company. Oktoberfest party with live entertainment, games, beer and food!

SEPTEMBER 21 . Kerry Grombacher: Western Troubadour . McCleary . 2pm . A live program of cowboy music & poetry.

September 21, 27, 28 . Always... Patsy Cline . Aberdeen . Driftwood Players. Musical.

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 26 . Photography by Rich Coughlin & Watercolors by Nancy Farrar-Coughlin . Aberdeen . Grays Harbor College Art Gallery at the John Spellman Library

SEPTEMBER 27 . The Randy Band . Aberdeen . 7 pm . Members & Guests Aberdeen Elks #593

SEPTEMBER 27 - 28 . Cul an Ti . Ocean Shores 8pm Galway Bay Irish Pub

SEPTEMBER 27 - 28 . Junk Queens Show . Autumn Pinterest Party . Elma . 4-8pm, 10am - 4pm . Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds

SEPTEMBER 27 - 29 . Furvana . Ocean Shores Convention Center . An anthropomorphic arts and culture convention. People with a shared interest in animals and creatures with anthropomorphic traits, known as "furs" or "furries".

SEPTEMBER 28 . Carlene Carter . Aberdeen . 7:30pm . Country music with this Grammy nominated singer-songwriter. (daughter of legends June Carter and Carl Smith, stepdaughter of Johnny Cash, and granddaughter of "Mother" Maybelle Carter). GHC Bishop Center. *Continued on page 41*



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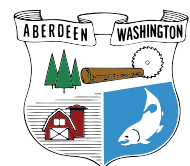
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SEPTEMBER 28 - 29 . Catch Montesano: Fish & Brew Fest . Montesano . Music, beer & more at Fleet Park.

OCTOBER . Writers Workshop . Oakville Timberland Library . Dean Johnny will facilitate writing workshops for teens and adults. Call.

OCTOBER 1 - 31 . 3rd Annual 98520 and 98550 October Music Festival . Aberdeen & Hoquiam . Featuring performances, workshops & music related events. More info on page 46.

OCTOBER 2, 9, 16, 23 . Acrylic & Watercolor Painting Workshop . Oakville Timberland Library . 10:30am . Bring your own supplies. All levels of adults welcome (18+).

OCTOBER 2 . First Wednesday Comedy . 8pm . Hoquiam Brewing Co. Live stand-up comedy.

OCTOBER 4 . First Friday Art Walk . 5 pm . Aberdeen . Artist's demos, live music & snacks.

OCTOBER 4 - 5 . Cronin Tierney . Ocean Shores 8pm Galway Bay Irish Pub

OCTOBER 5 . 7th Annual Bigfoot Brew Fest . Seabrook . 11am - 6pm . Sample scores of seasonal craft beers from dozens of breweries.

OCTOBER 5 . Storm Warning: Historic Weather in the Evergreen State . Westport Timberland Library . 11am & then **Aberdeen** Timberland Library at 2pm . And again on **OCTOBER 9 . Amanda Park** Timberland Library at 5pm . Local broadcaster and historian Feliks Banel explores our region's darkest weather days and most infamous storms.

OCTOBER 5 . The Harmonica Pocket . Aberdeen Timberland Library at 11am & then **Montesano** Timberland Library at 2:30pm . Dynamic performance with unexpected props, acoustic instruments, hula hoops and more.

OCTOBER 5 . Promised Land . McCleary Timberland Library . 2pm . An award winning social justice documentary following the Duwamish and Chinook tribes.

OCTOBER 5 - 6 . Abbott & Costello Meet the

Invisible Man . Hoquiam . 7:30pm . Movie. 7th Street Theater

OCTOBER 6 . Aberdeen Out of The Darkness Walk . Aberdeen . 9am - 12pm . Community Event. Free to register, Fundraiser for The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

OCTOBER 6, 13, 20, 27 . Sunday Jazz . Aberdeen . 10am - 2pm . Sunday Jazz Brunch at Rediviva Restaurant.

OCTOBER 8, 15, 22, 29 . Square Dance Lessons with Harbor Haylofters . 7pm Aberdeen VFW

OCTOBER 11 - 12 . The Irish Experience . Ocean Shores 8pm Galway Bay Irish Pub

OCTOBER 12 . Alex Zerbe: Comedy & Juggling . Westport Timberland Library . 2pm . With the energy of 1,000 suns, Alex Zerbe shines like a comedy beacon as he bounces from one end of the stage to the other ... he juggles bowling balls and flaming torches among other antics.

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OCTOBER 12 . Promised Land . Elma
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OCTOBER 12 . North Wind . Aberdeen .
 7:30pm . North Wind uses futuristic technology to create cinematic musical experiences. A truly multisensory experience. GHC Bishop Center.

OCTOBER 12, 18, 19, 25, 26, 31 . Elma's Haunted Barn . Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds

OCTOBER 11 - 13 . Cranberry Harvest Festival . Grayland Community Hall. Firelight parade, racing, vendors, food, bog tours, music, cranberry eating contest, cranberry cook off.

OCTOBER 14 - 20 . 16th Annual Celtic Music Feis . Ocean Shores Galway Bay Irish Pub, Ocean Shores Convention Center, 8th Street Ale House. Celebrating Irish songs, ballads, players and bands from around the world. See article on pages 8-9.



OCTOBER 18-20 . 17th Annual Mushroom Festival . Lake Quinault . Learn from a team of experienced mushroom enthusiasts about mushroom collecting and cultivation.

OCTOBER 20 . Che Apalache . Aberdeen . 2pm . Blue Grass roots with Latin American influence create an amazing original genre, Latingass. GHC Bishop Center.

OCTOBER 25 - 26 . Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure . Hoquiam . 7:30pm . Movie. 7th Street Theater

OCTOBER 25 - 26 . Charlie Beck . Ocean Shores 8pm Galway Bay Irish Pub

OCTOBER 26 . Halloween Costume Ball . Tokeland . A spooky celebration hosted by Charlie

the famous ghost and his cast of haunts. Tokeland Hotel & Restaurant

OCTOBER 26 . The Rocky Horror Picture Show . Aberdeen . 11pm . Cult classic movie on the Bishop Center big screen. Costumes encouraged. GHC Bishop Center.

OCTOBER 29 . Secrets of Wizards with Jeff Evans . Amanda Park Timberland Library . 10:30am . A magic show inspired by Harry Potter! It's magic, puppetry, ventriloquism, danger, the unexpected, and laugh-out-loud fun.

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NOVEMBER 1 - 2 . Cronin Tierney . Ocean Shores 8pm Galway Bay Irish Pub

NOVEMBER 2 - 3 . Twelve O'Clock High . Hoquiam . 7:30pm . Movie. 7th Street Theater

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NOVEMBER 3, 10, 17, 24 . Sunday Jazz .
Aberdeen . 10am - 2pm . Sunday Jazz Brunch at Rediviva Restaurant.

NOVEMBER 6 . First Wednesday Comedy . 8pm .
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NOVEMBER 8 - DECEMBER 12 . 27th Annual Fall Gala Art Show . Aberdeen . Featuring 23 local artists. Opening is Nov. 8, 6pm - 8pm. Grays Harbor College Art Gallery, John Spellman Library

NOVEMBER 8 - 9 . Danny Boy & Kelly Girl .
Ocean Shores 8pm Galway Bay Irish Pub

NOVEMBER 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17 . You Can't Take It With You . Aberdeen . 7:30 pm & 2pm . Fall Drama. Alice's fiancé brings his parents to meet her eccentric family on the wrong night. Mayhem ensues in this popular comedy. GHC Bishop Center.

NOVEMBER 9 . Tokeland Clam Jam . Tokeland . Music, clam inspired menu and drink. Amateur Chowder Contest and lots of CLAMS!. Tokeland Hotel & Restaurant

NOVEMBER 12, 19, 26 . Square Dance Lessons with Harbor Haylofters . 7pm
 Aberdeen VFW

NOVEMBER 15 - 18 . Elma's Holiday Bazaar Weekend . Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds

NOVEMBER 16 . Stefan Roland . Ocean Shores 8pm Galway Bay Irish Pub

NOVEMBER 16 . Family Movie Day . Hoquiam Timberland Library . 2pm . Showing a family friendly movie and providing snacks.

NOVEMBER 22 - 23 . Sasquatch Summit . Ocean Shores . See evidence of the elusive and highly intelligent Sasquatch. Quinault Beach Resort

NOVEMBER 23 . Stefan . Ocean Shores 8pm Galway Bay Irish Pub

NOVEMBER 23 - 24 . 41st Annual Country Christmas Bazaar . Elma . 9am - 5pm . Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds.

NOVEMBER 24 . Grays Harbor Symphony . Aberdeen . 7pm . Performing the soundtrack

of the Charlie Chaplin film, "A Dog's Life" as it is projected on the big screen. GHC Bishop Center.

NOVEMBER 28 - 29 . Thanksgiving Feast & Turkey Trot . Tokeland . A traditional Thanksgiving feast at both 2pm & 5pm. Friday, First Annual Turkey Trot along Willapa Bay.

NOVEMBER 29 . Green Tree Lighting . Seabrook . 5pm . Meriweather Square

NOVEMBER 29, 30 . Over The River And Through The Woods . Aberdeen . Driftwood Players. Live Theatre.

NOVEMBER 29 - 30 . Deck the Halls . Hoquiam . 7:30pm . Movie. 7th Street Theater

NOVEMBER 29 - 30 . Peter Yeates & Ken Larson . Ocean Shores . 8pm Galway Bay Pub

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