

West Valley Shakers will get you dancing

LONG BEACH, WASH. — West Valley Shakers plays the Sou'wester Lodge in Seaview, 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 4.

West Valley Shakers' appeal lies in the refreshing, relatable, exquisitely crafted songs that touch the vulnerable truth in each of us.

Combining the animalistic passion of Jimi Hendrix, the simple purity of The White Stripes and the truth and timelessness of the old folk singers, West Valley Shakers create a live show that gets folks up and dancing. Their catchy musical hooks, combined with Delta blues-style repetition and blistering guitar work, surprises and delights fans from all backgrounds.

Guitarist/songwriter, Brent McLain met drummer/ multi-instrumentalist Eric Lucas, at an open mic at the infamous Wildwood Hotel in Willamina, Ore., and they decided to join forces.

With the release of their debut EP, "Sparkle and Thump," West Valley Shakers was born and sprang onto the scene in the summer of 2017, playing music festivals, venues and house parties.

This attracted upright bass player Jed Vinson shortly thereafter, which expanded their sound even further with Vinson's rolling bass grooves and vocal harmonies.

Finnish Folk Festival seeking artists

NASELLE, WASH. — The Naselle Finnish American Folk Festival 2018 is calling for artwork reflecting the lives and experiences of families here and throughout the whole bountiful region.

Pieces may be rendered in any medium and may include paintings, drawings, photos and prints, jewelry, weaving, sculpture, pottery, basketry, woodcarvings and furniture.

Work ready to display will be accepted at the Naselle High School in room No. 308 on Wednesday and Thursday, July 25 and 26, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For information, alternative time arrangements or directions, call Morgan Hamilton at 360-484-7840, or email gallery@nasellefinnfest.com.

The art exhibit will be displayed on Friday and Saturday, July 27 and 28, at the Folk Festival from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information on the festival, visit nasellefinn-fest.com/

'Pillow Talk' has soft opening at Sou'wester

SEAVIEW, WASH. — "Pillow Talk," a new art exhibit by Amanda Manitach, opens at the Sou'wester Lodge's vintage travel-trailer-turnedart-gallery Tuesday, July 3, and will remain on view through Sunday, Sept. 23.

The opening reception takes place 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, July 19.

Check out the exhibit 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday through Sunday, and by request (stop by the lodge's front desk and we'll open the gallery for you). The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

Manitach's work revolves around drawing — specifically, making marks with the body.

In installations like "Pillow Talk," fragments of text gleaned from found sources or original writings literally pile up in soft heaps, offering immersive, intimate exploration by visitors invited to physically embed themselves among the murmurings of forgotten poets and others.

Manitach is a selftaught artist, the daughter of a Charismatic Christian minister who grew up in rural Kansas and Texas before moving to Seattle in her early 20s.

Her work has been exhibited at venues

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Artist Amanda Manitach (lower right quandrant) among her pillows

Art Museum, Frye Art Museum, Bellevue Arts Museum, Winston Wächter Gallery, Bryan Ohno Gallery, Roq la Rue and Lawrimore Project. She is represented by Winston Wächter Gallery.

The Sou'wester is located at 3728 J Place, Seaview, Wash.

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