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While the pandemic initially reduced Whidbey Island Orchestra to strings only, the group has added piano, percussion and flute, according to conductor Cynthia Morrow. The orchestra's fall concert, "The Witching Hour," is available to watch beginning Saturday at whidbeyislandorchestra.org.

Whidbey Island Orchestra presents "The Witching Hour"

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Whidbey Island Orchestra is getting into the "spirit" of things this Halloween weekend by offering a free video concert, "The Witching Hour," on its website, whidbeyislandorchestra.org, beginning Saturday.

The concert will feature plenty of treats and the only tricks will be the shivers some of the musical selections may cause. Or perhaps the dancing zombies or special guest David Ossman's impression of Boris Karloff will be responsible for the chills of delight audiences are sure to encounter with this unique, "Thriller" of a performance.

"We're doing scary, fun, wonderful music with a lot of the orchestra in costume, and all of us in masks, of course," described WIO Conductor Cynthia Morrow. "Daunne Zinger and her Luigi Jazz Dancers are joining us as highly choreographed zombies in Michael Jackson's 'Thriller.' David Ossman is our special guest, performing 'Monster Mash' along with an entire cast of the dancing undead. It's our way of sharing the holiday safely with the community, and it's completely free of charge to everyone."

As it has for just about everyone, the past year-and-a-half has presented some unique challenges for Whidbey Island Orchestra. According to Morrow, the pandemic has forced the orchestra to focus on strings, percussion and piano with a little flute thrown in for some added richness.

"This year has been different for us," she said. "We've kept the orchestra alive by reverting to a string orchestra format rather than using the full group. This way, we've been able to distance, at times practicing outdoors, at other times using the black box theater or



Nick Mullett Photos Courtesy of Whidbey Island Orchestra

Whidbey Island Orchestra has a Halloween thriller in store this weekend, as it presents a video concert entitled "The Witching Hour." The performance will be available to watch at whidbeyislandorchestra.org starting Saturday. There is no charge to watch.

stage at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, and most recently the foyer of Island Church in Langley, masked at all times.

"As soon as vaccinations were possible, we were asked to play a concert at WICA, so in March our string orchestra performed four Mozart String Quartets in a concert called 'Eine Kleine Nachtmusik,'" Morrow continued. "Possibly because the strings had practiced together even when there was no concert planned, our sound developed into something lush and recognizable. It was a very well-attended performance, and so we were asked to return and do an August 2021 concert as the closing concert of WICA's 'Summer Nights' series."

Morrow said the group was hoping to include brass and woodwinds for this season, but special masking requirements and other health protocols made it difficult for some performers to come back.

"Unfortunately, not enough brass and woodwinds showed up to cover all the parts necessary for a full orchestra program for Halloween, so after four rehearsals we decided to pivot, and returned to our previous and successful string/piano/percussion/flutes format," she explained. "Flutes, by the way, do not spray aerosols the way other mouth-propelled instruments do, so after a lot of research, we feel safe having them in the orchestra, and they add a beautiful sound."

The program for this bewitching performance runs the gamut, from perhaps lesser known but recognizable pieces like "Incantations," by Richard Meyer to "The Haunted Carousel" by Soon Hee Newbold. Others will be instantly recognizable, like "Psycho" by Bernard Hermann, "Thriller" by Michael Jackson, featuring Daunne Zinger and her Luigi Jazz Dancers and "Monster Mash," which will include actor/director David Ossman of Fireside Theater and the Luigi Jazz Dancers once again.

Morrow said WIO is excited to add other local performers to its video concert.

"Daunne Zinger...has degrees in dance from University of Washington Seattle and has studied in New York City with Luigi and his protégé Francis Roach, and has choreographed for productions at WICA, Whidbey Playhouse and at many professional studios in Seattle," said Morrow. "We have had her young dancers perform with us in the past and are excited to have adult jazz dancers with us this time!"

"David Ossman has been our narrator for many concerts and productions in the past, and we are delighted to have him back doing his Boris Karloff impression in this wonderful novelty piece ['Monster

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Lots of spooktacular fun on tap this weekend!

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Wondering where to take all those little ghosts, goblins, witches and warlocks for Halloween fun this weekend? Never fear, Whidbey Island is brimming with fearsome fun for the whole family. Here's a rundown of many Halloween activities taking place this weekend:

Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze

Find the perfect pumpkin at The Stand at K and R Farms in Oak Harbor, and while there, wander through eight acres of corn maze craziness. Cost of the maze is \$5 per person, little ones are free.

Open Daily

11 a.m.-6 p.m.

facebook.com/KandRFarmsllc/

Three Nights of Pumpkin Lights

Enjoy a jack-o-lantern display and walking tour at Case Farm in Oak Harbor the three nights leading up to Halloween, weather permitting. The event is free, but donations are welcome.

Thursday-Saturday

Oct. 28-30

5:30 - 9 p.m.

98 Case Rd., Oak Harbor

360-675-1803

Regency on Whidbey Trick-or-Treat

Meet residents as they pass out candy to trick or treaters.

Friday, Oct. 29

3-5 p.m.

1040 SW Kimball Dr., Oak Harbor

360-279-0933

"Goulish Good Time" at Oak Harbor Chamber

The Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce hosts a drive-through trick-or-treat event.

The event is free and will be located in the wooded area next to the Chamber, 32630 SR 20. Enter through Izett Street.

Friday, Oct. 29

3-5 p.m.

oakharborchamber.com

NASWI Drive Through Trick-or-Treat

The Officers' Spouses' Club of Whidbey Island invites NASWI families to its drive through trick or treat event on the Seaplane Base, across from the Navy Exchange. This is a free event.

Friday, Oct. 29

5-7 p.m.

NAS Whidbey Island Seaplane Base

PG-13 Family Friendly Showing "Practical Magic"

Enjoy the Haunting of Coupeville's free showing of the film "Practical Magic." Donations accepted. Doors open at 6 p.m., movie starts at 7 p.m. There will be trivia and family-friendly refreshments will be served.

Friday, Oct. 29

6 p.m.

Coupeville Rec Hall

901 NW Alexander St.

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ON TRACK

With Jim Freeman



In 38 years, I have never had a trick or treater. Their loss is my gain. I always have candy in October.

Trans Parent

Did you ever ask your parents if they were being on the level?

I just assumed they were always on the level.

What are parents for but being on the level while dispensing wisdom over cornflakes?

Today I am filled with gratitude to Dad for helping make me what I am not today.

Irish activities

The Irish are always the first ones to come to the aid of their fellow man. Shortly after take-off on an outbound evening Aer Lingus flight from Dublin to Boston, the lead flight attendant nervously made the following painful announcement:

"Ladies and gentlemen, I'm so very sorry, but it appears there has been a terrible mix-up by our catering service. I don't know how this has happened, but we have 103 passengers on board and unfortunately we received only 40 dinner meals. I truly apologize for this mistake and inconvenience."

When the muttering of the passengers had died down, she continued, "Anyone who is kind enough to give up their meal so someone else can eat will receive free and unlimited drinks for the duration of our 10-hour flight."

Her next announcement came about two hours later: "If anyone is hungry, we still have 40 dinners available."

Happiness

Only a few more days until the campaign signs will be removed. It is my fault I look at them. The road is the priority. Why am I reading *Ward for Board*?

Because it makes me laugh. I love signs that rhyme.

Vote on

Reading the *Whidbey Weekly* voters' guide with the pictures of the candidates made me realize one thing: I am way older than the people I will be voting for.

For years, I went to coffee klatches to ask the candidates what they thought. At some point I realized talking to them and reading about them was not a productive use of my discretionary time. It is my experience that any successful candidate does what he or she wants to do when in office. Why am I bothering them with my emotionally-based inquiries?

Congratulations to all. While I won't miss the signs and arguing at those clutches, I will miss the donuts.

Old food

The Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center has an interesting artifact on display, a 1926 cellophane wrapped sandwich that belonged to aviation hero Clyde "upside-down" Pangborn. In 1931, Pangborn flew across the Pacific Ocean. The half-eaten sandwich, found well-wrapped in a red tobacco tin, has several stories. They all sound good. None identify what kind of sandwich. The Wenatchee Museum is not about to open the wrapper.

I never saved any of Mom's Vienna sausage sandwiches. I ate them.

The same is also true of the pickle sandwiches she made me for lunch. No one ever asked for a bite. In fact, most of the kids left the table. Is that a form of bullying?

To this day, I eat pickle sandwiches alone.

Wendy's

Last week, while up in Oak Harbor for a meeting, I drove by Wendy's. The sign said it all - "Hot and fresh guaranteed." Their TV ad goes a step further - "Hot and Crispy. Best fries ever. Preferred two to one over McDonalds."

This is saying something. Like you, I have been eating fries all my life.

For less than a buck, we could buy two Cokes and a plate of fries. What a date at the Log Cabin in Oil City, Pa.

The Wendy's small fries cost \$2.38, which includes the 19 cent tax. I ate them in the Safeway parking lot. The sea salt was the ticket. It made me feel like I lived on an island.

Unnecessary trivia

What was the first #1 hit by Elvis Presley? *Heartbreak Hotel*.

Who wrote the song? Mae Axton.

Who was her songwriting singer son? Hoyt Axton.

Who starred in a movie shot in Langley? Hoyt Axton, *Dixie Lanes*.

Football fun

"I take my practices real hard because if a player is a quitter, I want him to quit in practice, not in a game." -Bear Bryant, Alabama

"At Georgia Southern, we don't cheat. That costs money, and we don't have any." -Erik Russell, Georgia Southern

"The man who complains about the way the ball bounces is likely to be the one who dropped it." -Lou Holtz, Arkansas/Notre Dame

"When you win, nothing hurts." -Joe Namath, Alabama

"I don't expect to win enough games to be put on NCAA probation. I just want to win enough to warrant an investigation." -Bob Devaney, Nebraska

"In Alabama, an atheist is someone who doesn't believe in Bear Bryant." -Wally Butts, Georgia

"I never graduated from Iowa. But I was only there for two terms - Truman's and Eisenhower's." -Alex Karras, Iowa

"I asked Darrell Royal, the coach of the Texas Longhorns, why he didn't recruit me." He said, "Well, Walt, we took a look at you, and you weren't any good." -Walt Garrison, Oklahoma State/Dallas Cowboys

"We didn't tackle well today, but we made up for it by not blocking." -John McKay, USC

Ohio State's Urban Meyer on one of his players:

"He doesn't know the meaning of the word fear.

In fact, I just saw his grades and he doesn't know the meaning of a lot of words."

For your safety

Don't let them take your temperature on your forehead as you enter the supermarket. It is a government plot to erase your memory. I went for a gallon of milk and a loaf of bread. I came home with a case of beer and 12 bottles of wine.

Halloween fun

I asked Uncle Bing to locate some Halloween jokes on the internet. It was more trick than treat. The suggestion to add a joke and some candy to your kid's lunch would be great if you want him or her to groan at the lunch table.

Shall we groan together?

You know you are too old to Trick or Treat when:

You get winded from knocking on the door.

You have to have another kid chew the candy for you.

You ask for high fiber candy only.

People say: 'Great Boris Karloff Mask,' and you're not wearing a mask.

When the door opens you yell, "Trick or..." and can't remember the rest.

By the end of the night, you have a bag full of restraining orders.

You're the only Power Ranger in the neighborhood with a walker.

You may stop groaning now.

Happy Halloween.

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Bits & Pieces

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

I'm a lifelong community member, and a third generation South Whidbey graduate, who takes great pride in the history and strength of our community. When I grew up on Whidbey Island, our community and school board pulled together around important issues to do with our kids (and otherwise); whereas today we regularly see an intentional division of our students and community being pushed by the majority of our school board. I believe that our school system should hold education to a very high standard, and that our school board should back the moral values of its community. I do not see this currently taking place, and to be honest, I don't think it has for many years, and there has been a strong deterioration of moral values, work ethic, and what it means to be a positive and contributing member of our society. I'm very concerned about the education of the children in our community, and know that we can do considerably better than has been taking place in recent years.

Our school board should embrace the involvement of parents, teachers and coaches who care about, and want to be involved in the education of our children, and the values that they are being taught. But instead, with the exception of one person on the board, the school board, over the last several years, has substantially rejected the involvement of parents, teachers and community members. This is very concerning and needs to change! We should all be fighting for the very best and highest education possible for our younger generations.

We expect our school board and teachers to be nonpartisan in all aspects, yet we have seen many unacceptable exceptions to this truth.

With subpar education level test scores, and an unacceptable agenda being pushed by so many within the district, lack of keeping on budget, substantial misspending of taxpayer funding, poor facilities maintenance, etc.; it's no wonder so many families have left the South Whidbey School District over the last 10-plus years.

This can all be turned around, if we get the right people on our school board, so I hope all of you will join me in supporting the following South Whidbey School Board candidates who share these perspectives. I fully endorse: Dawn Tarantino, Farrah Manning Davis, and Bree Kramer Nelson.

I know all three of these fine ladies personally and know they will do a stupendous job leading the South Whidbey School District. All three are mothers, caring, loving, and passionate about having our children educated and raised with values we can all be proud of. They understand what has worked, and what needs to be fixed, and are committed to rolling up their sleeves to get the job done, side-by-side with those of us who want to be involved.

So, for the future of our community, and for the betterment of humanity, please join me in making the right decision for our children, and future generations.

Justin and Alanna Nichols
Langley, Wash.

Editor,

I am one member of the Citizens for a Healthy Whidbey, a volunteer group committed to keeping our healthcare system on our island

and community-owned. There are a few misperceptions that need cleaning up and I hope the following is useful for everyone.

First – Lots of numbers are getting thrown around. The proposed increase for a property valued at \$400,000 is \$169, or \$3.25 per week.

This is the first ever request to increase the operating levy in the history of the hospital. I think it is REMARKABLE this healthcare system has operated for over five decades WITHOUT asking for an increase.

WhidbeyHealth has added local clinics, taken on the care of pregnant moms and families from Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, achieved trauma center designation, added accredited cancer center services... I could go on. All of this and more without asking for increased tax support for operations; not once since the doors opened 51 years ago.

Across America, 20 rural hospitals like ours have closed, collapsing under the pressure of the pandemic. Here's what often happens when a hospital gets "bought out:"

- Services are closed because the new owners can't afford to have duplicate clinics.
- Staff gets laid off because services are closed. In our case, those who find other healthcare work end up commuting to stay employed. Of the 700 staff at WhidbeyHealth, many would be hard pressed to find work.
- Policies regarding women's reproductive health can be radically cut back.

So... how did we get here? In my view, there are three major influences:

First: Ours is an aging population who depend on Medicare and/or other government coverage, all of which pay extremely low rates for healthcare services.

In other communities with more people working who get commercial coverage on the job, their insurance counterbalances the low rates from Medicare and other government insurances. We don't have that luxury.

Second: Healthcare is simply not what it was in 1970. There is more which can be done to treat more people with disease and injury. None of us would want a 1970s-trained surgeon working on us.

Third: COVID-19 has cost \$18 million, and the numbers continue to climb. With an operating budget of \$115 million (\$315,000 per day), that's a cost increase of more than 15 percent of the budget.

Please vote YES on Proposition 1.

Nic Wildeman
Greenbank, Wash.

Editor,

My kids are fifth generation at South Whidbey School District. I don't ever remember a time like this in our district. I am concerned for many reasons. One, I have never considered myself a real political person and I believe every public school should be politically neutral. I see the opposite happening here and it's sad to see our community so divided. I miss the days where this island felt like a supportive and united community. Secondly, I am concerned about the state of our buildings. The middle school and the high school were consolidated to save money so when all I see is cracked cement, broken tiles, mold, and yellow water in the cafeteria sinks I have to ask, where is the money being spent?

There used to be a sense of love and pride when I walked through our school. I don't feel that anymore. All of this causes me to believe our kids are not being put first. I hope to watch a sixth generation attend SWSD and therefore I endorse Farrah Manning Davis, Bree Kramer-Nelson, and Dawn Tarantino for school board. I know these awesome ladies personally and I know they are dedicated moms and business owners who just want the best for our kids and community.

Ole Thorsen
Clinton, Wash.

Editor,

What if there were no hospital, emergency room or ambulance services on Whidbey Island? What if the seven clinics operated by WhidbeyHealth just went away?

These vital services operated by the Whidbey Public Hospital District have been severely strained by almost two years of the COVID pandemic, and your YES vote on Proposition #1 will help stabilize the Hospital District's finances. In addition to the loss of friends and serious illness across Whidbey Island, the COVID pandemic caused a massive financial loss for WhidbeyHealth. It came on suddenly, and the budget was not prepared for:

- Operating testing stations, and the operation of vaccine clinics at both the medical center and in other "pop-up" locations on Whidbey Island where more than 17,000 injections were given.
- Increased operating costs for infection control supplies, staff overtime, intensive care treatment, and up to \$1 million each year in uncollectable billings.
- A tremendous drop in revenue because of the suspension of elective surgeries for many months. These are a significant source of revenue for the hospital.
- The loss of revenue due to the fear of COVID, which caused many people to delay or not seek treatment at all for their various medical issues.

Please vote yes on Proposition #1 for the first increase in the levy rate in the Whidbey Public Hospital District's 57-year history. Your yes vote will help the district address additional staffing needs, retain existing staff with salaries comparable to other medical centers in the region, and bring in new providers to the district's health system.

A heart attack, a car accident, a serious injury, an illness requiring frequent medical attention, or the routine medical issues for a local practitioner. Whidbey Island needs the vital services provided by WhidbeyHealth.

Marti Anamosa
Clinton, Wash.

Volunteer Role Players Needed for Park Ranger Law Enforcement Academy



Park Ranger Law Enforcement Academy students participate in mock trial interviews to prepare for real-life court cases. Volunteer Oct. 29-Dec. 14 to participate in law enforcement training exercises. Photo credit: Skagit Valley College

The Skagit Valley College Park Ranger Law Enforcement Academy (PRLEA) is now accepting volunteers for role players to help law enforcement students enact real-life scenarios as part of their comprehensive 750-plus hour, 18-week training program.

Volunteers could be cast as robbers, intoxicated drivers, campers, dog owners, and even archeologists. Previous scenarios include being cast as a dog owner who is having a dispute with another dog owner, campers who are being too loud, or poachers.

"These scenarios are important for students to master the information critical to successful public service and protection of our world's natural, historical, and outstanding resources," said Commander Rick Mossman, who served as a National Park Ranger for more than 37 years and is now a PRLEA director.

"Their training culminates with scenario-based field exercises where they put all their classroom hours and preparatory skills training to work in problem-solving, role player scenarios.

Protect your financial information online

If you're an investor, you probably enjoy the convenience of managing your accounts online. But you'll also want to make sure that you're not making it convenient for hackers, "phishers" and others with bad intentions to gain the same access.

Fortunately, there's a lot you can do to protect your privacy. Here are a few suggestions offered by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission:

- Use a strong password or passphrase. You'll want to pick a password that would be virtually impossible for anyone to guess, employing capital and lowercase letters, plus symbols and numbers. Of course, you'll want to record the password in a secure place so you won't forget it. Instead of using a password, you may have the option of choosing a passphrase, which contains a series of words strung together. You'll want to avoid phrases taken from popular culture or that are otherwise commonly used. And it's also a good idea not to use phrases containing your name, birthday or other personal identifiers.
- Activate your account alerts. When you turn on your account alerts, you'll receive text messages or emails notifying you of certain activities, such as account logins, failed account login attempts, personal information changes, money transfers, adding or deleting of external financial accounts, and more. These alerts can help you monitor your accounts for fraud and verify your own moves, as well.
- Avoid using public computers to access investment accounts. If you're at a hotel or library, try to avoid the temptation to use the computer to check in on your investments. But if you do use a public computer, at least take proper precautions. For starters, don't leave data on a screen and walk away, even for a moment. And when you're finished with the computer, log out of your account to end the online session. You may also want to change any password you used.
- Ignore suspicious links. Be suspicious of emails or text messages containing links claiming to be connected to your investment accounts. These links could take you to websites designed to solicit sensitive account information, which could then be used for financial or identity theft. Even if the link seems to be coming from a business you know, you'll want to be quite cautious – experienced "phishers" can now create websites or online documents that look real. And keep in mind that legitimate investment firms will not ask you to divulge personal information without going through the password or two-step authentication protocols already described.

The ability to connect with your investment accounts online can be extremely useful to you – and you'll feel more comfortable about these interactions if you know you've done all you can to safeguard your information.

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The academy prefers volunteers to be 18 years old; however, volunteers under 18 can participate with a parent. Pizza will be provided for lunch to volunteers at no cost.

Volunteers are needed between 8:00AM to 12:00PM or 1:00 to 5:00PM the following dates: Friday, Oct. 29; Monday, Nov. 22; Tuesday, Nov. 23; Wednesday, Dec. 1; Monday, Dec. 6; Tuesday, Dec. 7; Monday, Dec. 12; Tuesday, Dec. 13; and Wednesday, Dec. 14.

Interested or have questions? Call Program Coordinator Jennifer Knezek at 360-416-7919 or emailing academy.assistant@skagit.edu. Instructions on coming to campus and information on COVID-19 protocols will be provided to those who are accepted prior to the volunteer date. Proof of vaccination for COVID-19 is required, and the vaccination status of each participant will be verified by Brooke Writer, SVC's COVID-19 coordinator, who can be reached at Covid.Coordinator@skagit.edu.

About the Park Ranger Law Enforcement Academy

The Park Ranger Law Enforcement Academy is one of six accredited academies nationwide that meets federal training standards for commissioning law enforcement rangers for the National Park Service (NPS), Washington State Parks, and other agencies. Over 90 percent of Washington State Parks law enforcement rangers received their training at this academy. Students learn from subject matter experts and recognized professionals in their field.

[Submitted by Laura Daniali, Director of Strategic Marketing and Communications, SVC]

Everyone Wins in Virtual Challenge Race

The 29th Annual Rotary Sunrise Challenge Series Race will be held virtually Saturday at 10:00AM in the multi-purpose room at Oak Harbor Lutheran Church, 1253 NW 2nd Ave., Oak Harbor. It will be broadcast on Facebook live and YouTube. The race is hosted by the Rotary Club of North Whidbey Island Sunrise.

The Virtual Challenge race consists of decorated pinewood derby cars, sponsored by local businesses and individuals. The official pinewood race cars are being borrowed from local scouts who will be racing the official cars on an indoor track. Funds will provide grants to local children and young adults challenged with special needs. Whidbey Sunrise Rotary Club administers the grant program.

Students and family members at the Oak Harbor Hand-in-Hand Early Learning Center and Exceptional Family Members program are decorating special wood cars to celebrate the race. Their custom cars will be displayed in the race video and each child will receive a thank-you recognition certificate.

The Challenge Day Race is an annual event. It would not be possible without the vision of longtime Issaquah resident Leo Finnegan. Leo, the father of an adult son with a disability, brought the idea of continuing this type of race which Puget Power originally offered.

Donate today at <http://whidbeyrotary.com/stories> to support this program and others.

[Submitted by Janis Powell, Rotary Club of North Whidbey Island Sunrise]

Building a Compost Fence

Join landscape designer and Tilth member Jennifer Carlson as she demonstrates sustainable landscape design elements for your small-scale farm or homestead. The class is at 2:00PM Saturday, in the Tilth Community Gardens, 2812 Thompson Road, Langley. The first outdoor class in this series will meet at Jennifer's market garden plot at Tilth to discuss and fill new compost fences. Compost fences receive woody material that takes too long to decompose in a standard compost pile. The woody material breaks down into a compost dust and gently feeds the plants on either side of the fence. Besides being decorative, a compost fence can provide a wind break, shade, privacy screening and a quiet, insulated backdrop. What used to be considered woody debris to be disposed of is now a resource to be gathered for your fence. Jennifer will discuss requirements for locat-

ing and constructing a fence, and the dos and don'ts. The class fee is by donation, to register contact the education committee, education@southwhidbeytilth.org or leave a message at 360-321-0757.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, South Whidbey Tilth]

Grant Funds Available to Support Preservation of Historic Barns and Historic Cemeteries

Funding for two state grant programs is available for owners of historic barns and for those with stewardship responsibilities over historic cemeteries in Washington State. The deadline to submit applications for both grant programs has been extended to Sunday, Nov. 7.

This marks the eighth round of grant funding through the Heritage Barn Initiative. The Initiative established the Heritage Barn Register in 2007, a statewide list of historically significant barns, and owners of designated Heritage Barns are once again eligible to apply for matching grants available to assist with barn stabilization and rehabilitation projects. Now in its third year, the Historic Cemetery Preservation Program is intended to honor veterans and support the ongoing preservation of historic cemeteries through funding for capital projects. Approximately \$1,000,000 in grant awards are available for barns and \$300,000 are available for cemeteries for the 2021-2023 Biennium. Both initiatives are programs of the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and administered by the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation.

Online application forms and more information for each program can be accessed online at: <https://preservewa.org/programs/grants/>.

For more information, please contact Huy Pham at the Washington Trust at 206-462-2999 or grants@preservewa.org.

[Submitted by Huy Pham, Preservation Programs Director]

NAS Whidbey SAR Rescues Stranded Climber off Mt. Erie

During a routine training flight, a Search and Rescue (SAR) team from Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island received an alert to help rescue a stranded climber on Mt. Erie in Fidalgo County, Oct. 19.

The SAR team arrived on scene by 12:15PM and quickly spotted the male climber, hanging onto a precipitous cliff about 700 feet above ground, with a rescue team from Anacortes Fire and Rescue located about 200 feet above the individual.

The SAR team quickly ascertained that they would need to hover well above the climber and position the aircraft where the rappelling crewmember would remain positioned against the cliff to ensure safety for the climber and crewmember. After retrieving the climber from the cliff the crew landed near the north shore of Lake Campbell, where they turned the man over to the Anacortes Fire and Rescue Team.

Naval Air Station Whidbey Island SAR has conducted 41 missions this calendar year, which includes seven MEDEVACs, 30 rescues, and four 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 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]

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Island Angler

By Tracy Loescher

FALL AND WINTER LAKE TROUT

With the short days of winter nearly upon us and fishing the Puget Sound mostly off limits, what are the options for us fish fanatics with a 12-foot aluminum boat or inflatable raft just begging to be taken fishing?

Our Whidbey Island and Fidalgo Island lakes can be a blessing this time of year; many of them could still have a few hold-over Rainbow Trout planted during the summer months still foraging for a tasty night crawler or flashy lure to bite down on. You may have crossed paths with a summertime lake fishermen who would say "stocked fish are not very spunky" and are pretty dull when it comes to the tug on the line. This has some truth to it; freshly planted fish in the beginning can be a little short on horsepower; however, any lake trout that managed to avoid getting caught during the summer months are now hard fighters. Their flesh is stronger, more colorful and generally better tasting, mainly due to the natural lake diet and cold water. Most of the fish will be between 12- and 15-inches in length and their colors will be bright and shiny. Since the winter water is colder, the fish may be a little lethargic but will still chase and strike at a lure. Be patient and cover as much of the lake as possible to locate them. If I have never fished a specific lake before, I first look for any above water activity like jumpers, or fish just breaking the surface of the water. If there are no obvious indicators, I simply pick any starting point on the lake and position my boat about two boat lengths away from the shoreline and start slowly trolling the entire perimeter of small lakes. By watching my depth/fish finder, it gives me a real-time look at the bottom and hopefully an echo return on a school of fish. I continue trolling until I get a take-down, then stay with the biting fish, re-visiting the hot spot until the fish scatter or the bite is off. With some dedicated time on the same lake, you will find the fish will be caught in the same general areas due to the kind of structure, food source or water temperature the fish like in those areas. Here is a quick look at the methods, along with lures and baits I use to land a mess of fresh trout:

TROLLING

This is my favorite way to fish for trout. A 12-foot aluminum boat, a fully charged deep cycle marine battery and my electric trolling motor. With these, I can cover a lot of water in search of snappy trout. I always carry a set of oars for Armstrong back-up power. My lure of choice is a size F-4 flatfish in yellow with a few random red and black spots. With light test line (4- to 6-pound test) and slow troll speeds, the flatfish can be trolled without any added weight. It will wobble and stay just below the surface. With a heavier test line, I thread a small egg sinker onto my mainline and then tie a small barrel swivel on the end of the mainline followed by 30 inches of 6-pound leader; the swivel keeps the

sinker from sliding down the leader material to the lure. This small change to my terminal gear lets me troll at faster speeds and gets the flatfish down into deeper water if needed.

CASTING

Casting is a productive way to search for hungry trout, plus it keeps the angler more active with the rod and reel. From the boat, I "fan-cast," searching the water for actively feeding fish. Fishing different depths is easy – it's all relative to lure retrieval speed. Size 2 or 3 chartreuse Bluefox spinners, small chrome Kastmaster's, and chrome or brass wobbling spoons are my main lures of choice for casting. Fan-casting from shore also works well, just be on the look-out for surrounding brush and trees. In recent years I have been fishing more with braided line; it is strong, lightweight, and I can cast a mile with the stuff. And since there is no stretch with braided line, you get a much cleaner feel of the lure's movement. Fishing with braided line does take some getting used to but it might be something you may want to try.

ON ANCHOR

This is the way to go when fishing with very young anglers. I motor or row to a fishy spot and drop anchor, or two if the wind is blowing – one on the bow and one on the stern. If I'm fishing with worms or salmon eggs, I rig up with a "Loescher Loop" at the end of my mainline and attach an old-school #4 pre-snelled hook to the Loescher Loop. Then I attach a small- to medium-size bobber or float to the mainline about 18 inches above the baited hook. Gently toss the float and bait out away from the boat and wait for the float to disappear. Be sure to move the float up or down the mainline so the baited hook is suspended above any grass or lake foliage. If I'm fishing with floating baits like marshmallows or PowerBait, I use a slip-rig, which consists of a small egg sinker on the mainline followed by a small barrel swivel, then 15-20 inches of 8-pound leader material with a single egg hook attached to the leader's end. I use just enough PowerBait to conceal the hook, normally about the size of a green pea. I leave just a little slack in my line so when a fish picks up the bait, he can swim off without feeling any sudden resistance from the small egg weight.

These three techniques I briefly described are just a few of the ways a person can catch trout. They have always helped me put some fish in the cooler, so give them a try. Be sure to brush up on the state regulations before heading out. Campbell Lake, Cranberry Lake and Lone Lake are the local lakes open all year. Many of the others are seasonal and closed until the last Saturday of April 2022. When fall and winter fishing, be sure to bundle up and give yourselves a little extra time. GOOD LUCK FISHING!

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29th Annual Whidbey Island Challenge Series

Saturday, October 30, 10:00AM
Virtual Edition

The race is hosted by the Rotary Club of North Whidbey Island Sunrise and will be broadcast on Facebook live and YouTube. Donate online, be a sponsor, or learn more at whidbeyrotary.com/stories.challenge-series-1.

Read and Create Space

Wednesday, November 3, 4:00-7:00PM
210 SE Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor

Free books, games, and puzzles will be available. While visiting, guests are encouraged to take some time and utilize art supplies and creative activities featured at this event. All ages are welcome. Find more info on Facebook.com/ReadandCreateSpaceOakHarbor.

Christmas Bazaar

Friday, November 5, 10:00AM-3:00PM
Saturday, November 6, 9:00AM-2:00PM
St. Augustine Catholic Church, Oak Harbor

Masks required. Credit cards accepted. The church is located at 185 N. Oak Harbor St.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitch

Fridays, November 5, 12 & 19, 7:30PM
Saturdays, November 6, 13 & 20, 7:30PM
Sunday, November 14, 4:00PM
Thursday, November 18, 7:30PM
Black Box Theater, Langley

When the social circuit no longer provides juicy morsels, when the pressure to create news in our never-ending news cycle becomes just a bit much, gossip columnists Mr. and Mrs. Fitch realize it's time to toss back the martini, toss around the bon mots and realize that great celebrity can just appear out of thin air. This wicked, urbane comedy is a scathing look at who is in, who is out and who may not even exist at all, starring Patricia Duff and Jeff Natter. Tickets are \$16 for students/seniors (62+) and \$20 for adults. All tickets for the Thursday show are \$14. Reservations for tickets are available by emailing Outcast Productions at ocp@whidbey.com; payment is made by cash or check at the door.

Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 6, 9:00AM-1:00PM
First Reformed Church, Oak Harbor

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All Together Now-A Global Event Celebrating Local Theatre

Friday, November 12, 7:30PM
Saturday, November 13, 2:30 & 7:30PM
Sunday, November 14, 2:30PM
Whidbey Playhouse, Oak Harbor

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Taxpayer support is less than 5% of the daily \$315,000 cost to stay in operation.

Impacts of COVID-19 now exceed more than \$18 million.

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- Recruit providers to the island to meet the needs of our growing community
- Improve outdated technology to help clinical staff easily and effectively treat patients
- Improve communications systems to provide patients better access to their doctors & services

WhidbeyHealth will continue evolving to meet the needs of our growing and diverse community – it is our mission and our passion.

For more information visit: whidbeyhealth.org/the_levy_facts



Insurance and You

By Mary Elizabeth Himes

Hello all, we hope your October has been safe and sound. This month we would like to address insurance coverages that are often declined by our insureds. We have written about this before and will continue to do so as we see the need to continue educating our community about what insurance is and how it affects you.

In the past few months, we have had to work with clients on various claims involving non-fault and comprehensive claims. The claims involved broken windshields, an accident on Highway 20, a person pulling out of their driveway, the rear ending of a vehicle at a stop sign and a parking lot accident. In each of these accidents, coverage that was previously declined by the insured would have offset some time and cost.

In the case of the windshield, comprehensive coverage was declined for reasons most insureds have:

- The age of the vehicle
- Never had an accident
- Don't drive the car much

Many insureds have read somewhere that when a car reaches a certain age, they should reconsider maintaining comprehensive and collision coverage on the vehicle. We have heard the argument that the car is valued under \$5,000 so they don't want the coverage because they do not see the value. However, the days when a windshield cost \$50 to \$100 to replace have come and gone. Depending on the vehicle, you can pay up to \$1,000 for a windshield, because the majority now have technology sensors built into them. In this instance, the windshield replacement cost \$800 which was nearly eight years of premium (the vehicle was a 2015). The insured ultimately saved nothing and lost nearly \$200 based on the vehicle's age. After having to make repairs, the insured requested coverage at a cost of \$7.80 per month, which includes no deductible for glass.

Many insureds have never had an accident, at fault or not, and for this reason they decline collision or uninsured motorist property damage coverages that protect their vehicles. However, on occasion, determination of fault can be questioned and repairs to a vehicle will not be guaranteed until determination of fault is settled. If that determination is not in the insured's favor, the repairs will come out of pocket, as well as rental coverage. The insured's company will only pay for damages to the other party. If it is determined the other party is at fault, reimbursement will eventually happen. This process may take several months. If the other party was uninsured, a lawsuit may be required to be reimbursed. In the instance of the parking lot accident, the insured did not have collision coverage because the vehicle was older and they had never had an accident. It was determined the insured was at fault and he was responsible for repairs. He ended up searching for his own parts and finding a friend to repair and do the painting. It took him three months to repair the car on his days off and after work. Adding \$200 comprehensive and \$500 collision deductibles to his policy cost the insured \$5 per month.

In another instance, an insured driver was minding his own business at a stop light and was rear ended in his vehicle. He was covered for the physical damage to the vehicle, but had declined Personal Injury Protection (PIP). He did not initially feel any pain, but a few days after the accident was feeling tightness in his back. He thought his medical insurance would cover him at the chiropractor, but that was not the case. Since the insured was involved in an accident, the chiropractor wanted immediate payment; an attorney declined to take the case because it was too small and he is running into roadblocks with his health insurance. Without the coverage, the insured has no immediate access to funds for services. He also lost a few days of work. The insured may have hundreds of dollars to pay before he can get reimbursed by the other insurer; adding the PIP coverage with a \$35,000 benefit will cost the insured \$15.42 per month. A small amount to pay for peace of mind and adequate and immediate health care.

These are real time examples of what can happen to individuals and families in the event of an unexpected automobile accident. If you have an agent, call them and review your coverages. If you don't have an agent, call that 1-800 number and wait for a service representative to help you. If you don't like being on hold, you can always look for insurance that will allow you the convenience of an agent.



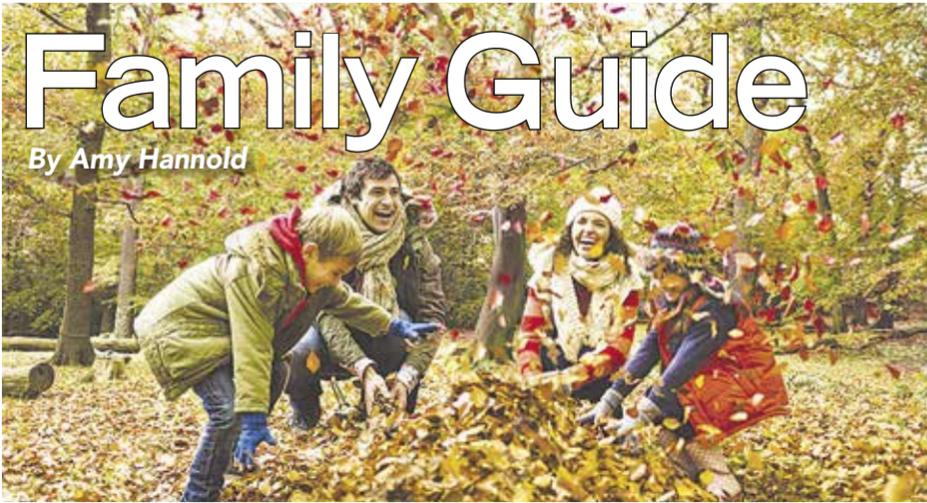
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Family Guide

By Amy Hannold

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NOVEMBER IS:

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NOVEMBER'S WHIMSICAL OBSERVANCES AND OTHERWISE SPECIAL DAYS:

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Nov. 13 – World Kindness Day: How can you be kind today?

Nov. 15 – National Clean Out Your Fridge Day: Get ready to prepare those holiday goodies and meals by cleaning your appliances!

Nov. 27 – Small Business Saturday: When you shop local, you are showing support for your friends and neighbors!

Youth Shine in November: Whidbey Children's Theater, with a cast ranging in age from 8 to 19, brings to life the classic adventure tale, "Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe," in Langley, Nov. 5-21. Tickets and information: wctmagic.org.

Whidbey Volleyball Club: The USA Junior Olympic volleyball club of Whidbey Island will host a series of open gym clinics Sundays, Nov. 7-28, 1 to 3 p.m., at Oak Harbor High School. All ages are welcome. The cost is \$5 per session or \$20 for the month. Tryouts for their "14U" (ages 11-14) team will be Nov. 21, the "15U and Up" (ages 15-18) team Dec. 1. For more information, visit Facebook.com/whidbeyvolleyballclub.

All Together Now!: Whidbey Playhouse will present a production of Music Theatre International's *All Together Now! A Global Event Celebrating Local Theatre*.

Theatrical licensor Music Theatre International (MTI) created this revue for theatres across the globe to use as a local fundraising event performed over the same weekend of Nov. 12. Local performances are scheduled for Nov. 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 13 and 14 at 2:30 p.m. Shows will be performed both live on stage and available via livestream online.

All Together Now! features songs from MTI's beloved catalog of musicals including *Annie, Once On This Island, Company, Rent, Disney's Beauty and the Beast, American Idiot, Disney's Frozen, Guys and Dolls, Oliver!, Into the Woods, The Baker's Wife, Little Shop of Horrors, Mamma Mia!, Thoroughly Modern Millie, Five Guys Named Moe, Once on This Island*, and more! Visit whidbeyplayhouse.com for tickets and information.

Shop for a Child: As you're shopping for your holiday, consider buying an extra gift (or gift card) for a family in need. Our local Readiness to Learn and Toys for Tots will be seeking donations to stock their shelves. Most needed every year are stocking stuffers for all ages and gifts suitable for teens and tweens. To volunteer, donate or for more information, go to readinessstolearn.org.

Growing in Gratefulness: November marks a time of anticipating holidays and all that goes along with them, both positive and negative. Thanksgiving is one of those holidays, but it is also an attitude. Take the month of November, along with your children, to intentionally appreciate the little things you're grateful for. This 30-day "Thankful Challenge" is the opportunity to be more present where you are, taking in the "good" around you. Growing gratefulness benefits your family now and puts into practice a healthier perspective when life is difficult.

Each day in November, share at least one thing you each are thankful for. Start with smaller things like the gorgeous fall colors around you, hot cocoa, fuzzy warm sweaters – and then move onto larger blessings like a home, good news, friends, etc. The goal is to set aside time each day to be thankful and to share that gratitude with others.

Creatively Share Your Gratitude:

Create an "I'm Thankful Tree" – Take a walk in the outdoors to collect some small, but tall, branches for your tree. Thankful trees can be made in ordinary glass vases, with the light branches billowing out the top, making room for many paper leaves to be hung from them. Your leaves can be made from colorful paper, or white paper that can be decorated. Each day, add a leaf to the branches for what you are thankful for and watch your tree grow! Thankful trees make great centerpieces for holiday dinners, or "gratitude" moments at the table with a holiday treat. Be sure to save your leaves in a special box or book to enjoy looking back at them later.

If a tree is not your chosen visual, you could create daily leaves or a simple list and display them somewhere in your home. As each day passes, add those daily "I'm Thankful For" papers to a plain journal. Decorate the pages and you have a family treasure for years to come. At the end of the 30 days, you might find gratitude to be a vital part of your day, so extend your "30-day Thankful Challenge" however you like. It's a good habit to get into.

Moms Offering Moms Support: The MOMS Club of Whidbey Island invites mothers to join in social connection, friendship and activities. Its goal is to create a kindred community of support, laughter, and sisterhood, walking through these special years together. momsclubofwhidbey.wixsite.com/momsclubofwhidbey or Facebook.com/momsclubofwhidbey

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Haunted roller barn features cast of creepy characters

By Shannon Bly Whidbey Weekly

For those who may have missed it, the historic Roller Barn has made its annual transformation into a haunted barn for the month of October and this weekend is the last opportunity to enjoy it. Led by new owner James Croft, this year's scare event takes brave thrill seekers inside a haunted mansion, the Morris House.

On arrival, visitors are given the history of the fictitious "Morris House," which has been known to plague families for over 100 years with mysterious disappearances, sudden family illness, and unexplained paranormal activity. Participants are invited in and warned to beware or become another of the house's many victims.

The Morris House journey begins at the front walk and porch, where the hideous and spooky victims of the past will greet you. Visitors will travel through every room of the mansion, including the parlor, kitchen, laundry room, and a basement that hasn't been cleaned of cobwebs in a century.



Photo Courtesy of The Roller Barn

The treats might look good at first glance, but rest assured, there are tricks on the menu at this year's haunted Roller Barn in Oak Harbor.

Eventually visitors will find the back door and journey out into the night, where a full moon has drawn dangerous creatures out to roam. The journey leads the way through a corn field, a swamp, and a graveyard before re-entering the house, but visitors won't find safety there! Instead, they'll make their way through the top floor bedrooms and nursery and the lucky few will find their way out of the house to safety.

The Haunted Roller Barn offers three experiences. A lights-on matinee takes younger and jumpier participants through the haunted house without the live action scares. There are plenty of creepy, bloody, spooky props to give a frightful and fun experience to kids and their caregivers.

The full haunted house experience is available each evening. Many of the scares are automated, or play on visitors' fears using lights, noise, smoke, texture and confined space.

Haunters are also waiting throughout the house to jump out and spook visitors, usually driving them into yet another scare.

Amanda Power plays the girl from "The Ring," crawling out of a dark corner to scare her "victims."

"I hear a lot of 'nopes' as they come around the corner and see me," she said. "I don't get too close to people because they are usually running away from me."

The third experience visitors can have in the house is the interactive laser tag option. Visitors can enter the Morris House wearing headbands and armed with laser tag guns. They must traverse the mansion, defending themselves against the monsters inside. Haunters in the house slowly "suck" the life from the headbands, so visitors must defend

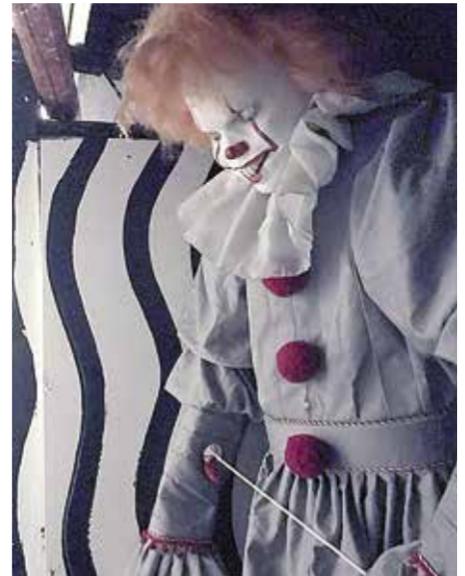


Photo Courtesy of The Roller Barn

Danger and even creepy downs can lurk right around the corner at the haunted Roller Barn, open for brave visitors through Halloween weekend



Photo Courtesy of The Roller Barn

This year's haunted house at the Roller Barn in Oak Harbor promises double the fun and double the fright.

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Mash,'] by Bobby Pickett, which took the English-speaking world by storm when it premiered on 'The Ed Sullivan Show' in 1962," she continued.

It may seem counter-intuitive to take instruments known for producing beautiful music and use them to produce exquisitely hair-raising sounds, but it could be that's all part of the fun and challenge of playing spooky music. Chilling sounds can take just as much practice, training and imagination as playing the "pretty stuff."

"When Bernard Hermann wrote the music for 'Psycho' he very innovatively used ONLY strings in the score," Morrow said. "He had the violinists do downward, repeating slides from the top of their strings to the bridge to simulate the slashing of the knife through the shower curtain and ultimately the flesh of [actress] Janet Leigh. To this day, when string players slide with repeated downbow strokes, everyone immediately recalls this horrifying murder scene in 'Psycho.' John Williams used only two notes played by the strings, repeated faster and faster, to represent the unrelenting danger of the oncoming shark in 'Jaws,' which you will hear for a few very recognizable bars in 'Fright Night.' Tremolos, those very fast, repeated notes at the tip of the bow, set the stage for something very creepy in the opening measures of 'Thriller.' Richard Meyer sets the stage in 'Incantations' with high, very eerie harmonics and notes scraped behind the bridge, an effect that sets one's teeth on edge."

Morrow said she hopes people will take advantage of the opportunity to celebrate "The Witching Hour" with Whidbey Island Orchestra.

"We're hoping that our audience will get into the mood of Halloween by hearing the many ways that music can create those eerie, goose-bumpy, stomach-clenching moments that define a special night of witchcraft, goblins, ghosts, and unearthly spirits," she said. "Also, this video will provide a fun way for the entire family to enjoy a Halloween experience from their own, very safe homes during this pandemic."

"The Witching Hour" is free to watch, but those so inclined to make a donation to the nonprofit orchestra may do so online. The video will be available to watch starting Saturday at whidbeyislandorchestra.org.

Whidbey Island Orchestra has several upcoming live performances on its schedule as well.

"Next will be a live Christmas concert on Dec. 19 at WICA, 'Santa's Holiday Playlist,' and a free Christmas concert for the community at Trinity Lutheran Church in Freeland on Dec. 23," Morrow said. "Following these, we will be performing on the night of Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, at WICA, with our most romantic program yet, 'Lollipops and Roses.' And that's just the beginning. We'll let you know as the season progresses what's coming up next."

The Witching Hour

Whidbey Island Orchestra
Conducted by Cynthia Morrow

Featured guest artist: David Ossman
Dancers: Daunne Zinger and her Luigi Jazz Dancers

Video services provided by Ken Ubby

Concert link: www.WhidbeyIslandOrchestra.org

GUEST COLUMN

By Roxallanne Medley

End of an Era: Sherman's Pioneer Farm owners to retire

It's October. Time to make the annual trip to Whidbey Island to load up on pumpkins to carve and squash to bake. Time to visit Sherman's Pioneer Farm one last time.

Owned by Dale and Liz Sherman, the historic farm sits in the middle of Ebey's Prairie, between the town of Coupeville ("The Heart of Ebey's Landing National Historic Reserve"), and Ebey's Landing Beach. Dale's collection of vintage farm equipment marks the entrance to the farm. Surrounded by red barns, an old water tower and gnarly apple trees, visitors can choose that perfect pumpkin from the hundreds displayed on hay bales, or hop aboard the vintage trolley, pulled by "Tonka," Dale's bright yellow tractor, and take a ride across the prairie to the pumpkin patch.

For many families, a trip to Dale and Liz Sherman's Pioneer Farm is a Halloween tradition. It's a ferry ride to an island, a step back in time. Year-after-year, families return to Pioneer Farm's pumpkin patch. What makes this farm a favorite, an autumn "must do" trip? Like most Northwest pumpkin farms, Pioneer Farm has a maze, lots of pumpkins and squash and a produce stand. Could it be the popularity of Shannon's "Fireball Whiskey" pumpkin pie?

The answer is easy. Pioneer Farm is much more than pumpkins and squash. It's a working farm and home. It is family, community, tradition, history. It's the warmth and friendliness of its owners, their love of the land and commitment to provide an authentic farm experience, while farming hundreds of acres, planting barley, squash, and pumpkins, and raising cows, children, and grandchildren.

At first sight, Dale may look gruff, but behind that beard is a man devoted to working the land and preserving the family farm, in a time when big conglomerates are pushing the small farmer out of the communities where they farm. Both Liz and Dale are eager to make your pumpkin outing a memory-making experience and to provide a first-hand look at a working, family farm.

Amidst the displays of pumpkins – orange and white, huge and tiny – there are boxes and crates filled with a variety of squash – buttercup, butternut, and Danish. But the best of all is the giant Sugar Hubbard – the signature product of Pioneer Farm for over 70 years!

Dale's father, Edwin Sherman, bought Pioneer Farm in the 1950s from Bill and Eddie Tufts, renaming it Sherman's Pioneer Farm. Like most of the farmers on the island, he raised turkeys (as many as 200,000 a year), wheat and Blue Hubbard squash. Storing the squash was a problem. It didn't "keep" well. Working with an agriculture scientist at Washington



State University, Edwin received the seeds of a new strain of squash, a cross between the Blue Hubbard and the Sweetmeat, named the Sugar Hubbard. Storage problem solved, he planted and harvested over 100 acres of squash for years; however, much of the crop was not viable for commercial sale because the buyers wanted a blemish-free product – difficult to supply when the island deer love the taste of squash.

Unlike his father, Dale, who returned to the farm in 1980, plants only 20 acres of Sugar Hubbard seed, harvests and stores 150 tons and processes 90 tons for commercial sales. While Dale focuses on the planting and harvest of the squash, Liz works tirelessly to develop a market for their product. In 2000, Safeway was their main buyer, eager to purchase whole squash. By 2006, they refused to handle uncut squash, wanting "wedges" instead. Easy to understand, considering the size of the squash. That didn't last long. Eventually, they stopped buying the farm's product and Liz began researching alternate ways to package the squash. Dale built a cutting room, purchased special cutting machines and now sells the squash in one-inch cubes, sealed in a plastic container. The cutting room is a busy place. With four employees cutting squash, they process 100 pounds an hour and make deliveries twice a week.

Except for the month of October, it is a rare day when you won't see Dale's blue, Ford tractor in one of the fields. Several years ago, Dale added a special tractor to the farm. Come pumpkin time, Dale parks his blue tractor, climbs aboard his bright yellow "Tonka," hooks up the vintage trolley, and begins making hundreds of trips back and forth from the pumpkin patch to the farm. While Dale maneuvers the trolley across the prairie, you'll find Liz, along with family members, running the produce stand, sharing squash recipes, explaining the difference between Sweetmeat and Sugar Hubbard squash, selling cookies and pies, and helping kids pull red wagons heavy with pumpkins. A long-time teacher in the Coupeville school district, Liz's creativity and love of teaching is evident in most aspects of the farm. Dale, content to be on his tractor, leaves much of the business part of farming up to Liz. It's Liz who launched the farm in its new direction, researching markets and encouraging Dale to leave the business end of farming up to her.

Dale's world is one seen and heard from the seat of a tractor. The raucous cry of gulls in search of worms in the freshly plowed, rich brown prairie soil. The view of the Olympic mountains,

snow-covered in winter, their craggy peaks rising above the Salish Sea. The roar of the waves crashing on Ebey's Landing beach during a storm. A prairie patchwork of green and gold... alfalfa, barley, beets, squash and pumpkins. Dale's life is best described as a life spent on a tractor 24/7, his love of farming exceeded only by time spent in his recliner, his favorite cat curled up on his lap.

All of this is about to end. After years of plowing, planting and harvesting, Liz says it's time to retire. Those who know both Dale and Lizzie well can't help but wonder what Dale will do when he's not sitting on the seat of a tractor, and Liz isn't planning the next new approach to marketing. Is there a life after farming or is farming just that... a complete way of life? The way to mark the change of seasons?

How will the two of them spend their time? What does their future look like? What will they miss when no longer farming? Liz loves to travel and given a choice, would live out of a suitcase for weeks at a time. There's hardly any place she wouldn't go. Dale? He's comfortable at home on the farm. Asked what he'll miss the most when he retires, Dale's answer came without hesitation. He'll miss "haying," and the time spent alone on the tractor cutting acres of grass ready to bale for winter feed, his only company the eagles hunting rodents rousted from their grassy hiding place. What won't he miss? "Working in the squash fields. It's dusty and dirty work."

For the opportunity to personally ask Dale and Liz about their plans for the

future and pay tribute to the many contributions they've made to the Coupeville community, come to the celebration at the Coupeville Town Park Pavilion, Nov. 6 at 2 p.m. Join your friends and neighbors for cake, music and the opportunity to wish them well in their new venture, whatever it may be.

Many of us will miss seeing the blue tractor out on the Prairie and stopping by the farm's produce stand to pick up a Hubbard squash. But life goes on, and Dale and Liz still have a lot of living to do. After years spent striving to continue the legacy of farming on the prairie and to preserve the small, family farm life-style, they both agree, "We've done our part."

Thank you Dale and Liz Sherman.

OAK HARBOR CINEMAS

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Week 10/29/21 thru 11/2/21

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RON'S GONE WRONG (PG)
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Sunday, Oct 31, 12-3pm
Trunk or Treat
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Frightville Haunted House at the Roller Barn

The Frightville Haunted House has more than 100 years of mysterious disappearances, sudden illnesses and unexplained paranormal activity to its credit. It is said bones and old tombs have been discovered on the site. Choose from three different ways to experience this creepy mansion. Limited tickets available.
Friday-Sunday, Oct. 29-31
98 NE Barron Dr., Oak Harbor
therollerbarn.com/the-haunted-barn

Zombie Corn Maze

Do you dare to enter the Zombie Corn Maze at night at Whidbey Farm and Market? Cost is \$15 per person, purchase tickets online. Maze is open from 7-10 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 29 and Saturday, Oct. 30
1422 N Monroe Landing Rd., Oak Harbor
whidbeyfarmandmarket.com



Fright at Fort Casey

Fort Casey State Park and the Keepers of Admiralty Head Lighthouse have put together a modified Haunted Fort Casey event following all COVID-19 safety protocols. The fright portion is appropriate for those over 12 and there will be a children's game area for those under 12. The children's game area is free, but admission to Fright at Fort Casey is \$1 per person. A Discover Pass is required for parking. Masks are required.
Saturday, Oct. 30 and Sunday, Oct. 31
Noon-3 p.m.
Info: 360-678-7475

Decorate a Pumpkin Day

The Langley Chamber of Commerce is getting into the spirit of Halloween by offering a free pumpkin day in Langley Park, at 2nd and Anthes. Stay and decorate a pumpkin in the park or grab a to-go decorating kit and take it home.
Saturday, Oct. 30
10 a.m.-5 p.m.
visittlangley.com

Scavenger Hunt

This is a children's event, but all are welcome to participate. A \$10 ticket gets participants either a plain witch's hat or cape; follow the map to collect feathers, tulle, spiders and more to decorate your hat or cape.
Saturday, Oct. 30
1-4 p.m.
Downtown Coupeville
www.coupevillehistoricwaterfront.com

Coupeville Pumpkin Race

Entries are limited to pumpkins on wheels to see which pumpkin finishes first. Organized heats for safety. Double axle and four wheels required.
Saturday, Oct. 30
2-4 p.m.
Alexander St., just south of Front St., Coupeville

Kids Halloween Egg Hunt

Saturday
Oct. 30, 3 p.m.
Fleet Reserve Association Auxiliary
311 SE 8th Ave., Oak Harbor

No Tricks, Safe Treats

Children ages 14 and younger are invited to don their costumes and head to downtown Oak Harbor for the annual No Tricks, Safe Treats event sponsored by the Oak Harbor Main Street Association. Orange balloons will mark participating merchants for trick or treating locations. Social distancing and face masks required. This is a free event.
Saturday, Oct. 30
3-5 p.m.
Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor

Clinton Drive-Thru Trick or Treat

The Clinton Community Hall will hold its second annual Halloween Drive-Thru Trick or Treat event the day before Halloween. Costumed characters will greet all the little ghosts and goblins and pass out sweet treats as they drive through the Clinton Community Hall parking lot.
Saturday, Oct. 30
4-6 p.m.
Email: info@clintoncommunityhall.org

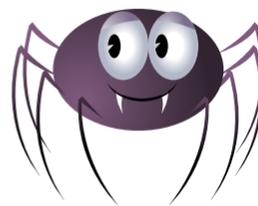
Torchlight Halloween Parade and Costume Contest

Gather at Cooke's Corner Park at Main and 9th in Coupeville at 4:45 p.m. and wear your costume and mask to participate.
Saturday, Oct. 30
5 p.m.
Downtown Coupeville



OH Car Club Trunk-or-Treat

The Oak Harbor Car Club is hosting a trunk-or-treat after the No Tricks, Safe Treats event in Oak Harbor. The event takes place in the parking lot of Windjammer Park.
Saturday, Oct. 30
6-8 p.m.
Windjammer Park parking lot, Oak Harbor



Monster Mash Bash

A spookishly fun dance party with a night full of frights. The haunted dance studio will be filled with ghosts, goblins and ghouls. Cost is \$15 per person. Proceeds benefit 2021-2022 Rise Dance Team members.
Saturday, Oct. 30
Funtime Haunted House, 5-6 p.m.
Scary Haunted House, 7-9 p.m.
Rise Dance Studio, 628 Oak St., Oak Harbor

21+ Movie Night "Practical Magic"

Doors open at 6 p.m. for this free Haunting of Coupeville event. Donations encouraged. Doors open at 6 p.m., "lookalike" show starts at 6:45 p.m., movie starts at 7 p.m. Those 21 and older are welcome; beer, wine and spirits will be served.
Saturday, Oct. 30
6 p.m.
Coupeville Rec Hall
901 NW Alexander St.

Trunk-or-Treat

Don't miss out on this free trunk-or-treat event hosted by Island Flyers Trampoline and Tumbling Team.
Sunday, Oct. 31
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
628 Oak St., Oak Harbor

Blue Fox Drive-In Trunk-or-Treat

Blue Fox Drive-In in Oak Harbor will hold a trunk-or-treat event to celebrate Halloween. Dress up in your costume for an afternoon of fun. The Blue Fox go-karts, arcade and snack bar will be open and free hotdogs donated by the Whidbey Island Lions Club will be served in the snack bar while supplies last.
Sunday, Oct. 31
Noon-3 p.m.
Monroe Landing Rd., Oak Harbor

Knights of Columbus Trunk-or-Treat

The St. Hubert's Council of the Knights of Columbus invites you to attend its free trunk-or-treat event at the St. Hubert's Catholic Church in Langley. The hot dog cart will be open, selling one dog for \$3 or two dogs for \$5. Wear your costume and bring the whole family.
Sunday, Oct. 31
2-5 p.m.
804 3rd St., Langley

Freeland Trunk-or-Treat

Christian Life Center at 1832 Scott Road in Freeland is holding a trunk-or-treat event sure to be fun for the whole family. There will be treats, games, pumpkin decorating and more. This is a free event.
Sunday, Oct. 31
3-5 p.m.

Coupeville Trunk-or-Treat

This free family event at Living Hope Four-square Church in Coupeville includes games, face painting, candy and prizes.
Sunday, Oct. 31
4-6 p.m.
105 NE Broadway, Coupeville

Living Word Trunk-or-Treat

There will be a trunk-or-treat event at the Living Word Church parking lot. Enjoy cars decorated in all kinds of themes and plenty of candy to go around.
Sunday, Oct. 31
4-6:30 p.m.
490 NW Crosby Ave., Oak Harbor
livingwordoakharbor.com/trunkortreat

Oak Bowl Family Halloween Party

Sign up to enjoy an evening of family bowling. \$30 per lane, shoes included, for up to six people. Kids under 15 can dress up in costume. There will be a costume contest and treat bags for kids. Must call to register.
Sunday, Oct. 31
5-7 p.m.
531 SE Midway Blvd., Oak Harbor
360-679-2533



Next Youth Costume Party

Living Word Church is teaming up with Next Youth Ministry to have a costume party for kids in grades 6 through 12. Enjoy pizza, popcorn, full size candy bars, Italian sodas, a costume contest, air pods giveaway, drive-in movie and more.
Sunday, Oct. 31
7 p.m.
1767 NE Regatta Dr., Oak Harbor

Annual Halloween Candy Buy Back

Left over candy? Playhouse Dental will pay \$1 for every pound of unopened Halloween candy and it will be boxed up and sent to our troops through Operation Gratitude.
Monday, Nov. 1 and Tuesday, Nov. 2
651 SE Maylor St., Oak Harbor
www.playhousedentalkids.com



Photo Courtesy of The Roller Barn
One never knows who may be found at the fictitious Morris House, the scene of this year's haunted Roller Barn in Oak Harbor.

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themselves against the haunters and try to stay alive. There are different difficulty levels of life in the headbands.

"It turns the whole house into a big game" said Power. "It gives the players a sense of confidence and excitement going through, [and makes them] pay more attention to the details of the rooms."

James Croft, owner of the Roller Barn, began working on his vision for the haunted house last month. His family and the Lujan family have worked long hours every day constructing the haunted mansion, decorating the rooms, and sourcing materials they needed that weren't already in the Roller Barn basement. Croft "put his heart and soul into this project" said Power, referencing his vision for the haunted house and the amount of work he's put in to make it happen.

The Roller Barn itself has "a very rich history and significance to the community, but the haunted house kind of has its own rich history," said Power. For multiple decades, the Oak Harbor community has turned the basement of the Roller Barn into a haunted house, creating a devoted following of both visitors and volunteer haunters and earning top ratings among Washington State Haunted Houses. Each year, new rooms and props are built to keep visitors guessing and give them different scares. The haunted house even had well-known haunters, such as Mr. Giggles the clown, who Power remembers meeting for the first time when she volunteered as a haunter.

"He was known for his creepy clown costume and devotion to the house," she said.

Proceeds from the haunted house will go to fixing up the Roller Barn, which is in need of major renovations. Nearly lost to a developer a few years ago, Croft purchased the barn and continued leasing it to the Boys and Girls Club while they remodeled their new clubhouse. Along with the haunted house, the Roller Barn is open for roller skating and parties, and will soon feature laser tag, arcade games, and black light mini golf.

A Washington Historic Building, the Roller Barn was built by Otto Van Dyke in 1912 for the Neil family dairy farm. It opened as a roller rink in 1950 and since then has been a memorable part of childhood for generations of Whidbey families.

"The kids in this community want somewhere fun and safe they can go and I think that's incredibly important for them to have," said Power. "I remember that when I went to the Boys and Girls Club [at the Roller Barn] and skating with my friends and then to scaring in the haunted house. So many happy and core memories and safety came from the barn."

The rich history of the barn and its current vision can be read on the Roller Barn's website, therollerbarn.com, which also features haunted house hours, reservations, prices.

Life Tributes



Salvatore (Sam) Santamaria



Salvatore (Sam) Santamaria passed away Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021 at the age of 94. He died peacefully, surrounded by his family in Oak Harbor. Sam was born to John Santamaria and Josephine Bertino of Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 15, 1927. He is survived by his patient, loving wife of 68 years, Angela, their six children, 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Sam was a veteran of the U.S. Army, enlisting in the Army Reserves at the end of World War II. He finished both his undergraduate and graduate studies in Philadelphia, finishing with a Masters of Physics from Drexel Institute. He worked for several pioneering semiconductor companies before relocating his family to Bothell, Wash., to start his long, successful career at the Boeing

Company in Seattle, Wash.

Sam and Angela retired to Oak Harbor, where he was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He was a Eucharistic minister, participated in the choir, and found enjoyment from helping at church functions. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. He had a heart for service.

All who knew Sam will miss his sense of humor and stubborn ways. The family would like to thank the heroes at Hospice of the Northwest for making the end of Sam's life a comfortable, dignified experience, providing medical, social and spiritual support to the family during his last days.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice of the Northwest (www.hospicenw.org).

A funeral service is scheduled at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Coupeville, Wash., Thursday Oct. 28, with interment at Sunnyside Cemetery.

Mary Lou Neely Mattson



Mary Lou Neely Mattson died at her home in Oak Harbor Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021. Born March 25, 1926, Mary Lou was raised in Merryville and Oakdale, La., the daughter of Wick Neely and Nell Warner. During World War II, she worked at U.S. Army Training Center Camp Claiborne, La., as an office clerk. There she met her future husband, Bruce D. Mattson, an artillery officer from Mankato, Minn. They were married in Texas in July 1945, while he was in hospital recovering from war wounds. They moved to Bruce's hometown in Minnesota where they lived for the next 20 years, raising three sons.

The family then moved to Lubbock, Texas, where Bruce was a faculty member at Texas Tech University. Upon retirement in 1984, Mary Lou and Bruce moved to the Pacific Northwest. They lived on Whidbey Island for the remainder of their long

lives - first in Langley, then Oak Harbor.

Mary Lou was preceded in death by her two brothers, Robert Neely and Winston Neely, her son Rob Mattson of Seattle, Wash., and her husband, Bruce. She is survived by her other two sons, Doug Mattson of Oak Harbor, and Dan Mattson of Portland, Ore. She is also survived by two daughters-in-law, 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren, as well as nieces, nephew and cousins.

Mary Lou had a passion for history and genealogy and was an active member of Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of Norway, and Daughters of the Confederacy. Mary Lou was from tough American colonial pioneer stock, and she strived tirelessly to pass along their values of self-reliance, personal responsibility, and fortitude. Her personality and influence were great and she is sorely missed by her family and friends.

Private interment will be held at Tahoma National Cemetery at a later date.

Archer William Nicholas Beeman



Archer William Nicholas Beeman, cherished son, brother, grandson, nephew and friend, departed this world Oct. 18, 2021. He was born in Pueblo, Colo., March 10, 2008. Archer loved anime, art, music, animals, and his friends. He was original, creative, fearless and unapologetic about himself. When not attending North Whidbey Middle School, he loved long car rides, thrift shopping, drawing and creating, being a jerk to his brother, Puff, and most of all he loved his 13-year-old gay, lab-pit mix, a-hole of a dog, Lennon.

He is survived by parents Molly Masias of Coupeville, Wash., and David Beeman and Kyla Guerrero of Oak Harbor; siblings Olwyn Beeman, Darren Masias, Knox and Lailah Guerrero and Charlotte Parlapiano; grandparents Rini and Tom Beeman and Anne Charles; beloved dog Lennon Beeman; many aunts, uncles, cousins and

friends. The loss is palpable to all the people who had the joy of knowing him.

For those who his life was meant to touch, those he would have loved, those he would have inspired, the people who never had the privilege to meet him, the loss is incalculable. The world has been blessed by him, and it's beyond comprehension that it has now been robbed of him.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Archer Beeman Memorial Fund at Navy Federal Credit Union. 1-888-842-6328, access #16641926.

A viewing will begin at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at Family Bible Church in Oak Harbor. Services are to begin at 5:30 p.m. with a reception to follow at Whidbey Golf Club.

"You're good at being perfect, we're good at being troubled..." -Tyler the Creator

"You're short." -Archer Beeman

Family and friends are encouraged to share memories and condolences at www.whidbeymemorial.com.

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

Island 911

Seriously, we do not make this stuff up!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

8:32 am, Otter Way

Reporting party states neighbor is harassing her. Occurred yesterday. Neighbor was "racing" through the neighborhood and stalking the reporting party. Drove past reporting party at 25 in a 20-mph zone.

10:31 am, Mobius Loop

"Let's rodeo. May the best cowboy win;" kept repeating.

4:09 pm, Rain Drop Ln.

Reporting party states second time today male in van across Bush Point Road approached reporting party's residence. Is creeping toward front of residence now on foot. Unknown who male is.

6:20 pm, Windmill Dr.

Reporting party states for a couple months someone has put an ad on Craigslist for his residence. Strangers keep coming to reporting party's residence. No one there now.

7:54 pm, an Juan Ave.

Reporting party states has information subject is plotting to murder ex-boyfriend. Reporting party heard info from friend, states female subject has a whole plan.

8:48 pm, Jaydee Way

Reporting party advising of altercation in '99 white Chevy 1500; states vehicle started doing donuts around neighbor's property and reporting party's property; "Get the f**k out of my vehicle," then took off down Balda.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

3:28 pm, Morningtown Pl.

Reporting party advising her neighbor is being a bully and telling her she can't play her music; requesting call.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

11:10 am, La Mesa Dr.

Advising wife received letter from Portugal advising she won \$4 million; would like deputy to take a look.

12:17 pm, Bayview Rd.

Advising subject is refusing to wear mask and won't stop talking to customers about mandates; requesting he be asked to move along; has been ongoing issue.

3:11 pm, Lagoon View Dr.

Advising received phone call of harassing nature; advising subject on phone was going on, talking about complaint they have filed about how reporting party was wearing her mask.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

9:39 am, SR 525

Caller states three cars involved in hit and run; vehicle kept driving into downtown Freeland.

9:46 am, Scenic Heights Rd.

Caller reporting tire tracks going up into ditch, front windshield lying there. No car seen. Says it occurred last night, as she walks location every day.

4:50 pm, Haines Rd.

Advising there is a restraining order with neighbor who was just at the end of reporting party's driveway honking and yelling at reporting party to "turn down the noise;" reporting party advising they were not making any noise. Reporting party was told to call and report all of neighbor's "crazy antics."

5:56 pm, SR 20

Female on side of road exposing herself. Blonde hair, early 20s, lifting her skirt.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

12:58 pm, Maxwellton Rd.

Reporting party says looks like about 25 goats loose on trail near basketball courts.

1:24 pm, SR 20

Caller wants law enforcement to be aware she is traveling from Coupeville to Langley, driving black Honda Civic. Worried she will be harassed on highway.

6:27 pm, Oak Harbor Rd.

Reporting party advising kids were playing in street and neighbor was driving fast; reporting party told him to slow down. Then neighbor said he was going to call cops for reporting party yelling at him.

7:46 pm, Ault Field Rd.

Reporting party stating radiation equipment in area; women used to work for Everett Clinic, they are radiating him. Advising he does not need medical attention now; might need it later.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

5:08 pm, SR 20

Reporting party states female subject walking down road naked. States male with the female subject on Waterloo. States male subject is stumbling around, female appears to be out of it.

8:32 pm, Wanamaker Rd.

Reporting party states workout equipment hit by car; vehicle is white sedan, unknown plate; pulled over three blocks away; vehicle no longer there. Reporting party leaving belongings there until she has help to retrieve.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

10:33 am, NE 7th St.

Last night around 12:20 am female came to reporting party's house. Looked in windows, rang doorbell, then wandered away. Subject matches same description from neighbor who says she actually wandered into their homes; one incident occurred in past couple of weeks, other incident a year ago.

12:48 pm, Brooks Hill Rd.

Caller advising ongoing issue of sound of loud bombs being shot off; not guns.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

7:24 am, SR 20

Advising driving southbound, vehicle northbound tossed something at reporting party's vehicle; did not damage vehicle; yellow chunks on windshield. No suspect or vehicle description.

9:18 am, French Rd.

Requesting call; reporting very gory animal carcass on side of French Road. States it is in a very peculiar position.

12:53 pm, Bells Beach Rd.

Advising male subject walking down the road beating on things with a stick; walking towards Langley, hitting mailboxes.

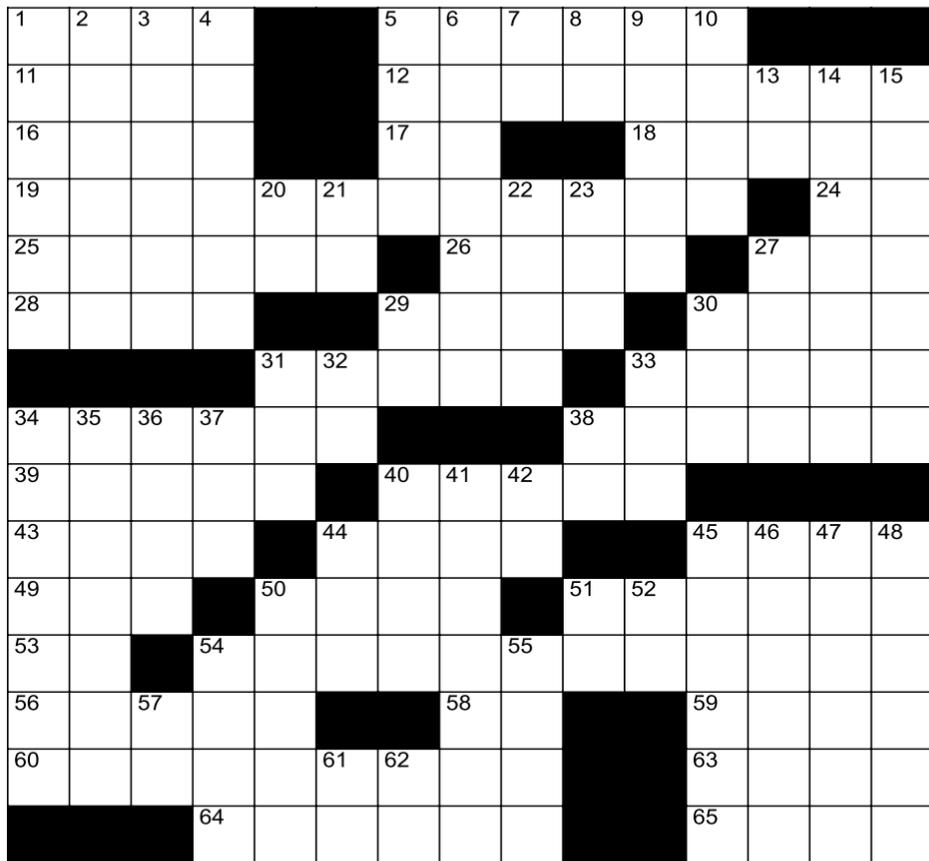
4:42 pm, SR 20

Caller reporting youth event going on and a subject on drugs/alcohol just came onto property and is running around with children; reporting party received third party report, is en route.

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



Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Leg shank
- 5. A way to recognize
- 11. "VeggieTales" character
- 12. Getting out of by cunning
- 16. Mythological mountain
- 17. Atomic #18
- 18. Viscous liquid
- 19. 2010 Denzel film
- 24. 12th star in a constellation
- 25. Made better
- 26. Pouches
- 27. Nervous twitch
- 28. This (Spanish)
- 29. Tennis legend Bjorn
- 30. Hand (Spanish)
- 31. Afrikaans
- 33. Int'l interpreters organization (abbr.)
- 34. Treated with kid gloves
- 38. Leaseholder
- 39. Frogs, toads, tree toads
- 40. Popular dance
- 43. Sailing maneuver: tack & _
- 44. Indicates speed of rotation (abbr.)
- 45. Mark
- 49. Health insurance
- 50. Custom clothing brand

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One who makes suits
- 53. Execute or perform
- 54. Degree of pleasantness when tasting
- 56. Equal to roughly 5.6 bushels
- 58. Blood group
- 59. Imaginary line
- 60. Hopeless
- 63. Darken
- 64. Spoke
- 65. Work units
- 1. A way to fit out
- 2. Football carries
- 3. Force out
- 4. Maintaining equilibrium
- 5. Sealed with a kiss
- 6. Type of container
- 7. Hollywood
- 8. We
- 9. Small freshwater ducks
- 10. Norse personification of old age
- 13. Says who you are
- 14. Candidate
- 15. Sugar found in honey and sweet fruits
- 20. Defunct language (abbr.)
- 21. Take too much
- 22. Iranian province
- 23. Records electric currents

- 27. ___ and feathers
- 29. Beloved Mr. T character
- 30. More (Spanish)
- 31. Beverage
- 32. Promotional material
- 33. Green vegetable
- 34. National capital
- 35. To any further extent
- 36. Swollen, inflamed lymph node
- 37. Anger
- 38. Pound
- 40. Popular Yugo
- 41. Salt of acetic acid
- 42. Millihenry
- 44. Israeli city ___ Aviv
- 45. Make wider
- 46. Drink containing medicine
- 47. Acknowledging
- 48. Private, romantic rendezvous
- 50. Calvary sword
- 51. Disease of the lungs
- 52. 2001 Spielberg film
- 54. Fleshy, watery fruit
- 55. In one's chambers
- 57. Set of information (abbr.)
- 61. Dorm employee
- 62. Indicates position

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

<p>Thurs, Oct. 28</p> <p>North Isle H-54°/L-42° Cloudy with Chance of Rain</p> <p>South Isle H-52°/L-42° Cloudy with Chance of Rain</p>	<p>Fri, Oct. 29</p> <p>North Isle H-55°/L-43° Partly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-51°/L-44° Cloudy</p>	<p>Sat, Oct. 30</p> <p>North Isle H-52°/L-42° Showers Possible</p> <p>South Isle H-51°/L-40° Showers Possible</p>	<p>Sun, Oct. 31</p> <p>North Isle H-54°/L-44° Partly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-53°/L-44° Partly Sunny</p>	<p>Mon, Nov. 1</p> <p>North Isle H-52°/L-39° Rain</p> <p>South Isle H-50°/L-38° Rain</p>	<p>Tues, Nov. 2</p> <p>North Isle H-54°/L-45° Showers, Possible Thunderstorm</p> <p>South Isle H-54°/L-44° Showers, Possible Thunderstorm</p>	<p>Wed, Nov. 3</p> <p>North Isle H-55°/L-45° Cloudy</p> <p>South Isle H-54°/L-44° Showers Possible</p>
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OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What has been your most favorite Halloween, and Why?

Ramona G., 4th grade, Langley



Two years ago, when I was a warrior queen, I went to Langley to trick-or-treat and then to my friend's Halloween party. I liked seeing everyone else's costumes.

Gabe H., 4th grade, Freeland



My favorite Halloween was a few years ago when I got to go trick or treating with my best friend. We both dressed up in Star Wars costumes. It was fun exploring the neighborhoods.

Sophia M., Freeland



This Halloween is going to be my most favorite Halloween. Halloween is to spend time with the ones you love. This Halloween, I will be with friends and family, that is what I love most. It is also fun to get candy and everything. Halloween is very fun. The best part is being with family.

Annabelle C., Oak Harbor



My favorite Halloween was when my brother was born. Well, he was born the day before Halloween but he was still in the hospital. That was my favorite because then I got someone else to play with.

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Community Bulletin Board

To place an ad, email classifieds@whidbeyweekly.com

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 Islands. 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 volun-

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