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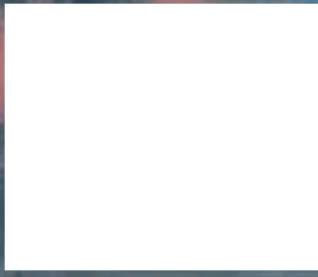
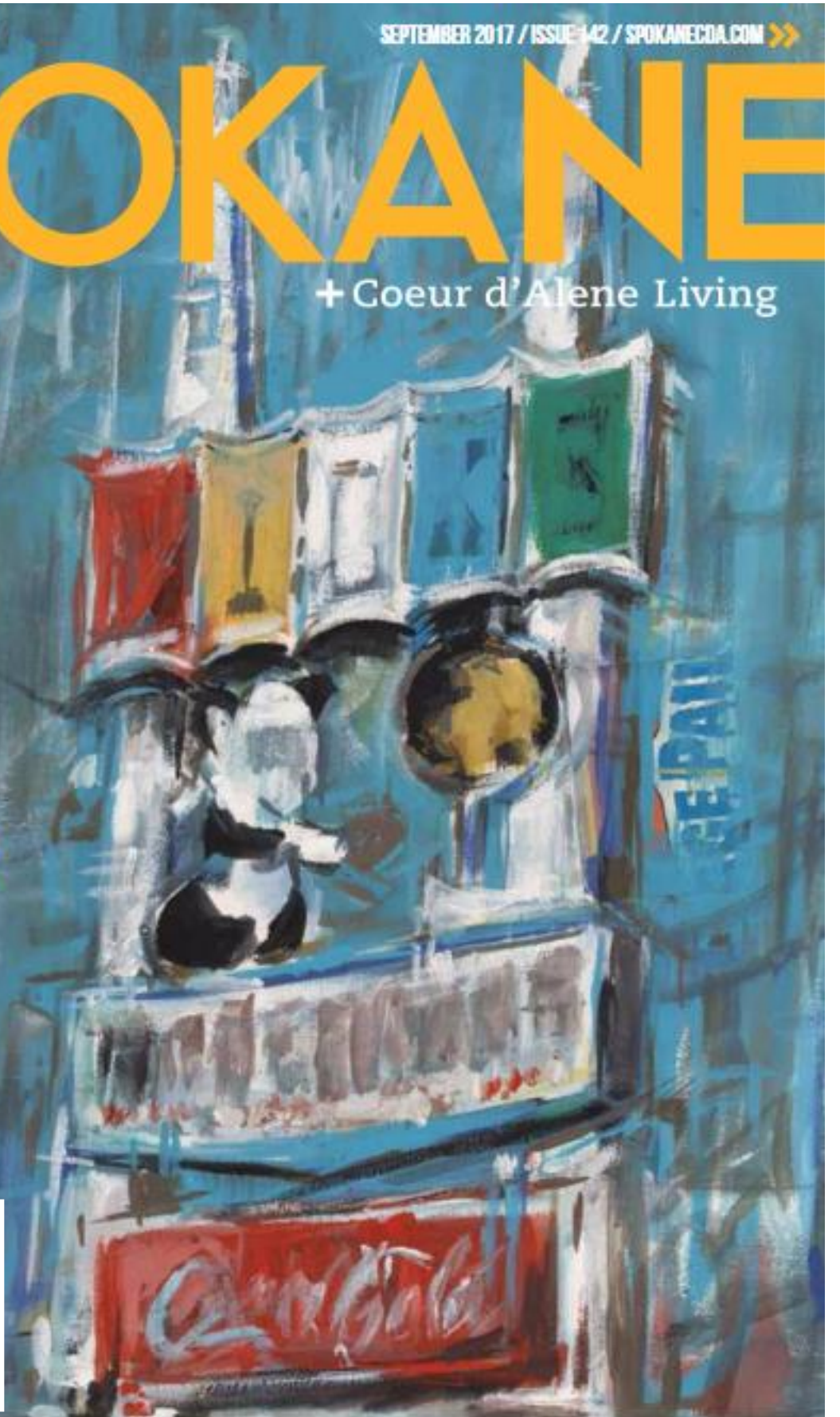
SPOKANE

+ Coeur d'Alene Living

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> 6 Hour Drive from Spokane

DISCOVERY & ADVENTURE

My 17-year old son and 12-year old daughter and I were jazzed to zip off on a family road trip to Semiahmoo in August. We had plans to hop in the refreshing indoor/outdoor pool (heated during the colder months), but we couldn't pull ourselves off of the beach—or out of the sea—so we never made it to the pool or to any of the scheduled activities. There were clams to dig for, crabs of every size to catch and release (you've never seen such tiny hermit crabs), sand dollars and shells to gather, starfish to admire, sunbathing harbor seals to spot on a walk along the spit, and peculiar sea creatures to fish for. I tear up thinking of the precious family memories we made during our brief stay, and the three of us long to go back as soon as our busy schedules allow, next time luring the big sisters along, too.

FUELING THE TROOPS

We stopped at The Market at Birch Bay on our way through Blaine on our way to the resort to fill a cooler with fruits and some basic, easy snacks and light meals to keep in our resort room. Packers Oyster Bar offers an amazing happy hour between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

by Stephanie Regalado

LOCATED ON THE WASHINGTON

coast, 90 miles north of Seattle and 40 miles south of Vancouver, Semiahmoo Resort features award-winning dining and access to a myriad of outdoor activities and fun. Located between Semiahmoo Bay and Drayton Harbor, Semiahmoo is perfect for a family adventure. On a spit boasting more than 300 acres of tideland with plenty of trails, the area is perfect for hiking, walking, beach combing, kayaking, biking, paddle boarding, and arriving back at your center of peace, hope and possibility.



every day which served as the perfect beach adventure break and early dinner. With \$7 appetizers and \$4 adult beverages, it was almost too good to be true as our table heaped with shared plates. Their calamari was some of the best I've ever eaten and an unexpected hit with my "I don't eat anything from the sea ... ever" (insert fiery eyeball glare) adolescent. Pierside Kitchen provided the elegance of the best in seaside dining and is a must for breakfast—I recommend, with all my might, the Sweet Potato and Chorizo Hash with Hollandaise Sauce. The kids and I decided, right then and there and for the rest of our lives, that pancakes could only be created like the Lemon Pancakes we shared that morning. At least one dinner must be eaten "out" with your family, as well. I haven't stopped thinking about the Salish Sea Cioppino I had for dinner, and my children haven't forgotten the meal I requested them to hush with each bite because I needed engagement of every sense to fully comprehend the stunning flavor experience.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

A safe resort campus that smoothly mixes sandy-footed humans clad in swim suits alongside business professionals on retreat; board games in the library and movies in the Discovery Theater—with a 156-inch HD projector and 50 cozy leather chairs; full-family fun including canine beasts; a giant sandbox and plush grassy areas for the littlest humans to safely play while their parents sip wine or picnic as the setting sun lights the ocean horizon on fire; a giant chessboard, beach volleyball court, corn hole and a bin full of outdoor toys for the wee ones; opportunities for ocean excursions; and beach bonfires every night with baskets of bottomless s'mores kits.

FUNFACT

Bill Gates has been a fan of Semiahmoo Resort for many years, often taking the Microsoft development team there to retreat from the grind, bond as a team, and create new products ... one of their most successful developments at Semiahmoo was Xbox. semiahmoo.com 