

# INSPIRING CONVERSATIONS

Podcast focuses on the not-so-ordinary women of the Northwest

BY NANCY MCCARTHY

From her recording studio in her Brownsmead farmhouse, Jan Johnson produces a podcast that could describe herself: “Women of the Northwest: Ordinary Women Leading Extraordinary Lives.”

Johnson has taught in a Navajo reservation, cared for a husband who died of a brain tumor, raised 10 children, opened a preschool, authored an uplifting memoir and embarked on two manuscripts of women’s fiction “on the romantic side.”

But that wasn’t enough.

After retiring from the Knappa School District, where she taught kindergarten through high school, Johnson and her second husband, Edward, read children’s stories on Coast Community Radio. But when the pandemic prevented them from going to the studio, the station sent recording equipment to their home. Johnson decided to buy her own equipment and set up her own studio.

“It came to me that I’d like to do a podcast, and the name (‘Women of the North-

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west’) popped into my head. I wanted to interview people like me,” she said. “I’ve done a lot of things and had a lot of experiences, and I thought it might be inspirational.”

Many people have ideas about what they would like to do, but they don’t know how to take that next step, Johnson said. She hopes the podcast, available on her website at [jan-johnson.com](http://jan-johnson.com), will encourage people to move forward.

As a bonus, a few minutes are reserved at the end of the podcast to feature local authors.

Everyone Johnson has interviewed so far take it for granted that they can accomplish

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Jan Johnson is the host of a new podcast focused on everyday local women doing extraordinary things.



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