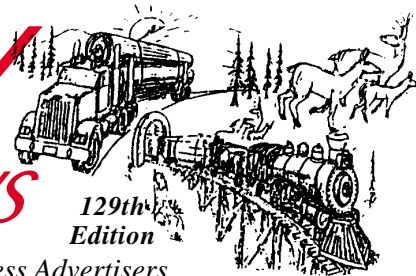




Buckley Community News



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Help needed!

This could be the last issue of the Buckley Community News

The Buckley Chamber of Commerce is in desperate need of a community group or editor to take over the reigns of the *Buckley Community News*. This newsletter is a monthly production that is fully-funded by the advertisers in this paper. The chamber graciously took over this newsletter two years ago from Kim Beach and DeAnn Hyres to keep it rolling. With a limited number of volunteers, it has been difficult for the chamber to produce this newsletter each month. The chamber is looking for another group to step up and continue this traditional newsletter which has been published for 11 years.

The *Buckley Community News* is a profitable venture. The editor would need to write a few articles each month, coordinate and collect the usual monthly submissions from different businesses, and then work

with the designer to get the newsletter created and sent to the printer.

The advertisers need to be billed each month, and the designer notified with any advertising changes. With the current list of advertisers, this newsletter turns a profit each month. The time commitment is only a few days each month, generally around the 20th of each month.

If you are able to help or know someone who can, please contact Rochelle Plaster at the Buckley Chamber of Commerce office. She can be reached at (360) 829-0975.

Thank you for considering this project. Without help, the *Buckley Community News* might just disappear.

Please step up and help!

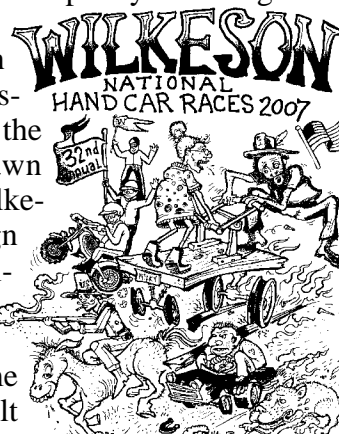
Saturday, July 21

Wilkeson Handcar Races back on track!

On Saturday, July 21, the public is invited to the historic town of Wilkeson to celebrate the 32nd Annual National Handcar Races. There will be plenty of fun and activities for the whole family.

The festivities begin at 11a.m. with an old-fashioned parade through the business district with a special appearance by Smokey the Bear, followed by the handcar races, lawn mower races, and tug-o-war contest at Wilkeson's Coke Oven Park. The public can sign up to compete in the handcar races by filling out a form located at the Pick 'N Shovel Restaurant, the Eagle Tavern or Town Hall. Come make a new record time on the *all new* handcar just recently rebuilt

for this year's racing. Racers can also register the day of racing at the park grounds. Lawn mowers need to be registered by noon.



The street fair on Church and Railroad Streets includes food, vendors, a beer garden, pony rides, and free games, prizes, and bouncy train for children.

Residents and visitors can enjoy the entertainment in town, including mock civil war skirmishes at noon and 5:30 p.m. and a variety of day music from "Twilight Time" music of the 1930s-40s (noon), "Namaste — Women Who Drum" (1 p.m.), "1928" (2 p.m.), the old time

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More Handcar Races

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fiddlers of the "Carpenter Contra Band" (3 p.m.) and the "Wilkebelles" and "Amazing Musto" (4 p.m.). Enjoy the evening and dance the night away at the Annual Street Dance featuring "The Strokker Band."

For more information, contact Donna Hogerhuis at (360) 829-4281.

Senior van trips slated

The Buckley Senior Center has several van trips scheduled in the near future. For more information, call the center at (360) 829-0190.

- **First Wednesday Monthly** — Shopping trip to the South Hill Mall and Fred Meyer.
- **Wednesday, July 18** — King County Fair.
- **Wednesday, July 25** — Skagit Valley Casino Charter.
- **Thursday, July 26** — Olympia Farmers Market and the Oysterhouse.

Call the Buckley Senior Center to sign up and for trip pricing.

Happy Independence Day!



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Main Street, Ryan Road projects 99% complete!!

It's been a long year since the construction and remodeling of Buckley's Main Street began. Although it is close to complete, the list of little items to fix is still pending the final details. Mayor Pat Johnson reports that both the Main Street project and the Ryan Road project are 99 percent complete and are just awaiting the last few items on the punch list to be completed by the contractor. She thought it was important to stress that the final payment to the contractor is still being held until both jobs are 100 percent complete. Mayor Johnson is in communication with the contractor, but unable to provide an estimated date when the projects will be completely finished.

Over the last few weeks, the light poles on Main Street were switched out to the correct poles. Flower baskets have been hung up and down Main Street and also at several other prominent places around our city. The Ryan Road project is awaiting a few last minute cosmetic fixes, and the corner lot on Spiketon/Ryan will be graded and left clean.

Thanks to all the citizens of Buckley for their patience during this construction. Please support your downtown businesses that endured months of slow business during the construction time.



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Buckley's balloons arrive in BC pronto

The following is an email recently sent to the Buckley Community News:

Hello,

My name is Liane and I am sending you this email as we found this quite astonishing. We live in Winfield, BC, which is located between Kelowna and Vernon in the Okanagan Valley of Canada.

This morning when my father went out to the garden, he found three balloons nestled in the lettuce with the Buckley Chamber of Commerce logo on them. At first we thought an event had occurred near us and laughed that they landed in our garden.

However we did not recall any place here called Buckley. I went to the computer and checked Google to see where you are and to our surprise not only were you not in our immediate area, but in another country. As I checked the website, I noticed you are having an event this weekend I believe called the Loggers Rodeo. We are pretty amazed that these balloons, perhaps launched yesterday, made it to our garden by this morning.

Best regards from Winfield BC, Canada.

— Liane

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- **Poker / Dart Night** - Fridays 6 pm. Kitchen Open
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donation of \$2.50 for seniors 60 and over; \$5 for those younger. Reservations are suggested by phoning (360) 829-2095, two days ahead if possible.



SPECIAL EVENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you have a birthday in July, don't forget to sign up for your free birthday lunch. We celebrate birthdays on the third Friday of the month. We will have some great entertainment, cake, ice cream and a special birthday flower for you. Please call the center to reserve your space

LUAU PARTY!!

Bring out your island wear and join us on Friday, July 13 as we celebrate summer with a good old-fashioned Hawaiian Luau. We will serve an island inspired lunch, fruity drinks, play some hula music, and have a relaxing time.

CRIMSON CUTUPS

Our local chapter of the Red Hats, the "Crimson Cutups," now has openings for membership. If you are interested please contact the center. Queen Mum Virginia Klein will happily inform any prospective members of all the fun adventures they have planned for the upcoming year.

HEALTH SERVICES

• **Friday, July 6** — Free hearing aid check with trained hearing technician and owner of Hear-N-Now. Replacement of batteries, minor repairs and hearing tests from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

• **Friday July 13** — On the second Friday of the month, Char from Char's Barber Shop offers 15 minute haircut appointments for only \$5. Please sign up for your time at the reception desk.

• **Monday July 16** — Footcare Clinic from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with nurses from Community Health Care Delivery System. They provide foot care on sliding fee scale up to \$27.50 by appointment. Bring your own towel. New clients must phone 1-253-593-6251 and leave name and location to be placed on a waiting list for an appointment.

• **Monday August 6** — Nurses from Good Samaritan will be here from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to provide free blood pressure checks, cholesterol checks and immunizations.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

• **Mondays, 9-11:30 a.m.** — Oil painting instruction with Lee Killmer. This is a class for beginners and new people are welcome. A \$3 fee is paid to the instructor per class.

• **Every Tuesday from 9-11 a.m.** — Our Knitters/Crafters and Project Linus ladies meet. Yarn and fabric donations for their projects are always appreciated. Project Linus afghans and quilts go to children in trauma units in south Puget Sound hospitals.

• **Every Tuesday and Friday 9:45-10:45 a.m.** — Laugh together as you exercise to music, gain strength, exercise muscles, stretch and improve balance with instructor Mary Andrews. A \$1 fee is paid to the instructor per class. Yoga classes on Tuesday and aerobics classes on Fridays.

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Financial Focus

Put (financial) Independence Day on your calendar

This month we are observing the Fourth of July. But at some point in your life, you'll want to celebrate another type of Independence Day — Financial Independence Day. When will it occur? It's up to you. Here are a few suggestions for speeding it along:

- **Feed those retirement plans.** The most important thing you can do to hasten your Financial Independence Day is to continually save and invest for retirement. Take full advantage of your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis and you can create an investment mix that reflects your risk tolerance, time horizon and retirement goals. Also, even if you have a 401(k), you may be eligible to invest in a traditional or Roth IRA. A traditional IRA's earnings can grow tax deferred — and they can grow tax free in a Roth IRA, provided you've had your account at least five years and you don't start taking withdrawals until you are at least 59-1/2. And you can fund your IRA with a wide range of investments, such as stocks, bonds and certificates of deposit (CDs).

- **Don't let your debts get out of hand.** You probably can't avoid all debts, and some of them — such as a mortgage — at least offer the possibility of tax write-offs. But the larger your debt payments, the less money you'll have to invest, so do what you can to live within your means.

- **Prepare for emergencies.** If you face some unexpectedly large medical bills, or if you need a new car or a major appliance, will you have the money available? If not, you may have to dip into your investments — and that can slow your progress toward your eventual financial freedom. To avoid this problem, build an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses. Put the money in a liquid vehicle — one with little risk of loss of principal.

- **Be a "tax-smart" investor.** Taxes can eat into your investment returns. As we've already mentioned, your 401(k) and IRA offer tax advantages, so you'll want to contribute as much as you can afford to both these vehicles. Beyond that, perhaps the most important step you can take is to follow a "buy-and-hold" strategy. By purchasing stocks and holding them for many years, you'll put off capital gains taxes until you sell. This technique also can

help you hold down commissions and give your stocks a chance to appreciate. Another tax-advantaged move that could benefit you — particularly if you're in one of the higher tax brackets — is to invest in municipal bonds. Your interest payments will be free from federal taxes; if the municipality that issues the bond is in your state, your interest payments also may be exempt from state and local taxes. (However, some municipal bonds are subject to the alternative minimum tax, so do your research before you invest.)

By making the right moves, you can someday reach your personal Financial Independence Day. So put it on your calendar of the future — and then do what it takes to reach that happy date.

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