



# Folk Talk

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## Muller and Webb in Concert

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**Sat. Nov. 15, 2025, 7:30 pm**  
**All Saints' Episcopal Church**

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Heidi Muller and Bob Webb cross the musical boundaries between original songs and traditional tunes, blending each other's influences from the Pacific Northwest to the Appalachian Mountains. Their songs feature Heidi's crystalline vocals backed by Appalachian dulcimers, guitars, mandolin, and electric cello. They have recorded four albums together, in addition to Heidi's five previous solo CDs. Described as "arguably Seattle's most beloved folk singer/songwriter" in the 1990's by the Heritage Music Review, her song "Good Road" was the theme song of the Inland Folk show on Northwest Public Radio for 30 years. She performed nationwide at venues from coffeehouses to the Kerrville Folk Festival. Her songs "Cassiopeia" and "Sacred Ground" were published in Rise Again, the sequel to the legendary Rise Up Singing songbook. One of her waltzes, "Leaving the Methow," was featured on the Masters of the Mountain Dulcimer, Volume Two recording.

In 2003, Heidi formed a duo with Bob Webb in Charleston, West Virginia. Bob is a multi-instrumentalist who has played the cello and guitar since childhood, and mandolin and mountain dulcimer for over 40 years. He performed with the New Orleans-based bluegrass group Swamp Grass in the last USO tour of Vietnam in 1972. He toured with songwriter Kate Long and played in the band Stark Raven, which became the house band for National Public Radio's Mountain Stage show. There he accompanied artists such as Odetta, Tom Paxton, Shawn Colvin, Bill Staines, Peggy Seeger and Arlo Guthrie.

Bob is also a recording engineer and has produced and engineered several public radio documentaries. Heidi and Bob now live in Joseph, Oregon at the foot of the Wallowa Mountains, where they continue to perform and teach, and host the annual adult music camp, Dulcimer Week in the Wallowas. For more information, please visit [www.heidimuller.com](http://www.heidimuller.com).

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## President's Pen by Gene Carbaugh

As I write this on Oct 21, Katrina Knight is packing her car and about to depart on a cross-country drive to her new home in Baltimore, Maryland. Katrina moved here about four years ago from Pennsylvania, attracted to this area by Dan Maher's Inland Folk radio show and her knowledge of the Tumbleweed Music Festival. Early on she got involved attending our concerts, coffee houses, and singalongs, and shortly became editor of our Folk Talk Newsletter. After a year as a Tumbleweed volunteer, she took on coordinating the entire festival, joined the 3RFS board, and has continued in those roles, now starting her fourth year. She's been a busy woman and a mover and shaker to our organization. Fortunately, she is not totally leaving us. With her decision to move to Baltimore for employment reasons, she is continuing her roles as festival coordinator and board member, albeit attending (and leading) meetings by Zoom. Thank you, Katrina, for your past service, your visionary commitment to quality festivals, and your continued service in your remote capacity. We wish you a safe, enjoyable cross-country trip, and a speedy adjustment to your new environment. And we look forward to continue working with you.

November brings the Thanksgiving holiday and reminders of all the things we have to be thankful for – homes, food, music, friends, family, a safe environment, and for the Carbaugh household, a new pet this year.

You may recall that prior to his passing, Dan Maher asked us to take on his Seeing Eye Dog, KC, when he was no longer able to care for him. KC joined us three weeks before Dan's passing and in the six months since, he has brought much joy to our lives. He has learned how to be a full-time retired service dog. For those who might be curious, we are pleased to report that he is thoroughly enjoying retirement and has made many new canine friends with whom he frolics, chases, plays tug-of-war, and wrestles with – all in good fun. He keeps trying to make friends with cats, but I've repeatedly explained to him that cats don't play or socialize the way dogs do. And surprisingly, he seems to have absolutely no interest, nor even notices, squirrels. As a Seeing Eye Dog, he was always on duty, and people were not supposed to pet him or even acknowledge his presence. Now that he is retired, he LOVES the attention he gets from everyone he meets. Dan blessed us greatly when he bequeathed KC to us – an honored, daily memory of our friend and his music. Something for which we are truly thankful.

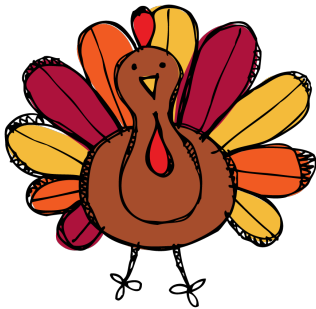
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## Christmas Gift Ideas

With the holiday season just around the corner, how about some 3RFS items as stocking stuffers or presents? For the music lover, there is our own 2-CD set "Front Row Seat" featuring live performances from past 3RFS concerts. At \$15, it's a really good deal featuring a smorgasbord of our favorite performers. We also have two song books, Rise Up Singing, and Rise Again, which are heavily used at our sing-alongs. And there is our Tumbleweed Music Festival branded merchandise, including t-shirts, hats, fans, and earrings. Maybe even grab some free buttons to decorate your tree or use as stocking stuffer. We'll have merchandise at the November 15 concert, so plan on picking something up for those special someones. Or, Contact Gene Carbaugh (509-946-0504) if you'd like to buy something but can't make the concert.

### Looking Towards Tumbleweed #30 by Katrina Knight

By now, at least some of you have heard that I am moving away. Fortunately that will not prevent me from coordinating Tumbleweed. November is the month when the planning committee meetings for the next Tumbleweed Music Festival start. (If you'd like to join in the fun, please let me know.) We'll start by picking this year's theme as well as the headliners for the Saturday concert. This will be the 30<sup>th</sup> festival and we're sure to come up with some special happenings to honor that.



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### Be a Tumbleweed Influencer! (Join the Planning Committee)

Planning for the 30th Tumbleweed Music Festival will begin in November and YOU have a chance to influence the festival without making a heavy time commitment! How? By being a part of the Festival Planning Committee. There are a number of key festival decisions to be made between now and the first of the coming year. Among these are selecting the festival theme which is the basis for the songwriting contest, selecting featured performers for the Saturday night benefit concert, and picking a festival logo. We look to have the 30th Festival be a magnificent event but need your help to make it so. Being on the planning committee need not be a high intensity commitment, only requiring participation at the monthly Zoom meetings and offering advice, ideas, and opinions on such things as budgets, publicity, merchandise, schedules, and leadership. Committee members have no specific tasks during the festival itself, but are welcome to take on specific tasks that interest them. Festival Coordinator Katrina Knight will be contacting the Planning Committee volunteers by email in early November to set up the first online Zoom meeting. Express your willingness to participate and influence the festival by contacting Katrina by email at (509) 587-3060 or [tumbleweedchair@gmail.com](mailto:tumbleweedchair@gmail.com).

### Wanted: New 3RFS Info Flyer

Our tri-fold 3RFS info flyer is now several years old and needs revision to be more eye-catching and relevant. Have you ever wanted to try your hand at creating a brochure? We could use a visually-artistic person to take our very wordy flyer and revise it to something with eye-catching pictures and briefer writing. Might that person be you? Contact Gene Carbaugh ([president@3rfs.net](mailto:president@3rfs.net)) with your interest.

### The Paperboys: Canadian Treasure

Sat. Nov. 8, 2025, 7:30 pm  
Richland High School Auditorium

The Paperboys are a globe-touring band that, in a single set, can stomp through Celtic reels, traditional Mexican folk, fiddle tunes, New Orleans brass band music, classic pop songcraft, bluegrass, and even a philosophical waltz or two, before bringing it all home with a Latino/West African singalong. They'll perform in Richland as part of the 2025-2026 season of Community Concerts of the Tri-Cities.

Three shows remain in CCTC's 2025-2026 season: The Paperboys (Nov. 8), [Project Convergence](#) (Mar. 7, 2026), and [Gentlemen's Quartet](#) (Mar. 23, 2026). A CCTC membership gets you into all three of the remaining shows for \$50 adult or \$25 youth (under 21). Tickets to individual performances are also available for \$30 adult / \$15 youth. You can purchase yours at the door or go to [CommunityConcertsTC.org](http://CommunityConcertsTC.org).

### Coffeehouse: Maddysen Hope

Fri. Nov. 14, 2025, 7 pm  
All Saints' Episcopal Church

Maddysen Hope is an 18 year-old Singer-Songwriter based in Washington State. She is deeply passionate about making music and sharing it with the world. She recently released an EP titled, "Letters From My Heart" in spring of 2025. The new release also compliments her previous releases of "Too Fast" and "Where I belong."

Coffeehouse starts at 7pm on Friday, November 14th with an Open Mic and Maddysen will take the stage at 7:30pm. Coffeehouse is hosted at the All Saints Episcopal Church in Richland.

"It's a folk singer's job to comfort disturbed people and to disturb comfortable people."  
- Woodie Guthrie

## Back to Back Singalongs!

**Fri. Nov. 7, 2025, 7 pm**  
4191 Maple Lane, West Richland

**Sat. Nov. 8, 2025, 6 pm**  
Round Table Pizza, GW Way

Every once in a while, the calendar sneaks up on us with a First Friday immediately followed by a Second Saturday. This November is the lucky strike with our First Friday Folkie Free For All (FFFFFA) on November 7, at the home of Niel and Cheryl Kierulff, 4191 Maple Lane, in West Richland. The FFFFFA (have you tried to pronounce that?) begins at 7:00 pm. Here's your chance to sing a favorite song, ask someone else to sing it, or just "pass" on the choice and enjoy the music. Then, the next night, Saturday, November 8, Join our ad hoc crew at the Richland Round Table Pizza on George Washington Way for food and music at the Second Saturday Sea Song Singalong (SSSSS is SO much easier to pronounce than FFFFFA). Order your pizza at 6:00 pm, then, beginning at 6:30 or so, we'll commence an evening of nautical music and whatever other songs strike our fancy. November is the time of serious gales on the Great Lakes with resulting shipwrecks and tales of endurance, like "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" and "Upbound and Empty." No sea faring (or any other) experience necessary, just a desire to join in the fun for the monthly Second Saturday Sea Song Singalong (SSSSS). All instruments and voices welcome... well, maybe we'll skip the bagpipes indoors.



## Folk Events Calendar

### November

<b>7</b>	First Friday Free For All	7 pm	Niel Kierulff's, West Richland
<b>8</b>	Second Saturday Sea Singalong	7 pm	Round Table Pizza, Richland
<b>8-9</b>	Fall Folk Festival The Spokane Folklore Society		Spokane Community College
<b>10</b>	3RFS Board Meeting	7 pm	Gene Carbaugh's, Richland
<b>14</b>	3RFS Coffeehouse - Maddysen Hope	7 pm	All Saints', Richland
<b>15</b>	3RFS Concert - Heidi Muller & Bob Webb	7:30 pm	All Saints', Richland
<b>17</b>	Tumbleweed Planning Meeting	6:30 pm	Zoom call
<b>27</b>	Thanksgiving Holiday!		

### December

<b>5</b>	First Friday Free For All	7 pm	Bill Darke's, Richland
<b>8</b>	3RFS Board Meeting	7 pm	Gene Carbaugh's, Richland
<b>12</b>	3RFS Coffeehouse	7 pm	All Saints', Richland
<b>13</b>	Second Saturday Sea Singalong	7 pm	Round Table Pizza, Richland
<b>14</b>	3RFS Concert - Whateverly Bros.	7:30 pm	All Saints', Richland
<b>15</b>	Tumbleweed Planning Meeting	6:30 pm	Zoom call

Gene Carbaugh's - 803 Birch Ave., Richland  
Bill Darke's - 210 Somerset st., Richland  
Niel Kierulff's - 4191 Maple Lane, West Richland  
All Saints' Episcopal Church - 1322 Kimball Ave, Richland  
Round Table Pizza - 1435 George Washington Way, Richland  
Princess Theatre Green Room - 1228 Meade Ave, Prosser

Folk uplifts ones mind and soul  
with the simple melodies, musical poetry.  
From the acoustics to the banjo twang and  
earthy bass coupled with voice and strings.  
Tells a tale that takes you back, nostalgic and  
warming to the heart. Windy moors and sun-kissed  
lovers through the nigh- to last a century  
bringing a new wave of interpretation in dress-  
brogues to tweed. The evolution from soft  
into heavy. Engulfing how you see and the rhetoric we speak.  
In arms we sing and spirit we drink.  
In folk we live, breath and speak.  
- Mathew English

**YES!**

I want to help 3RFS and  
the Tumbleweed Music  
Festival roll on!

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## Membership Application

*Your membership gives you voting rights in the  
Folklife elections, discounts on events, and is tax  
deductible.*

\_\_\_ Individual (\$20) or \_\_\_ Family (\$25) Renewal? Y / N

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**I can help 3RFS with:**

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## **Heidi Muller and Bob Webb**

*Saturday, November 15th, 2025 @ 7:30 pm*

*All Saints' Episcopal Church*

*1322 Kimball Ave, Richland*

*Tickets at the door or purchased in advance at  
[www.3rfs.org/concert.htm](http://www.3rfs.org/concert.htm)*

*\$20 general admission / \$15 3RFS Members*



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## **Coffeehouse - Maddysen Hope**

**Friday, November 14th, 2025 @ 7 pm**

**All Saints' Episcopal Church**

**1322 Kimball Ave, Richland**

**\$10 general admission / \$8 3RFS Members**



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## **First Friday Folkie Free For Alls**

**Friday, Nov. 7th, 2025 @ 7 pm**  
**4191 Maple Lane, West Richland**

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**Friday, Dec. 5th, 2025 @ 7 pm**  
**210 Somerset st., Richland**

## **Second Saturday Sea Song Singalongs**

**Saturday, Dec. 8th, 2025 @ 7 pm**  
**Round Table Pizza, Richland**

**Saturday, Dec. 13th, 2025 @ 7 pm**  
**Round Table Pizza, Richland**