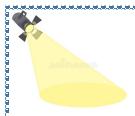


## THE CENTER NEWS

### A Monthly Publication of Shipley Center - September 2025



IT'S NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH 2025\*

AND SHIPLEY CENTER IS READY TO SHOW YOU WHAT WE'VE GOT!



"SHIPLEY'S GOT TALENT"

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, at 1:00.

This year's theme, "Flip the Script," on aging takes us to the stage where we demonstrate options for fun, connection, purpose and growth here at Shipley Center.

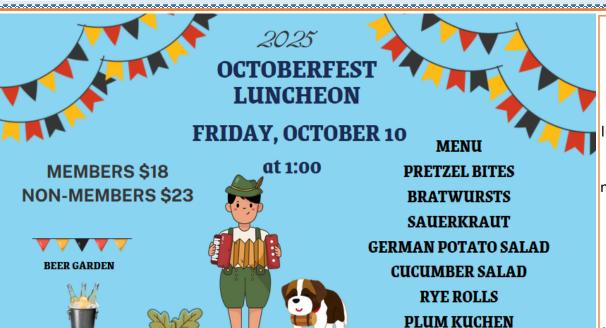
Come learn where we came from and where we are going. Enjoy our talent, take a tour,

and enjoy treats. All on us!

Already a member? Please invite friends and neighbors.

Your arrival by 1:00 is appreciated!

\*See this month's Spotlight on page 12 for more information.



Tickets go on sale Tuesday, September 16.

luncheons: We are unlikely to have tickets the day of the uncheon. Please purchase yours early so you are not disappointed. Seating is planned. Let us know who you wish to sit with or that you are interested in meeting new folks. No need to arrive early.

About our



Debbie Patterson, Trips & Tours Coordinator

Office hours: 9 to 1 Monday-Friday





Shipley Center Trips: 360-683-5883

trips@shipleycenter.org

#### New! 2026 River Cruises

Mayflower Cruises & Tours: Tulip Time on Jewels of the Rhine-April 6-22 Premier World Discovery: Holland Windmills & Tulips River Cruise-April 20-29 Wonders of the Blue Danube-October 10-19

#### **Grand American Tours Presents**

Best of Greece: 10 Days and 9 Nights. May 22-30, 2026 on the Celebrity Infinity.



See Green Insert for Local Trips! 360-683-5883. Office hours: 9:00-1:00 Monday-Friday.

Safe Travels, Debbie



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We are open Monday-Thursday 9am to 2pm Dine in or take out!

### Leo's Café with Chef Kathryn Kitts

## Please note our new schedule! 'A Little Café with a Lotta' Love'

Serving breakfast and lunch, Leo's Café is open 9:00 until 2:00 **Monday through Thursday**. We look forward to serving you!

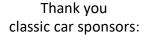
Our Retro Summer Classic BBQ with cool cars, great food, silly fun, and our ever present pie raffle, all happened here on August 8!



Special
Thank You's to
Leo's Café
Volunteers for
another great
luncheon.
BRAVO!



Happy Birthday Sheldon!



Don and Donna Alexander

Gerrard Cookson

Cheryl Hamilton & Craig Paulson

Jennie Strachen



"26"

the number of volunteers who worked to make this event

happen.



Raffle winners took home a pie!



What a great team!



Please note that our front cover announces our upcoming special events.

## Community Announcements

#### **ARE YOU READY?**

Relative to the Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ), 2016 data revealed there was a 10% chance of a 9.0+ and a 33% chance of an 8.0+ happening in the next 50 years. However, the **overall risk** (combining CSZ and other local faults like Lake Creek Boundary) is higher than 50% for a major earthquake and/or possible tsunamis. As neighbors, we are all going to be on our own immediately following a disaster, but wouldn't it be better to be on our own **together?** Clallam Ready Sequim is here to teach us how to be prepared.

Join us in the Shipley Center Front Room on October 30, 2025 at 10:00am for this important informative talk. Call the Front Office to sign up. Class size is limited to 30. No fee.

#### **WOW! WORKING ON WELLNESS**

\*\*\*\*\*THE FORUM\*\*\*\*

KSOM Radio Station 91.5 FM

September 10, 2025, 2:00-3:00pm "St. Vincent de Paul's Helping Hands"

Speaker: Edward Koszykowski, President

The September meeting of the

#### **Sequim Diabetes Support Group**

will be held at Shipley Center in the Art Room Wednesday, September 3, 10am-11am.

A general meeting with very helpful information, this event is open to the public and free. Any monetary contributions are given to Shipley Center for the use of the space.

Next month's meeting is October 1.

## Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County Empower Yourself Workshop Series (Sept 8 - 29)

VHOCC is offering a free series of four weekly workshops Mondays, beginning Sept. 8, to offer support and practical advice on everyday challenges for those who are living alone or anticipating living alone. Registration is required and may be done by calling 360-452-1511 or emailing office@vhocc.org.

### GRIE SU Led

## GRIEF AND WELLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

Led by Debbie McIntyre TUESDAYS AT 2:00 In our Art Room

VETERAN'S COFFEE BREAK!

Please join us Thursday,
September 18 at 10:00
in the Shipley Library.

Sponsored by Assured Hospice

#### **Whole Food Plant-Based Support Group**

Meets at 12:30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.

September 11: Eat the foods you love, regain your health, and lose the weight for good.

Come and find out how to unlock the ultimate secrets for success. "The Starch Solution" proven by Dr. J. McDougall will accomplish this claim without drugs, costly programs or ridiculous yo-yo diets.

Pot Luck starts at 12:30pm. Don't know what to bring? No worries.

**Call Alanna: 360-912-2067** Members \$2. Non Members \$4.

## The National Federation of the Blind Clallam County Chapter

meets every second Monday, from 12:30pm until 2:00pm at Radio KSQM in the Sunshine Room.

September's meeting will feature Justine Chorley from Clallam County Emergency Management Program.

Come learn about available resources.

For more information call

Kyle Parrish at 360-775-0958 or email him at

kyle.novision@gmail.com

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Live the life yea want.

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## OLD DOGS, NEW TRICKS?

September 2025

MICHAEL SMITH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We've lived a while. Been there; done that. Weren't born yesterday . . . right? We often have set ways we deal with—or choose not to deal with—situations in life. But, could being set in our ways hold us back? Can an old dog really learn new tricks?

As a person enters retirement, they may have great plans for what they are going to do now that they no longer have to go to work each day. It sure would be nice to still be needed, but not need the paycheck. It would be great to still have a purpose and goals, but not have so many obligations. And so we launch into retirement, perhaps as eager as a kid on the first day of school, or perhaps as scared as we were jumping off the diving board for the first time during beginner's swimming lessons.

If we are fortunate and blessed, we might have someone close to share this road ahead with. If we find ourselves all by ourselves at this juncture, we may feel the journey into retirement to be more challenging, or more freeing, depending on what all we've been through to get to this point.

Those who choose to explore what a senior center has to offer often report that they feel a greater sense of purpose and connectedness to others, compared to those who just sit at home.

In fact, studies have shown that those who get up, get dressed, and get out of the house to connect with others at senior centers actually live longer and enjoy a better quality of life.

Shipley Center's focus on *Friendship, Recreation*, and *Education* has made it one of the most active senior centers that most people have ever experienced. What "new tricks" are being learned here? People who have never taught a class in anything are encouraged to share their wisdom and skills from their lifetime of work, and suddenly they are a volunteer activity leader, and are having fun doing it! Those who have wanted to learn a new game or skill try it out, making new friends in the process. Those with computer or tech skills share their knowledge, helping others on Mondays at our Computer Clinic.

You may find that a senior center like Shipley Center is one of the best places to get moving!

"On the ground, a rock is just a rock. But when moving at high speed through the atmosphere, a rock becomes a meteor—alive with fire and burning bright. People are not so different. Without activity, we are lifeless and dull. When moving fast and taking action, we come alive."

James Clear

One last thought from meditation teacher Light Watkins:

"The advice shouldn't be to act your age. It should be to act your spirit. Your age may try to prohibit you from dancing like that, or starting over, or trying something new. But your spirit would never do such a thing . . . Acting your age makes you fit in more, while acting your spirit will indeed cause you to stand out—in a bad way to people who act their age, but in an inspiring way to those who act their spirit. Try acting your spirit from time to time, and you can see for yourself which path makes you feel more alive."

By following "the path" to Shipley Center, you may find yourself feeling more alive and helping others do the same, through *Friendship! Recreation!* and *Education!* 

Michael

#### STRUGGLING TO **HEAR WELL?**



Turning up the TV? Pretending you understand what someone is saying? Avoiding being in groups where many

speak at once?

Plan to attend a presentation by Harbor Audiology and Hearing Services

Thursday, September 4 at 1:00 in our Front Room.

### **Healthy U Healthy Aging**



Spot the Spot

#### Skin Cancer Awareness.

ABCDEs of melanoma and the importance of regular skin checks.



Join Shelly Melody, ARNP and Daria Karas, PA-C as they promote our understanding of the importance of skin care for health and longevity. Thursday, September 19 1:00 in our Front Room.

#### Chair Qi Gong





This gently guided Qi Gong group will focus its attention more to those with limited mobility, balance, and concentration challenges.

FRIDAYS AT 9:30 IN OUR FRONT ROOM

#### **OUR NEW MEMBERS!**

Sandy Alatorre Raul Alexander Mary Aulet Janet Ballagh **Denise Bayer Brian Berg** Liz Bernahl Glen Bowers Steve Bringle Ann Burland Ken Burland Mary Jo Camagna Wendy Carter Beverly Cunningham Sophia Engkvist Sharon Frazier Amado Fuentes Thoralf Gamlem Toni Gomez **Donald Hanson** 

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**Rick Standly** Jennie Strachan

Susan Teale Dianne Trvett

Ed Urbanski

Trudy Urbanski John Wessel

Daniel Witczak

Jamie Witczak **Dolores Young** 

WELCOME!

#### Thriving in the Body You've Got!

#### 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 9:30 in our Front Room

This is a Shipley Center Support Group for persons who have physical challenges such as tremors, neuropathy and other mobility and functioning issues.

Group leader, Martha Moyer, is a a retired clinical social worker with extensive experience supporting families struggling with various brain disorders and physical challenges. To learn more, please call the office and ask to speak to Reba Renner. 360-683-6806

SHIBA representatives are available at Shipley Center on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, from 10:00am until noon, to discuss your Medicare questions. You may drop in.



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## Special Gifts. Thank you!

Mary Bell in appreciation of Joe Mirabella for IT help.

David McClelland for new tools to use in the construction of our new building.

> QFC for a gift certificate to feed Benefit Sale workers.

"IL Carosello Italiano" An Interactive and engaging class on daily conversations while speaking Italian.

Italiano?

Thursdays 2:30-4:00 in the Art room.

No Italiano August 21-October 16. Resuming 10/23.



**Spanish Class meets** Thursdays 9:30-11:00 in the Art Room.

#### Interested in Readers Theatre?

Join Ted Brown for table reads (no memorizing) of plays, old and new. Reading stories, poems, and other

writing from participants adds to the fun! Mondays at 12:00 in the Front Room.

We are on summer hiatus until September 15th. 

#### **Mahjong**

New to Mahjong?

Call Diane Whitaker to arrange for lessons: 360-775-6150

Ready to play Mahjong? Join in every Wednesday from 1:00-4:00 in the Classroom.



### **Bridge**

Wednesdays 12:00-3:30 In our Front Room Call Earl Karich: 360-582-7917

2nd & 4th Saturdays 6:30-9:00

Call Diana Smith: 360-775-5126



#### **Games start** at 12:15 on Thursdays.

Come early to purchase your cards. Members \$1/ Non-members \$2. Bingo Cards are just 50 cents each. 15 games, and we also have a Potluck. BIG Money on the last Blackout. Play Responsibly!

## Would you like to play POKER?

Please call the office at 360-683-6806, if you are interested in joining this activity! Fridays at 11:30 in the Classroom.





#### **EUCHRE**

**Every Thursday** 10:00-12:00 in the Classroom Just show up for fun and laughter!

#### Cribbage

Led by David Squier

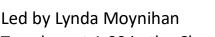


**Tuesdays** 11:30 to 1:30 In the Front Room

S, C, R, A, B, B, L, E,

Join us every Thursday in the Classroom at 1:00!

#### **PINOCHLE**



Tuesdays at 1:00 in the Classroom



#### **MEXICAN TRAIN**

Mondays at 10:00 in the Classroom Just show up and have fun with us! 360-683-6806





### HAND AND FOOT **Fridays**

9:00-11:00 in the Classroom



Computer Clinic on Mondays, 1 to 3pm. FREE FOR SHIPLEY CENTER MEMBERS!

Help with computers, tablets, smartphones and general technology questions. PC and Mac. Donations made in the office to Shipley Center in appreciation for computer help are welcomed.

#### "Exercise is Fun!" with Barb Paschal **Education, Aerobics, & Stretching to Music!** Tuesdays 11:30-12:30

15 minutes of health education on a variety of topics 30 minutes of easy and effective aerobics 15 minutes of quiet stretching exercises Wear comfortable shoes and bring a yoga mat!



### **Adult Tap II**

Thursdays 10:30-12:00 In the Dance Hall

Members \$3, Non-members \$6

Flat-heeled tap shoes or hard-soled shoes are recommended.

Questions: Contact Sandi Lazzaro: 360-809-3390

#### Line Dancing on Fridays!

10:30 to 12:15—High Beginners 12:30 to 2:00—Beginners 2:15 to 3:30—Basic Beginners



Come join Beth Glick for **ZUMBA GOLD** 

Monday & Wednesday at 10:00 Friday at 11:00

(NO meetings 9/10-9/19)





#### **Have YOU tried YOGA?**

**EZ Yoga** 

Wednesdays and Fridays at 1:30 \$3 Members \$6 Non-members



#### Ping Pong

Tuesdays 1:00-2:00 Wednesdays 3:30-5:00 Thursdays 3:30-5:00

Ukelele Play and Sing Mondays from 1:00-3:00 In our Main Room





#### Fiber Arts

Tuesdays in our Front Room at 9:30 Fridays in the Art Room at 9:30

#### SENIOR SINGERS

Senior Singers bring cheer to a different long-term care home every Friday afternoon. The faces "light up" and the people sing along to favorites of bygone eras at Avamere,

Sequim Health &
Rehabilitation, and memory
care communities, Dungeness
Courte and The Cottages.
YOU are invited to join them. Call Jan Maxwell to find out more & meet the group at their





#### Hula Tuesdays 2:00 - 3:30 In the Dance Hall

Members \$3, Non-members \$6 Please call Sandi Lazzaro for information. 360-809-3390

The gentle art of TAI JI **Steve Arstad and Richard Chabot** 10:00 on Tuesdays in the Main Room





#### Easy Stretching with Keoki

This is a full-body stretch followed by guided relaxation.

This floor activity requires a yoga mat. A blanket is also recommended.

Mondays at 2:30 in the Front Room.

#### Book Sharing! Led by Barb Paschal

Come with the name and author of a good book you would recommend to others ... and in a few sentences share why you found it to be a "good read."

Come listen to others in the group share their ideas about what books they have been reading and meet new friends along the way!

This group meets the first Thursday of the month.

1:00 to 2:00 in the Art Room.

#### **BASIC MEDITATION CLASS via ZOOM!**

Friday Mornings at 9:30

A basic guided meditation class led by Jean Kipper. Sponsored by Dungeness Courte Memory Care, No class fee is required.

For more information call 360-683-6806



## SEPTEMBER 2025-WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MON TUE WED THUR FRI 2 4 5 LEO'S IS CLOSED! LABOR DAY 9:30-Fiber Arts 9:30-Spanish Class 9:00-Balance Class 9:00-Balance Class 9:30-Thriving in the SHIPLEY CENTER 10:00-Meet and Paint 10:00-Diabetes Support 9:00-Hand and Foot Body You've Got 10:00-SHIBA Group 9:30-Chair Qi Gong IS 10:00-Euchre 10:00-Tai Ji 9:30-Fiber Arts 10:00-Zumba Gold 10:30-Tap 9:30-Meditation (Zoom) CLOSED! 11:30-Cribbage 12:00-Bridge 12:15-Bingo 10:30-Line Dance 11:30-Exercise is Fun 1:00-Book Share 1:00-Mahjong (High-Beginner) 1:00-Lecture on 1:00-N.O.W. 1:30-EZ Yoga 11:00-Zumba Gold **Hearing Health** 1:00-Ping Pong 3:30-Ping Pong 11:30-Poker 1:00-Scrabble 1:00-Pinochle 12:30-Line Dance 2:30-NO IL Carosello (Beginner) 2:00-Grief and Italiano 1:30-EZ Yoga **Wellness Group** 3:30-Ping Pong 2:15-Line Dance 2:00-Hula (Basic Beginner) 9 11 **12** LEO'S IS CLOSED! 8 10 9:00-Balance Class 9:30-Sewing 9:30-Fiber Arts 9:00-Balance Class 9:00-Balance Class 9:00-Hand and Foot 9:30-Spanish Class 9:00-Water Media 10:00-Meet and Paint 10:00-Investment 9:30-Chair Qi Gong 10:00-Euchre 10:00-Tai Ji 10:00-NO Zumba Gold Drop-in 9:30-Fiber Arts 10:30-Tap 9:30-Meditation (Zoom) 10:00-Mexican Train 11:30-Cribbage 12:00-Bridge 12:15-Bingo 10:30-Line Dance 10:00-Zumba Gold 11:30-Exercise is Fun 1:00-Mahjong 12:30-Whole Foods (High-Beginner) 12:00-NO Readers 1:00-N.O.W. 1:30-EZ Yoga 11:00-NO Zumba Gold Plant Based Group Theatre 3:30-Ping Pong 1:00-Ping Pong 11:30-Poker 1:00-Scrabble 12:30-Line Dance 1:00-Pinochle 1:00-Ukulele 2:30-NO IL Carosello (Beginner) 1:00-Computer Clinic 2:00-Grief and Italiano 1:30-EZ Yoga 2:30-Easy Stretch Wellness Group 3:30-Ping Pong 2:15-Line Dance 2:00-Hula (Basic Beginner) 19 LEO's IS CLOSED! 15 16 17 18 9:30-Fiber Arts 9:30-Sewing 9:00-Balance Class 9:00-Balance Class 9:00-Balance Class 9:30-Spanish Class 10:00-Meet and Paint 9:00-Water Media 10:00-NO Zumba Gold 9:00-Hand and Foot 9:30-Thriving in the 10:00-SHIBA 12:00-Bridge Drop-in 9:30-Chair Qi Gong Body You've Got 10:00-Tai Ji 10:00-Mexican Train 9:30-Fiber Arts 1:00-Mahjong 10:00-Euchre 11:30-Cribbage 9:30-Meditation (Zoom) 10:00-NO Zumba Gold 1:30-EZ Yoga 10:00-VET's Coffee 11:30-Exercise is Fun 10:30-Line Dance 12:00-Readers 3:30-Ping Pong 10:30-Tap 1:00-N.O.W. (High-Beginner) 12:15-Bingo Theatre 11:00-NO Zumba Gold 1:00-Ping Pong 1:00-Health U 11:30-Poker 1:00-Ukulele 1:00-Pinochle 1:00-Scrabble 12:30-Line Dance 1:00-Computer Clinic 2:00-Grief and 2:30-NO IL Carosello (Beginner) 2:30-Easy Stretch Wellness Group Italiano 1:30-EZ Yoga 2:00-Hula 3:30-Ping Pong 2:15-Line Dance (Basic Beginner)

## **September 2025-WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

#### **MON** WED TUE THUR FRI **26 OPEN HOUSE** 22 **23** 24 25 9:00-Singles Breakfast 9:00-Balance Class 9:00-Balance Class 9:30-Spanish Class 9:00-NO Balance Class at Leo's 9:00-Hand and Foot 10:00-Euchre 9:00-Water Media 10:00-Investment 9:30-Chair Qi Gong 9:30-Fiber Arts Drop-in 10:00-Zumba Gold 10:30-Tap 9:30-Fiber Arts 10:00-Meet and Paint 10:00-Mexican Train 12:00-Bridge 12:15-Bingo 9:30-Meditation 10:00-Tai Ji 10:00-Zumba Gold 1:00-Mahjong 1:00-Scrabble 10:30-NO Line Dance 11:30-Cribbage 12:00-Readers 2:30-NO IL Caroselllo 1:30-EZ Yoga (High-Beginner) 11:30-Exercise is Fun 11:00-NO Zumba Gold Theatre 3:30-Ping Pong Italiano 1:00-N.O.W. 11:30-Poker 1:00-Ukulele 3:30-Ping Pong 1:00-Ping Pong 12:30-NO Line Dance 1:00-Computer Clinic 1:00-Pinochle (Beginner) 2:30-Easy Stretch 2:00-Grief and 1:30-NO EZ Yoga Wellness Group 2:15-NO Line Dance (Basic Beginner) 2:00-Hula

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Drop-in
10:00-Mexican Train
10:00-Zumba Gold
12:00-Readers
Theatre
1:00-Ukulele
1:00-Computer Clinic
2:30-Easy Stretch

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1:00-N.O.W.
1:00-Ping Pong
1:00-Pinochle
2:00-Grief and
Wellness Group

2:00-Hula



## SHIPLEY CENTER OPEN HOUSE 2025

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AT 1:00

Join us for entertainment, treats, and tours!

Whether you wonder if there is a place for you here, or if you have already joined and wonder what to do next, this is an opportunity to see fun ways to connect with others. Join us. We'd love to see you here!







Strait Wheelers begin their annual square dance lessons Sunday, September 7! For more information please pick up a flyer from the bulletin board, or call Janolyn at 360-670-5547.



COME PAINT WITH US! 9:00-12:00

Water Media Drop-in In the Art Room TUESDAYS

10:00-12:00
Meet and Paint
In the Art Room

TUESDAYS

1:00-4:00 North Olympic Watercolorists In the Front Room

#### **SUNDAYS**

PING PONG 1:30-3:00 (NO Ping Pong 9/14) STRAIT WHEELERS Square Dancing 4:30-6:30

#### SEQUIM ACCORDION SOCIAL

Sunday, Sept 14, 2025 from 1:30-4pm at Shipley Center, 921 E. Hammond, Sequim WA. Join fellow accordion players and enthusiasts for an afternoon of music and dancing. The talented David Locke, from Whidbey Island,

e talented David Locke, from Whidbey Island,
will be our featured player.
\$5.00 suggested donation at door. Snacks and coffee provided.



#### **SATURDAYS**

BRIDGE 2ND and 4TH Saturdays 6:30-9:00

## Spotli By Margaret Cox

## Spotlight on . . . Senior Center Month

**-**

September is National Senior Center Month! It is a month to spotlight—and celebrate—all the positive aspects of America's senior centers.

This year's theme is *Powering Possibilities: Flip the Script*. From the National website: "Many people still hold outdated ideas about what senior centers are and who they serve. September is your moment to "flip the script." This "invites us to challenge outdated perceptions of aging and senior centers. It celebrates the dynamic role that centers play in fostering creativity, connection, purpose, and resilience in later life."

"More than 10,000 senior centers across the country are leading this charge—flipping the script on aging by creating inclusive, engaging spaces where older adults thrive. From their beginnings in the 1940s to their recognition in the Older Americans Act in 1973 to today, senior centers have continually evolved to meet the changing needs of older adults and their communities."

**Senior Center Month:** So, how does Shipley Center align with the theme of fostering **creativity, connection, purpose, and resilience?** I thought I would check out our activities to see how they stacked up. Sometimes it was difficult to categorize an activity, as it would fit nicely into more than one category! Virtually *everything* at Shipley Center provides "connection" and "purpose," meeting with other people participating in a common endeavor. (Please forgive me if I've missed any activity in this article.)

**Creativity:** This is defined as "the use of the imagination or original ideas, especially in the production of an artistic work." Fiber arts and painting groups are probably most notable here, but I have also included those involved in the creative arts of music, dance, and theatre: ukulele, Senior Singers, line dancing, tap, hula, and Readers' Theatre.



Ukulele meets on Mondays.



**Connection:** Games are fun ways to connect with like-minded individuals. Shipley Center is not lacking in games! Mah Jongg, Poker, Cribbage, Scrabble, Mexican Train dominoes, Hand and Foot card game, Bingo, Euchre, Ping Pong, Bridge, and Pinochle.

Happy Euchre players

Social groups provide meaningful connections: Shipley Singles, Spanish and Italian language classes, Book Sharing, Veterans' Coffee Break, Leo's Café, special events, and luncheons.

And, what greater connection can you have than travel? Check out the monthly "menu" of exciting places to travel, both locally and globally. Connections are made among fellow travelers, as well as with people and places outside your usual environment!

**Purpose:** Social isolation and loneliness in elderly individuals are significant public health concerns, impacting physical and mental well-being. They are associated with higher risks for high blood pressure, heart disease, depression, and cognitive decline, as well as other conditions.

On the other hand, "Your purpose is the reason you get out of bed in the morning, the driving force behind your actions. It is giving meaning and direction to your life, helping you make decisions that align with your values." *Every activity at Shipley Center provides purpose*, a reason for someone to get up, get going, get out of the house, to socialize in a meaningful activity!

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Resilience: Resilience "encompasses independence, self-reliance, persistence, and the ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change."

Physical resilience can be found in our many activities: Zumba, Balance Exercise, and Exercise is Fun! Mindful exercise can be found in Tai Ji, Chair Qi Gong,



Tai JI on Tuesday mornings!

Stretching, and Basic Meditation. The Investor Group can help provide financial resilience.

**Support Groups** are avenues for developing personal resilience. Here at Shipley, there are support groups for: Grief and Wellness, Diabetes, Whole Food Plant-Based Eating, and Thriving in the Body You've Got! And, a support group for persons with physical challenges. The free Computer Clinic also fits here, supporting members by making their devices more tech-friendly!

**Conclusion**: I think you will agree that Shipley Center has ALREADY "flipped the switch" on providing "possibilities" for our community's seniors! My hope is that, after reading through these lists of activities offered at Shipley Center, you will be motivated to try one or more. Even if you are already participating in one or more, perhaps when you have some extra time, you'll seek out new connections in another class! (Just last month, I began participating in the Cribbage group!)

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A CELEBRATION!** Come celebrate *National Senior Center Month* by attending our annual Open House! This year, it will be a Talent Show, showcasing the talents of some of our activities and individual members. (For more information, see the ad on p. 1.) Hope to see you there!

#### THANK YOU BENEFIT SALE VOLUNTEERS!

The sale is going well!

Ray Bentsen	Beth Hemple	Renee Millar	Marion Rutledge
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Brian Davis	Shirley Ledbetter	Maggie Miller	Daniel White
Cheryl Hamilton	Richard Mansell	Jeani Penn	Jean Wolfe
Karen Hanson	Greg Millar	Karen Rose	Rebecca Zander

Dates to remember: September 5th and 6th will be our Bag Sale. We are using smaller bags this year at \$5 a bag. If it doesn't fit into a bag, it will be 1/2 price.



## Shipley Singles Where Acquaintances Become Friends!

Singles Breakfast Gatherings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month.

Call Bobbie Dahm at 360-477-0019 for information and to sign up for either Tuesday. On the second Tuesday we meet at a chosen restaurant. On the fourth Tuesday we meet at Leo's Café at 9:00.

Singles Lunch Gatherings are on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Call Robert Drews at 360-670-9008 to sign up.

#### \$\$\*\*Shipley Investor Group\*\*\$\$

The Investment Group meets twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 10 am in the Art Room. Come join us to learn about economic and financial news, and long term diversified investment strategies suitable for your age, risk tolerance, and investment objectives. If you have questions, call Rich Snow at 360-710-6899.

Thank you for supporting Shipley Center.



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#### SEPTEMBER PUZZLES

#### APPLE-A-DAY WORD SEARCH

I wanted to feature Labor Day jokes this month, but they just weren't working.



#### FIND THE HIDDEN OBJECT

There is a small picture of a hammer somewhere in the newsletter. Send your name, phone number and the page number where you found the item to programs@shipleycenter.org.

You will be entered to win \$4 in activity bucks or ← Leo's Café bucks.



Please enter by August 14!

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who served in the US armed forces in the Vietnam War and bears the names of the 58,281 men and women who perished in this struggle.

The Wall That Heals is open to the public 24 hours a day from Thursday, 9/11 to 1:45 pm on Sunday, 9/14. To visit is free.

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Ah, September! The rustling of fallen leaves as we walk through the woods, the smell of fall in the air. Some special days of this month include National Blueberry Popsicle Day and Macadamia Nut Day! The first Sunday of the month after Labor Day is Grandparents Day (Remind the grandkids!). Did you know that September is the only month with the same number of letters in its name as its numerical place on the calendar? And on September 22, the Autumnal Equinox occurs at 11:19 am. It's a beautiful time of year to go on a trip!

<u>PREMIER WORLD TRAVEL PRESENTS: Wednesday, September 3, 4:00</u> – River cruises: Blue Danube, Holland Windmills; Music City Tour, Landscapes of New England, Treasures of Croatia, and Alpine Villages & Rails. A little something for everyone! Call Trips to reserve your seat!

<u>Vashon Island Troll and Picnic, Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup></u> – One of Thomas Dambo's 139 trolls, nationwide, is on Vashon Island. Debra will be driving the Shipley bus there to visit Oscar the Bird King at Pt. Robinson Park. We will be picnicking there after viewing the troll, so be sure to bring a lunch with you (There is a cooler on the bus.).

Departs 7:30 to approx.5:00

\$49M/\$54NM

<u>Washington State Fair, Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup></u> -- It's that time of year again when we head to the Puyallup Fairgrounds for one of the largest fairs in the nation! Get ready to make history this year as the Fair celebrates 125 years of unforgettable moments, iconic traditions, and the biggest party in the state! (NOTE: The date has changed since the August newsletter)

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<u>Harrison Hot Springs, BC, September 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup></u> -- Three nights at the Harrison Hot Springs Resort will include a wonderful tea when you arrive, three breakfast buffets, dinner in the Copper Room on the second night, and a late afternoon Lake Cruise. There are the hot spring pools, each at a different temperature, so you are sure to find just the right one for you! You must have a passport or enhanced ID for this trip, and I will need that information beforehand.

**Departs TBD** 

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Northwest Railway Museum and Train Ride, Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – Ride the Snoqualmie Valley Railroad, explore their outdoor collection of train cars and large artifacts, and visit the exhibits in the historic depot. You can also visit the Depot Bookstore, a railroad-themed bookstore and gift shop. Lunch will be at the nearby Snoqualmie Casino. Eric will be taking us on this adventure.

Departs 7:30 to approx.5:30

\$80M/\$85NM

<u>Clearwater Casino, Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup></u> – We are a week later than usual, due to the Harrison Hot Springs trip the week before, but Debra is taking the bus back to Clearwater Casino for another great time gaming, being with friends, and of course, a good lunch. Remember, we must have at least twelve passengers to make this trip happen, so call your friends and tell them to get on board the Shipley bus for the casino!,

<u>Departs 9:00 to 4:00</u> <u>\$15 per person</u>

Introductory Cruise Presentation: Thursday, September 25, 4:00 -- Please join us for a special presentation by Kristie Adams, a travel agent specializing in river and ocean cruises. She has recently moved to Washington and has a passion for travel. She will present eight-day river and ocean cruises costing between \$5500 and \$7500 for two people. That includes airfare, food and drink, and shore excursions. She will have a multimedia presentation, along with pamphlets and brochures from Viking Cruises.

#### **LOOK FORWARD TO:**

Nordic Museum – Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Heronswood Garden Fall Special – Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> Silverdale Shopping – Nov. 5

#### **TRIP NOTES**

PLEASE PARK IN THE GRASSY AREA ACROSS FROM THE CENTER WHEN GOING ON A TRIP, UNLESS YOU NEED TO PARK IN A HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE. We have a lot of activities going on every day, and need to have room for people to park.

Please pay promptly when signing up for a day trip; for our regional trips, a deposit will be required when you sign up.

When you see a trip in the newsletter and it looks like you might want to go, call me, email me, or stop by the office right away – get your name on the list! It's easier for me to take your name off than to put it on once it's full. And please keep in mind that, if you pass me in the hall and tell me to put your name on a trip, I'm likely to forget by the time I get to my office – I'm only human!

See you on the Shipley Bus! Debbie



"Happy September! The world shall now transform into pumpkin everything."

Keith Wynn



Member Pauline Gepner had fun with her photography after our trip to the Mariner's game!