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Masks making comeback? p. 10

Island Shakespeare Festival returns to its roots



By Shannon Bly Whidbey Weekly

The Island Shakespeare Festival is transforming the Whidbey Institute woods in Langley into the Forest of Arden for its performance of "As You Like It," opening Friday at 6 p.m., with continuing performances Thursday through Sunday through Sept. 12.

"This play is really light and fun, and ultimately relatable;



Photo Courtesy of Island Shakespeare Festival
Rehearsals are well underway for this season of Island Shakespeare Festival. Performances of "As You Like It," under the direction of Erin Murray, begin Friday in Langley.

people flee the oppressive city into the woods, where they discover new freedom and are changed by compassionate people who show them kindness," said returning local actor Melanie Lowry. The play is adapted by Scott Kaiser and directed by Erin Murray.

"As You Like It" was the first play put on by the Island Shakespeare Festival (ISF), way back in 2010. "ISF began with this story," said ISF Artistic Director, Olena Hodges. "A band of 'merry madcaps' got together in the literal Whidbey Institute Forest of Arden, and ISF was born."

Since then, ISF has put on ensemble productions of many Shakespeare plays, bringing in actors and crew from across the country, and growing to offer three plays a year. This winter, when they decided to postpone its three 2020 plays for another year, Hodges said a performance of "As You Like It" was the obvious alternative.

"What could be more apt [after the year we've had] than joining a group of urban outcasts in their forest home where they've found community, freedom, and bliss?" said Hodges. "And it's the reckoning with oppression that strikes me most deeply this summer and with this production. Our beloved characters find their voices in the Forest of Arden. They discover a celebration of identity, and the courage to live in their skin authentically. It's real hard to do that, actually, and I hope we can breathe in a little of that courage and walk out of this experience a little more ourselves."

Miles Harrison was inspired by the first performance of "As You Like It," and went on to pursue acting by training at the Shakespeare and Company in Massachusetts. He returned to

Whidbey just before the quarantine, and is looking forward to this year's play, not as an audience member but as an actor.

"To be onstage for this return to 'As You Like It,' after returning to Whidbey, and slowly returning to our new state of play (in the world and onstage), has a poetic edge to it, a sense of delicious circuitry," he said.

Performances will follow CDC and State Department of Health safety guidelines, including social distancing and masks for audiences, but social distancing practices also changed the rehearsal process and the interaction of the actors on stage.

"It's been interesting to discover stage intimacy without that go-to option (of onstage smooching)," said Hodges. "Our intimacy and movement coordinator, Helen Roundhill, brought a fantastic vocabulary to the team. We also built into the storytelling a lot of acknowledgement for the time we're in. You'll see in the opening moments as we establish the world of the play that [the audience] is very familiar with the circumstances of the characters."

During the pandemic, ISF initially furloughed staff and cancelled its productions, turning its efforts to making masks for the community. When it became clear the pandemic would go on for a while, the company knew it needed to continue its work within the context of the times. The artistic teams from its cancelled plays worked together to create a series of digital programs called "Shakespeare Playground," available for view on ISF's website. (islandshakespearefest.org)

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With Jim Freeman



Without even needing to go to a psychiatrist, I have determined I am a binge listener.

Today I have listened to the Capitol recordings of Keely Smith with Billy May and Nelson Riddle, the music of the Lone Ranger radio shows, and the harmonies of the Everly Brothers.

I am tempted to put on some Benny Goodman next but it is hard to type while dancing.

Boot Hill

On page 138 of the August/September 2021 issue of *Cowboys and Indians*, Red Steagall, The Official Cowboy Poet of Texas, interviews Lyne Johnson, assistant director of the Boot Hill Museum in Dodge City, Kansas.

Red: "And why was it called Boot Hill?"

Lyne: "Well, there's the saying 'buried with your boots on.' You could say it kind of started right here in Dodge City. (For more info, check out www.boothill.org). People would be coming to the area and they didn't have any money; they weren't part of proper society, but people still wanted to give them what they considered to be a proper burial. So they took them on a hill outside of town and would bury them; a lot of times the graves weren't that deep. And so as a rainstorm came through and sometimes the tops would get washed away and you could see the tips of their boots sticking out of the ground."

In Dodge City, they must not call before digging.

Allen wrench

Why is the Allen wrench named *Allen* wrench? The terms *Allen wrench* and *Allen key* are derived from the Allen brand name and refer to the generic product category *hex keys*. W.G. Allen filed the first related patent in 1909 for its recessed hex-driven safety screws, a safety improvement over fasteners which protruded from machinery.

I knew you were wondering about this.

Great thinkers

The *Saturday Evening Post* is marketing a special collector's edition magazine for \$12.99, which includes stories about great thinkers. Some of their quotes are below.

Einstein: "Imagination is more important than intelligence."

Lincoln: "The best way to predict your future is to create it."

Ray Bradbury: "Stuff your eyes with wonder, live as if you'd drop dead in ten seconds."

Aaron Copland: "Meaningful music demands one's undivided attention."

Kurt Vonnegut: "To practice any art, no matter how well or badly, is a way to make your soul grow. So do it."

Hank Aaron: "Keep swinging."

Mark Twain: "Never let formal education get in the way of your learning."

Richard Nixon: "We cannot learn from one another until we stop shouting at one another - until we speak quietly enough so that our words can be heard as well as our voices."

Jack Benny: "Try to save something while your salary is small; it's impossible to save after you begin to earn more."

Ted Williams: "If you don't believe in yourself, who will?"

Norman Rockwell: "Rejection is a speed bump, not a road block."

Education

I continue to learn from my own ignorance. Tiring of late fees because I forget to pay my bills on time, I now pay my bills a month early.

When I purchase an item on Amazon, I pay the bill immediately. Using the 800 line, I am proud to pay for the item even before it has shipped. Such a benefit it is. One of the "buy products"

is when I do get my monthly statement, my balance is always zero. What an ego boost.

As we say in Freeland, "Stay current."

Inventory story

If you have ever been an executor, you know what a thankless task it is. So, heeding my disgust of all things unnecessarily saved, I am trying to rid myself of my stuff so my step-daughters can avoid such a horrible task. Why keep what I no longer need?

The advantages of not having a lot of stuff include:

1. There is way less to fix or maintain.
2. There is way less to wonder where it is.
3. There is way less pressure to use what you no longer have.
4. There is way less for the kids to inherit and take to the thrift store.

Just call it responsible parenting.

Ben Franklin

"Love your neighbor, but don't take down your hedge."

"He that is good at making excuses is seldom good at anything else."

"Life's tragedy is that we get old too soon and wise too late."

"Three may keep a secret if two of them are dead."

"Beware of the young doctor and the old barber."

"He that falls in love with himself will have no rivals."

"Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, half shut afterward."

"He that blows the coals in quarrels that he has nothing to do with has no right to complain if the sparks fly in his face."

"Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of."

The wisdom of Yogi Berra

"Half the lies they tell about me aren't true."

"It was impossible to get a conversation going. Everybody was talking too much."

"Nobody goes there anymore; it's too crowded."

"You can observe a lot just by watchin'."

Watch on

As always, Yogi was right. Not only do we observe a lot by watching, we learn a lot.

Last week, when I went to the Island County Historical Museum to enjoy the Meerkerk exhibit, I learned all about the love story of Ann and Max Meerkerk, founders of the Rhododendron Garden in Greenbank.

The story of Ann and Max is worthy of a Hallmark movie. Find out for yourself at this marvelous museum exhibit which is available to enjoy until late August.

Another option is to read their story at www.meerkerkgardens.org where you will learn what Ann's friend Sylvia Tacker said about her - "Ann had the eye of an artist, the mind of an engineer, and a soul borrowed from Leonardo."

During last month's successful fundraiser, guests were treated to the music of Skinny Tie Jazz, the Dancing Fish Vineyard's Linda McCormack's wine pairings, and the amazing slide-show and lecture by Steve Hootman, executive director and curator of the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden in Federal Way since 1992.

Know why the rhododendron is the state flower of Washington?

In 1892, the women of Washington selected the rhodie as the state flower to compete in the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. Their selection became official in 1959.

Do yourself, your family, and your house guests a favor. Treat them to a few beautiful hours at Meerkerk Gardens in Greenbank.

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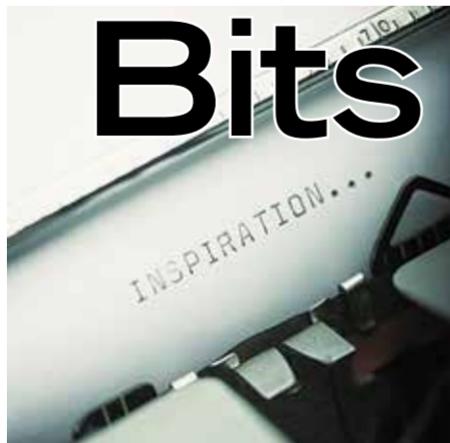
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Bits & Pieces

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

We have thoroughly enjoyed your *Inspiring Islanders* articles.

This past one of the refugee, Martin, was another outstanding piece.

We learned a lot from this article. It opened our eyes in several ways.

And it indeed did inspire us.

Keep up the good work. Your publication is much appreciated.

Ben and Sally Thompson
Clinton, Wash.

Editor,

Seems to be a lot of confusion about "critical race theory," which some want to you to interpret as "critical of the white race" theory. First of all, Karl Marx had nothing to do with it. It was born several decades ago at Yale (hardly a bastion of leftist-wing ideas). It examines race, ie. the American caste system, as a social construct, offering a framework for understanding its role in our laws and legal institutions. It explores topics like ghetto creating redlining, the FHA denial of home loans to people of color and exclusion of black soldiers from the GI Bill post WWII, for example. It is taught in some law schools, not in elementary, middle or high school.

Don't be fooled, this is just another ploy of the Republican party on behalf of the oligarchy (the super rich ie "corporations are people" folk) to deflect dialogue from real issues, like our growing climate crisis, which they alone amongst the world's political parties deny. So, why all this attention now? An internet search of the term "Critical Race Theory" reveals it appeared 1,361 times in U.S. newspapers in the previous 21 years (January, 2000 to January, 2021) but a whopping 6,000 + times in the first six months of 2021! Could the success of the Black Lives Matter, Me Too! movements and others in raising awareness about social inequity and historic brutality are threatening the social order historically benefiting rich, white men (like the Koch Bros)?

What those decrying CRT are really opposed to, and they admit it, is teaching the complete, unadulterated history of this great country. They say they are afraid if the dark side of American history is taught, white children will feel bad. So, who are the snowflakes now? Dying of Whiteness is a thing. Many of the problems we face can be directly related to those able to manipulate white supremacists and Christian Nationalists. Alt-right conservatives like Trump have often used race baiting as a tactic to excite their base. CRT is just another manipulative strategy of the oligarchy to maintain control using right wing media like Fox, which, yes, many studies, like that done by the University of Maryland, demonstrate is an effective misinformation tool. That study demonstrated that Fox viewers are less informed than those who watch no news at all (*US News & World Report* - "University Study: Fox Viewers More Misinformed").

If we want a healthier, more opportune future, we need to be less reactive and better informed. We need to make fact based decisions. Truth, indeed, is a navigational tool.

Gary & Dianna Deseck-Piazon
Coupeville, Wash.

Editor,

It has come to our attention there has been an increase of COVID-19 cases on Whidbey Island. A number of these cases have been children, one of whom is hospitalized and seriously ill. So far, in this pandemic, children have been blessed by being less likely to catch and spread the illness and less likely to become seriously ill if they do catch it. We feel we can no longer count on that as we head towards the new school year.

The one thing we can do about this as a community is to get vaccinated. The COVID-19 vaccines are as safe or safer as the other vaccines we use. Literally hundreds of millions of doses have been given with remarkably few side effects. Several of them are extraordinarily effective. If enough people in the community get vaccinated, it greatly increases the likelihood that all of us will be safe.

The time to hesitate is through.

If you are an adult and have not been vaccinated, please do so now. Even if you think you have no contact with children, do it now. If you are ages 12-18 and care about your family and friends, please get the vaccine now. It takes about 5 weeks from the first dose to get full protection and you want to have that before school starts. Getting the COVID-19 vaccine protects you personally, but it also protects your family, your community and your country. Not getting it puts everyone else at risk.

Thank You,

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Penn Cove Orca Capture Commemoration - Virtual Event

Fifty-one years ago, over 100 Southern Resident orcas were herded into Penn Cove off Whidbey Island. Seven of the young whales were netted and delivered to marine parks around the world. All but one had died by 1987. Originally named Tokitae, they now call her Lolita and she has been held captive at the Miami Seaquarium since 1970. This event is in memory of the nearly 40 Southern Resident orcas captured in Washington State and the 13 orcas killed during the captures, and in honor of Tokitae, the sole survivor.

Aug. 8 from 2:00 to 4:00PM, Orca Network will host a webinar to commemorate Tokitae's capture in Penn Cove. It will explore the cultural lives of the Southern Resident orcas and how, after all these years, Lolita/Tokitae/Sk'aliChehl-tenaut is still family. The event will include presentations from Howard Garrett, Ken Balcomb, Ralph Munro, Rosie Cayou James and Alexandra Morton, as well as music and videos.

"She is an extraordinary orca, so courageous, and yet so gentle. She shows unfathomable intelligence to survive these five decades, over 30 years longer than any other captive Southern Resident orca. She deserves our full consideration of her potential to return to her natural home, with the opportunity to see, hear, and touch her family, again," said Howard Garrett, Orca Network.

The webinar will be followed at 4:00PM by a special virtual event from the Lummi Nation. Go to <https://fb.me/e/3ZzxWLOEF> for more information.

There is no charge for the virtual event, but pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, visit www.orcanetwork.org or contact Orca Network at info@orcanetwork.org.

[Submitted by Cindy Hansen, Orca Network]

How and When to Save Garden Seeds

Saving seeds from the garden over time improves the adaptability of the plant to the climate where it was grown. South Whidbey Tilth is hosting a class at noon Sunday, Aug. 8. Brian Kenney of Deep Harvest Farm will discuss how seeds can be saved to keep favorite garden plants growing year after year. The class is free, but a donation is welcome. It will take place during the South Whidbey Tilth Farmers' Market at 2812 Thompson Road, Langley, located on Highway 525, a few miles from Freeland. For more information, contact [the education@southwhidbeytilth.org](mailto:education@southwhidbeytilth.org). Bring a chair if you have an extra.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott]

Skagit Valley College to Host Vaccine Clinics at the Mount Vernon and Whidbey Island Campuses

Skagit Valley College will host COVID-19 vaccine clinics at its Mount Vernon and Whidbey Island campuses Aug. 10 and Sept. 7, in partnership with Skagit County Public Health and Island County Public Health.

The clinics are open to SVC employees and students, as well as all community members who are 12 years and older. Clinics are walk-in; appointments are not needed. Masks are required for all individuals, regardless of current vaccination status. There is no cost for the vaccine and identification and insurance information is not required.

SVC Whidbey Island Campus:
1900 SE Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor
Tuesday, Aug. 10; 2:00-7:00PM; Oak Hall 223 and 225
Tuesday, Sept. 7; 2:00-7:00PM; Oak Hall 223 and 225

Vaccines available: Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson.

There will be phone access to translation services at the clinic.

For more information, visit www.islandcounty.wa.gov/Health/Pages/COVID-19.aspx.

Questions? Call 360-320-5000 or email e_smith@islandcounty.gov.

SVC Mount Vernon Campus:
2405 East College Way, Mount Vernon
Tuesday, Aug. 10; 4:00-7:00PM; Gary Knutzen Cardinal Center Multipurpose Room
Tuesday, Sept. 7; 4:00-7:00PM; Gary Knutzen Cardinal Center Multipurpose Room

Vaccines available: Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson.

Spanish speaking staff will be available.

Those receiving their first dose of Pfizer Aug. 10 should plan to receive their second dose Sept. 7. Call 360-416-1500 to coordinate your second dose if these dates do not work for your schedule.

SVC students and staff who receive their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna or the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at the Sept. 7 clinic will meet the two-week window prior to the first day of Fall Quarter, Sept. 21.

Skagit County Public Health is offering \$25 gift cards to those receiving their first vaccine (while supplies last). In addition, they will have Home Care Kits (digital thermometer, Advil, gloves, masks, and household sanitizing supplies) to give away to those who need them.

For more information, visit www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/HealthDiseases/coronavirus-vaccine.htm.

Questions? Call 360-416-1500.

For directions to the SVC Mount Vernon and Whidbey Island campuses, visit skagit.edu/svc-locations. Any updates and information available at skagit.edu/vaccines.

[Submitted by Marisa Pierce, Skagit Valley College]

Are trust services right for you?

If you're extremely busy with your career and family and you've accumulated a fair amount of assets, you might be concerned about a variety of issues related to financial management and legacy planning. Specifically, you might think you don't have the time or expertise to deal with these matters effectively. If this is the case, you might want to consider using a trust company.

You might think you need to have a large estate or millions of dollars to benefit from working with a trust company, but that's not the case. And if you're not familiar with what a trust company can do, you might be surprised at all the services it can provide, including the following:

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- **Financial management during incapacity** – If you were to become incapacitated and couldn't make financial decisions, a trust company can step in, giving you peace of mind from knowing that your financial assets will be managed by a team of professionals, helping protect you and your family from potentially dire consequences.

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In addition to providing these practical services, a trust company may benefit you in a more intangible way. It's unfortunate but true that, in many families, dividing up assets can cause conflict and bitter feelings. But when a trust company serves as trustee, it impartially administers distribution of the assets based on the instructions you've provided in the trust – helping minimize family disputes over inheritances.

If you ever feel like the complexities of wealth management and trust administration are getting to be more than you can handle – or perhaps more than you want to handle – consider contacting a trust company. You might find that it can make your life a lot easier.

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Island Angler

THE LORE OF SPORTFISHING

By Tracy Loescher

PRIME TIME!

It's finally here, the peak of the summer salmon season. All of the saltwater Marine Areas surrounding Whidbey Island (6, 8-1, 8-2, and 9) are open to some salmon species retention. Area 6 opened July 1; Area 9 opened July 16; and Areas 8-1 and 8-2 opened Aug. 1. This means for the next few weeks, Island Anglers, no matter where we are on Whidbey, can try our luck at hooking a salmon. Of course the state could/will suspend fishing in some areas based on our success and reaching the given catch-quota, but hopefully we all can get out on the water and catch dinner before this happens.

It is important we take the time to understand what species of salmon the state is allowing us to retain in each area. For example a fish that falls under the threatened species list or Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed fish might be retainable in only one area, and for only a short period of time. At the same time in all the other Marine Areas, these same fish must be released and only clipped/ marked fish may be retained. Pink salmon will not be clipped or marked; they are considered a "wild fish." Fortunately, we are normally allowed to keep them in all areas. However, Chinook, coho, sockeye, and chum salmon species are monitored much more closely by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) fish counters, so these are the biggest differences of which we must be aware.

The pink salmon catch reports from shore are very good right now. I have had reports of pinks being caught in Area 9 at Admiralty Inlet, Lagoon Point, and Bush Point. These are all beaches with public access. Bush and Lagoon point beaches are fairly small and can quickly get crowded, but most Islanders are used to this type of fishing and will get out of the way to allow a person to fight and land their fish. The lure that has been catching the fish is the old, faithful, pink "BuzzBomb," the "pink Rotator," and fishermen have been hooking up with herring under a float that is allowed to drift along with the slow-moving current. If you are a drift fisher, be sure to use some beach etiquette while letting the rig drift down the beach. Now is the time when the transiting coho (silvers) and Chinook (kings) will be mixed with the pinks, so be prepared for a bigger than usual pull on the rod, and if you want to target the silvers, have a pearl-colored lure rigged.

The armada of Chinook fishermen trolling for kings in Area 9 is having above average luck. I saw two 10-pound, one 15-pound, and one 20-pound

clipped Chinooks, plus one 7-pound clipped coho come to the dock last week and this was out of only two boats I spoke with. Most of the fish were caught on green or pink "silver horde" spoons towed behind a red-racer pattern flasher. I saw a few boats drifting and mooching with banana weights and herring during tide change near the Marrowstone end of Mid Channel Bank; I watched 10 to 12 boats darting (jigging) for kings on the west side of Fort Casey near the southwest point of the state park. I did not see any nets fly or fish landed during my short stay.

If sockeye salmon are on your radar to catch, Baker Lake will be open until Aug. 31. Last year the state transferred 7,384 fish from the Baker River trap into the lake ending around Aug. 12; as of July 29, they have put 10,953 into Baker Lake. For the anglers who have this fishery figured out, the fishing should be at least as good as last year, probably a shy better. All of the fishermen I have talked with over the years say these fish are primarily early morning biters, and are schooled at an average depth of 30- to 40-feet deep. As the sun rises into the sky it will drive the fish deeper, so keep this in mind and fish deeper hour to hour. Red or pink, small presentation, and slow is the general rule of thumb to catch these fish, however do not rule out trolling a whole sand shrimp rig; I have fished (plunked from the bank) for these fish in the Skagit River and they will bite an offering big enough to choke a horse.

I mentioned a few weeks ago the possibility of an extended halibut season. Well it's going to happen. The state has recognized the recreational quotas were not met during the May season so we will indeed get more opportunities to fish for the "steak-of-the-sea." Here are the planned dates: Marine Areas 3 through 10 - Open Aug. 19-21, 26-28; Sept. 2-4, 9-11, 16-18, and 23-25. (Open Thursdays through Saturdays from Aug. 19 through Sept. 25.) We are still restricted to four halibut per year, per person, so I still don't agree with the chopped up days, but I am happy we are getting the extra chance to catch these fish.

Fill out your catch-cards in a timely manner; I hope we all get to fill a salmon card this summer. Unfortunately, a second card has a fee of around \$10, which I think should be free of charge considering we fishermen are gathering and reporting the needed data. Warm days and hot fishing is at hand so get out and fish! Be sure to take the young anglers, stay hydrated, be safe, and GOOD LUCK out there! Here is my email - feel free to send me a fishing tale or ask questions: tfishmonger@gmail.com.

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Live Music: Island Jazz Group

Friday, August 6, 6:00-9:00PM

Penn Cove Taproom, Oak Harbor

The IJG plays all forms of jazz from swing to Latin to blues but prefer lyrical, foot tapping, finger snapping music from the Great American Jazz Songbook. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-2247 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

PNW Conducting Institute Finale Concert

Saturday, August 7, 2:00PM

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley

Presented by Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra.

For tickets, visit www.wicaonline.org.

Live Music: Baz Stevens

Saturday, August 7, 6:00-9:00PM

Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland

No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

American Roots Music Series

Saturday, August 7, 7:00-8:00PM

Deception Pass State Park, North Beach Amphitheater

Locally grown cellist Gretchen Yanover began playing cello in Seattle public schools. She was immersed in the world of classical music until her college years, when she expanded her range to include playing in bands. Once she was introduced to a loop sampler, Gretchen found a new voice for her instrument. The concert is free to attend, though a Discover Pass or Day Pass is required for parking. Bench seating is available, but feel free to bring your own folding chair. Blankets and bug spray are highly recommended. For more information, visit: <http://parks.state.wa.us/folkarts>, or contact Makaela Kroin, program coordinator, at Makaela.Kroin@parks.wa.gov or 360-902-8635.

Street Dance: Western Heroes

Wednesday, August 11, 6:00-8:00PM

Bayview Cash Store, 5603 Bayview Rd, Langley

Western Heroes is a group of local musicians who have been providing original dance music to the Whidbey Island community for 14 years. From polka to punk its diverse collection of songs are all played with one goal in mind: to get people up and moving, rain or shine! Free admission and family friendly. Beverages are available for purchase. Keep an eye on <https://goosefoot.org/news-events/> for up-to-date information on COVID-19 safety regulations in place at the time.

By the Harbor Vintage Market

Saturday, August 14, 9:00AM-6:00PM

Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor

Antiques, primitives, great junque with seafood and classic cars (10:00AM-1:00PM). For more information, email dinasgreatfinds@gmail.com or director@oakharbormainstreet.com.

Sticks 'N Bones

Saturday, August 14, 1:00PM

South Whidbey Community Center, Langley

Saturday, August 14, 4:00PM

Windjammer Park, Oak Harbor

Brass and percussion bonanza presented by Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra. For free tickets or more information, visit www.pnwmusic.org or call 360-929-3045.

American Roots Music Series

Saturday, August 14, 7:00-8:00PM

Deception Pass State Park, North Beach Amphitheater

La Famille Léger, this French-Canadian family band was born of a time when family and friends would gather in the kitchens of Québec and New Brunswick to make music and dance. The Légers play the dancing music of Acadia and French Canada with fiddle, accordion, guitar, and podorythmie (foot rhythms). The concert is free to attend, though a Discover Pass or Day Pass is required for parking. Bench seating is available, but feel free to bring your own folding chair. Blankets and bug spray are highly recommended. For more information, visit: <http://parks.state.wa.us/folkarts>, or contact Makaela Kroin, program coordinator, at Makaela.Kroin@parks.wa.gov or 360-902-8635.

Street Dance: PETE

Wednesday, August 25, 6:00-8:00PM

Bayview Cash Store, 5603 Bayview Rd, Langley

PETE is the quintessential Whidbey Island garage band, performing rock and blues dance music and American groove music. Rain or shine! Free admission and family friendly. Beverages are available for purchase. Keep an eye on <https://goosefoot.org/news-events/> for up-to-date information on COVID-19 safety regulations in place at the time.

Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below

Cost: Free:

Discuss the Classics with Rita Bartell Drum

Thursdays, 12:30 or 7:00PM

Enjoy a pleasant hour of shared wisdom and fellowship as we consider the words and hope of times past and weave a fabric of renewed hope by leaning on the "Classics." Contact ritadrum777@gmail.com for Zoom link.

Galleries & Art Shows

An Art Exposé: A Curio of Animals

Friday, August 6, 5:00-8:00PM

Saturday, August 7, 11:00AM-6:00PM

Blueschool Arts, 6451 S. Harding, Clinton

After a long year it's time to have fun. Life long artists and twins, Carrie Whitney and Connie Robbins have finally teamed together for this summer show. Local artist, Whitney's latest works takes a colorful, playful approach to painting animals in hopes of embracing fun and beauty. Robbins' approach takes the twist of an ancient classic batik wax and watercolor technique and applies it to wildlife painting to create hauntingly beautiful images. Come join the fun, see some beautiful art and even take home some inspiration.

Classes, Seminars and Workshops

NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting Course

Friday, August 20, 6:00-9:00PM

Saturday, August 21, 9:00AM-5:00PM

NWSA Range, 886 Gun Club Rd., Oak Harbor

Cost: \$50

This course introduces students to the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary for owning and using a pistol safely. The pistol handling and shooting portion is completed at the NWSA range where students will learn about safe gun handling, pistol shooting fundamentals, and pistol shooting activities. The Basics of Pistol Course will also help prepare the student for participation in other NRA courses. Students can register online at nrainstructors.org.

For questions or to register, call NRA instructor John Hellmann at 360-675-8397 or email NWSA.Training@gmail.com. Additional information can be found at www.northwhidbeysportsmen.org.

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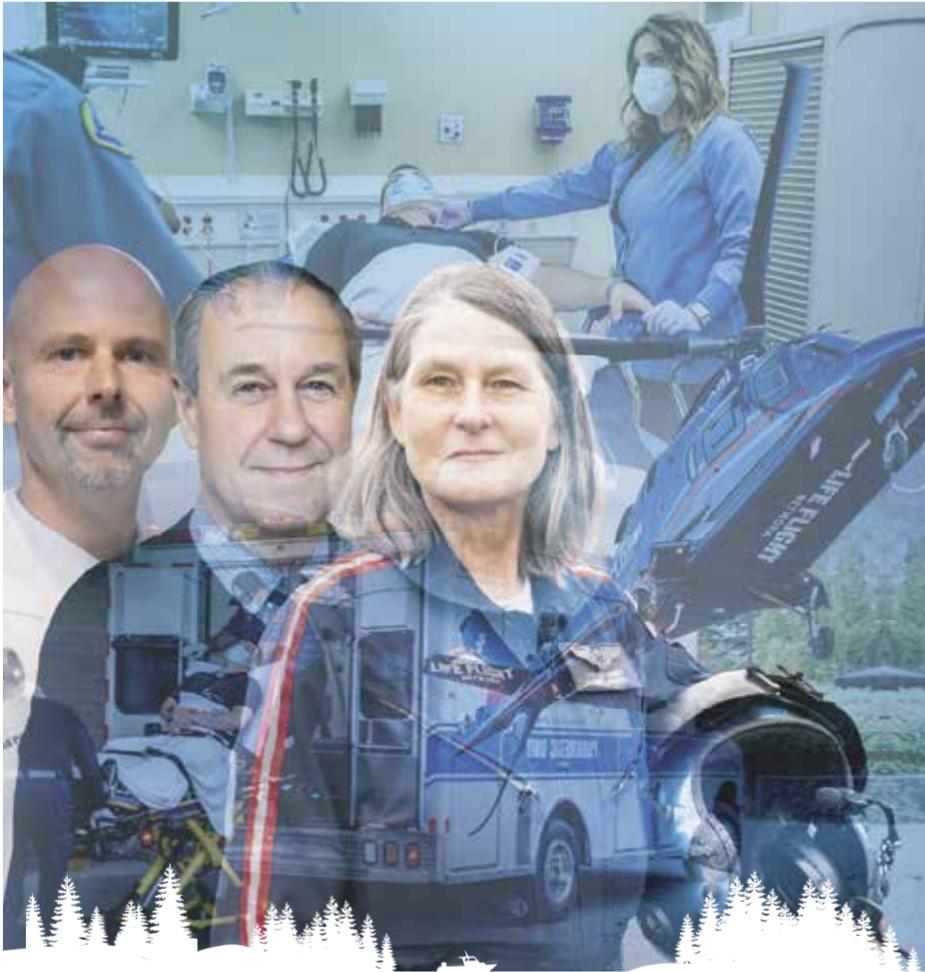
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Visit From the Southern Residents Dampened by Sad News of Iconic Male K21

One hundred and eight days after their last visit, members of J-Pod returned to inland waters July 27 alongside whales from K- and L-Pods. The sighting was a short visit rather than a 'return' of the whales to what used to be their core summer habitat, as the next morning they were already heading back west out towards the open ocean.

The exciting moment of seeing them, including the youngest calf L125, a female born earlier this year, was dampened Wednesday when a commercial whale watch vessel discovered a single orca in distress near Race Rocks in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, where tours often stop to view pinnipeds. The whale, identified as adult male Southern Resident K21, also known as Cappuccino, was in poor body condition, emaciated and with a collapsed dorsal fin, which can sometimes accompany illness in wild orcas.

"Cappuccino is one of the best-known Southern Residents, easily identifiable by his checkmark shaped saddle patches and a notch in his tall dorsal fin," said Shields. The 35 year-old male has been without any living immediate family members since the loss of his presumed sister K40 Raggedy in 2012, but had been "adopted" by adult female K16 Opus with whom he regularly traveled. "The average life expectancy of a male resident killer whale is about 30 years," explained Shields. "It's never easy to lose one of these whales, but it's even worse when they aren't living a complete life. K21 at least had that."

When seen July 28, K21 was several miles behind the rest of his pod making little progress attempting to swim against the strong currents. Some speculate he was left behind, while others suggest he may have chosen to be alone in this moment. In recent years, all three Southern Resident pods have gathered several times in the Salish Sea alongside a birth or death in the population. "We will never know for sure why they all came here now, or how they made the decision of whether or not to be with K21 at this time," said Shields. "While there are many similarities between us and them, whale culture is not human culture. I trust them to handle these difficult moments in the way that is right for them."

The images of K21, shared on social media by a whale watch company out of Sooke, did not show any obvious visible signs of an external injury such as a ship strike. While clearly malnourished, it is unsure what contributed to his severe physical decline - illness, lack of food, or most likely some combination of factors. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans in Canada was attempting to get on scene to assess his status further, and any inquiries regarding the details of his condition or potential updates should be directed to them.

[Submitted by Monika Wieland Shields, Orca Behavior Institute]

Visit The Langley Friday Street Market

Wander along Downtown Langley this summer and enjoy locally made art, jewelry, gift items, body care, candles, organic produce and food. Shop the local shops, grab some take out and a spot on the lawn behind Blue Sound music and enjoy live music!

The market is located at the north end of 2nd Street from Cascade to the Plaza every Friday, through Sept. 17, from 11:30AM to 4:00PM.

Follow the Market on Instagram @visitlangley for weekly vendor updates and information.

[Submitted by Emily Switzer, Langley Chamber of Commerce]

Encourage Your Inner Artist to Shine This Summer Announcing Civility First's 4th Annual Art & Photography Contest

The board of Civility First invites participants of all ages to submit an original artwork or photograph with the theme of "Respect Others, Listen, & Be Kind."

Participants will enter the contest in one of the following age categories: children (12

and under), youth (13-18), adult (over 18). A cash prize will be given to the winner and two runners-up in each age category. All entries will be submitted electronically.

Invite your friends and family to join in this artistic endeavor – taking an idea and turning it into a photo or drawing or painting or even a sculpture.

Deadline to submit is Aug. 15, with entries judged by the Pacific Northwest Art School. Winners will be announced by the end of September.

The Civility First website will exhibit the entries as part of Civility month, October 2021. The organizers plan to have a reception to honor all artists during Civility Month. For complete information about the contest and to enter, please go to www.civilityfirst.org/art-contest.html.

[Submitted by Elizabeth Guss]

NAS Whidbey Island's SAR Conducted Two Missions Last Weekend

A Search and Rescue (SAR) team from Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island assisted in a rescue on Mt. Stuart Friday night, then performed a second rescue at Nada Lake near Mt. Stuart in the early morning hours Saturday.

Initially, the SAR team launched from NAS Whidbey Island at about 9:00PM Friday, July 30, to rescue a 24-year-old woman who was hypoglycemic near the top of Mt. Stuart. While wildfire smoke degraded visuals, the SAR crew was able to spot two flashlights about 300 feet below the peak.

Shifting and dangerous winds, along with exceptionally high temperatures affecting density altitude, created mission conditions the SAR team determined too dangerous to perform.

The SAR crew departed the scene and flew to Pangborn Memorial Airport in Wenatchee to refuel and pick up a ground SAR team.

After reducing helicopter weight by dropping off excess gear and two NAS Whidbey Island SAR crew at Pangborn, the SAR team flew with four of the ground SAR team to a landing zone near Leavenworth to pick up a paramedic. The SAR team transported the five ground rescuers to a spot below the patient where they could safely perform a one-wheel landing on the slope.

The ground SAR team were able to reach the patient and treat her. By Saturday afternoon she had reached lower elevations on her own. Local authorities then informed the SAR team they would no longer need their assistance.

As the NAS Whidbey Island SAR team headed back to Pangborn Memorial Airport to pick up their gear and personnel they had left behind following their mission, they received another call to rescue a 59-year-old woman with possible heat stroke at Nada Lake, about 7 miles from Mt. Stuart. While retrieving their gear and crew members at Pangborn, the SAR crew conducted a risk assessment for the new mission while the local authorities processed their request through the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. The SAR crew determined they could perform the mission safely and received authority to conduct the rescue at 1:00AM Saturday by AFRCC to proceed with the rescue.

Twenty-five minutes later they were on scene and had inserted two crew members via rappel. The patient was extracted a little after 2:00AM and transported to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle by 2:30AM.

Naval Air Station Whidbey Island SAR has conducted 32 missions this calendar year, which includes five MEDEVACs, 23 rescues, and three searches.

The Navy SAR unit operates three MH-60S helicopters from NAS Whidbey Island as search and rescue/medical evacuation (SAR/MEDEVAC) platforms for the EA-18G aircraft as well as other squadrons and personnel assigned to the installation. Pursuant to the National SAR Plan of the United States, the unit may also be used for civil SAR/MEDEVAC needs to the fullest extent practicable on a non-interference basis with primary military

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Community Counts

By Phil Semas
Retired journalist who lives on South Whidbey

A NEW SOURCE OF HELP WITH GETTING HELP

If you need help finding a place to live, where do you turn? What about finding child care so you can work? Finding a job? Paying your bills? Paying for medical care?

Whidbey has many services for people in need, but it's not always easy to connect with them. An effort is now under way to create a central place where people can get the help they need.

Good Cheer Food Bank is creating a Community Connection Center, where trained staff and volunteers, called navigators, will connect food bank shoppers with services from the island's many nonprofits, as well as the county government. They will do more than provide information. They will make calls, help people navigate the organizations' requirements and follow up to make sure people's needs are met. They call it "a warm hand-off."

Why do this at a food bank? Good Cheer wants to tackle the underlying reasons why people end up at a food bank: lack of affordable housing, low wages and a high cost of living, expensive health care, and expensive child care.

"People that come here are struggling on some level," says Carol Squire, Good Cheer's executive director. "We get that cross-section here. People that come here might be slipping through the cracks of the other services."

She says food banks that see such needs often add other services themselves, but "we don't need to do that because we're in a community that has a lot of services." Good Cheer has fliers available from other organizations but has found it's not sufficient, because the information is often out of date and people find it difficult to hook up with organizations on their own.

"The people who need help are the ones who have the least available time to pursue something," says Squire. "They don't necessarily know what language to use, in the sense of what should they ask for or how should they ask."

To accommodate the center, Good Cheer will add on to its existing building in Bayview. Construction has just begun and, until it is complete, the service is being offered in a gazebo in front of the building.

Two AmeriCorps workers at Good Cheer, Rachel Joseph and Arden Meyer, have been contacting organizations and collecting information about services available across the island. They have information from more than 20 groups and are continuing to add more. For now, they will serve as the navigators, but they will eventually train volunteers to take on this role.

Here are some of the organizations who will be part of the Community Connection Center:

Citizens Against Domestic and Sexual Abuse, or CADA, provides services for people suffering any kind of domestic abuse, including sexual abuse, spousal abuse, child abuse, and elder abuse. Services include referrals to therapists, safety planning, legal support, and referrals to other organizations.

Child Care Aware of Washington Family Centers helps families find child-care providers and apply for state subsidies available to homeless families.

The Friends of Friends Medical Support Fund provides financial help with medical costs, including medications, doctors' visits, hospital and laboratory bills, medical supplies and equipment, mental health services, and dental care.

Hearts and Hammers mobilizes volunteers to repair homes for people who cannot afford to hire a contractor.

Helping Hand of South Whidbey helps with rent, mortgage payments, utilities, car repairs and other bills.

The Healthy Island Youth Initiative offers financial assistance to allow children and young people to participate in sports and other physical activities.

I Support the Girls provides essential items, including underwear, menstrual hygiene products, and toiletries, to women and girls.

The Island County Housing Support Center works to find housing for people at shelters or low-income-housing projects.

Island Senior Resources provides services to the elderly, including transportation to medical appointments, Meals on Wheels, a "lending library" for medical equipment, and support groups.

Kids First supports foster children and families in Island and San Juan Counties, including education, activities, and health.

Mother Mentors provides support and counsel for parents and caregivers of young children.

The Opportunity Council provides a wide range of assistance to homeless and low-income families, including food, emergency shelter and housing, early-childhood education and other children's services, home weatherization and repair, and employment services.

Readiness to Learn operates the Family Resource Center in Langley that helps parents and children, providing everything from donated clothing to household supplies to parenting classes.

Safe Ride provides emergency transportation for people who are unable to drive.

SPiN Cafe provides services to homeless and other people in need, including hot meals, sack lunches, laundry, and housing referrals.

The Veterans Resource Center helps veterans obtain benefits and other services.

The Whidbey Homeless Coalition seeks to alleviate homelessness on the island. It operates two shelters and works with the county Housing Support Center to find housing for people.

WorkSource is a partnership of government and nonprofit groups that provide employment and training services to job seekers and employers, including help with job searches, resumes and cover letters, interviewing techniques, and financial aid, as well as advise and counseling.

In addition, a lawyer on the Good Cheer board is lining up sources of legal assistance.

Information and connections with these and other groups is now available at Good Cheer's headquarters in Bayview.

What you can do:

Good Cheer has started a capital campaign to support construction of the addition to the food bank that will house the Community Connection Center. You can donate online at www.goodcheer.org or with a check mailed to P.O. Box 144, Langley, WA 98260. Note "for addition" on your donation.

The many services available to Good Cheer food bank shoppers are made possible by many great organizations that may also be in need of financial or other types of support. Please reach out and give and do what you can.

If you are part of such an organization and do not have a relationship with Good Cheer through the Community Connectors, please email community@goodcheer.org.

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Masks recommended due to rising COVID infections

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Thanks to the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus, even those who have been vaccinated have not seen the last of face masks and kids and teachers heading back to school will also have to don the protective apparel.

In a press conference last week, Gov. Jay Inslee announced all teachers and students will be required to wear face coverings inside when they head back to the classroom, in accordance with CDC guidelines for schools. In addition, Inslee has asked all Washington residents, regardless of their vaccination status, to consider wearing masks while indoor public spaces.

The push to continue to wear masks is being prompted by a declining number of new vaccinations and a rapid rise in the number of COVID cases across the state, including Island County. The Delta variant is believed to be the cause of the increase.

"The state of Washington is at risk because of the rising cases of COVID and the Delta variant that is so dangerous," Inslee said last week. "We know that progress has been slowed because of the Delta variant and we know we have to remain vigilant, primarily because not enough people have been vaccinated."

Inslee said the state appears to be entering a "fifth wave" of infections.

"Whatever you call it, these numbers are going up dramatically, and that is most concerning," he said. "We know the dominant variant today is the Delta variant. It is twice as infectious, it is more likely to cause serious illness, and it is easily the most dangerous variant to date of this virus."

The governor said the Delta variant is so different from previous variants, it could almost be considered a new virus. The key to beating this variant, he said, remains vaccination.

"We would have liked to have thought that



when we reached this level of vaccination, that we would have blunted this virus," Inslee said. "But the mutations that have occurred with this virus are significantly more infectious. That makes it very clear to us there is one way out of this pandemic, and that is more vaccinations."

Health department data shows that while 70 percent of eligible residents have been vaccinated in Washington, vaccination rates vary widely from county to county. As of last week in Island County, for example, the percentage of people who had initiated vaccination (received at least the first dose) was 61.2 percent. Island County commissioners, in the regular commission meeting last week, discussed the vaccination rate and shared some of their concerns over the rise of local cases.

"The state talks about 70 percent as a goal," said commissioner Janet St. Clair. "In my opinion...just knowing the little bit I do, that's a laudable goal, but that doesn't get us to this mythical 'herd immunity,' it's just a laudable goal to try to get 70 percent of our population vaccinated. The reason I make this

point is, we are not safe at 61 percent, we're not even really, truly safe at 70 percent."

Following the meeting, Island County commissioners issued a statement saying the county will continue to follow the masking guidelines issued by the state Department of Health and the Department of Labor and Industries. That means the county recommends those who are vaccinated wear face coverings in public indoor settings – it is not a mandate. Those who are unvaccinated MUST wear a mask in public indoor settings. Masks are still required for everyone at hospitals, doctor offices, long term care facilities, correctional facilities, homeless shelters, schools, child care centers and day camps and on public transportation. Businesses are allowed to set their own mask requirements.

According to the CDC, 96 percent of hospitalizations due to COVID are among the unvaccinated population. At WhidbeyHealth Medical Center, the overall number of inpatients declined over the previous week, and 13 percent of those currently hospitalized as of Monday afternoon had a COVID-related illness.

"While we have a lower inpatient percentage of COVID-related ill patients, the number of COVID swab tests from patients presenting in our Emergency Department (on their own or via EMS transportation) is continuing to rise," said Conor O'Brien, WhidbeyHealth marketing manager. "WhidbeyHealth believes and is preparing for a full wave of the Delta variant of COVID-19. While we have not performed any epidemiological studies of Island County or our Island population, we are seeing that the people getting sick are the unvaccinated."

As cases continue to rise, local medical officials are urging people to get vaccinated.

"While many social restrictions have been lifted in the past few weeks, our county's case rates per 100,000 have increased to near pandemic levels again," O'Brien said. "We would be delighted to have all of Island County vaccinated, but understand that some in our community have decided not to do so. Again, WhidbeyHealth is strongly encouraging everyone 12+ years old to be vaccinated."

Island County Public Health said there are plenty of appointments available at vaccination providers. Plus, the county will be offering free vaccinations at upcoming community events like the Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival, the Coupeville Lions annual garage sale and the Oak Harbor Music Festival.

"We will continue any outreach that helps us reach unvaccinated people with information they need to make a decision to get vaccinated," Don Mason, Island County Public Health COVID manager, said at the commissioners' meeting. "If you want a vaccination, we will make that happen for you. We will come to you, we'll set up an appointment for you, you can do walk-in just about everywhere."

Find more information at doh.wa.gov, island-countywa.gov and whidbeyhealth.org.

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As so many have learned over the course of the last year, digital is a poor substitute for in-person, and ISF is ready to give that face-to-face experience to Whidbey audiences again.

"Especially in light of essential workers last spring, we knew the essential work of keeping people alive and safe was at the forefront. We also knew that catharsis would be essential as the pandemic eventually ebbed, and that live theatre would be an essential piece of that. I think Shakespeare in particular offers such deep human feelings that can be so hard to articulate until we see them acted in front of us. There's validation in that experience," said Hodges.

The actors and crew of ISF have all missed performing live and are excited to be back, said Lowry. They've been working hard, both on and off stage, to put on a safe show that will bring audiences "a big smile and an engaging discussion on the ride home," agreed Harrison.

"We also owe an incredible debt of gratitude," said Hodges "to a community who have supported and buoyed us and reminded us of our value along the way. We know we have something special here, and we are honored to be here today to share it with you.

ISF's "As You Like It" will play from August 6-September 12, Thursday – Sunday at 6 p.m. at 5476 Maxwellton Road in Langley. Admission is pay-what-you-will. Information is available at islandshakespearefest.org.



Photo Courtesy of Island Shakespeare Festival
A group of "urban outcasts" find community in the Forest of Arden in "As You Like It," the William Shakespeare play being produced by the Island Shakespeare Festival this summer. Live performances open Friday and will continue through Sept. 12.



Photo Courtesy of Island Shakespeare Festival
Step into the Forest of Arden with this summer's Island Shakespeare Festival presentation of William Shakespeare's "As You Like It," opening Friday at 5476 Maxwellton Road in Langley. Performances with continue every Thursday through Sunday until Sept. 12.



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duties according to applicable national directives, plans, guidelines and agreements; specifically, the unit may launch in response to tasking by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (based on a Washington State Memorandum of Understanding) for inland missions, and/or tasking by the United States Coast Guard for all other aeronautical and maritime regions, when other assets are unavailable.

[Submitted by Mike Welding, Public Affairs Officer, NAS Whidbey Island]

Local Business News

Rob Schouten Gallery Presents A Walk Around Langley
Oil and watercolor paintings by James Tennison

James Tennison will be in the gallery Saturday from 5:00 to 7:00PM during Langley's First Saturday Art Walk.

The picturesque town of Langley on Whidbey Island, with its galleries, shops, and restaurants in a garden-like setting, is the subject of Tennison's new exhibition. His detailed observation of the town's architecture, environs, and wildlife are depicted beautifully in this remarkable artist's paintings. What particularly interests him is the effect of light - sunlight and shadows - and the colors that can be seen in shadows and reflected light if one looks closely.

See more of Tennison's work at www.robschoutengallery.com/james-tennison.

The gallery will also be exhibiting bronze sculptures by Georgia Gerber and Sharon Spencer, layered glass landscapes by Steph Mader, raku-fired ceramic vessels by Joan Govedare, witty assemblages by Pam Kueny Taylor and Sara Saltee, woodwork by Bruce Launer, Don Wodjenski, and Gary Leake, as well as paintings by several other northwest artists.

Rob Schouten Gallery, a premier showcase for Whidbey Island and northwest artists, is located at 101 Anthes Avenue, Langley. August gallery hours: Weekends 10:00AM to 5:00PM; Weekdays 11:00AM to 5:00PM.

For further information, call 360-222-3070 or email info@robschoutengallery.com.

Whidbey Art Market

Come see a wide display of Whidbey Island's talented artists at the Whidbey Art Market at the Red Barn Gallery in Freeland.

The August Whidbey Art Market is being held Saturday from 10:00AM to 5:00PM, and Sunday from noon to 4:00PM at the Red Barn Gallery, 819 Bush Point Road in Freeland, an authentic and beautiful Whidbey Island dairy barn that has been converted into an art gallery.

Whidbey Art Market is an informal and ever-changing group of Whidbey Island visual artists, coming together to share their art in fun and safe settings throughout the island. The variety of art works includes: oil, acrylic and mixed media paintings; photography; sculpture; basketry; textiles; recycled metal assemblage; and much more.

Visit @Whidbey Art Market online and subscribe to their email list for reminders and announcements at www.whidbeyartmarket.com. Contact Kim at whidbeyartmarket@gmail.com with questions.

Oak Harbor's Read and Create Space Hosts Free Book Swap and Creative Activities Event

The new Read and Create Space of Oak Harbor, located at 210 S.E. Pioneer Way, is hosting its next free, community events Wednesdays, August 11 and 25, from 4:00 to 7:00PM.

The Read and Create Space events are fun and creative events where people of all ages are invited to come and enjoy free books, games, and puzzles. While visiting, guests are encouraged to take some time and utilize a variety of art supplies and creative activities being offered.

Guests are welcome to bring books to donate, if they wish, and/or select from books donated.

Donations of books and/or usable art supplies are welcome at the Read and Create Space's collection box at the Oak Harbor Sears store.

These events are seeking volunteers. Hosts are needed, as well as people to help sort books and donations between events. To volunteer or for more information, email eventsandinfo@comcast.net.

Find Read and Create Space on Facebook at [Facebook.com/ReadandCreateSpaceOakHarbor](https://www.facebook.com/ReadandCreateSpaceOakHarbor).

The Craig McKenzie Team Surpasses \$1.5 Million Goal Supporting Homes for Heroes

The Craig McKenzie Team, part of Keller Williams Realty, just surpassed their \$1.5 million milestone supporting over 550 families through Homes for Heroes. With a passion for giving back, The Craig McKenzie Team looks at Homes for Heroes as the driving force that makes them the top-selling real estate team on Whidbey Island. As Homes for Heroes affiliates, this team is able to give back thousands of dollars in rebates towards the Heroes that serve and sacrifice for their community every single day.

Established in 2002 in Minneapolis, MN by CEO Ruth Johnson, Homes for Heroes Inc. first assembled shortly after the 9/11 tragedies with a mission "to provide extraordinary savings to heroes who provide extraordinary services to our nation and its communities every day." The program defines their heroes as firefighters, EMS, law enforcement, military (active, reserves and veterans), healthcare professionals, and teachers.

With so many causes out there to support, why Homes for Heroes? Craig McKenzie has a personal connection to the program's mission, having served in the U.S. Navy for almost nine years before he was medically separated. He went on to launch his real estate career in 1993, and assembled the Keller Williams Whidbey office in 2016 as part of the Northwest Region. That's when his partnership with Homes for Heroes was able to begin.

"Switching to Keller Williams allowed us to build our team and create lives worth living, all while participating in this amazing program," said Craig McKenzie. "We were not able to build a team with our previous brokerage. Without Keller Williams, these Homes for Heroes dollars literally wouldn't exist."

As the Homes for Heroes affiliate for Whidbey Island, Camano Island, Anacortes, and La Conner, The Craig McKenzie Team is able to offer 'Hero Savings' including a Hero Reward@ averaging over \$2,500 per family, discounts on lending fees, and discounted home inspection fees. In 2019 and 2020, they placed in the top five in Homes for Heroes' Top Real Estate Specialist Teams category.

"It's not just about buying and selling homes," commented McKenzie. "Behind every home, is heart."

Get involved with Homes for Heroes and learn about how you can redeem your rewards at homesforheroes.com.

About Homes for Heroes Inc.

Homes for Heroes, Inc. is the largest nationwide network of affiliate real estate, mortgage, and local business specialists; committed to providing easy ways for heroes to save on a home. Learn more at homesforheroes.com.

About The Craig McKenzie Team

The Craig McKenzie Team is the top-selling real estate team on Whidbey Island, with ten designated REALTORS®. Their team also brings a unique "why" to real estate through their Homes for Heroes partnership. Get in touch at thecraigmckenzieteam.com.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

12:26 pm, Surface Rd.

Reporting male sleeping on road just past entrance to Les Schwab.

2:28 pm, Haines Rd.

States neighbor is "sending noise" into reporting party's house; ongoing issue.

4:34 pm, Good Beach Ln.

Reporting party states he picked up his phone and he had a note on his phone to call 9-1-1, so he called. Thinks it said "SOS." Reporting party suspects possible scam call; reporting party states no emergency at his residence.

8:34 pm, Admirals Dr.

Reporting party advising she was in hospital and hospital helped provide reporting party with ride and advising male without any credentials came to pick her up; white Kia Spectra. Reporting party wanting to report. Advising she got into a verbal dispute because male would not provide credentials.

10:52 pm, Ocean View Dr.

Reporting party advising thinks someone is around her house; advising her two cats are behaving oddly; reporting party advising heard someone come up on the steps three minutes ago, nothing heard since then.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

4:03 am, Hersig Rd.

Reporting party advising she was outside and someone shot at her head; not sure whether it was possibly a gun.

4:29 pm, Main St.

Reporting party advising mother was inside Rite Aid and dad was waiting for mother in truck; when mother came out, truck was gone and father not answering phone, either.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

6:30 am, W Troxell Rd.

Reporting party advising 6- or 7-year-old male in a Spiderman costume running in road. Reporting party stopped to talk to child but had leave to get phone service.

8:03 am, Anthes Ave.

Caller stating he saw a post mortum vision; caller placed on hold several times due to incoming calls. Caller disconnected.

11:43 pm, Main St.

Reporting party advising male subject has been running around location for a few hours; reporting party advising last seen subject hiding behind the sign a few minutes ago. Reporting party advising subject keeps walking around and jumping between location and bushes.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

9:41 am, Coles Rd.

Passing by location, saw 4-year-old male walking along roadway alone; reporting party has him with her in front of location. Does not look injured, has dog with him, said he was walking dog.

2:46 pm, Mobius Loop

Male on line, referenced why Indian males like BJs; call-taker recognizes voice; disconnected.

4:04 pm, SR 20

Caller states motorhome hit building and then took off less than five minutes ago; now driving southbound at SR 20 and NE 16th.

4:09 pm, N Main St.

Swarm of bees outside window.

5:23 pm, Bayview Rd.

Requesting call, wondering if allowed to drive riding lawn mower down to The Goose.

10:03 pm, SR 20

Caller states male subject is walking down Fakkema and threw a metal pipe at caller's vehicle as caller was driving past. Subject at location with caller, does not know subject. No weapons.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

2:06 am, NW 5th Ave.

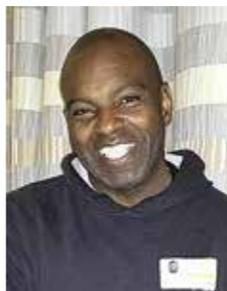
Requesting an officer come by; states someone just came and rang reporting party's doorbell. States went and looked outside, not seeing anyone around. Has handguns, they are put away.

2:04 pm, Charmayne Dr.

Male is at location threatening reporting party, will not say how. Refused further – call-taker could hear male in background "You're so full of lies."

Report provided by OHPD & Island County Sheriff's Dept.

Jimmy M. Miller



We are devastated to announce the unexpected passing of our beloved Jimmy M. Miller, 53. He was born July 7, 1968 in the small town of Seguin, Texas, to George H. Miller Sr. and Bertha J. Miller.

The family moved to Oak Harbor in 1977, Jimmy graduated from Oak Harbor High School, class of 1986. He had a passion for learning. In 1995, He received a BA in International Business and a BA in French (language) at Western Washington University. As computers and the internet became more prevalent, he was bitten by the technology

"bug." In the summer of 2004, Jimmy received a MS in Information Management at University of Washington. In 2007, he received his last degree, MBA – master's in business administration.

He loved the IT industry; to name a few of his job positions each one was more challenging than the last. One of his first positions was as MIS Manager for Space Needle Corp., Director IT Services for RealNetworks, and Title Sales/Delivery Director for Ciber. Jimmy's last position was Sales Director for DISYS. He was an Advisory Board Member (College of Business & Economics) at Western Washington University. Also, he was a Pi Kappa Alpha (IKA). To say "We are proud of our Jimmy" is an understatement. However, out of all his successes in life becoming a father was where he found his most joy. To Natalie he was "Papa."

He is survived by wife Mariska; children, Heather, 18, Sawyer, 14, and Natalie, 3; parents, George and Bertha Miller; sister, Roxann Grocia and family; sister, Renee Hinkle and family; brother, George H. Miller Jr. and family; and a host of beloved great nieces, great nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 at the Church on The Rock; phone 360-675-3032, 1780 S.E. 4th Ave., Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Pastor Ozell Jackson will officiate the service. A reception will follow. The family will have a private closing ceremony prior to the memorial service

Soon Wha Kennedy



Soon Wha Kennedy, longtime resident of Oak Harbor, Wash., passed away in her home in the company of her family July 18, 2021 at the age of 82. Soon was born near Seoul, Korea. During her childhood, she endured many hardships due to the Korean War. Because of what she experienced, she held a deep gratitude for the American military which lasted her whole life. She loved jet noise, the "sound of freedom." She attended university in Seoul and eventually met her husband, Leonard, who was stationed in Korea with the Army. They made their home on Whidbey Island.

She was active in her Christian faith, attended the Church of the Nazarene, helped start the Oak Harbor Korean Presbyterian Church and was ordained. She was a nurse with Whidbey General Hospital for many years and enjoyed flower arranging, her garden, golf, travel, painting and helping others.

Soon loved God, family, and country. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Leonard Kennedy; her daughter, Bobbi Ann George (Tom) of Snohomish, Wash.; her son, Paul Kennedy of Shoreline, Wash.; her brother, Kim Ho Tae; her grandchild-



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dren Ruby, Kimberly, Ryan, and Kathryn; and many wonderful in-laws, nephews, nieces and friends in Korea and America.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held at Oak Harbor Concordia Lutheran Church Saturday, Aug. 7 at 2 p.m. with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Kennedy Family Scholarship Fund at Northwest Nazarene University, Nampa, Idaho.

Martin E. Abrahamse



Martin Eric Abrahamse was born in Oak Harbor, Wash., Feb. 26, 1929 to Daisy Mildred (Tesch) and John James Abrahamse. He was a graduate of Oak Harbor High School class of 1947. He was married to Anna Alyda Baan (of Oak Harbor and Lynden) in September, 1950, by Rev. VanderWoude at First Reformed church. Daughter Pamela Sue (Abrahamse) Vallquist was born in March, 1951 and son Steven Wayne Abrahamse was born in August, 1954. This completed the happy family.

Martin established Martin's Auto Electric in 1959. His wife, Ann, worked in the office there. Martin was a long-term member of the local Toastmasters club. He also spent many years teaching Sunday School at the First Reformed Church. He was a lifelong member of the First Reformed Church.

There were many happy camping trips enjoyed over the years by Abe and Ann. Many hours spent on the beaches of Whidbey picnicking. Lots of trips to Seattle and various cities as a member of ASA. He became an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Automotive Service Association (ASA).

Ann preceded him in death in 1991 after a long illness.

A few years later, he met Dorothy Parvin Fisher and they were married in 1995 at United Methodist church by Pastor David Lura. They spent many happy years together testing various eateries and driving around in the car with the top down. Dorothy preceded him in death in 2020 after a long illness.

Martin is survived by his daughter, Pam, and husband Gary Vallquist; son Steve and wife Leah (Rhoades); stepdaughter Robin Fisher and husband Andrew Spejewski; grandsons John Vande Werfhorst, Blaine Bailey, Erik Martin Bailey, Jason Abrahamse and Henry Spejewski. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren (finally some girls!), Coty (Vande Werfhorst) and husband Lance Lundberg; Spencer Vande Werfhorst and Axtin Vande Werfhorst. He is also survived by his sister, Janet (Abrahamse) Buehn, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. It's a big family!

Martin enjoyed life and lived it to the fullest. He enjoyed people and getting to know them. That was one of his favorite parts of running his own business. He was a key contributor of the Automotive Technology Community Advisory Committee of the CTE program at OHHS for many years until just a few years ago. He loved young people and never wanted to be in a retirement community or rest home. He got his wish. His faith was strong and he was a man of integrity.

A private graveside service was held at Maple Leaf Cemetery in Oak Harbor, Washington.

Donations may be made to the First Reformed Church in Martin's name.

Daniel J. Maxwell



Born and raised in the Pacific Northwest, Dan Maxwell died at home, July 24, 2021, the end of a three-year battle with lung cancer.

He was born March 10, 1942 in Spokane, Wash., to Molly 'Reilly' and Murel Maxwell, the second of their three children. The family moved to Colfax, Wash. when Dan was 2. He grew up in the small town, discovering life and work in the Palouse farming community, then joined the U.S. Navy at 17.

Through a mutual friend and a bowling league in Spokane, Dan met Kathleen Kays, who had reluctantly relocated there with her parents from Seattle. It proved a fortunate move, as Dan and Kathy married in 1968. With more moves, the couple experienced the variety of landscapes in Washington, living in the Tri Cities, Yakima, Seattle, Bellevue and finally on Whidbey Island in 2005.

A proud Teamster and union man, Dan's career was as an expert big-rig truck driver for oil and chemical companies.

He enjoyed a wide variety of activities and Dan was always the one who willingly and cheerfully helped others.

A member of the Cascade Bicycle Club, Dan went on frequent rides with the group. After he retired, he bought a boat and enjoyed happy years on the water, fishing and crabbing. Then he discovered bees—their fascinating nature and importance in agriculture—and became a beekeeper in 2006. He was a founding member of Whidbey Beekeepers Association, aka "The Whidbees" and a longtime club president.

Springtime meant an annual road trip for Dan and Kathy to Arizona for the Seattle Mariners' spring training camp. He was an avid fan and it was a highlight of the year. With his ever-present baseball cap, Dan amassed an extensive hat collection, the souvenirs from his and Kathy's travels.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Kathy; his brother Sam Maxwell (Yvonne) of Cotati, Calif.; nephew Sam (Cari) Maxwell Jr. of North Highlands, Calif.; niece Jennifer Reese of Renton; brothers-in-law Lyle (Janice) Kays of Spokane Valley, Paul (Judy) Kays of Spokane and Warren (Rhonda) Kays of Wardner, Idaho; and sister-in-law Mary (Pete) Guay of Kirkland; and nine nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, sister, Martha Reese, and niece, Christy Kays.

The family thanks the VA Puget Sound Health Care System and WhidbeyHealth

Hospice for their expert compassionate care during Dan's illness. A celebration of his life will be at the Deer Lagoon Grange on Whidbey Island Aug. 21; interment will be at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Wash.

Terrell (Terry) William Boese



Terrell (Terry) William Boese was born in Millington, Tenn., Jan. 19, 1965 and departed this life July 23, 2021. He grew up in Weatherford, Okla., and graduated from Weatherford High School.

Terry was a family man and was married to the love of his life, Carol, for 36 years; they raised three amazing children together. He was the epitome of what is an incredible husband and father. He had an infectious personality and livened the room everywhere he went. He made sure that he left everything better than he found it.

Terry served in the U.S. Navy for 26 years, where he proudly wore the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer. He deployed on six Carriers, went on deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, with tours in Florida, Tennessee, Washington, California and Japan.

Terry was a "jack of all trades." He was a musician, carpenter and Master Brewer, among many other titles. There was nothing Terry couldn't do. He also loved riding horses and motorcycles and had his hand in pretty much everything, as he was full of life.

Terry was also a businessman. He established Wicked Teuton Brewing Co and Whidbey Island Homebrew Supply, where everyone was welcomed to his "living room." Terry touched the hearts of all who knew him and his legacy is bigger than life itself.

Terry was preceded in death by his father, Robert S. Boese, and his brother, Gerald "Jerry" Gowans. He leaves to carry on his amazing memories and legacy his wife, Carol Boese; his three children: Megan Elizabeth Roberts, Robert Christopher Boese, and Brian Joseph Boese; his grandchildren, Shayla Kathlynn Boese and Jaxson Christopher Boese; his sister, Tamara Miller; mother, Linda Boese; several nieces, nephews, cousins and many more who were "his family" – you all know who you are.

Terry often said, "If it's and butts were candy and nuts, we'd all have a Merry Christmas." Don't sweat the small stuff and enjoy life to the fullest, which he did.

Military Funeral Honors were rendered Aug. 3 at a private funeral service held at Wallin-Stucky Funeral Home, prior to a public Celebration of Life held at the Blue Fox Drive-In.

Life Tributes can now be found online at www.whidbeyweekly.com

Pam's Prayer Corner

In honor of my late mother-in-law, Pamela Kaye Young, this column is a place where believers can share their prayer requests for others to help lift them up in faith. The prayers can be for you, a family member, or anything weighing on your soul. Email info@whidbeyweekly.com or call 360-682-2341 to share your prayer requests.

Heavenly Father, who sits on high,

I am encouraged to know in times of trouble you are there; when I am lost you are there; when days are stressful, you are there; when I'm at peace, you are there. You bring me comfort in the middle of a storm, guidance when I'm lost, peace when I'm stressed and joy all of the time, knowing you are there. Your love is unconditional, and your mercy is endless. Thank you, Lord, for being my strength, for through you I am strong. Blessed be your Holy name,

Amen

Roosevelt Rumbille,
Mins. USN, Ret.

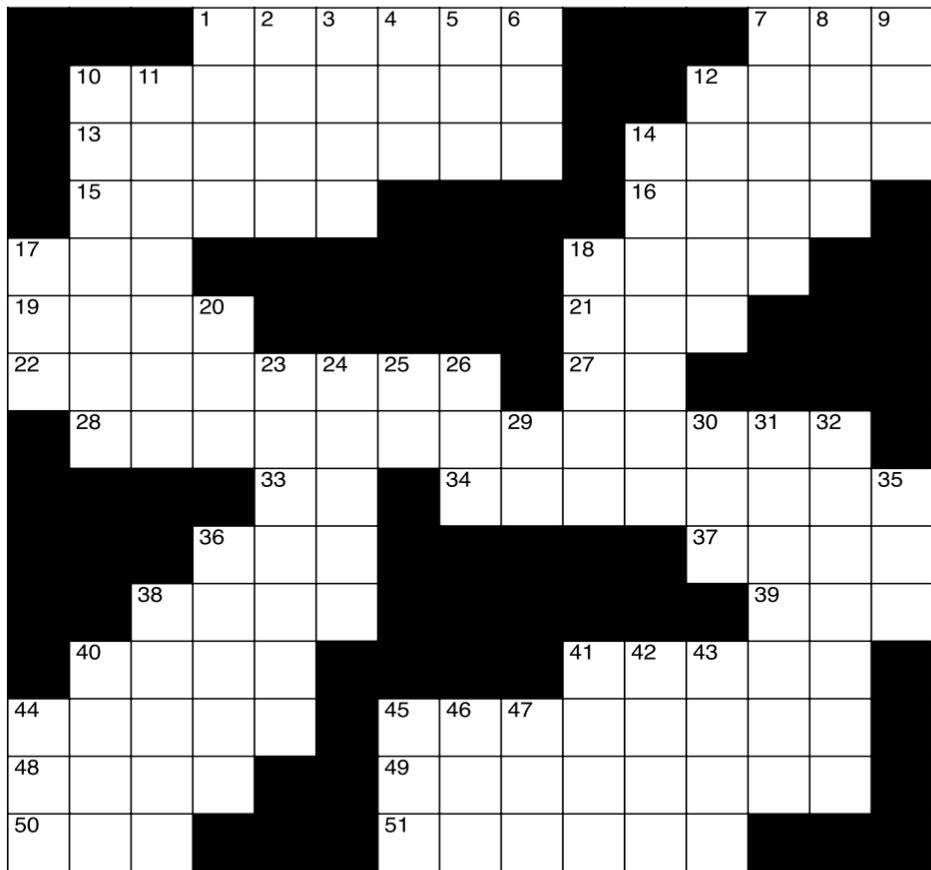
"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him."



John 11:35



Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Nature expedition
- 7. Take the energy from
- 10. Bungled
- 12. Young salmon
- 13. Botanical gardens
- 14. Source of chocolate
- 15. Country singer LeAnn
- 16. Yokel
- 17. Unit of energy
- 18. Plant of the lily family
- 19. Tusked wild pig
- 21. Form of "to be"
- 22. Formerly
- 27. Letter of the Greek alphabet
- 28. Former First Lady
- 33. News organization
- 34. Shining brightly and intermittently
- 36. Brew
- 37. Teams' best pitchers
- 38. Edible fruit
- 39. Pitching stat
- 40. ___ or bust
- 41. Baby product manufacturer
- 44. Monetary unit of Finland

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Nuclear undersea weapon
- 2. Helps the skin
- 3. Evergreen coniferous trees
- 4. Relieve of employment
- 5. A way to drench
- 6. Journalist Tarbell
- 7. ___ and Venzetti
- 8. Alcoholic liquor
- 9. An athlete who plays for pay
- 10. Where to get drinks
- 11. Japanese art form
- 12. Baseball great Satchel
- 14. Winged angelic beings
- 17. One point south of due east
- 18. Group of islands in Polynesia
- 20. A place to play: ___ center

- 23. Masses of gray matter in the brain
- 24. Belgian city (alt. sp.)
- 25. Millilitre
- 26. Beloved Will Ferrell film
- 29. Railway above ground
- 30. Satisfaction
- 31. Aggregate of molecules
- 32. Type of barometer
- 35. Type of college teacher (abbr.)
- 36. Long periods of time
- 38. Native people of Nebraska and S. Dakota
- 40. Deliver
- 41. Thin, narrow piece of wood
- 42. Modern Israel founder
- 43. Small NY college
- 44. Pounds per square inch
- 45. Veterans battleground
- 46. Hollywood talent agency (abbr.)
- 47. Popular kids' channel

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

<p>Thurs, Aug. 5 North Isle H-71°/L-56° Cloudy with Showers Possible</p>	<p>Fri, Aug. 6 North Isle H-71°/L-55° Mostly Cloudy</p>	<p>Sat, Aug. 7 North Isle H-73°/L-54° Cloudy with Showers Possible</p>	<p>Sun, Aug. 8 North Isle H-73°/L-53° Cloudy with Showers Possible</p>	<p>Mon, Aug. 9 North Isle H-71°/L-55° Partly Sunny</p>	<p>Tues, Aug. 10 North Isle H-73°/L-54° Mostly Sunny</p>	<p>Wed, Aug. 11 North Isle H-72°/L-54° Mostly Sunny</p>
<p>South Isle H-74°/L-60° =Cloudy Showers Possible</p>	<p>South Isle H-73°/L-56° Mixed Clouds and Sun</p>	<p>South Isle H-71°/L-55° Cloudy with Showers Possible</p>	<p>South Isle H-72°/L-57° Cloudy with Showers Possible</p>	<p>South Isle H-73°/L-58° Cloudy with Chance Shower</p>	<p>South Isle H-75°/L-58° Partly Sunny</p>	<p>South Isle H-73°/L-59° Mostly Sunny</p>



OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

How did you come to live on Whidbey Island?



Sonja Austin, Oak Harbor

My husband and I were living in the southwest region of the United States and decided we wanted to live elsewhere. We were raising a daughter and we wanted a diverse and safe environment where she could flourish. In addition, we had the opportunity to choose anywhere we desired. Oak Harbor appeared to offer those qualities and we felt it would be the perfect place to retire. After all, we would soon be empty nesters. So, after some thorough research and planning, we executed our plan and moved to Oak Harbor. We take comfort in knowing we made the right decision moving to Oak Harbor, as it has been a pleasure living here.

Jim and Cathy Green, Coupeville

After a second retirement, Cathy and I lived in the northwest corner of New Mexico. We decided to travel full time in an RV, and make a list of places we would like to settle. We traveled from the Four Corners (the only place in the U.S. where the corners of four states touch) to the four corners of the continental U.S. - Maine, Key West, San Diego/Coronado and the Olympic Peninsula. We stayed in the Pacific northwest for a few weeks and Whidbey Island ranked high on our list of possible areas. After three years of travel we settled somewhere else initially, but we eventually decided we needed to be closer to the ocean and open waters, and found a place on Whidbey Island that suited our needs.



Audrey Butler, Oak Harbor

Honestly, the stork "brought" me to Whidbey. I was blessed to be born and raised here. What's keeping me here is family and our family business. Seeing parts of the world has reinforced my belief that I can't do better than here.

Wende Sinnave, Langley

A friend of mine invited me to visit her in Clinton almost 11 years ago. The minute I drove off the ferry I knew I had to live here! After a week of visiting and exploring, I went home... quit my job, sold my house and moved to Whidbey! What a great decision...I love it here!



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Community Bulletin Board

To place an ad, email classifieds@whidbeyweekly.com

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

Admirals Cove Annual Community Garage Sale: Friday, Aug. 6 and Saturday, Aug. 7, 9am-5pm. Watch for the balloons and signs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pregnant? Need baby clothes? We have them and the price is right – FREE. Pregnancy Care Clinic, open Tuesday 10am-4pm, Wednesday 12pm-7pm, and Thursday 10am-4pm. Stop by at 670 SE Midway Blvd. in Oak Harbor.

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The Whidbey Island community is encouraged to try out the paddling sport of dragon boating with the Stayin' Alive team. Our team's mission is to promote the physical, social, and emotional benefits of dragon boating. It has been shown to be especially beneficial to cancer survivors. Practice with us for up to 3 times for free. Life-jackets and paddles provided. Saturdays at the Oak Harbor Marina, 8:45am. Contact njlish@gmail.com. More info at our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/NorthPugetSound-DragonBoatClub?ref=hl

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Island Shakespeare Festival is seeking new members to join our Board of Directors. We're looking for people who are passionate about high-quality live classical theater and can devote time and energy to support the work of Island Shakespeare Festival's important cultural, social, and fiscal position on Whidbey Island. Our current needs include individuals with backgrounds in the following areas: human resources, donor relations, finance, as well as other skills related to overseeing a performing arts organization. Board members are asked to provide input and feedback to the Board and staff of ISF, attend one full board meeting per month, serve actively on board committees, and

attend activities and events sponsored by ISF. Women and persons of color strongly encouraged to apply. For more information, please contact jeff.natter@islandshake-spearefest.org.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County (BBBSIC) is actively seeking new member(s) for its Board of Directors. Join the board's exciting array of professionals! BBBSIC is seeking individuals who are committed to defending the potential of youth in our community through their time, skill sets, and influence in the community. To complement the existing board, candidates with expertise in accounting, law, nonprofit management, networking, or fundraising are of particular interest. Committed to diversifying its board to better represent our community, BBBSIC encourages BIPOC and LGBTQIA community members to inquire. Please contact admin@bbbsislandcounty.org for more information.

The Island County Medical Reserve Corps (ICMRC) is a local network of volunteers organized to improve the health and safety of communities on Whidbey and Camano Island. Volunteers include medical and public health professionals as well as other community members with no prior healthcare background. ICMRC utilizes volunteers to strengthen community health, enhance emergency response capabilities, and boost community resiliency. They prepare for and respond to natural and manmade disasters such as winter storms, flooding, earthquakes, as well as public health emergencies such as disease outbreaks. If you are interested in volunteering please go to the Island County MRC website for more information or contact s.ziemer@islandcountywa.gov. If you are looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity, look no further! When you volunteer at one of the Habitat for Humanity of Island County stores, you are helping local families attain decent, affordable housing. Income from the stores is vital to giving families a path to homeownership. We need people who can commit to help out in our Oak Harbor or Freeland store at least two-hours per week. Schedules are flexible. Our friendly volunteers provide customer service, help with receiving donated household items and furniture, and maintain the store. We also need drivers and driver helpers who will professionally represent Habitat as they pick up donated items using our

trucks. Please call either store for more information. Oak Harbor: 360-675-8733, Freeland: 360-331-6272.

College student? Student of history? History buff? Opportunities are available to spend constructive volunteer hours at the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum. Go to www.pnwnam.org and click on "Volunteer" or just stop by and introduce yourself.

Mother Mentors needs volunteers! Oak Harbor families with young children need your help! Volunteer just a couple of hours a week to make a difference in someone's life! To volunteer or get more info, email wamothermentors@gmail.com or call 360-321-1484.

Looking for board members to join the dynamic board of Island Senior Resources and serve the needs of Island County Seniors. Of particular interest are representatives from North Whidbey. For more information please contact: reception@islandseniorservices.org

JOB MARKET

Office/Bookkeeping: Branch Business Services, Inc. in Coupeville is looking to add to an additional member to our bookkeeping staff, primarily performing data entry of accounts receivables and payroll hours on a daily basis and perform a variety of basic office and clerical tasks. Applicant must be a self-motivated individual with the ability to multitask and have great time-management skills. This position requires a professional attitude and appearance, ability to be resourceful and be proactive when issues arise and have excellent organizational skills. Qualifications include dependability, good work ethic, QuickBooks software and basic knowledge of Microsoft Office software, high school or equivalent. Full time, Vacation, 401K, etc. If you are able, please hand

deliver your resume to Branch Business Services, Inc., 404 S Main, between the hours of 9am and 5pm. (2)

Whidbey Island Dance Theater is now hiring an Office Manager: Job description includes answering phone messages, return phone calls; check, send, return and forward emails to board members and community; submit adult dancer background checks, file and organize paperwork (forms, contracts, W-9's etc); create updated voicemail message for the answering service; create misc. documents such as, but not limited to, gift certificates, spreadsheets, schedules; assist with selling tickets prior and during Nutcracker and Celebration of Dance performances; assist in procuring and keeping track of advertising ads for each production program; track and assist with memberships; pick up printing when needed; provide a monthly report to the board of directors; create community dancer audition packets and cast packets, send out promotional and fundraising emails; learn to use donor management software (Little Green Light). Days and ours vary but averages 5 hours a week (52 weeks). Pay is \$18 an hour. Experience preferred but not required: Computers, spreadsheets, Microsoft office applications. Submit resume: whidbeyidt@gmail.com (2)

Whidbey Island Dance Theater is now hiring a Costume Manager: The manager works closely with the artistic directors on their artistic vision. Additional responsibilities include measuring, doing costume fittings, getting the costumes ordered, organized and ready for the next show; organize volunteers and the timeline with the artistic director's input. This job provides a stipend for the fall/winter season and the spring/summer season. Submit Resume: whidbeyidt@gmail.com (2)

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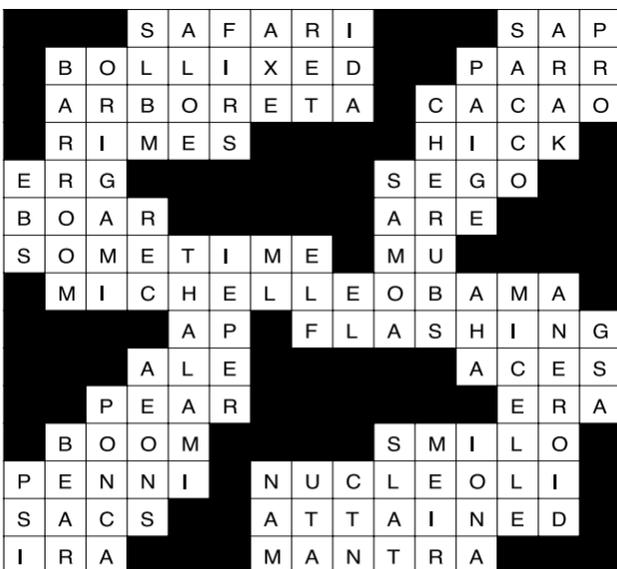
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