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LETTERS TO THE RESIDENTS

The month of August always feels like the apex of the summer season to me. In terms of climate, July and August are in a dead heat statistically with a high temperature of 73 degrees for both months and the lowest rainfall of the year at 0.9 inches. However, in August there's a sense of knowing what's just around the corner, weather-wise, which inspires us to get out and about to savor every last drop of summer fun.

And fun there is in spades! The month kicks off with the Anacortes Arts Festival, which is a whole weekend of great art viewing, craft shopping, kid fun, music, food, and beer. Following that, there's the Skagit County Fair and a Brewfest along the Skagit River in Mount Vernon. Every weekend you can catch an entertaining concert down at Seafarers Memorial Park or at the Heart of Anacortes. (See the Calendar of Events for full details.)

If individual fun is more your thing, opportunities abound. There are sparkling waters all around us for water sports, beaches and meadows for picnicking, forest trails for wandering, rocky outcrops for sunset viewing. Or perhaps you prefer to sling a hammock between two trees and wile away the afternoon with a cool drink. Whatever your pleasure, August is a month to savor life to the fullest, so get out there and make the most of it!

Cheers,

JOHN BRIERLEY, *Publisher*

DEAR RESIDENTS



Whether you are new to the region or have been here for some time, we are all drawn to the outdoors in some way. Living on an island with an abundance of forestlands and a unique trail system, our cover story this month is sure to speak to a piece of your PNW spirit. Adam McCoy has spent his life immersed in the local forests riding trails, inspiring him to start a brand to appeal to that unique culture. He now spends his time promoting trail building and maintenance to other mountain bikers, encouraging them to get involved in the process.

Also in this issue: Another lineup of free concerts at the Port; a complete guide to the Anacortes Arts Festival; the North Cascades are calling with some amazing hikes this time of year; and John features NCASI in our first "Under the Radar" series, uncovering lesser-known local businesses; Anne Doherty educates us on bees during the height of bee season; and an informative article on how hard seltzers became a household item.

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Adam McCoy

Blazing Trails

By Sadie Youngquist

Photos By E.J. Harris



Recreating in the woods is a staple of the Pacific Northwest lifestyle, with many groups using the evergreen forests as their playground. Among these groups, within the mountain biking community, is a growing subculture of trail builders. Treelines Northwest founder, Adam McCoy, uses his experience and artistic abilities to promote this specific outdoor lifestyle to others. While out in the woods, Adam and his crew showcase the hard work

that goes into producing the courses that riders enjoy.

Adam's understanding of the forests began at an early age hiking in the community forest lands. "Anacortes shaped me pretty hard, I've been navigating those trails as long as I can remember. My dad would take me for hikes and have me learn how to get around." Growing up, Adam would utilize the trails to connect from one side of the island to the other on his dirt bike to meet up with friends. He re-lived the freedom of

exploring the ACFL, "We'd hang out all day riding around Whistle Lake and Cranberry Lake, back when you could pretty much ride most of the trails legally with dirt bikes."

Much of Adam's youth was spent participating in extreme sports and accompanying his father, a contractor, to job sites learning how to work with tools. Using these skills, Adam would start creating his first trails by building motocross trails with his friends. His family then supported him

to homeschool throughout middle school so he could focus on competing in the sport. Adam's weeks were spent doing homework on the road as he traveled up and down the West Coast training and competing. Motocross is a dangerous sport, and he would suffer the consequences of it, "I went through about a dozen broken bones, sitting out for weeks or months each time. I'd break a bone, recover, repeat; it's just that kind of sport." Deciding to attend high school to get his diploma, Adam finished out his school days balancing competition and schoolwork.

After graduation, Adam felt making a living as an athlete wouldn't be feasible, so he attended Skagit Valley College exploring other options. At the time, snowboarding and skateboarding were booming industries and would eventually influence him to start his own shop, "It was the late 90s, early 2000s, and these sports were catching on like fire." When the snowboard shop that sponsored Adam was about to transfer ownership, he naturally seemed like a good fit to takeover. At 20 years old, Adam set out on his first business venture with Hidden Wave Boardshop. With a desirable location, he attracted clientele from all over Northwest Washington, "I ran the largest snowboard shop north of Seattle for about 15 years. We had a killer team with the best riders in the area riding for my shop."

Outside of work, Adam was spending an increasing amount of time in the Cascade foothills mountain biking, "I would say



over the last 10 to 20 years, the sport has evolved on a massive scale. Folks were heading up into the woods and building their own lines and jumps trying to get what they wanted out of it." Inspired by his days spent building and riding trails, he wanted to start a project that spoke to that unique culture. The idea of Treelines Northwest came from his time recreating in the woods and what he experienced there.

With a shift in the economy, Adam was given a nudge to move forward with his Treelines project while still running the snowboard shop. He began designing a brand specifically for the riders putting work in on the trails. "It sounded so ultra-niche to base a clothing brand around building trails that I didn't think it could ever be a big thing, but this little niche has

grown quite a bit." Not to be mistaken as a trail building company, Adam emphasizes they are more of a lifestyle brand promoting a particular way of life, "Our goal is to encourage people to get involved in the process of building and maintaining trails, not just riding them."

The Treelines' crew has evolved since the early stages of the company, gaining respect and credibility in the industry as well as a significant following on social media. "A lot goes into making a trail, researching the land, and mapping it out. You'll spend a few days scouting the trail before you even begin to build." Adam went on to point out the importance of having trails, "A lot of people don't like the idea of building trails, but a good trail will help preserve the forest by keeping traffic contained." With a ton of

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rogue trails built over the years by riders, mountain biking clubs have formed to protect and maintain them. The organized efforts of the clubs create stewardships and provide a standard of safety, organization, and cleanliness. Adam elaborated on the mission of his company, “The story of Treelines is more about the support that goes back into the mountain biking community. We like to sponsor and get involved in a lot of club builds.”

When not out working on the trails with his crew, Adam is running his screen-printing shop in Burlington with the help of his wife, Carrie. The popularity of Adam’s apparel has gone beyond the niche trail building market. Influenced by Northwest concepts, he designs and prints all his apparel, from t-shirts to hand crafted firecans. The firecans were initially created to keep his crew warm in the winters, which is the time of year most conducive for trail building. Learning by trial and error, he has built a loyal following of outdoor enthusiasts, “I feel like as you progress and your art gets better, your customer base also expects better from you. As you improve, develop, and progress, people really like that and appreciate it.”

On his free time, Adam still hits the local trails on his dirt bike. An accident on his bike in 2022 was a reminder of the dangers of the sport, “I shattered my femur and have about 20 screws in my leg, I couldn’t walk for almost four months.” It hasn’t deterred him from being out on the trails, he’s been back to riding and building



and still recreates in the ACFL on a regular basis with his wife and son. Adam values living on Fidalgo Island and wouldn’t want to be anywhere else, “I love being a local. I feel like our home is an Airbnb, being able to step outside to hike and fish all the time.” His plans are to continue to pour his energy into his brand, family, and crew, engaging in the outdoors as much as possible, while encouraging the younger two-wheeled generations to respect the trails and all user groups of the forest.

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A Spectacular Showcase of Entertainment AT THE 2023 ANACORTES ARTS FESTIVAL

By Meredith McIlmoyle, Festival Director



The Anacortes Arts Festival, an annual celebration of art and culture, celebrates its 62nd year this August 4 - 6. The festival's vibrant atmosphere extends beyond the visual arts, as musicians and performers grace the three stages throughout the weekend.

As always, the festival promises to be a feast for the senses, with a diverse range of entertainment options. With continued

collaborations with the Manieri Foundation spearheading the programming of the jazz stage and the Anacortes Music Project curating the Port Stage, festivalgoers are in for a treat. This year's

lineup features a host of talented performers, including some crowd favorites and some new-to-the festival entertainers.

THE JAZZ STAGE

The Manieri Foundation, renowned for its commitment to preserving and promoting jazz music, will once again program the jazz stage at the Anacortes Arts Festival. This year's lineup promises to captivate jazz enthusiasts with performances by exceptional artists. The smooth sounds of Nearly Dan will transport audiences back to the golden age of Steely Dan, while Cambalache will infuse Latin rhythms into their jazz fusion style, creating a truly unique musical experience. The Whistle Lake Quartet will showcase their virtuosity and improvisational skills, leaving listeners in awe of their musical mastery. Jazz aficionados will not want to miss these extraordinary performances that pay homage to the genre's rich heritage.

THE MAIN STAGE

The main stage at the Anacortes Arts Festival will come alive with an eclectic mix of genres and energetic performances. Prepare to be mesmerized by the spellbinding talent of Geoffrey Castle, a renowned electric violinist who blends classical, rock, and Celtic music with electrifying showmanship. Desolation Sound, a local favorite, will bring their infectious blend of folk, blues, and rock, leaving the audience craving for more. The Beatdown Saints will deliver a high-octane performance of gritty rock and roll, guaranteed to have attendees on their feet and rocking out. Mama Dirty Skirt will bring their unique fusion of soul, funk, and blues, setting the stage ablaze with their powerful vocals and dynamic stage presence. These exceptional acts promise to leave



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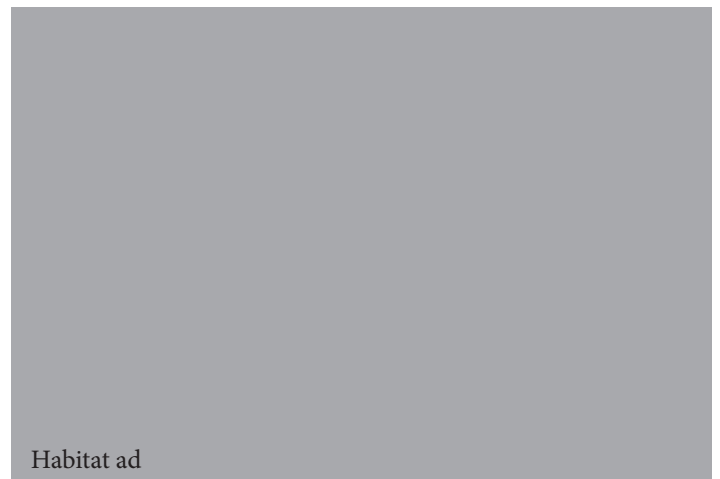
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a lasting impression on festivalgoers, showcasing the depth and diversity of the contemporary music scene in the Pacific Northwest.

THE PORT STAGE

The Anacortes Music Project takes charge of programming the Port Stage, ensuring a vibrant lineup of talented musicians from a variety of genres. John VanDeusen, a gifted singer-songwriter, will captivate the audience with his heartfelt lyrics and melodic tunes. The Karl Blau Band will take the stage with their signature indie-folk sound, characterized by rich harmonies and introspective songwriting. Savage Blues, true to their name, will deliver an electrifying performance of blues-rock that will leave listeners craving for more. Rounding out the lineup, The Enthusiasts will infuse their alternative rock sound with catchy hooks and infectious energy, creating an immersive and memorable experience for all in attendance.

As festivalgoers make their way between the three stages, they will find themselves immersed in all things art. From the 225 booth artists, with a diverse range of artistic mediums, including painting, sculpture, jewelry, photography, and more. To the Arts at the Port Fine Art Show, with impressive lineup of both local and internationally renowned artists. To the Working Studios, where guests can engage with artists and their creative process. And, a stop for a good ol' festival corn dog or an artisan woodfired pizza to refuel is always a good idea.

Whether festival-goers spend a few minutes listening to one of the more than 40 entertainers or spend three days soaking in all of the music and art....one thing is for sure, the 2023 Anacortes Arts Festival promises to be an unforgettable celebration of art, music, community, and culture.



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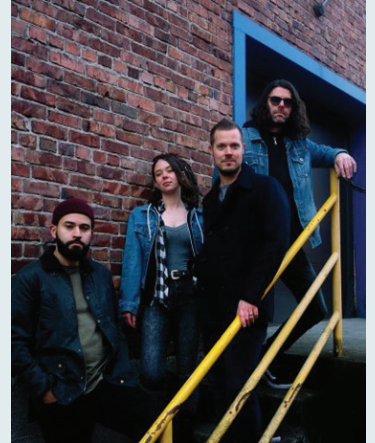


AUGUST 11: DUSTY 45S

The Dusty 45s have inspired and fired up crowds for over two decades to the delight of fans and critics alike. With their signature style and unique sound, the band is a consistently powerful and energetic player in the Americana field.

AUGUST 25: EDEN

Eden is a rock/blues/pop band from the Pacific Northwest, fronted by the powerhouse vocals of Savanna Woods, a recent Top 20 artist on NBC's *The Voice*. Savanna's unique voice is paired with these incredibly talented musicians to create an impactful and energetic sound: Aaron Hiebert on electric guitar, Jason Edwards on drums, and Ethan Gibbons on bass. They play a dynamic range of original music, paired with covers from the 60's through today. From Fleetwood Mac, to AC/DC, to Stevie Ray Vaughan, they are guaranteed to get you grooving!



AUGUST 18: VICTIMS OF LOVE

Victims of Love - A Tribute to the Eagles, is composed of five Seattle-area music veterans who formed a project to give anyone within earshot the opportunity to hear the Eagles songs they love played live. Victims of Love dedicated themselves to the perfect recreation of the Eagles 5-part harmonies and intrinsic instrumentation and guitar work from the Eagles best-selling albums. Come out and catch a Victims of Love show to enjoy all your favorite Eagles songs performed live!



The Unofficial Hiking Guide

TO THE NORTH CASCADES

By Sadie Youngquist

Peak hiking season is upon us! This is the time of year when it really pays off to live in the Northwest. We truly live in a unique place with an abundance of options for enjoying the outdoors. And when it comes to spectacular hikes, the North Cascades delivers. The hikes on this list are just a few hours' drive from Anacortes, and depending on snowpack, are typically open July through October. It's always advised to get an early start when hiking during peak season, as the trails can get very busy and parking can be limited.

We will kick it off with one of my favorite hikes, **Winchester Mountain**. This hike is short and sweet, about three miles round trip, and you get the most reward for your effort. But the road to get to the trailhead is a little more treacherous than usual and is navigated more easily with a high-clearance vehicle. Winchester Mountain trailhead is at the end of Twin Lakes Rd, located off Highway 542 to Mt. Baker. The Twin Lakes area at the bottom of the trailhead offers some great camping spots or be first to the fire lookout on the top of Winchester to claim it for the night.



If you are looking for a more challenging hike with a less challenging road, **Yellow Aster Butte** delivers similar views as Winchester Mountain. Also located on Twin Lakes Road off Highway 542, the trailhead is located about halfway up the road. This hike is more accessible but also more crowded. Hiking



seven and a half miles round trip, this trail is most popular in the fall when the colors on the trail begin to pop.

Another winner off the Mt. Baker Highway is **Skyline Divide** located on Coleman Glacier Road. This hike is relatively short, four miles round trip, and delivers some amazing views of Mt Baker up close. The wildflowers are beautiful but it also draws bugs and flies. Otherwise, this hike is moderate and scenic, making it popular with families.

Sauk Mountain is a great hike at a lower elevation, located on Sauk Mountain Road off Highway 20. This hike is well suited for beginner hikers, with the distance only being four miles roundtrip, and the road accessing the trailhead is drivable in most vehicles. You are rewarded with views

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of the valley the entire way up, being greeted with a view of Mt. Baker at the top. It is suggested to do this hike on a weekday, if possible, but beware of logging trucks that still use this road.

Another favorite located off Highway 20 on Baker Lake Road is **Park Butte**. This eight-mile round trip hike leads you to an historic fire lookout, that is also available to camp in on a first come first serve basis. Although it's a little more on the lengthy side, this hike is moderately challenging with a lower elevation gain compared to others. Park Butte provides a range of scenery including meadows, rivers, and valleys, and you will enjoy panoramic views of Mt. Baker and Twin Sisters at the top.



Mount Pilchuck, probably the most heavily trafficked trail on this list, is located off the scenic Mountain Loop Highway. The road to Mount Pilchuck is easy to navigate, and the hike delivers panoramic views from the top. Just shy of a six-mile roundtrip hike, you will finish at an historic fire lookout with views of Mt. Baker, Mt. Rainier, and the Olympics. Beware of the crowds on this hike and visit on a weekday if possible. Although I usually get away with hiking in my tennis shoes for most of these hikes, this one was worthy of hiking shoes/boots due to the trail having an abundance of rocks.

If you are hiking with littles, or just looking for a less strenuous hike, the **Big Four Ice Caves** is a short two-mile roundtrip hike located off the Mountain Loop Highway. Hikers of all ages and abilities can enjoy this hike. The hike leads you to a viewpoint where you can see ice caves that have formed under Big Four Mountain. The best time to visit is starting about mid-August when the caves are more visible.





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Under the Radar

By John Brierley

NCASI

This month we are starting a new series which features local enterprises doing interesting work but which go largely unrecognized in the community.

In a modest house close to downtown, there is an agency carrying out important scientific work to protect water quality in our region and well beyond. The National Council for Air and Stream Improvement Inc., NCASI, is a non-profit organization with the goal of providing the forest products industry with the scientific data needed to make informed decisions regarding their environmental and sustainability obligations.

Longtime residents of Anacortes may remember the Scott Paper Mill which was located near present-day Seafarers Memorial Park. While the mill provided much-needed employment, it also produced noxious smells plus air, water, and land pollution. These environmental concerns eventually lead to its closure in 1978. However, even in this digital age, we still require paper in all its various forms and so Washington State is home to 12 pulp and paper mills.

The Clean Water Act of 1972 established standards to which any industry discharging water must comply. This would include not only paper mills but also water treatment facilities, refineries, etc. To maintain a discharge permit, these industries must demonstrate that their discharges have no harmful effects on local habitats, water quality, and aquatic life. This is where NCASI comes in. Their research studies provide unbiased, scientific data to mills to ensure their compliance with state standards.

A brief article like this cannot do justice to the full extent of NCASI's services. In addition to water quality issues, the agency studies air quality, chemical management, forestry practices, and sustainable manufacturing. Locally, the Anacortes branch has conducted a long-term study of the effects of pulp & paper mill effluent in rivers. They have also studied the effects of herbicides on forest management. Apparently, prior to replanting, some forest companies use herbicides to clear out vegetation which would compete with tree seedlings. NCASI studied the effects of these herbicides on aquatic plants in lab-based experiments. The good news: applied judiciously, the herbicides had minimal effect, especially as they are only applied every 25 years or so.

Although most of the research the Anacortes branch carries out does not apply to our immediate area, they can occasionally be seen out in the field. Recently, for example, they were spotted at Cranberry Lake testing out sampling equipment for use elsewhere.

In researching this article, I interviewed the Senior Program Manager in Anacortes, Camille Flinders, who was a great help



in translating scientific terminology into plain English. She clearly feels a strong sense of mission about her work. "We're all environmentalists here," she explained. "We all need paper (dabbing her nose with a Kleenex) and want it to be produced in a way that is environmentally sound." As she showed me around the lab, she expressed her excitement about their research. She mentioned the fascination that many scientists must experience in asking questions and then working to provide answers.

Camille's final words to me were, "I'm so lucky to be able to do this important work here in Anacortes. It's such a great place to live!"

For more information about NCASI see www.ncasi.org.

I am indebted to Tom Graf for proposing this article. If you have suggestions for other "Under the Radar" businesses or non-profits, please email me at jbrierley@bestversionmedia.com.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 4-6

ANACORTES ARTS FESTIVAL

@Commercial Avenue, Anacortes

This huge festival stretches down Commercial Avenue from 10th street to the port dock on the Guemes Channel Waterfront, with vendors of every kind. The event includes booth artisans of every kind, main, jazz, and waterfront stages, beer and wine gardens, food trucks, and a kid's discovery zone.

Time: Varies by day. See website.

Cost: Free

anacortesartsfestival.com

Every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday through August 12

BLACKROCK THEATRE PRESENTS SHAKESPEARE

@ The Rexville Grange, Mount Vernon

An outdoor presentation of two Shakespearean plays. This year enjoy "The Tempest" and "The Taming of the Shrew." Bring your chairs and blankets and enjoy an evening under the stars.

Time: Thursday through Saturday: 7pm.
Sunday: 4pm

Cost: \$18.00 General Admission,

\$15 Student Admission,

\$50 Family Admission (4)

www.shakesnw.org

August 9

SKAGIT VALLEY FOOD CO-OP'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

@Riverwalk Plaza, Mount Vernon

Put on your party hat and dancing shoes and join us for the celebration of the (half) century as we celebrate the Co-op's 50th Anniversary on the Magic Skagit! Our Golden Jubilee will be a jolly good time with local food, drinks, live music, and family-friendly fun. Bring a friend, bring a chair, and we'll see you there.

Time: 4pm - 8pm

Cost: Free

August 9-12

THE SKAGIT COUNTY FAIR

@Skagit County Fairgrounds,
Mount Vernon

Live entertainment, exhibits, livestock barns, roving entertainment including juggling and dinocrew characters, 4H programs, FFA exhibits, rodeo, horse arena and other events, food vendors, and circus acts.

Time: See the website.

Cost: See the website.

skagitcounty.net/departments/fair

August 12

BREWFEST ON THE SKAGIT, 2023

@Edgewater Park, Mount Vernon

The 21st Annual Brewfest will feature dozens of local craft brews, three of the region's most popular bands, leisure games, vendors, and local food trucks. Advance tickets can be purchased through the Lincoln Theatre in Mount Vernon.

Time: 12pm - 7pm

Cost: \$35 (includes 6 tastings).

\$23 Designated Driver (no beer script)

www.lincolnthatre.org

August 11, 18, & 25

PORT OF ANACORTES

FREE CONCERT SERIES

@Seafarers Memorial Park

The Dusty 45s have inspired and fired up crowds for over two decades to the delight of fans and critics alike. With their signature style and unique sound, the band is a consistently powerful and energetic player in the Americana field. On August 18 catch Victims of Love - A Tribute to the Eagles, composed of five Seattle-area music veterans who formed a project to give anyone within earshot the opportunity to hear the Eagles songs they love played live. On August 25 catch Eden, a rock/blues/pop band from the Pacific Northwest, fronted by the powerhouse vocals of Savanna Woods, a recent Top 20 artist on NBC's The Voice.

Time: 6pm - 8 pm

Cost: Free

www.portofanacortes.com/events

August 12

CITY OF ANACORTES FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

@The Heart of Anacortes

The Pension King and the Dependents are an acoustic-driven soul rock and country band. Playing both original music and covers not often heard, this band is definitely one to see.

Time: 6pm - 8pm | **Cost:** Free

www.theheartofanacortes.com/events

August 19

CITY OF ANACORTES FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

@The Heart of Anacortes

The Savage Blues Band's roots go back to the late 1960s when MVHS high school pals John Savage, Kim Westenhaver and Ken Morrison formed a garage band. John Savage went on to be a standout professional musician and music educator, with proficiency on guitar, keyboards, and bass.

Time: 6pm - 8pm | **Cost:** Free

www.theheartofanacortes.com/events

August 19

FLY DAY

@Heritage Flight Museum, Burlington

Hear them Roar and Watch them Soar. Heritage Flight Museum is one of the very few places in our area to see the spectacle of vintage warbirds in flight. From a single-ship fighter to a formation of T-6s, there is always something exciting going on. The museum loves their aircraft, the history they represent, and the opportunity to share their passion with visitors. Between sorties, there is plenty to see including the museum's exhibits, kid's activities, and an on-site food vendor.

Time: 10am - 4pm

Cost: \$12 adult, \$10 senior, \$5 children

heritageflight.org

August 19

22nd ANNUAL READY TO LEARN FAIR

@Anacortes High School

The annual Ready to Learn Fair is sponsored by the Anacortes Schools Foundation (ASF) and is open to students and families who need a little help to start the school year off on the right foot. FREE backpacks, school supplies, books, socks and underwear, gently used clothing, haircuts and lots of resources are provided. ASF needs many volunteers to make this event a success.

Time: 10am – 12pm

Cost: Free

August 26

CITY OF ANACORTES FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

@The Heart of Anacortes

The Enthusiasts! Feet stomping, homemade and heart-full rock and roll. Based and placed in Anacortes, WA, celebrating the absurd beauty of life.

Time: 6pm – 8pm

Cost: Free

www.theheartofanacortes.com/events

August 26

ROCKING THE VINEYARD

@Bertelsen Winery, Mount Vernon

A one-day event packed full of exciting local entertainment all day long. On-site food vendors, Bertelsen wine, and local craft beer. VIP seating includes round tables near the front section and lawn seating is also available. You are welcome to bring your own blankets, folding chairs, small tables, and coolers for water and snacks (see size restrictions on the website).

Time: 1pm

Cost: \$45 and up

bertelsenwinery.com

August 26

FIDALGO BAY DAY

@Fidalgo Bay Resort

Fidalgo Bay Day is a FREE, fun, and educational event for the entire family, where we celebrate our local estuaries' beauty, history, and wonderful marine life. There will be lots of indoor and outdoor activities to enjoy including live marine critters, interactive educational

displays, kid-friendly craft activities, games, prizes, and samples of tasty local seafood.

Time: 11am – 3pm

Cost: Free



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