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Holiday markets, activities abound on Whidbey

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Holiday markets and events are back! With a few health and safety modifications, Whidbey Island residents are able to once again visit local markets for a little shopping or attend holiday events.

One such market making a return this year is the Greenbank Farm Holiday Market. This year's event will take place this Saturday and Dec. 4 and is being organized by Tammy Murphy of Whidbey Island Markets.

"Due to COVID, the Port of Coupeville, which normally runs the holiday market, didn't have the bandwidth to do so this year, so I jumped in to run it myself, with the partnership of Hollie [Swanson] of the wine shop, because we both love it so much," she explained. "I'm personally really looking forward to seeing our island neighbors out there, in person for the holidays, and supporting local artists, craftspeople and shops."

"I am absolutely thrilled to have this event take place where it's been celebrated for many, many years in the past," said Chris Michalopoulos, executive director of the Port of Coupeville, which runs Greenbank Farm. "Having to take a break due to COVID was difficult, but I am thankful Tammy and our wonderful volunteers have brought this tradition back."

The market will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, but attendance will be limited to just 100 people from 11-11:30 a.m., for those who want to shop, but are not yet ready to be part of larger crowds.

"We will be requiring masks of everyone, will have constant air exchange and some HEPA filters, but for those who would feel better with a little extra safety, a free ticket will be required to attend the market during that time," Murphy said. "The ticket is available at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5235925. We'll allow everyone else starting at 11:30 a.m."

Murphy said she tried to choose a variety of local vendors to offer shoppers a vast array of local, handmade items.

"Items will run the gamut, from local honey, fudge and hand-caught fish, to wooden puzzles using the artist's photography, sea glass jewelry, upcycled fashion, organic body and bath products, bird feeders, hand-embroidered holiday cards...it's a great cross-section of what Whidbey has to offer," she said. "There will also be booths for the Greenbank Garden Club and for Sound Water Stewards. The vendors on the 27th and the vendors on the 4th will be different, so we encourage people to come out both dates. The response from vendors was great, and I'm very excited to have them."

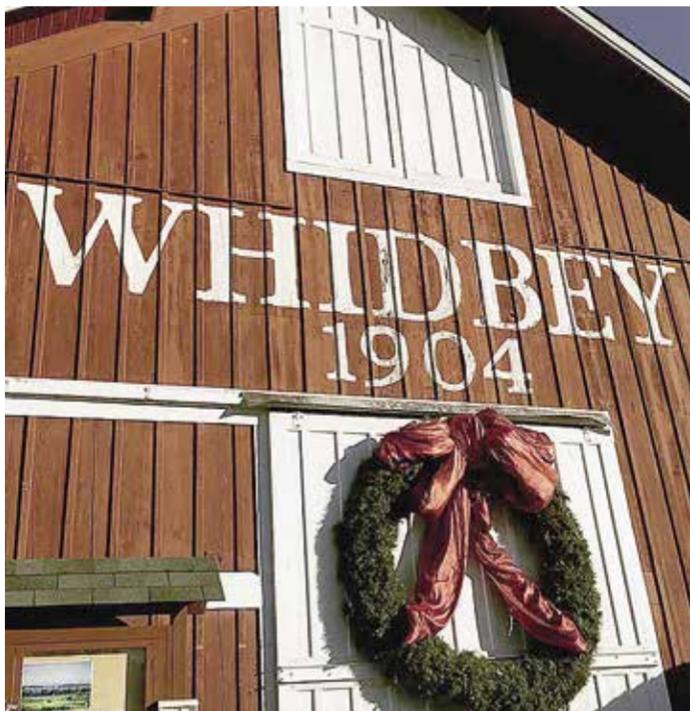


Photo Courtesy of Greenbank Farm

There will be holiday shopping galore at Greenbank Farm's Holiday Market, taking place the next two Saturdays. Visit the shops and stroll through more than 20 local vendors selling locally produced, handmade items.



Photo Courtesy of Santa David

Photos with Santa will be available from noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Greenbank Farm Holiday Market.

Another familiar face will be back at the Greenbank Farm Holiday Market as well – he's known as Santa David around these parts. Santa will be at the market from noon to 2:30 p.m. both days, and he will also be there for the traditional tractor lighting this Saturday at 4:30 p.m. Because Santa comes in contact with a lot of people around this time of year, organizers are making a few modifications in how visits with the jolly old elf will be conducted.

"Tammy Murphy and I have settled on creating an exclusive 'North Pole' environment (free of vendors) in the loft that will provide maximum interaction with Santa's visitors along with minimal exposure to possible transmission of any infectious microbes that may be lurking about," Santa David explained. "Our intention is to provide children with an opportunity to create their own tree ornaments that they can hang on the tree in the barn while getting pictures taken with Santa and/or also take them home for their own tree."

Santa said there will very likely be some tasty treats on hand for visitors to enjoy as well and he said he is very happy he will be able to see his young visitors in person this year after the pandemic caused so much disappointment in 2020.

"As for missing the event last year, I can only say it was very disappointing to not appear at all," he said. "I am certain that there were countless children who I have been seeing these past 14 years who must have been disappointed as well."

There are other holiday markets to be found around Whidbey this weekend as well, such as Whidbey Farm and Market on Monroe Landing Road in Oak Harbor, which will be offering free Santa photos from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Regular market hours are from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Monday. (whidbeyfarmandmarket.com)

Don't miss Country Christmas at the Fair going on at the Whidbey Island Fairgrounds in Langleys Friday from noon to 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will continue Dec. 3-5 as well. The event is free and will feature a variety of food and vendors. (facebook.com/WhidbeyIslandFair)

See GREENBANK continued on page 10



Join the holiday fun in Langleys

Langleys welcomes the Winter holidays with the Lighting of Langleys gathering Saturday. The annual progressive tree lighting will begin at 4 p.m. starting at Langleys Park at Second and Anthes and proceed to the plaza on Second Street, ending at Boy and Dog Park on First Street. Trees this year will have a snow globe theme, created by JM Designs. Santa's dome, next to Langleys City Hall, will echo this theme.

Santa will be in his dome next to Langleys City Hall every weekend starting Saturday at 2 p.m. Visit Santa Saturday or Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 27-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12 and 18-19.

Free cookies provided by Seabiscuit Bakery will be accompanied by cocoa and hot cider Nov. 27. Photo ops will be provided by Studio J Prints and Hoof Prints Photo Booth. Bring the whole family and/or pets for a Santa photo that day.

Little ones can call and leave a phone message for Santa at 360-444-ELF1. All of the free phone booths provided by Whidbey Telecom will connect callers to Santa's message by dialing ELF1. Or, send Santa an email at [email at Santa@whidbey.com](mailto:Santa@whidbey.com).



ON TRACK

With Jim Freeman



Happy Thanksgiving wherever you may be. One of my moments of gratitude occurs every Friday when I get to read and enjoy the *Seattle Times Mini Page* founded by Betty Debnam. This section is geared towards kids.

The Friday, Nov. 19 issue featured reasons for kids to be thankful. Included in these appreciations were education, nearby schools, school workers, books, hand-washing, running water, and bathrooms.

This got me to thinking about the gratitude I feel for certain items and activities.

Let us begin with my favorite — gravy. Just the sound of the word excites me.

Additional appreciations include baseball, cowboy movies and warmth.

As I age, warmth becomes even more significant. The other day, during the power outage, I bought some hand warmers. They last for 12 hours. I only needed them for 30 minutes. Maybe I'll save all the excess heat next time and just use cayenne pepper or chili powder in my socks. May as well have salsa while I am at it.

Old news

A couple of columns ago, we discussed the history of Morton salt. My nephew Dennis pointed out I had failed to mention the root word for salary was *sal*. It goes without saying my nephew is worth his weight in salt.

Groucho writes

One of my recent pandemic purchases was a used copy of *The Groucho Letters*. This 1967 Simon and Schuster publication offers a variety of letters from and to Groucho Marx. There are no unfunny pages. Here is an example.

To Standard Oil Company of California

December 27, 1962

Gentlemen:

In mailing your statement to me this month, you neglected to put sufficient postage on the envelope. This meant that I had to scurry around to find four hard pennies to drop in the mailbox for the postman.

Inasmuch as I am a new customer, I believe if there was a doubt in your collective minds regarding the amount of postage required, it would have been wiser to over stamp the envelope, rather than vice versa.

I realize that the running of your giant company involves many hazards. I, therefore, do not wish to be reimbursed the additional four cents. Instead, I suggest you take this money which, legally, you owe me, buy a four-cent CARE package and send it to the president of your company.

Sincerely yours,

Granddaughter jokes

What do you feed an invisible cat? Evaporated milk

How do cats end a fight? They hiss and make up

Memes from Mimi

At a wedding party recently someone yelled, "All married people please stand next to the one person who has made your life worth living." The bartender was almost crushed to death.

Teacher: "Give me a sentence that has the words defeat, defense, and detail.

Student: "When a horse jumps over defense, defeat go over before detail."

Back pain

Things that used to hurt my back: Jumping off of garages; Crashing my bike; Falling out of a tree; Diving in the shallow end; Contact sports

Things that hurt my back now: Sneezing; Washing the dishes; Brushing my teeth; Tying my shoes; Rolling over in bed

Cop quere

A police officer came to my house and asked me where I was between 5 and 6.

He seemed irritated when I said "Kindergarten."

Hunting party

A group of Alabama friends went deer hunting and paired off in twos for the day. That night, one of the hunters returned alone, staggering under the weight of an eight-point buck.

"Where's Henry?" the others asked.

"Henry had a stroke o' some kind. He's a couple of miles back up the trail," the successful hunter replied.

"You left Henry layin' out there and carried the deer back?" they inquired.

"A tough call," nodded the hunter. "But I figured no one's gonna steal Henry!"

Invoice time

The owner of a golf course in Georgia was confused about paying an invoice, so he decided to ask his secretary for some mathematical help. He called her into his office and said, "Y'all graduated from the University of Georgia and I need some help. If I wuz to give yew \$20,000, minus 14 percent, how much would you take off?"

The secretary thought a moment, and then replied, "Everthang but my earrings."

Crime

The young man from Mississippi came running into the store and said to his buddy, "Bubba, somebody just stole your pickup truck from the parking lot!"

Bubba replied, "Did y'all see who it was?"

The young man answered, "I couldn't tell, but I got the license number."

Litter bug

The Sheriff pulled up next to the guy unloading garbage out of his pick-up into the ditch. The Sheriff asked, "Why are you dumping garbage in the ditch? Don't you see that sign right over your head?"

"Yep," he replied. "That's why I'm dumpin' it here, 'cause it says: 'Fine For Dumping Garbage.'"

A sesquipedalian speaks

Don't use a big word when a singularly unloquacious and diminutive linguistic expression will satisfactorily accomplish the contemporary necessity.

Kids Corn

What did the turkey say to the turkey hunter on Thanksgiving Day? *Quack, Quack!*

Why did the farmer have to separate the chicken and the turkey? *He sensed fowl play.*

Why did they let the turkey join the band? *Because he had his own drumsticks.*

What happened to the turkey that got in a fight? *He got the stuffing knocked out of him!*

Why shouldn't you sit next to a turkey at dinner? *Because he will gobble it up.*

If you call a big turkey a gobbler, what do you call a small one? *A goblet.*

What do you call a running turkey? *Fast food.*

What's blue and covered in feathers? *A turkey holding its breath.*

Why did the turkey cross the road? *He wanted people to think he was a chicken.*

Why do pilgrims' pants always fall down? *Because they wear their buckles on their hats!*

What's John Wayne's favorite holiday? *Thanksgiving, Pilgrim.*

Knock knock! *Who's there?*
Norma Lee. *Norma Lee who?*
Norma Lee I don't eat this much!

Knock knock! *Who's there?*
Tamara. *Tamara who?*
Tamara we'll eat all the leftovers!

Knock knock! *Who's there?*
Annie. *Annie who?*
Annie body seen the turkey?"

Knock knock! *Who's there?*
Arthur. *Arthur who?*
Arthur any leftovers?

Knock knock! *Who's there?*
Don. *Don who?*
Don eat all the gravy, I want some more.

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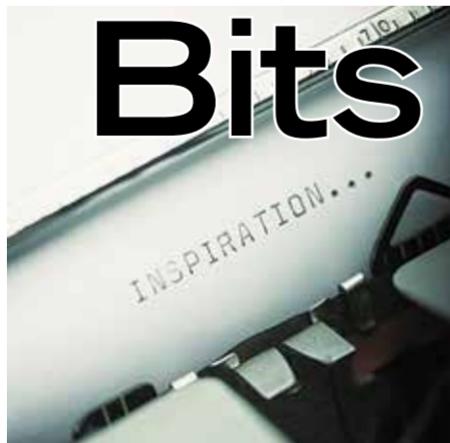
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Bits & Pieces

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

Regarding Thanksgiving, to paraphrase another holiday's song: it's (one of) the most dangerous times of the year...due to impaired-driving-related crashes.

It's not a surprise when you think about it, as the holiday is book ended by Blackout Wednesday, one of the biggest drinking and party nights of the year (almost no one has work or school the next day) and Black Friday. The combination of a four-day weekend, holiday parties, the biggest retail sales day of the year and lots of folks on the road can make for a deadly combination.

Forecasts predict Washington state will see travel volumes in excess of pre-pandemic levels as Thanksgiving travel is expected to surge, according to AAA. And the National Safety Council (NSC) estimates about 500 people may die on U.S. roads during this time. If this estimate holds true, Thanksgiving 2021 will experience the most deaths since 2007.

The good news is progress has been made in reducing alcohol-impaired crashes. In 1982, 48 percent of all traffic deaths involved alcohol-impaired crashes. This is down to 28 percent of deaths in 2019.

We all want to celebrate during the holidays and enjoy the time being around family and friends. Do what you can to make sure you and all the people at your Thanksgiving table are also around to celebrate the New Year.

Here's wishing a happy and safe Thanksgiving to all.

JoAnn Hellmann
Oak Harbor, Wash.

Founder, Impaired Driving Impact Panel of Island County

Editor,

Our Greenbank Farm is a wonderful outdoor experience and shopping area for Whidbey residents and visitors. I often think we forget to enjoy and support this open space. I urge you to visit and support the farm. There are various informative and educational gardens, plus a community pea patch and marvelous walking trails that allow dogs. Among the walking trails you will see a movable chicken cage, pigs, a veterans' garden project and a dahlia field. In addition, several businesses are open to the public to experience and are full of delightful northwest gifts. One can enjoy a cup of coffee or tea or wine with a sample of cheese. On weekends the café offers soup and Whidbey Pies.

I encourage you during the holiday season and next year to visit the farm and also support the maintenance of the gardens and trails by buying a raffle ticket for the holiday raffle basket full of great gifts and local business certificates. Tickets can be bought anytime at the Greenbank Farm Wine Shop and from several volunteers at the Holiday Market Nov. 27 and Dec. 4. You do not need to be present to win the drawing held Dec. 19. Saturday, there will be the Farm Tractor Lighting Ceremony and Santa Claus will arrive on a Central Whidbey Fire truck.

The farm continually requires maintenance and many volunteers have come forth in giving hours and monies to its operation. I say Thank You to those volunteer residents. We all need

to financially support our farm in order to assure this open space will always be available for our enjoyment.

Sincerely,

Judi Moore
Greenbank, Wash.

Stay Up To Date with State Ferry Schedules if Traveling for Thanksgiving

Four-boat San Juan Islands service returns on trial basis in time for holiday

Thanksgiving travelers planning a state ferry ride over the holiday weekend should prepare for busy holiday sailings and keep updated with the latest sailing schedules online. If crewing allows, more daily sailings may be added on routes operating reduced service.

Washington State Ferries temporarily switched to alternate service schedules on those runs Oct. 16, to reduce last-minute sailing cancellations caused by crewing challenges. The severe staffing shortage is due to many variables including a global shortage of mariners that has been exacerbated by the pandemic, an aging workforce, COVID-19 cases and quarantines.

"We know and understand that our reduced schedules are causing many challenges," said Patty Rubstello, head of WSF. "We are working hard to recruit new employees so we can restore service on a route-by-route basis. Recently, we've been able to add sailings nearly every day."

As of Friday, Nov. 19, a fourth boat was added to the Anacortes/San Juan Islands run to operate a full fall schedule on a trial basis. New vehicle reservations for the route remain suspended until it is certain all four vessels can be fully crewed on a regular basis. All vehicles will be loaded on a first-come, first-served basis, but people with existing reservations will be prioritized over those without one. Reservations are still available for the Port Townsend/Coupeville run. People traveling standby without a reservation may encounter delays and should get to the terminal early.

Busy travel times

Ferries are popular every holiday weekend and people boarding a ferry by vehicle should be prepared for long waits. The busiest sailings will likely be westbound (or onto an island) through Thursday morning, then eastbound (or off island) Thursday afternoon through Friday. To reduce or eliminate waiting, riders may consider taking an early morning or late night sailing or walking on.

Holiday schedules

Thanksgiving Day, there will be a few schedule changes for the Point Defiance/Tahlequah run, along with the Edmonds/Kingston and Mukilteo/Clinton routes if supplemental service is added. The Seattle/Bainbridge Island and Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth runs will operate on a weekend timetable that day with a few schedule changes if service is added. Holiday sailings are marked on the schedule page for each route.

Before heading to a terminal or boarding, customers are encouraged to sign up for ferry email alerts and check terminal conditions. A face covering is required in all indoor areas of vessels and terminals in compliance with the governor's "Washington Ready" proclamation and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's order for public transportation.

People using state highways to get to the ferry terminal should plan ahead for potential holiday travel backups and delays with real-time traffic information on the WSDOT traffic app for mobile devices or online using the updated WSDOT travel map feature.

WSF, a division of the Washington State Department of Transportation, is the largest ferry system in the U.S. and safely and efficiently carries tens of millions of people a year through some of the most majestic scenery in

the world. The system is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. For breaking news and the latest information, follow WSF on Twitter and Facebook.

[Submitted by Justin Fujioka, WSDOT]

Skagit Valley College Department of Music to Present 'A Musical Thanksgiving'

The Skagit Valley College (SVC) Department of Music will present "A Musical Thanksgiving" at 7:00PM Wednesday, Dec. 1 in the Phillip Tarro Theatre at SVC's Mount Vernon campus. The evening will showcase the SVC choirs, student soloists, and the inaugural performance of the new SVC Mariachi Ensemble.

The concert is open to the public. Monetary and non-perishable food donations in support of the SVC student food pantry will be gratefully accepted.

To support the health and safety of the students, staff, performers and patrons, audience members must show proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours. All persons aged 2 and older must wear a mask to enter the theatre and while in the building.

[Submitted by Arden Ainley, Assistant Director of Strategic Marketing and Communications, SVC]

Announcing Auditions for the Whidbey Playhouse Production of "The Importance of Being Earnest: A Trivial Comedy for Serious People"

Oscar Wilde's classic comedy of manners has delighted audiences with its sparkling wit and irreverent glimpse into Victorian society for over 125 years.

Nine roles are available for adults (age 18+): five male, four female.

Auditions will take place Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4 and 5, from noon to 3:00PM on the Whidbey Playhouse stage and will involve reading scenes with other actors. If required, call backs will be Monday, Dec. 6, at 6:30PM. Rehearsals will begin Wednesday, Dec. 8, take a break over the holidays, and resume in January.

Performances will take place over weekends, Feb. 11-27, 2022.

For more information, call Whidbey Playhouse at 360-679-2237.

Proof of full COVID vaccination status is required of all auditioning and masks are required.

[Submitted by Sue Riney, Whidbey Playhouse]

Tilth Market Opens for Holidays

South Whidbey Tilth's second annual winter market is scheduled for two Sundays, Dec. 5 and 12 from 11:00AM to 2:00PM. The setting is outdoors for safety against the spread of the coronavirus and flu. Shoppers can expect to find unique holiday crafts, hot food, winter produce, a bonfire and more. Extreme weather such as ice, high winds or snow will cancel the market. If this happens, there will be a make-up market Sunday, Dec. 19, also weather-permitting. New vendors are welcome to apply by contacting the market manager, market@southwhidbeytilth.org, or leave a message at 360-321-0757. After contacting the market manager, a qualified vendor can find the rules and agreement on the "market" page of the South Whidbey Tilth website, www.southwhidbeytilth.org/market.html. Volunteers may also contact the market manager to help with set up, cashiering, fire pit maintenance and clean up.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, South Whidbey Tilth]

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Maximize your charitable giving

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving has become known as Giving Tuesday, when people are encouraged to donate to charitable organizations. If you'd like to take part in this special day, you'll want to maximize the effectiveness and benefits of your charitable gifts.

So, consider these questions:

- Is the charity reputable? Does it use its resources wisely? Most charitable organizations are honest and dedicated to helping their specific causes. But sometimes there are a few "bad apples" in the bunch. These groups aren't necessarily fraudulent (though some are), but they may spend an inordinate amount of their donations on administrative expenses, rather than directing this money to where it's most needed. Fortunately, you don't have to guess about the trustworthiness or the efficiency of a particular group, because you can check on it.

- To make sure that a charity is an actual charity – one that is tax-exempt and listed as a 501(c)(3) organization – you can go to www.irs.gov, the website of the Internal Revenue Service, and hit the "Charities & Nonprofits" link. An organization called Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org) tracks charitable groups' financial health and accountability, including how much is spent on administrative and fundraising costs. Generally speaking, a charitable group that dedicates more than about 30% to 35% of its total costs to administration and fundraising expenses might be considered somewhat inefficient, though you'd want to evaluate each charity individually, since extenuating circumstances can occur. Keep in mind, though, that smaller charities may not have the same resources as a national organization to provide the reporting necessary for Charity Navigator.

- Will my employer match my contribution? You can make your charitable gift go a lot further if your employer matches it. Typically, companies match donations at a 1:1 ratio, but some will match at 2:1 or even higher. Check with your human resources department about your company's policy on charitable matches.

- Are my charitable gifts tax deductible? A few years ago, Congress significantly raised the standard deduction, which, for the 2021 tax year, is now \$12,550 for single taxpayers, \$25,100 for joint filers and \$18,800 for heads of household. As a result of this increase, many people no longer itemize and thus have less financial incentive to make charitable contributions.

If you still do itemize and you're thinking of making charitable gifts, you generally have a choice between giving cash and another asset such as stocks. Each type of gift could earn you a tax deduction, but a gift of appreciated stocks could be more beneficial because you may also be avoiding the capital gains tax you might incur if you eventually sold the stocks.

You should consult with your tax advisor and the charity (not all accept investments) before making the cash-versus-stock decision.

Even if you don't itemize, you could still get a tax benefit from making a charitable contribution. That's because Congress has extended part of the COVID-19-related legislation that allows taxpayers to claim charitable deductions of \$300 (for single filers) or \$600 (for married couples) if they claim the standard deduction. The charitable donations must be made in cash, not stocks.

Giving Tuesday comes just once a year, but your gifts can have lasting benefits. So, be as generous as you can afford – and enjoy the good feelings that follow.

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Saturday, Nov. 27 and Dec. 4, 11am-5pm

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 Santa will be available for photos from 12-2:30pm
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Insurance and You

By Mary Elizabeth Himes

Insurance is an agreement between parties to transfer risk. This means one party pays another party to provide financial compensation in the event of loss of assets, property or life. Most Americans are familiar with personal insurance that protects their homes and cars; the problem is most Americans don't understand what they are paying for. We want to help you have a better understanding and over time, use this platform to educate you about personal insurance and its benefits.

This past March, our household experienced the stress and panic of a water damage claim. Yes, the insurance agent needed to file a claim on her own property. A leak from the hot water flex pipe caused significant damage to flooring, carpet, drywall, insulation, baseboards, sub-floor and vanity, half-bathroom, hallway and living room. The damage happened in a span of 90 minutes. It was happening while my husband watched TV



and I was in another room relaxing. We had come home earlier from an overnight stay off island. Ninety minutes of water spraying from an eighth-inch hole; gallons and gallons of water seeped into the carpet, under a wall and under the house. We were so grateful to be home when this happened. This is what insurance policy contracts consider "a sudden expulsion of water," and coverage is provided to repair or replace damage caused by the water to personal property. The plumbing, however, is not covered.

We were able to turn off the water on our own, remove standing water and extract water from the carpet using our carpet cleaning machine. We were frantic to get the water out to reduce any moisture that might settle into the flooring and under the house. We reported the claim and arranged for a company to come and remediate (dry out, remove) water damaged areas. Part of remediation required fans in and under the home to blow for about three straight days. So, we ended up having to stay in a hotel and eat out; this expense is covered under "loss of use" and we were reimbursed by turning in receipts for the hotel and food.

Clean up of our premises of dust and dirt after repairs was also part of the claim, as the carpet removal and dry-wall repairs released dust throughout the home. It would take a total of four

weeks and four different contractors to get our house back in order. We are grateful our coverages were in place and we knew what to do. We handled our duties as insureds by stopping the cause of damage, reporting right away and removing any hazards that would cause additional damage. The claims adjuster from a reputable company was helpful and communicative and our contractors were able to receive their payments in a timely manner. We were treated fairly as insureds and all steps and services were explained to us.

Ironically, I got a call from someone who was having a terrible time with their insurance company and a claim. Unfortunately, this person had chosen

a new and easier way to manage her homeowners insurance and used an online app to purchase her coverage. Quick, easy, and less expensive than an agent, no extra chatter, no selling, consumer-friendly. Then she had the claim and found out why cheaper is not always better.

There was no one immediately available to explain her coverages and duties, she was unable to get consultation about whether a claim should be filed and there was no one to come out to SEE what was happening. Most importantly, there was no one to explain to her the limitations of her policy and her responsibilities. Her claim was denied in part, a result of manipulative and confusing wording used in the claim report.

As insureds, we have a responsibility to report claims as soon as they happen. We also have a responsibility to pay attention to signs of damage like mold, rot, moisture and any signs of decay because most policies cover minimal, if any, for these coverages and long-term damage is not covered at all. Look for trouble spots by inspecting the walls inside and out of the home, checking all sink and toilet plumbing connections for leaks and looking around the caulking of showers and bathtubs, as moisture may cause damage over time. Choose a company that provides an agent who can help you understand your coverages when you need it.

Contact your insurance agent for assistance understanding your coverage or contact Mama Bear Insurance Services (dba Safe Harbor Agency) for a simple consultation to help you understand your insurance needs.

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Whidbey Island Dance Theatre is Back on Stage with "The Nutcracker" at WICA

Among the whirlwind of the holiday season, there is the undeniably lovely and tempestuous affair fluffed with snow and tulle and cute children in creature costumes few can resist. That is "The Nutcracker," of course, and Whidbey Island Dance Theatre (WIDT) is back on stage with the ballet.

When Russian choreographer Marius Petipa collaborated with composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky to create "The Nutcracker" ballet in 1892, the famous team was most likely oblivious to the global tradition the piece would become through the next 125 years and beyond. Countless productions of the holiday ballet abound all over the world, but nothing makes the heart sing more than seeing one's own community bring this holiday winter dream to life on stage.

After being able to perform only via livestream last year due to the pandemic, WIDT is particularly excited to present its 29th season of "The Nutcracker" live and onstage at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley. Tickets are on sale now for the show, which opens Friday, Dec. 10 and runs through Sunday, Dec. 19.

WIDT alums, Brittany Falso and Elliauna McLean, have taken on the leadership roles of artistic directors at WIDT and are over-the-moon to be back on stage with this dedicated company of dancers and community members.

"We are so excited to bring back live performances this year," says McLean. "To see that curtain open for the first time on opening night is going to feel surreal."

The ballet dramatizes the tale of Clara's enchanted Christmas Eve, when her mysterious godfather's magic leads to a dream of unexplainable and wonderful events through the night. Clara journeys to lands where snowflakes and flowers dance; where fairies, mermaids, and even a dragon perform; where a fierce and terrible battle is fought; and where a handsome prince comes to the rescue.

Here is a company that is skilled enough to turn out a professional-caliber performance every year, much to the delight of its enthusiastic island audiences. The company manages to combine the traditional and the deliciously daring in a production in which more than 100 characters come to life. As always, WIDT's production is full of color and fun, newcomers and familiar faces, and new twists in choreography, along with the artistry of several professional guest dancers and the charming collective of an all-ages cast.

"Seeing how dedicated these dancers are in all of their rehearsals makes the lead-up to this year's show all the more enjoyable," McLean added.

Principal company dancer Kendall Marshall takes the role of Clara, supported by community member Lars Larson returning in the role of Godfather Drosselmeyer. Professional guest artist Robbi Moore dances the role of the illustrious Forest King and performs the Grand Pas de Deux with the Faerie Queen played by Chyler White, another guest artist to join the show.

"Every year, newcomers marvel at how joyous and spectacular our local production is," says Whidbey Island Dance Company founder Charlene Brown, who began bringing this holiday event to islanders back in 1992.

Brown helps choreograph the show along with other longtime WIDT collaborators including, both Falso and McLean, Megan LeMay, Katelyn Lodell, Leah Marshall, Robbi Moore, Jamee Pitts, Taylor Pitts, Chyler White and Graham Vanderwood.

Even amid the pandemic, this ensemble of dancers, buoyed by their directors, choreographers and parents, has come together, even while breathing through masks as they dance, to make this show happen again. It is their holiday gift to their community and has all the festive earmarks of what the holiday season is at its best: bringing joy to others.

"The Nutcracker" plays at 7:00PM Dec. 10, 17, 18 and at 2:00PM Dec. 11, 12 and 19.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for youth/seniors/military and are available online at wicaonline.org.

COVID-19 safety precautions in place for "The Nutcracker": 50 percent audience capacity/adults proof of vax or COVID test required + mask/under 18 mask required.

[Submitted by Patricia Duff]

Miss Oak Harbor Scholarship Pageant Informational Meeting

Applications for the 2022 Miss Oak Harbor Scholarship Pageant March 19, 2022, will soon be accepted. Any Oak Harbor freshman-senior who identifies as female and who would like more information is encouraged to attend the informational Zoom meeting Dec. 6. Meet the Miss Oak Harbor board of directors and past royalty, and have all your questions about the pageant answered.

The informational Zoom meeting link and applications for the 2022 pageant are available online at MissOakHarbor.com. The pageant is limited to the first 25 applicants who submit completed applications, accepted Dec. 6 - Jan. 2.

Since 2015, the Miss Oak Harbor Scholarship Pageant has awarded over \$67,000 in scholarships and awards. The organization's mission is to provide scholarships for young women interested in the advancement of their education through the spirit of a competition that embodies the four points of the crown: scholarship, service, success, and style. This unique six-week program focuses on personal and professional growth through the development of leadership, communication, and marketability. Pageant directors hope participants will gain confidence, self-esteem and a sense of accomplishment, which will enable them to serve as role models for the youth of their community.

More information can be found at MissOakHarbor.com or by emailing MissOakHarbor@yahoo.com.

[Submitted by River Powers]

Replacement M & O Levy - "For & Against" Committees Sought

On the February 2022 ballot, registered South Whidbey voters will be asked to consider funding the parks system for four years, beginning in 2023.

This levy is a replacement of the expiring maintenance and operations levy and funds the district's operations. The levy rate beginning in 2023 will be 22 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, which is a two cent increase over the 2019 levy rate.

The district is seeking volunteers from the community to be on the "For" and "Against" committees for this measure. Each committee may have up to three individuals and is responsible for writing the "For" and "Against" statements for the Voter Guide and submitting them to the Elections Division in accordance with the timeline for the February election.

Interested parties should contact South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District Executive Director, Doug Coutts, at dirswprd@whidbey.com or 360-221-6488.

[Submitted by South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District]

Local Business News

Whimsies Plans Holiday Kickoff

Drop in to Whimsies Friday and Saturday from 10:30 am to 5:00PM for a Holiday Kickoff. Come and see Whimsies' Christmas Holiday Room featuring local handmade gifts, ornaments and stocking stuffers. You may have a chance to win a surprise gift from the "give-away" basket as well. Hot tea, cookies and truffles will be available. Fabulous and fun surprises will pop up daily throughout December. Whimsies is located at 810 SE Pioneer Way in historic downtown Oak Harbor. For more information, call 369-682-2468.



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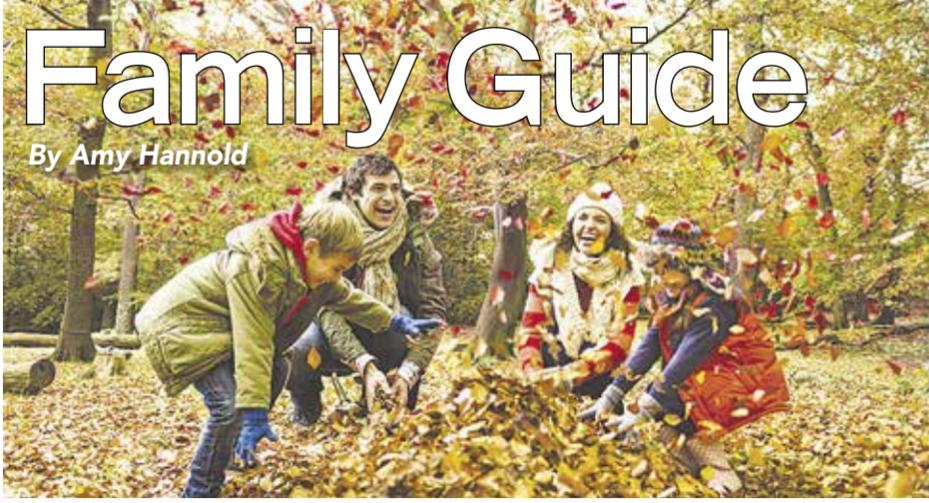
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Family Guide

By Amy Hannold

DECEMBER – MAKE IT A MONTH OF GIVING:

Reverse Advent: Each day take an item from your pantry and put it into a box or basket. After the holidays, deliver it to a food bank. Or, as you shop for your holiday, purchase an item for someone else. Our local food banks will be grateful for your donations come early January, after they have served families for the holidays. Google “Reverse Advent” for a handy list of needed items.

Cheerful Letters to Our Elders: Contact a retirement home near you for the name and interests of someone who would love to receive mail. This would be a great activity for kids, with their artwork or writing. Adults can do this too!

UPCOMING FESTIVE EVENTS:

Santa Photos for Kids and Fur Babies: Bring the kids, or your fur babies, for a free photo with Santa to the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum in Oak Harbor Nov. 27, from 2 to 4 p.m. Event is open to the public and all are welcome. Adult museum admission is free, when accompanied by a child having their photo taken. pnwnam.org

The Nativity, Live!: Oak Harbor Christian School presents a “Live Nativity” Saturday, Dec. 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. OHCS invites you to experience Christ’s birth through the scenes being played out before you, from your car. Step back in time and experience this joyous event in our history, including music, live animals and a take-home craft (while supplies last). Admission is free, 675 E. Whidbey Avenue, Oakharborchristian.org.

ELF Jr. The Musical, Available for Online Viewing with Whidbey Playhouse: Through Dec. 31, this modern-day holiday classic will be brought to life, sure to make everyone embrace their inner Elf. \$10, plus small service charge. WhidbeyPlayhouse.com

The Lights of Christmas Drive-Through: Once you drive onto the campus of Warm Beach Conference Center in Stanwood, you’ll be delighted with an approximately 30-minute drive through a Christmas wonderland. See dazzling displays of a million lights, wave to Santa and Mrs. Claus and other costumed characters, all while listening to Christmas music from the comfort of your car. It’s a holiday treat for people of all ages. Mini-donuts, kettle corn and hot beverages will be available for purchase to enjoy during your tour. Admission is per vehicle, \$25 Sunday through Thursday; \$30 Friday and Saturday; \$30 during Christmas week. Event Dates: Nov. 26-28; Dec. 1-5, 8-12, 15-23, 26-30; and Jan. 2-8. The event hours are 5 to 10 p.m. Advanced online reservations are required. WarmBeachLights.com

Country Christmas Fun at the Fair: Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., head to the Whidbey Island Fairgrounds to get your picture with a 4-H farm animal, or “The Grinch” and the “Whos” and enjoy crafts, hot beverages and goodies. Activities and food for purchase; this event benefits the Island County 4-H programs. Facebook.com/WhidbeyIslandFair

A FREE “Winter Wonderland” With LIVE Reindeer: The Children’s Museum of Skagit County is creating a free, unforgettable experience for families at the Shops in Burlington, Dec. 3-5. There will be indoor and outdoor activities for all ages. Huge bouncy inflatables, arts and crafts, face painting, carnival games, “Meet and Greet” with favorite movie characters, a climbing wall, creative activities, snow to play in (Mt. Baker weather permitting), and more. Santa will also be there for photo-ops, 12 to 4 p.m. each day. Event schedule and information: Facebook.com/skagitchildrensmuseum/events.

A Clinton Community Holiday: The Clinton Community Hall hosts its Holiday Celebration Saturday, Dec. 4, from 4 to 6 p.m. The event takes place outdoors, with the exception of free Santa photos, which will be indoors. Outside, there will be free treat bags for kids and adults, warm beverages and a lighting of the tree around 5:30 p.m., so be sure to dress for the weather. Discoverclintonwa.com

Light Up Your Holiday at Admiralty Head Lighthouse: Bundle up and head to Fort Casey State Park for a festive event at the lighthouse Saturday, Dec. 4, from 4 to 7 p.m. Roast marshmallows, enjoy carolers, a glow stick scavenger hunt, free photos with Santa and more fun! The event is free to the public, a Washington State Discover Pass or Day Pass is required for vehicle access.

Christmas Village Returns: Groups, individuals and local businesses are coming together to produce the Christmas Village for 2021, located at the Blue Fox Drive-In in Oak Harbor. The event is open from 3 to 7 p.m. the following dates: Dec. 3-5, 10-12 and 17-19. The community is invited to this free event, which features holiday activities, a petting zoo, games, a visit with Santa and more. Hosted by the Whidbey Island Lions Club. Vendor and volunteer information: wilclions@gmail.com or www.e-clubhouse/sites/whidbeyisland.

A Drive-Thru Visit with Santa: South Whidbey Fire/EMS invites the community to enjoy holiday lights, music, decorations, and greetings from Santa and friends at the Bayview Fire Station (5579 Bayview Road, Langley), Dec. 9 - 11. Thursday and Friday, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Saturday, 4:30 to 8 p.m. All occupants will remain in their vehicles, and social distancing and safety guidelines will be followed. Admission is free. Optional donations of non-perishable food will be collected for the Good Cheer Food Bank. Swfe.org

Clinton Library Hosts Book Sale and Santa Visits: Shop from a wide selection of books and enjoy a photo opportunity with Santa. The sale will be open 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Clinton Community Hall (6411 S Central Avenue).

Santa will be available for free photos when you bring your own camera, both days from 12 to 2 p.m. Kids receive one book of their choice for free, the rest priced at 3 for \$1.

Ring in the New Year at Deception Pass State Park: Choose from a campout, a “Puffin Plunge” into Cranberry Lake, and/or attend a “First Day Hike.” Registration and camping fees are required for the campout, which begins at 3 p.m. on New Year’s Eve at the West Beach parking lot with interpretive staff as the sun sets for fun family-friendly activities, programs and s’mores. The Puffin Plunge, at 9:30 a.m., is hosted by the Fidalgo Nature School. The suggested donation for the Puffin Plunge is \$10, with an option to plunge for free. The annual First Day Hike (no registration required) is guided, along the Sand Dune Interpretive Trail at West Beach at 10:15 a.m. on New Year’s Day. The approximately 45-minute hiking trail is a paved, 0.8-mile, for all ages and is ADA accessible. Before and after the hike, snacks and warm beverages will be available. Click the Deception Pass Park Foundation Facebook page for the link to register, updates and cancellations due to inclement weather. Facebook.com/Deception-PassParkFoundation

Plunge into 2022: Join a fun-loving crowd of nearly 200 jumpers for a bone-chilling dive into 2022 on New Year’s Day, at Double Bluff Beach. Your \$15 fee includes a limited-edition t-shirt when you pre-register online at swparks.org, hot drinks after the splash and a festive atmosphere. Proceeds benefit local youth programs. Day-of registration/check-in opens at 10:30 a.m. See videos of previous events and get updates at Facebook.com/WhidbeyPolarBearDive. Online pre-registration: Swparks.org/event/polar-bear-dive/. COVID safety guidelines may change up to the day of the event.

Find Santa Claus Photo-ops, Festive Events, Spectacular Holiday Light Displays, Winter Break Activities and more with Whidbey Island Macaroni Kid’s daily calendar of events and our seasonal guides: WhidbeyIsland.MacaroniKid.com.

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Festival of Trees gala and auction spreads joy throughout the year

By Melanie Hammons Whidbey Weekly

It's a tried and true adage regarding very young children and gifts. Sometimes, they enjoy playing with the paper and ribbon packaging more than the gift itself.

The 23rd annual Festival of Trees tweaks that truism just a little. In this case, the trees themselves, to be auctioned at the event, may well bring more joy than any sort of present that winds up beneath them. With proceeds benefitting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County, kids are recipients of the best gifts of all, the ones money can't buy, says Tiffany Scribner, BBBSIC executive director.

"The Festival of Trees is our signature fundraiser and a much-anticipated event," said Scribner. "The proceeds offset the expenses of a great program that pairs kids with caring adult mentors. It pays big dividends in a young person's life, when they have someone they can be real with who also offers benefits of mentorship and life experience."

These trees are far from being unadorned, Scribner said. Each one arrives beautifully decorated for the event by local creative folks. "They (the volunteers) are all professional at this point, having done this for several years running. Each tree displays an individual, unique flair."

The 2021 auction will be a hybrid event, according to Scribner, as the organization, like others, navigates pandemic protocols. But a few special touches promise to make even a livestreamed event of this kind something not to miss.

"The community is invited to purchase 'celebration boxes' stocked with wine, wine glasses, decorative placemats and much more," said Scribner. "It's a great way to celebrate the event in style, as you view it from the comfort of your own home."

A gala event wouldn't be complete without a delicious dinner to pair with the celebration boxes. The meals offered for that are take-away box dinners catered by Zanini's Deli. Entrees include the choice of several different options, including vegetarian fare.

Meals and celebration boxes may be either delivered or picked up and meal orders must be placed by Monday, Nov. 29. The online portion of the auction takes place Nov. 25 through Dec. 6. Friday, Dec. 3 is the live auction streaming. The BBBSIC website offers full details. (bbbsislandcounty.org)

A tantalizing, and diverse selection of gifts will be available on the auction block, said Scribner. These range from roundtrip airline tickets for two on Alaska Airlines, to wine-tasting events, to a whale watching cruise and more.

And speaking of wine and good food, consider a bid for two couples to travel to the Bordeaux region of France, or a shot at a catered dinner for 10 people. Both of these will be featured at the live auction. The high value of such selections may just lead the lucky winner(s) to conclude they come away from the auction the richer for it.

Pictures and videos of the auction trees will be available online, Scribner said, giving prospective bidders the opportunity to view them up close and personal, albeit virtually.

"We regret that because of the continuing



Photo Courtesy of BBBS Island County
Beautifully decorated trees of all shapes and sizes, like these trees from past events, will be up for auction at this year's Festival of Trees, which benefits Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County. This year's livestream auction will be held Dec. 3 and trees are available for viewing online prior to the live auction.

pandemic, we won't be having a community-wide viewing of the trees. That would ordinarily take place on Community Day, the day following the live auction," said Scribner. That's why we wanted to offer the celebration boxes and take-away box dinner options to the community. At least that way, they can share the best the gala has to offer while enjoying wine and good food with friends and family."

Although the community-wide live viewing will have to wait for another year, Scribner said they would make available to bidders only, the chance to do a walk through the trees at the Oak Harbor Elks Lodge. This walk through would be by appointment only, she stressed.

Whether virtual or live, the timing of the Festival of Trees Gala and Auction could not be more welcome for the organization's purposes, said Scribner. She said they have high hopes for its success.

"We are so grateful and hopeful about our supportive community here, in all that we do," she said. "Last year, 2020, our fundraising took a 45 percent hit because of the pandemic. I know that many other organizations took hits as well."

And yet the needs, she said, are as great, if not greater, than before. Much of that has to do with the lasting detrimental effects of the pandemic on mental health.

"Kids are more isolated than ever before. Schools shut for nearly a year, if not longer, and they experienced a real downside to that. In fact, I've never observed the high rates of depression in young people that I've seen this past year. We see such an uplift when they are paired with an adult mentor."

The "littles" who participate in BBBSIC range in age from 6 to 16. "Bigs" don't need any special degrees or job skills, just a desire to impact a young person in a positive way.



Island County, and specifically Oak Harbor as a military community, means statistically there are even more youngsters who long for the sort of caring adult companionship they offer, said Scribner. It helps greatly that the military community itself is very supportive in return, she said.

"At least 40 percent of our 'littles' come from military homes. Countering that, I'm proud to tell you the Navy is one of our biggest supporters as far as volunteers go. Something close to 35 percent of our 'bigs' come from the Navy. They tend to be singles or a family without children of their own," she said.

Scribner's own experiences as an adolescent reinforces her belief the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters produces a lasting positive influence in kids' lives.

"I wasn't in any sort of Big Sister-type program growing up. But I did have very specific people in my life who encouraged me and served as mentors. My older brother, and some of my cousins and aunts served as those positive role models that I and many others of that age group yearn for," she said.

The 23rd annual Festival of Trees Gala and Auction unites the beauty of these decorated trees with the generous spirit of the season. Tied together with the proceeds of a yearly auction that helps BBBSIC continue the work, the event could well represent the best present many young people receive all year. Visit bbbsislandcounty.org for information on Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County as well as information on this year's Festival of Trees or call 360-279-0644.

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There will also be a holiday market at Mutiny Bay Blues Saturday from noon to 4 p.m., at the corner of Cameron Road and Hwy. 525 in Freeland. Local farmers will be selling food to help make delicious meals during the holiday season and vendors will be there with great gifts and stocking stuffers for purchase. There will be complimentary coffee, cocoa and s'mores, with donations accepted to benefit Whidbey Island Nourishes, which provides meals for families on South Whidbey. (mutinybayblues.com)

Gather up the kids – those with or without fur – and head to the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum in Oak Harbor from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday for free photos with Santa. The event is open to the public and admission to the museum is free for all adults who are accompanied by a child. (pnwnam.org)

Oak Harbor Playtown will be offering photos with Santa this Saturday, as well as Dec. 4, 11, 18-19, by appointment, from noon to 6 p.m. each of those days. Cost is \$20 and includes a photo, candy cane, coupon for a free day pass signed by

Santa and hot chocolate with marshmallows. Half the cost will be donated to your choice of one of four Whidbey Island organizations: Mother Mentors, WAIF, Ryan's House or Island Angels. Schedule appointments by messaging Playtown on Facebook or stopping by its location at 390 NE Midway Blvd. in Oak Harbor. (facebook.com/oakharborplaytown)

There are lots more activities and markets to come – look for more information in next week's issue of *Whidbey Weekly*.





SALMON-REARING PROGRAM RETURNS TO OAK HARBOR

In 1982 a fisheries enhancement program was very successful in the city of Oak Harbor. Ambitious fishermen and citizens had a vision of increasing the numbers of healthy Chinook and Coho salmon to the waters surrounding Oak Harbor. The Oak Harbor Puget Sound Anglers chapter, in conjunction with the city of Oak Harbor Marina staff, built the first rearing pens, which were used to hold juvenile salmon for approximately three months, where they were fed and cared for by club members, students and other volunteers. Over the years these people's willingness to take on such an effort resulted in thousands of adult Chinook and Coho salmon returning to the Puget Sound and Whidbey Island waters.

These healthy, returning fish provided added recreational fishing opportunities to all fishermen but especially for the young Oak Harbor Island Anglers. The rearing program continued to enhance Chinook and Coho salmon numbers into the Puget Sound until 2001, when Chinook salmon was added to the Endangered Species list. After this ruling, Oak Harbor's Chinook rearing was greatly reduced. From 2001 until 2010 Coho salmon was the primary species the "salmon crew" of Oak Harbor raised. With increased 2010 state budget cuts, Oak Harbor's rearing program, along with others like it, were no longer supported. In 2013 we saw the last of the reared adult Coho return to Oak Harbor and Crescent Harbor.

It is now 2021; Zachary Loescher, anxious grade school and high school students, excited Oak Harbor residents and I have the same vision that was achieved in 1982. In the fall of 2019, the first steps towards the "return of the Oak Harbor salmon" were taken by establishing the "Oak Harbor Salmon and Steelhead Enhancement and Recovery Program." The high demand for salmon continues and shows no signs of slowing and the remaining wild salmon simply cannot meet the demand alone. Recreational fishermen have been unsuccessful in turning the heads of most scientists and government agencies like the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to the extreme importance of reestablishing well managed fish enhancement programs like Oak Harbor once had.

Enter an unlikely ally, the orca whales and their young. NOAA and agencies like it finally understand and have concluded that malnutrition and starvation is the leading cause of death in our resident orca whales. The rich oils and protein provided by Chinook and other salmon are missing from their diet. I would have preferred our government agencies listen to people with common sense, in addition to scientific studies, and begun a serious increase in salmon production many years ago. This would have helped avoid the loss of female orca whales and their young we are seeing today, plus help bring back plentiful recreational, commercial and tribal salmon fishing opportunities as well.

The state of Washington's orca task force discussed ways of increasing the number of salmon that could be made available to the malnourished whales. One promising and proven idea was the use of rearing pens placed in opti-

mum areas throughout the Puget Sound that provided suitable water conditions; followed closely with dedicated local support for the care and feeding of the juvenile fish until their short saltwater acclimation period is complete, at which time the young salmon are released into the wild.

It has been almost three years since Zachary and I put things in motion in the hopes of rearing salmon once again in Oak Harbor's marina. In 2019 written correspondence from local angling clubs, the Oak Harbor school district and Oak Harbor city representatives requesting permission to re-start the salmon enhancement program and was sent via the Region #4 district manager to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). Oak Harbor's Mayor Bob Severns and Christopher Sublet, the city's harbormaster, have been incredibly involved with this project; their persistence and cooperation with the WDFW and other government agencies has finally proven successful.

In December 30,000 coho smolt will be delivered by the state of Washington to the city of Oak Harbor, where two newly-constructed floating 15x30-foot wooden rearing pens will be waiting. Zachary Loescher, a 2012 graduate of Bellingham Technical College in the field of fisheries and aquaculture sciences, designed the two floating devices; major construction of the pens was completed Oct. 23 by the marina staff and other volunteers. Final construction details and catwalk layout was overseen by Conner Ching (LangCo Northwest Inc.), Kelly Malone (Kel's General Services) and the dedicated Oak Harbor Marina staff. The marina staff also organized the on-water float and stability testing. The two floating pens are designed so they can be easily removed from the marina for cleaning, maintenance and storage.

The two floating pens will be placed in a pre-determined location in the Oak Harbor Marina, located so Oak Harbor students, residents and their families can come observe and learn more about salmon and take part in keeping these truly beautiful and incredible creatures part of our lives for generations. The rearing period will be from December to May. After the release of the small salmon into the wild, project leaders will be quickly coordinating with the WDFW personnel for next season's fish and any opportunities to raise summer salmon as well. Our vision is that the City of Oak Harbor will have a working outdoor classroom and we will be doing our part to support orca whale health and increase backyard salmon fishing opportunities for many years to come.

Donations by The Puget Sound Anglers (Fidalgo-San Juan Island chapter), Oak Harbor businesses, and supportive Oak Harbor and neighboring citizens have made construction of the pens possible. Future funding is still needed for preventative maintenance, (wood and hardware) standby spare flotation and smolt containment netting repair materials. If you have any questions about the program, or would like information on donating to the Oak Harbor salmon and steelhead enhancement and recovery program, please contact me at tlfishmonger@gmail.com for details. Have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving!



Marina staff and volunteers briefed and ready to build.



Salmon pens under construction Oct. 23.

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Oak Harbor, WA

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Life Tributes



Otie Whitaker



Otie Whitaker, a wonderful mother to her three children, passed away peacefully in her sleep in the early morning of Nov. 12, 2021. She had battled cancer on and off for many years.

She is survived by her three children, Tonya, Travis and Todd; one grandson, Brandon; and one sister, Ethel.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Clara Catherine; her father, Joel Kisamore; her husband, Gail; three brothers, Marvin, Burl and Jonas; and four sisters, Velma, Vercie, Verda and Esther.

A private service will be held in Petersburg, W.Va., in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, her family would prefer a donation if desired to the American Cancer Society.

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

Pam's Prayer Corner

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

A Prayer of Gratitude

Let us, therefore, proclaim our gratitude to Providence for manifold blessings—let us be humbly thankful for inherited ideals—and let us resolve to share those blessings and those ideals with our fellow human beings throughout the world.

On that day let us gather in sanctuaries dedicated to worship and in homes blessed by family affection to express our gratitude for the glorious gifts of God; and let us earnestly and humbly pray that He will continue to guide and sustain us in the great unfinished tasks of achieving peace, justice, and understanding among all men and nations and of ending misery and suffering wherever they exist.

John F. Kennedy
Thanksgiving Day, 1963



"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22

2:29 am, S Main St.

Advising of a dispute between friends at location; states one subject is locked out and other is being obnoxious. Advising both subjects live at location.

2:46 am, SR 525

Reporting party advising male subject is lying in southbound lane; reporting party thought it was a garbage bag at first, then realized it was a person.

5:51 am, SR 525

Reporting party advising male subject is tampering with things around building; unknown where subject is now; thinks he was tampering with garbage around; no one feeling ill; can smell gasoline in building.

11:18 am, Waterloo Rd.

Advising ex's mom and brother have been taking pictures of reporting party's cars and house; not at location now; ongoing issue.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 23

6:46 am, NW Krueger St.

Requesting call regarding injured squirrel. Wanting to know if someone can pick it up or if there is a place to take it or drop it off.

12:37 pm, Benton Pl.

Reporting party advising of chickens at location; they originally belonged to reporting party's mother, who passed away recently; reporting party advising no one left to take care of chickens.

2:00 pm, Goss Lake Rd.

Reporting party advising wants to report Langley Police Department for flying planes over area and there are over 4,000 people on property; also upset with Island County Sheriff's Office for also flying planes; advising she cannot believe what she is seeing at night; this is her 33rd call; advising has been blocked for 215 nights on phone.

2:44 pm, SR 20

Advising white Dodge Ram pickup; lane travel, holding up traffic Southbound from Banta two minutes ago. Reporting party thought white female driver was either mentally challenged or intoxicated.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 24

1:34 pm, Quail Walk Ln.

Reporting party states neighbor at location has been speeding on private lane and has now threatened postal service driver with a lawsuit.

2:24 pm, W Frostad Rd.

Caller advising someone threw a fire extinguisher through the window of residence. Occurred within last week.

4:28 pm, Waterloo Rd.

Caller states owner's grandson is taking reporting party's things and throwing them away; reporting party advising move out date is the 30th; not an eviction. Still on property.

6:52 pm, NE 3rd St.

Reporting party advising she is at restaurant; daughter was supposed to pick her up; thinks she made a mistake and went to wrong place; reporting party advising she doesn't know address or name of restaurant; advising she ordered lasagna.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25

2:37 pm, Oak Harbor Rd.

Reporting party states camper at location has been reported before; now has all the windows busted out as well as front door; no one is coming to door when reporting party knocks. States seems suspicious; two children under the age of 5 inside.

3:00 pm, SR 20

Reporting party states on northbound SR 20 from location, vehicle in front of reporting party throwing ice or glass out of vehicle; gold or champagne Toyota Corolla. Thrown from passenger side. Reporting party on motorcycle.

3:24 pm, S Main St.

Caller advising female in parking lot is yelling at others who are wearing a mask. States they do not know each other.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 26

11:22 am, Virginia Ave.

Reporting party states someone is sitting outside his residence. Female. Has been there an hour with papers in her hand. Believes she is under the influence. Is in middle of roadway dancing now.

3:16 pm, Smugglers Cove Rd.

Reporting party believes she is being stalked again. Has a history of being stalked. States male subject was staring and smirking at her and then another male was watching and wouldn't walk away from area she was in at beach.

11:36 pm, Carl Ave.

Reporting party on the line asking 9-1-1 what the problem is. Telling call-taker he is Osama Bin Laden; "What do you mean, what is the address?"

11:51 pm, Engle Rd.

Reporting party advising is staying at campground; states is getting beat up pretty good by wind. Wondering if there is weather front coming in and if they should leave campground?

MONDAY, SEPT. 27

7:57 pm, Sunrise Park Way

Reporting party received padded envelope from someone in the Ukraine; doesn't know anyone from that country. Reporting party opened it and found multiple skull tokens inside.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 28

8:30 am, SR 20

Caller reporting they are behind red Honda Civic; lane travel; smells like weed farm; at Fakkema and SR 20.

9:57 am, Fox Spit Rd.

Requesting call regarding suspicious activity over the past two years. White male in white van sits and watches reporting party's son when he is in the backyard.

12:59 pm, East Harbor Rd.

Caller states about four minutes ago was driving by and saw male subject in red passenger car hit pedestrian crossing in crosswalk; male rolled over the front of the hood. Vehicle fled on East Harbor, northbound towards Langley.

10:20 pm, Indian Point Ln.

Caller states she is getting text messages and emails every 5-6 seconds stating she is subscribed to things she is not.

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



GUEST COLUMN

WhidbeyHealth Foundation launches 2021 Holiday Campaign HERE FOR GOOD

Helen Taylor Executive Director, WhidbeyHealth Foundation

With the holiday season upon us and glimpses of a new norm beginning to shine through, it's easy to forget how fortunate we are to have exceptional healthcare - close to home.

When life's emergencies happen, WhidbeyHealth has been our local safety net for over 50 years.

Healthcare has changed dramatically since we opened our doors, and thanks to the support of our community, WhidbeyHealth has evolved as well, delivering progressive, patient-centric healthcare services in over 250,000 hospital, EMS and clinic visits in 2020 alone.

Visits to our clinics and medical center included:

- 88,200 EMS Calls responses
- 17,795 ED patients were treated
- 293 Babies were delivered
- 1,483 Surgeries were performed
- 4,833 Patients required Overnight Stays
- 105,164 Outpatient services provided
- 17,000 Vaccines were delivered



QUALITY CARE

Today, the DNV accredited Critical Access Hospital and WhidbeyHealth network includes:

- Level 3 Trauma Center
- Level 3 Cardiac Center
- Level 3 Stroke Centers
- Two walk-in clinics open 7 days a week
- Two primary care clinics
- Nine specialty care clinics including an award-winning Cancer Center
- Emergency Medical Services 24/7
- All delivering exceptional care, when and where you need it.

THE QUIET FIGHT

The 'quiet fight' against COVID continues, adding to the \$18+ million in unplanned expenses and lost revenue. As our community ages and more people rely on Medicare, which pays far less than commercial insurance, the gap widens.

BEYOND COVID

Beyond the challenges brought on by COVID, donors have helped fund much-needed critical equipment and supplies including:

- Portable X-ray machines
- Specialized tablets for real-time translation services
- Refrigeration for our blood bank
- Pediatric rehab equipment
- Emergency room beds
- New patient wheelchairs

Thanks to the tremendous community support, the new tax levy will, starting in May 2022, provide some much-needed funds for competitive salaries and to replace outdated technologies, but there are other urgent needs.

With your help, WhidbeyHealth will continue evolving to meet the needs of our diverse community, delivering exceptional care when and where you need it, now and for generations to come.

PLEASE ADD YOUR SUPPORT

Give whatever you can. No donation is too small.

To learn more, visit whidbeyhealth.org/HERE FOR GOOD

Together, we're keeping Whidbey strong!



What's Going On



All entries are listed chronologically, unless there are multiple entries for the same venue or are connected to a specific organization (such as Sno-Isle Libraries) in which case all entries for that venue or organization are listed collectively in chronological order under one heading.

Auction for Scholarships

Saturday, November 27, 11:00AM
Building Source, 1694 Main St, Freeland

Presented by the Rotary Club of South Whidbey Island with proceeds to benefit Whidbey Island students. Preview and preregister at rcswi.givesmart.com.

Greenbank Farm Holiday Market

Saturday, November 27, 11:00AM-5:00PM
Saturday, December 4, 11:00AM-5:00PM
Greenbank Farm, 765 Wonn Rd

All vendors are local to the area. Enter the raffle for prizes from Greenbank Farm shops. Santa will be available for photos from 12:00-2:30PM. Masks required. For more information, visit whidbeyislandmarkets.com.

Photos with Santa

Saturday, November 27, 2:00-4:00PM
Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum, Oak Harbor

Event is open to the public and all are welcome. Adults are free with a child. Bring the kiddos, or even your fur baby for a picture with Santa. The museum is located at 270 SE Pioneer Way. Call 360-240-9500 for more information.

Winter Wonderland

Friday, December 3, 12:00-4:00PM
Saturday, December 4, 10:00AM-4:00PM
Sunday, December 5, 10:00AM-4:00PM
Outlet Shoppes at Burlington, 448 Fashion Way

The Children's Museum of Skagit County is creating a free, unforgettable experience for families at the Shops at Burlington. There will be indoor and outdoor activities for all ages. Huge bouncy inflatables, arts and crafts, face painting, carnival games, "meet and greets" with favorite movie characters, a climbing wall, creative activities, snow to play in (weather permitting), and more. Santa will also be there for photo-ops, 12:00-4:00PM each day. For more information, visit www.skagitchildrensmuseum.net or call 360-757-8888.

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 4, 9:30AM-2:00PM
Coupeville United Methodist Church

Quality quilts, holiday baked goods, wreaths, and more! Parking available behind the church, 608 N Main St. More information available at www.coupevilleumc.com.

Holiday at the Hall

Saturday, December 4, 4:00-6:00PM
Clinton Community Hall, 6411 S Central Ave.

Bring your camera and take family photos with Santa. He will be set up for you inside the Hall. There will also be Christmas treat bags for both kids and adults, warm beverages and the big tree lighting around 5:30PM. Be sure to dress for the weather. For more information, visit www.clintoncommunityhall.org.

IT'S BASKETBALL SEASON!



Broadcasting Skagit Valley Cardinals and Oak Harbor Wildcat Hoops

SOUND SPORTS NET



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Friday, November 26

SVC Men's Basketball vs Big Bend - 7pm

Saturday, November 27

SVC Men's Basketball vs Douglas - 6pm

Sunday, November 28

SVC Men's Basketball vs Clackamas - 4pm

Tuesday, November 30

OHHS Girls' Basketball vs Marysville-Pilchuck - 7:15pm

Wednesday, December 1

SVC Women's Basketball vs Highline - 6pm

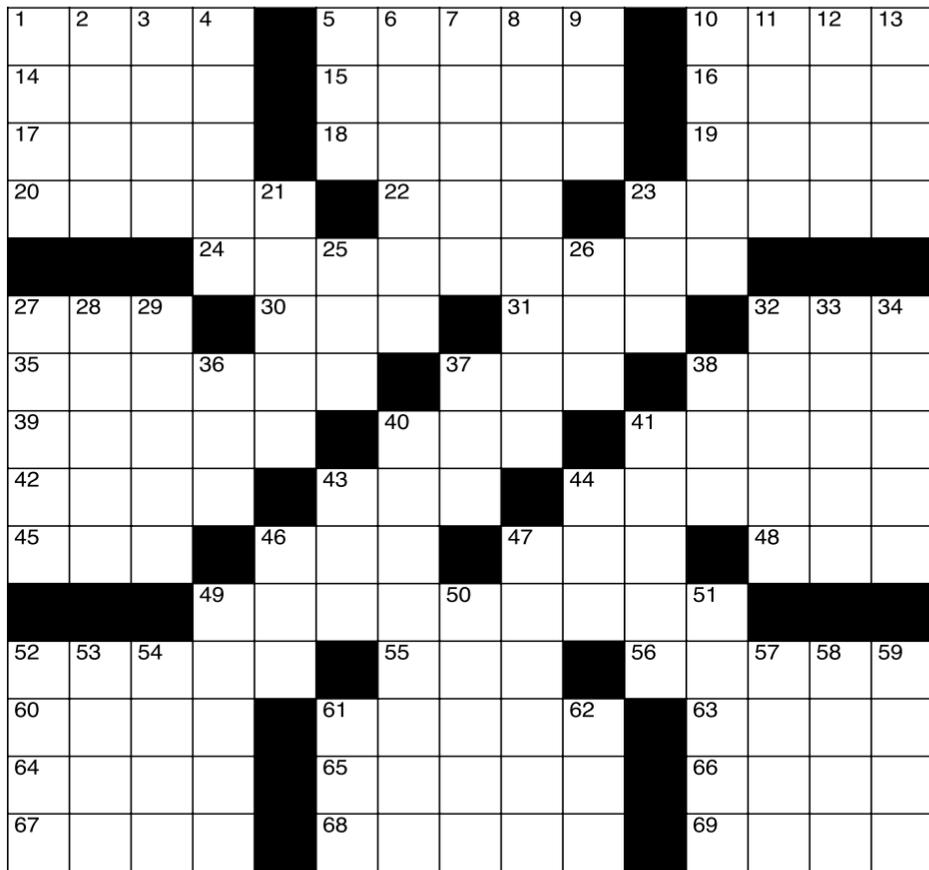
Stream opens 60 minutes prior to tip-off times.

Pre-game is 15 minutes prior to tip-off for start of every cast.

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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Nuclear undersea weapon
- 5. President of Syria al---
- 10. Partner to flows
- 14. "Snow" in Welsh
- 15. Famed Mexican painter
- 16. Song
- 17. ticks outward from the crown
- 18. Doddering
- 19. Resist authority (slang)
- 20. Antsy
- 22. Wrath
- 23. Spills the beans
- 24. Past
- 27. The woman
- 30. One has 24 hours
- 31. Talk
- 32. It can sting
- 35. Astronomy unit
- 37. Halfway
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- 39. Australian river
- 40. Software to transfer audio (abbr.)
- 41. Fabric
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- 23. Founder of Babism
- 25. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 26. Male parent
- 27. A type of plug
- 28. Capital of Vietnam
- 29. Fungal disease
- 32. Shelter
- 33. Finished
- 34. Excrete
- 36. Unhappy
- 37. Partner to cheese
- 38. Coffee receptacle
- 40. Spend time dully
- 41. Makes full
- 43. Snakelike fish
- 44. Take in solid food
- 46. ___ student, learns healing
- 47. A way to take away
- 49. Impart a lesson to
- 50. "Transformers" actress Fox
- 51. Spiritual leader
- 52. Every one of two or more things
- 53. Indian city
- 54. 17th stars
- 57. Weapon
- 58. Amounts of time
- 59. Isodor __, American Nobel physicist
- 61. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 62. Witness

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, Nov. 25 North Isle H-50°/L-48° Cloudy and Breezy	Fri, Nov. 26 North Isle H-51°/L-46° Cloudy with Chance Showers	Sat, Nov. 27 North Isle H-53°/L-46° Cloudy with Chance Showers	Sun, Nov. 28 North Isle H-55°/L-46° Cloudy with Chance Showers	Mon, Nov. 29 North Isle H-55°/L-43° Cloudy with Chance Showers	Tues, Nov. 30 North Isle H-50°/L-38° Cloudy with Chance Showers	Wed, Dec. 1 North Isle H-48°/L-40° Cloudy with Chance Showers
South Isle H-47°/L-47° Cloudy with Chance Showers	South Isle H-49°/L-45° Cloudy with Chance Showers	South Isle H-51°/L-44° Cloudy with Chance Showers	South Isle H-53°/L-45° Cloudy with Chance Showers	South Isle H-52°/L-42° Cloudy with Chance Showers	South Isle H-48°/L-37° Cloudy with Chance Showers	South Isle H-45°/L-38° Cloudy with Chance Showers



OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What are you most grateful for this Thanksgiving?

Ashley Choquette

Oak Harbor

Living so far away from my family, this Thanksgiving I am most grateful for my "family" ... which stands for friends who are like family.

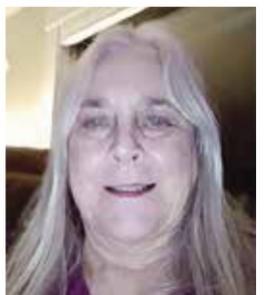


Taking the ferry was so exciting and Langley looked wonderful! People started saying "Hello" as I was walking around the town. I immediately said to myself, "We're moving here!"

We've had magical lives all these years and I am truly thankful. Now I am exchanging lots of "Hellos" each day!

Nancy Johnson, Oak Harbor

This year I am most grateful for my new house in Oak Harbor and starting a new phase in my life. I am enjoying exploring the island. The neighbors are great. I can sit and look at the view for hours. My boys will all be here for Thanksgiving. All is good.



Kimberly Cross-Robbins

Oak Harbor

I am most grateful for the opportunity to be able to help others. Some don't have the resources to be able to enjoy Thanksgiving and I am grateful to be able to cook for others, to donate myself and my time for others who are not as fortunate.



Cynthia Tilkin, Langley

It is so easy to talk about what I am most thankful for, even though it happened 47 years ago!

My dear husband and our two little children had just driven 11 days across the country, and we needed to find a place to live. The pressure was on!

We had just met friends of our friends, who told us, "Based on what you describe about your life in Connecticut, we think you should look on Whidbey Island."

It was up to me to explore this new territory while Dick worked at his new job.



Sandra Place, Oak Harbor

I am grateful for a wonderful husband who loves me unconditionally. I am grateful for my children and the opportunity to watch them laugh, grow, and dream. I am grateful for my family and friends near and far. I am grateful for the opportunity to live in Oak Harbor and to be surrounded by water and mountains that provide us with beauty and recreation. I am grateful to serve my community and to be able to help others. I am grateful for the simplicity of a campfire with friends which creates lasting memories, and I am grateful for laughter; the world would be a gloomy place without it. I am grateful for holidays in Oak Harbor because any reason to celebrate is something to be thankful for!



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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.

Be the difference in a child's life and become a foster parent today! Service Alternatives is looking for caring, loving, and supportive families to support foster children. 425-923-0451 or mostermick@serval-cfs.com

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 primarily include medical and public health professionals but other volunteers who have no healthcare backgrounds are also utilized. MRC responds to local emergencies such as natural disasters and public health emergencies. If you are interested in volunteering please contact us at Island County MRC website for application and information.

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