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## Whidbey celebrates Earth and Ocean Month



Photo Courtesy of Goosefoot/Earth and Ocean Month  
There are activities in honor of Earth and Ocean Month every week, including a guided hike at Beach View Farm Saturday. Registration is required. Go to [whidbeyearthday.org](http://whidbeyearthday.org).

By **Melanie Hammons** Whidbey Weekly

The country, the world, has come a long way from the first Earth Day celebration in 1970. Today, Whidbey Island has so many ways to participate one day couldn't contain them all. So Goosefoot, the local organization heading up the celebration, has devoted the entire month of April to doing just that.

Whidbey's take on the event expands it beyond just the term "Earth Day," to "Whidbey Earth and Ocean Month," for a very practical reason, said Sami Postma, events and education coordinator for Goosefoot.

"Being on an island, we feel like the ocean deserves a special focus too," she said. "Plus, extending the event throughout the month allows more people to participate. It means folks are not left out because of a work schedule, for example."

Each week in April comes with a specific topic of interest under the over-arching theme "Caring for our Common Home." During week one, the emphasis was on reducing waste, which included tips for proper recycling. Week two is devoted to transportation issues, while week three focuses on water resources. Week four is all about food and the benefits of eating locally. The choice to focus week four on food was timed to coincide with the opening of local farmers markets.

Postma said the areas of emphasis are not limited to those particular weeks only. Rather, the idea is to get people thinking "week by week about the way we do things, and how they impact not only our lives but our world."

"It's interesting to note how these topics are interrelated," she said. "Local food choices (week four) will impact transportation (week two.) Local food choices will also affect waste (week one), and so on."

One might ask how it's possible to deliver on an entire month's worth of activities, service opportunities, education, and fun. The answer lies in the diverse multitude of organizations and enterprises that are involved, Postma said.

"Events at Deception Pass State Park, art

galleries, nature walks, library book read-alongs are just a small selection. There will literally be something on April's calendar for everyone," she said.

Just in the past couple of months, world events have affected everyone's budgets, specifically with elevated food and energy costs. Two of the topics addressed, transportation and food, are likely to be of special interest now. It does seem coincidental, but Postma said there's no way they could have known, "back in January when we were planning this, that world events would take this sort of turn."

"That being said, I believe the focus on transportation is especially timely right now, since it leaves such a huge carbon footprint," she said.

And as far as food goes, Postma welcomes the chance to make people aware of what a great local food system we have on Whidbey.

"There are farmers markets and backyard gardens. Plus, every school district on the island operates a school garden or farm. It's not hard, and really not much more expensive, to eat locally," she said.

With a well-rounded assortment of offerings during Whidbey Earth and Ocean Month, it's worth noting that nearly all of the events are free. That's an extra bonus for families with children in tow. Plus, said Postma, "most activities are located within easy access to an [Island Transit] bus route."

The planning that went into Whidbey Earth and Ocean Month also took into account the scattered nature of many neighborhoods and communities on the island. "We deliberately tried to spread all of these events and opportunities throughout Whidbey," said Postma.

Gaining a deeper appreciation for our common home seems to carry more significance when one is outdoors, viewing and experiencing the natural beauty first-hand. That, and the warmer weather spring invites, means many chances to get out in the fresh air and springtime breezes. Postma said the nature walks, work parties, and guided hikes take advantage of that. And they don't necessarily end with April's last day.

Of course, it wouldn't be Whidbey without an artistic angle to it somehow. After all, that's how it started back in 2006, with an art show. And 2022 is no different. Look for the month-long-plus art show at the Bayview Cash Store Hub Gallery, featuring artwork made exclusively of recycled and repurposed materials.

"These artists are removing items from the waste stream too, but they're fashioning them into creative art at the same time," Postma said.

Hayley Johnson, a park ranger at Deception Pass State Park, highlighted what she said are just a sampling of some of their activities tied to Earth Day, and beyond.

"On Sunday, April 24, we're inviting volunteers to assist with fencing restoration on Goose Rock, which is the highest point on Whidbey Island. Looking beyond the month of April, there's the 'Family in Nature' program we offer in conjunction with Fidalgo Nature School. Family in Nature is geared to 3-5 year-olds and their families. It's offered every other Friday and Saturday, beginning April 1. And it's available for sign-ups through June, at the Eventbrite website," said Johnson.

Mira Thomas, speaking for the Pacific Rim Institute in Coupeville, mentioned that organization's sponsorship of Prairie Days. "April 29-30 and May 13-14 are the scheduled dates for Prairie Days this year," said Thomas.

She characterized these events as family-oriented activities that are free and designed to connect people with the surrounding natural ecosystems.

The Pacific Rim Institute website cites its vision of a "flourishing creation" as the driving force for what they do. That vision is a snapshot of what all the events connected to Whidbey Earth and Ocean Month are about.

A full complement of Whidbey Earth and Ocean Month activities are listed on the website [www.whidbeyearthday.org](http://www.whidbeyearthday.org). These include lectures, guided hikes, workshops and much more. For additional information, see the website at [goosefoot.org](http://goosefoot.org) or contact Sami Postma at 360-321-4246.



Photo Courtesy of Goosefoot/Earth and Ocean Month  
Even chickens – or learning how to keep a small flock of them – are part of Whidbey Earth and Ocean Month. This unique coop tour will cover three different designs. This will take place at South Whidbey Tilt at 10 a.m. Saturday.

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An online seminar at 7 p.m. April 20 is one of many activities for Whidbey Earth and Ocean Month. The program will cover whale-safe boating in the Salish Sea, presented by the Orca Network.



Photo Courtesy of Goosefoot/Earth and Ocean Month  
With equal billing for the water during Whidbey Earth and Ocean Month, Sound Water Stewards and the Marine Resource Committee will offer a low tide beach walk at Bush Point in Freeland April 20. Learn more at [whidbeyearthday.org](http://whidbeyearthday.org).

# ON TRACK

With Jim Freeman



Since it is April, I thought now would be a good time to open Christmas cards from last December. Kinda like drinking hot cocoa in summer. Good things come to those who wait.

I encourage all of you to delay your card opening. Enjoying all of them the same day inspired me to contact the senders to share my gratitude.

### Play ball

From Cardinal News which online serves the Southwest and Southside VA. The article is by Randy Walker at <https://cardinalnews.org/2022/04/06/which-is-harder-to-find-a-good-pitcher-or-a-good-anthem-singer/>.

"The Star-Spangled Banner, not yet the official national anthem, was first played at a major league game at the 1918 World Series between the Boston Red Sox and the Chicago Cubs. It was part of a set of patriotic songs.

"Thereafter, it became popular for the Star-Spangled Banner to be played for World Series games as, again, a part of a series of patriotic tunes. The Star Spangled Banner did not become the National Anthem until 1931, when Herbert Hoover signed it into law as the National Anthem after public petitions had basically been circulated for a number of years. Even then, it was not performed regularly before games until World War II. And so, since basically World War II and the 1942 season's beginning, the National Anthem has been a regular part of the opening exercises for major league games."

### Quotes

After enjoying a dressed up Santa Claus years ago with her friends, a three year young Taylor Shields remarked to her mother, "You and Santa have the same color eyes."

"It's hard to beat a person who never gives up."  
~Babe Ruth

### Huh?

Here I thought Judge Judy and Ellen Degeneres had retired. They appear daily on my antenna TV for several hours. In the 70s, I attended a San Diego Padres game where the post game entertainment was the final performance of the Doobie Brothers. Like Judge Judy, the Doobies are still touring.

### Who Dat?

After many years of hearing stock reports, today I decided to see who the heck Dow Jones is or was. According to Wikipedia, the Dow was "first calculated on May 26, 1896, the index is the second-oldest among U.S. market indices (after the Dow Jones Transportation Average). It was created by Charles Dow, the editor of *The Wall Street Journal* and the co-founder of Dow Jones & Company, and named after him and his business associate, statistician Edward Jones. The word *industrial* in the name of the index initially emphasized the heavy industry sector, but over time stocks from many other types of companies have been added to the DJIA."

Fortunately, Edward's last name was Jones, not Portazeebe.

### Dog stories

It has been too long since my basset hound Norton has made me proud to hear his basso profundo bark.

I asked a vet once if Norton knew when he last barked.

"Norton doesn't even know that he does bark."

After Norton had consumed 11 frozen Swanson chicken drumsticks, I called the same vet to see what I should do.

"He'll be dead by morning."

So, I gave the 12th to him, from the Swanson box of 12 not-so-well-hidden in the Bend, Ore. snow.

Norton rose the next morning awaiting chow.

Apparently, Norton had swallowed all the evening drumsticks. Not eaten, but swallowed.

He was not about to modify his eating pattern.

The next vet visit was to confirm Norton's dog hood.

"Hey Doc, any chance Norton can father baby bassets?"

After a few minutes, the Doc returned.

"Freeman, I have good news and bad news. The good news is that after 10 years, Norton has sperm. The bad news – He only has six and they are all dead."

Yep, I miss Norton. We had 11 years of fun and stories to match. Long live the stories.

### Down in the boondocks

The other day, a friend in Clinton remarked that I lived in the boonies. I have heard and used the term all my life. Now I know why I have always felt comfortable in the boonies.

According to Wikipedia, the boondocks is an American expression from the Tagalog (Filipino) word *bundók* (mountain). It originally referred to a remote rural area, but now, it is often applied to an out-of-the-way area considered backward and unsophisticated by city-folk. It can also occasionally refer to a mountain in both Filipino and American context.

### The Mariners

I was encouraged when the Mariners started the season undefeated.

They went 2 and 0.

Wonders never cease.

### Short and funny

For more of these classic chortles, check out [www.short-funny.com](http://www.short-funny.com).

*Any of us has the capacity to light up a room. Some when they enter, others when they leave it.*

*Always end phone calls like this: I have to run, the swing is free now.*

*There are people who are living proof that total brain failure does not always lead to physical death.*

*I'm sorry, I have neither the patience, nor the coloring crayons to explain this to you.*

*I was sexually harassed at work by my boss. But I don't really mind. I'm self-employed.*

*Need something cool to say because you just slipped and fell?*

*"Yep, gravity still works!"*

*I read married couples do it about 74 times per year. It's end of November now. Seems I'm going to have a seriously exciting December!*

*Just checked my bank account. Anybody in need of a kidney?*

*My relationship is like an iPad. I don't have an iPad.*

*Sometimes I drink water—just to surprise my liver.*

*Funny offense: I think your parents shouldn't have built the swing that close to the wall.*

*How to part in style after having a row with your friend: "I hope your pillow is warm on both sides in the summer!"*

*It's amazing how nice people are to you when they know you're going away.*

*First rule of Sundays: If you can't reach it from your couch, you don't need it.*

*The last thing I want to do is to hurt you. But we'll get there eventually, once I've gone through the entire list.*

*According to my mirror I am pregnant. The father is Nutella.*

*If you had to decide between a diet and a piece of chocolate, would you prefer dark, white or milk chocolate?*

*Organized people are simply too lazy to search for stuff.*

*Every time a bird craps on my car, I go out on my terrace and eat some scrambled eggs. Just to show them who's the boss.*

*You may have one but that doesn't mean you have to act like one.*

*Anything done before the first coffee of the day could be classified as self-defense.*

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# Bits & Pieces

## The City of Oak Harbor Continues to Gather Feedback about Potential Windjammer Park Improvements

The community input process regarding potential improvement options for Windjammer Park continues through April 30. Mayor Bob Severns is encouraging the community to participate in the process and share their comments with the City.

For reference, this process is a continuation of the initial Windjammer Park Integration Plan from 2016. The park opening in 2019 included the first phase of the Windjammer Park Integration Plan and additional improvements continue to be made in the park. The remaining elements in the plan are the potential improvement options in the feedback form.

"We want to hear the community's feedback as part of this process and are planning additional opportunities to allow the community to engage with City Council and staff in the future," said Severns during the April 5 City Council meeting.

Details for the current feedback process are available online at [www.oakharbor.org/FutureWJP](http://www.oakharbor.org/FutureWJP). The website page includes information about the potential improvement options and map showing locations, open house event dates/times, frequently asked questions (FAQ), and link to the feedback form. The information was released to the public April 1. Postcards will be delivered to households soon and inserts were included in March utility bills from the City of Oak Harbor.

Additionally, the city is hosting two open house events April 13 and 25 between 4:00 and 6:00PM at The Center (Senior Services building at 51 SE Jerome Street in Oak Harbor). These events will feature city staff, input forms, and maps to allow community members to ask specific questions about the projects.

Individuals seeking alternative options to the online input form will find printed versions at the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce, The Center and City Hall. Printed forms must be turned in April 29 during business hours.

April 4, city staff reviewed the current 332 responses – 67.47 percent of respondents live in the City of Oak Harbor and the average time spent completing the survey is six minutes and nine seconds. Top three items so far are the windmill, picnic areas and shoreline enhancements. The community is sharing some additional improvement ideas that include a variety of topics.

[Submitted by Sabrina Combs, Communications/IT Manager, City of Oak Harbor]

## Island Transit Board of Directors Approves Implementation of Proposed Service Improvement Packages

April 1, during Island Transit's board meeting, the board of directors approved the framework for service improvements proposed under the agency's initiative, Maximized. The board's decision to approve all six packages sets in motion the third phase of the initiative and begins the implementation plan, beginning with new seasonal service in central Whidbey. This service, scheduled to operate during summer months only, will connect central Whidbey state parks, including Fort Ebey State Park, Ebey's Landing and Fort Casey.

For nearly a year, the agency, working with a public transit consulting firm, Fehr and Peers, evaluated and identified where service improvements can be made to create more accessible, convenient, safe, friendly and sustainable bus services. The packages are intended to provide a more flexible and affordable transportation choice to riders and enhance public transit's role in the community by supporting essential trips and essential workers. The study and subsequent proposed packages also emphasized the role transit plays in addressing the current climate crisis.

The six service improvement packages, which will take effect in stages and require final board approval before implementation, include new Sunday service, later service, north and south Whidbey improvements, Camano optimization and a new seasonal route. The approval of all six packages reflects the community's feedback. The packages will improve access for all community members across both Whidbey and Camano Islands. There will be no loss in services; residents instead will see an increase in bus service frequency and gain greater flexibility.

Since January 2022, Island Transit conducted an open public comment period in the form of a survey and held two webinars to solicit feedback from riders and community members. During the public outreach process, the agency received 320 survey responses and comments on the six package proposals.

"All of the comments we received from our riders and community members were taken into consideration in determining which packages should be implemented," said Todd Morrow, Island Transit executive director. "Through compelling input from our community members, this process provided us with a clearer understanding of the impacts and value of the proposed service improvements."

Learn more about Island Transit's projects and initiatives at [www.islandtransit.org/projects](http://www.islandtransit.org/projects).

Questions regarding Maximized? Please email [Maximized@islandtransit.org](mailto:Maximized@islandtransit.org).

[Submitted by Selene Muldowney-Stratton, Marketing & Communications Officer, Island Transit]

## Miss Oak Harbor 2022 Royal Court Announced



Photo by Laura Houck Photography.

The 2022 Miss Oak Harbor Scholarship Pageant, sponsored by Thrive Community Fitness and held March 19 at Living Word Church, culminated with the crowning of Miss Oak Harbor and Teen Miss Oak Harbor 2022 and more than \$21,000 in scholarships and prizes awarded. The pageant was open to Oak Harbor freshmen-seniors who aspired to embark on a six-week journey to gain valuable coaching in many life skills, numerous networking opportunities, new friendships, powerful mentoring and thousands of dollars in college scholarships.

"The judges definitely had their work cut out for them. They were tasked with the very difficult job of scoring contestants in the areas of Personal Interview, Speech/Talent, Formal Wear, and Stage Presence," stated Pageant Director River Powers.

Participants were also scored in 10 additional categories, including Academics, Service, Extra-Curricular Activities, Work, Marketing, Health and Wellness, Style and Self-Expression, Physical Fitness, Attendance, and Board of Directors Input.

The 2022 Miss Oak Harbor Royalty, who will spend their year of reign serving their community and raising funds and awareness for their service project are:

Miss Oak Harbor 2022 – Thinalyn Ramier  
First Princess – Sara Rhodes  
Second Princess – Katie Tanner  
Teen Miss Oak Harbor 2022 – Kiersten Tyson  
Teen First Princess – Hannah Kunkel  
Teen Second Princess – Laurianna Newcomb

Since 2015, the Miss Oak Harbor Scholarship Pageant has awarded over \$94,000 in scholarships and awards. It is produced by Miss Oak Harbor, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to inspire, challenge and mentor contestants while providing opportunities for them to develop life skills that will enhance their confidence, self-esteem and sense of accomplishment. The unique six-week high school program focuses on personal and professional growth through the development of leadership, communication and marketability. The organization also produces the Miss Pioneer Way Pageant, an all-natural, one-day event for girls ages 0-14. Additional information and a link to view the replay of the 2022 Miss Oak Harbor Scholarship Pageant can be found at [MissOakHarbor.com](http://MissOakHarbor.com).

[Submitted by River Powers]

## Whidbey Community Foundation Welcomes Two New Board Members

Whidbey Community Foundation is excited to welcome Aisha Mayfield and Ansel Santosa to its board of directors.



Aisha is a military spouse and dedicated mother of two. She and her family moved to the island in 2008. She has over 18 years of experience in practice management for multiple physicians and medical billing. She regularly volunteers at her children's schools and other community groups, such as the Navy Marine Corp Relief Society and the Chief Petty Officers Spouse Association. Aisha became a small business owner of Music Together of North Whidbey and Anacortes in 2017. Aisha notes the Music Together program has helped to bridge the gap between the military community and local community for her family—teaching and inspiring families to create musical memories daily between children and the grownups they love. A highlight to her business is bringing classes to assisted living facilities and seeing families sharing those memories with our grandfriends within the community.

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# Will your money last as long as you do?

We all hope for long, healthy lives. But there's a serious "side effect" of longevity – the possibility of outliving our money. How can you help prevent this? It's useful to know the seriousness of the threat. Consider this: About 41% of all U.S. homes in which the head of the household is between 35 and 64 are projected to run short of money in retirement, according to the Employee Benefit Research Institute.

While this statistic indicates a cause for concern, it certainly doesn't mean that you are necessarily headed for trouble – because there's a lot you can do to help build and manage enough resources to last a lifetime. Here are a few suggestions:

- **Consider your estimated longevity.** On average, a 65-year-old man can expect to live another 17 years, while a 65-year-old woman can anticipate about 20 years, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Of course, you'll want to take into account your health and family history of longevity to arrive at a reasonable estimate. You can then use this figure to help determine how much money you'll eventually need. To play it safe, you might even want to try to build an income stream that can last beyond your estimated lifespan, possibly up to age 90.

- **Don't overlook health care costs.** When budgeting for retirement, allow enough for your health care expenses, which can be considerable. Even with Medicare, you can expect to spend anywhere from \$4,500 to \$6,500 per year, per person, for traditional medical costs. Also, you may want to prepare for two to three years of long-term care expenses, which currently range from about \$50,000 per year for home health care to over \$100,000 per year for a private room in a nursing home.

- **Keep building assets for retirement.** While you're working, constantly try to put away as much money as possible for your retirement years. Each year your salary goes up, increase your contributions to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. You may also want to contribute to an IRA, depending on your goals. And within your retirement savings, make sure you devote a reasonable percentage of your investment dollars to growth-oriented vehicles that align with your goals and risk tolerance.

- **Seek out sources of guaranteed income.** As a retiree, you will receive Social Security benefits – and the longer you wait before claiming them, the bigger your monthly checks will be. But you might also consider investments that can provide a source of income you can't outlive, such as annuities.

- **Revisit your strategy before you retire.** As you near retirement, you may want to review your investment strategy, possibly adjusting your risk level so that your portfolio would be somewhat less susceptible to market volatility. This is also a good time to review your spending needs in retirement.

- **Maintain a reasonable withdrawal rate.** Once you are retired, you'll likely need to start withdrawing from your 401(k), IRA and other investment accounts. To avoid taking out too much money too early in your retirement, you'll need to set a reasonable, sustainable withdrawal rate based on your assets, age and retirement lifestyle. A financial advisor can help you determine an appropriate rate.

It will take dedication and determination to help ensure your money doesn't run out during your lifetime. But you'd probably agree that it's well worth the effort.

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# Easter Egg Hunt

## Saturday, April 16, 2022

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## 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](mailto:info@whidbeyweekly.com) or call 360-682-2341 to share your prayer requests.*

**Holy Week Reflections From the Sidelines**  
*If an uncommitted bystander would have spent a week in Jerusalem, the last week of Jesus' life, observing the people and how they responded to him, what head-scratching confusion one might have experienced. Jubilant shouts of "Hosanna" marked his entrance into Jerusalem, and the euphoria that this might truly be our anointed king to return the throne of David to Israel. But by Friday, a dark and brooding mood of "Crucify Him" echoed in the courtyard before Pilate. How quickly flash mobs can change from celebration to scapegoating.*

**We Pray**  
 Merciful Father, forgive our fickle and unfaithful rants against the author of life and the bringer of hope. In this week of historic remembrance, let us ponder our own mortality and incivility that took Jesus to the cross in agony. We give thanks for every form of sacrificial love that has benefited our lives. Each selfless gift of love is but a shadow and reminder of history's one lasting legacy gift – And exchange of life for life through Heaven's gift of Jesus Christ for the whole world! By his merits, and through his gracious mercy, we are now made new. Father in heaven, bring to completion this amazing work you have begun in our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior we pray, Amen!

Pastor David Parker  
 First United Methodist Church

*"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said."* **Matthew 28:6 (NIV)**



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Ansel and his wife, Sarah, moved to Whidbey Island full-time from Seattle in 2018 to raise their daughter, Gwen, and start Ballydean Farm Sanctuary, a dream of theirs since childhood. Ansel also serves on the UW Informatics Advisory Board and is an active volunteer and advisor for Mother Mentors of Whidbey Island, where Sarah is vice-president, and the South Whidbey Children's Center, where Gwen goes to pre-school. Ansel has an "off-island" career as a software engineer. He has had several roles in the Seattle startup and venture capital community including ExtraHop Networks and Pioneer Square Labs. He currently works at Carbon Robotics where he builds robots that use lasers and computer vision to help farmers control weeds without herbicide or tilling.

Aisha and Ansel join WCF's board of directors who represent north, south and central Whidbey Island. Formed in 2016, Whidbey Community Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life on Whidbey Island by providing support for the nonprofit sector, assisting donors to build and preserve enduring assets for charitable purposes, and meeting community needs through financial awards.

For more information, please visit [www.whidbeyfoundation.org](http://www.whidbeyfoundation.org) or email [info@whidbeyfoundation.org](mailto:info@whidbeyfoundation.org).

Jessie Gunn, Executive Director, Whidbey Community Foundation]

**Local Business News**

**EDC Adds No-cost Market Research Tool to Website**

Big companies can buy big things, like big market research initiatives that provide information on company standing, competitor insights, and new customer insights. It can be invaluable information that's valued at tens of thousands to hundreds of thousands of dollars and now the Economic Development Council for Island County (EDC) is bringing that information to businesses for free.

With the company SizeUp, the EDC has launched SizeUp-IslandCounty, specifically looking at insights for Whidbey and Camano Islands.

"This tool helps the EDC empower our businesses with the information that they need to grow and thrive here in the Island County," said Sharon Sappington, the EDC Executive Director.

The platform allows businesses to see where their business stacks up (in terms of revenue, employees, benefits in the industry, etc.), where their competition lies, and where potential new customers are as well as the best way to reach them.

"What they can do is run through multiple scenarios, without having to pay a consulting company over and over again for each scenario, to look at the different parameters at where their business can be successful," said Mario Ubalde, the director of customer success at SizeUp.

Ubalde says it's often information only Fortune 500 companies are privy to, often because the cost to conduct market research prohibits smaller businesses from justifying the expense.

"We're really excited to provide this as a way to access data", Sappington said, "so

that businesses and entrepreneurs with a limited budget and limited time can focus on other components of their business and make better decisions."

Check out EDC's SizeUp-IslandCounty at [www.iscoedc.com/market-research-tool](http://www.iscoedc.com/market-research-tool)

There will be a SizeUp Island County training webinar Thursday, April 14 from 11:00AM to 12:30PM via Zoom. SizeUp and EDC will demonstrate how you can use SizeUp-IslandCounty to better succeed. There will be time for participants to ask questions about this new online service.

To register, visit <https://economicdevelopmentcouncilforislandcounty.growthzoneapp.com/ap/Events/Register/DLy0wyBP?mode=Attendee>

The Economic Development Council for Island County (EDC) is an independent

nonprofit that works to create a thriving economic environment where business can grow and create jobs while preserving our unique quality of life.

For more information, contact Sharon Sappington at [ssappington@edcislandcounty.org](mailto:ssappington@edcislandcounty.org) or 360-678-6889.

**Seattle's Iconic Piroshky Piroshky is Bringing You the Goods**

Starting today, you can order a taste of Seattle's internationally renowned Russian bakery Piroshky Piroshky for pre-order pickup April 20 in Oak Harbor.

Founded in Seattle's historic Pike Place Market, Piroshky Piroshky has offered hand-crafted Russian pastries to loyal fans since 1992. Famous for its long lines out the door, Piroshky Piroshky Bakery has received widespread acclaim over the

years including features on Anthony Bourdain's "No Reservations," the "Zimmern List" on the Travel Channel and designated one of "The 20 Most Iconic Food Destinations Across America" by *Smithsonian Magazine*.

If it's your first time, Piroshky Piroshky Bakery invites you to visit its website to check out the unique and delicious options available, including vegan and seasonal items available for a limited time only.

Ordering is easy, with convenient descriptions and images to help you decide what to bring home to your family. To try the famous Piroshkies, head to [piroshkybakery.com](http://piroshkybakery.com) and place your order. Pick up will be Wednesday, April 20 between 4:00 and 6:00PM at the Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St. Order deadline is 9:00AM Tuesday, April 19, minimum order is \$40.

**Spring Styles**

Spring is in full swing! Spruce up your closet with the latest fashions at Linds.

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# Island 911

Seriously, we do not make this stuff up!

**SUNDAY, FEB. 27**

**2:29 pm, E Morris Rd.**

Advising package is sitting in his driveway, reporting party feels unsafe leaving. Says normally residents along driveway do not get packages delivered. Not going to approach it.

**3:06 pm, Main St.**

Advising loud customer yelling regarding mask mandate. No weapons.

**MONDAY, FEB. 28**

**10:42 am, Noble Pl.**

Advising had argument with friend last night; left area to not escalate. Returned this morning for truck; wheel fell off truck.

**2:38 pm, Pines Moon Way**

Theft of full can of garbage. Occurred Friday. Caller refused full name, information; concerned for fraud; requesting call.

**3:44 pm, Amble Rd.**

Reporting party states Feb. 2, neighbor threw limbs over fence onto reporting party's property. States has photos of male on game camera.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 1**

**11:02 am, Lone Lake Rd.**

Caller advising rattle snake at trail head; possibly dead; transferred to Wildcomm.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2**

**9:12 am, SR 20**

Horse fell down well. Can see his head. Very long driveway. Reporting party is in horse pasture.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 3**

**8:24 am, Bells Beach Rd.**

Requesting call; hired upholsterer to fix chair; reporting party paid but has not seen any work done.

**3:44 pm, Meadowood Ln.**

States male was just seen carrying rifle by his side. Ongoing problem. Heard them talking about shooting reporting party in the past.

**6:09 pm, Coles Rd.**

Reporting party heard her neighbor shooting his gun; described as "a gigantic one;" believes it to be a .50 caliber.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4**

**7:41 am, Balda Rd.**

Person sitting in middle of road right at the top of the hill, throwing things in road.

**9:56 pm, Main St.**

States saw male eating his dinner in post office; reporting party didn't feel safe; male didn't actually do anything.

**2:27 pm, SR 525**

Advising male inside store; appears under the influence; tried to unhook employee's bra. Leaving now; getting into a Jeep.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 5**

**11:23 pm, Walker Ave.**

Reporting party advising estranged girlfriend came to location and stole \$25,000 and deed to two houses in Colorado; female did not have permission to be in location; occurred two or three days ago.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 6**

**9:32 am, Goss Lake Rd.**

Reporting party advising when she was hiding in bushes yesterday, saw kids at location, meaning they are around guns and that is illegal.

**5:07 pm, Carl Ave.**

9-1-1 call: "Moron Avenue;" tried to verify city, caller said "None of your GD business;" started rambling inappropriate things, line was disconnected.

**5:09 pm, Noble Pl.**

Subject at location threw spikes on the ground; some are on her property but one is on roadway. Said it probably happened because subject is mad at reporting party's teen son about their dog being out.

**MONDAY, MARCH 7**

**3:39 pm, Main St.**

Advising male subject sitting on bench outside, holding an ax.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 8**

**1:03 am, SR 20**

Reporting party advising male subject seemed to be following reporting party around store earlier today. Advising now thinks can hear same music she heard when subject was following her in store.

**8:07 am, N Main St.**

Advising occurred last night around 5 pm; male outside location states " Oh you are off work, I was going to rob you." No weapons seen.

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

# What's Going On

**Every Brilliant Thing**

Thursdays, April 14 & 21, 7:30PM

Fridays, April 15 & 22, 7:30PM

Saturday, April 16, 7:30PM

Sunday, April 17, 2:00PM

Wednesday, April 20, 11:00AM

Saturday, April 23, 2:00PM

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley

*Every Brilliant Thing* is WICA's first one man production. Heart-wrenching and hilarious it starts with a list of everything that is brilliant about the world, everything worth living for, and incorporates the audience into the fabric of the night leading to something new and inspiring at each performance. For tickets or more information, visit [www.WICAonline.org](http://www.WICAonline.org) or call 360-221-8268.

**The Taming**

Friday, April 15, 7:30PM

Saturday, April 16, 7:30PM

Whidbey Playhouse, Oak Harbor

Tickets: \$18

A hilarious, raucous, all-female "power-play" inspired by Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*. For those who are not yet comfortable to attend in person, the on-demand video will be available between April 8 and 16. Tickets are available at [www.whidbeyplayhouse.com/tickets](http://www.whidbeyplayhouse.com/tickets) or by calling 360-679-2237.

**Welcome Spring Plant Sale**

Saturday, April 16, 10:00AM-2:00PM

Greenbank Farm, 765 Wonn Road

Presented by the Greenbank Garden Club. Come early for best selection. Hundreds of locally grown plants to choose from. Vegetable starts to establish plants, garden art, raffle items, and Garden Club photo contest note cards. Cash, check and credit cards accepted. Proceeds support community projects such as the South Whidbey Farm to School program, the Coupeville Farm to School program and the Good Cheer garden.

**Clinton Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 16, 11:00AM-12:00PM

Dan Porter Park, Clinton

Presented by the Clinton Chamber of Commerce and featuring the Easter Bunny, Fire Department, Prize eggs, along with other special treats. Don't forget to bring your Easter basket. Egg hunting is open to kids ages 12 years old and younger, separated into five age groups Parking for this event is at the Clinton Park and Ride, 4801 Deer Lake Rd. For more information, email [info@discoverclintonwa.com](mailto:info@discoverclintonwa.com).

**Easter Egg Hunt at Meerkerk Gardens**

Saturday, April 16, 11:00AM & 1:00PM

Meerkerk Gardens, Greenbank

Hop your way to Meerkerk Gardens for an Easter Egg Hunt and also experience the Gardens in peak bloom! Egg hunts are for children 10 and under. Little ones up to age 5 will have their hunts at the events area near the Gazebo. Children 6-10 will search for eggs in the nearby Secret Garden. Egg hunts are free for children with adult admission into the Gardens of \$5. Meerkerk Gardens is located at 3531 Meerkerk Lane.

**Easter Keg Hunt**

Saturday, April 16, 11:00AM

Penn Cove Taproom

Find a Keg and win a Penn Cove Brewing Basket! Three chances to win! One keg hidden in Coupeville, Freeland and Oak Harbor. New clues to keg locations posted on the Penn Cove Brewing Facebook page every 45 minutes, starting at 11:00AM.

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 16, see times below

Smith Park, Oak Harbor

Oak Harbor Main Street presents a sensory friendly egg hunt at 11:30AM for kids 1-10 years. At 12:30PM there will be an egg hunt for age groups 1-3, 4-6, and 7-10 years. Find lucky coins and win prizes. There will be Garry Oak tree education and activities. For more information, email [director@oakharbormainstreet.com](mailto:director@oakharbormainstreet.com).

**Easter Egg Hunt at the VFW**

Saturday, April 16, 1:00PM

VFW Post 7392, Oak Harbor

For ages 1 through 11 years, Bring your own basket and camera and watch the kids find golden eggs for prizes, the Easter Bunny and much more! Sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary Post 7392. The VFW is located at 3037 Goldie Rd.

**Live Music: T-Bird**

Saturday, April 16, 6:00-9:00PM

Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland

T-Bird's musical style ranges easily from Rock to Reggae, Americana to Blues. She has a deeply soulful voice and has written and recorded many of her own compositions. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

**Shop Out for Kids**

Monday, April 18, 10:00AM-5:00PM

Lavender Wind, Coupeville

Lavender Wind will donate a portion of the day's sales to the Coupeville Schools Foundation. The Foundation provides an extra measure of support to students through teacher grants, scholarships and the Promise Fund. Lavender Wind is located at 15 NW Coveland St.

**Dine Our for Kids**

Friday, April 22, 11:00AM-5:00PM

Old Spots Bistro, Greenbank

If you haven't tried Old Spots Bistro (formerly the Whidbey Pies Cafe) now is a good time. Check out its menu made with locally sourced ingredients as well as the Whidbey Pies made next door. Old Spots Bistro will donate a portion of its day's sales to the Coupeville Schools Foundation. The Foundation provides an extra measure of support to students through teacher grants, scholarships and the Promise Fund. Old Spots Bistro is located at 765 Wonn Rd.

**Coupeville Garden Club Plant Sale**

Saturday, April 23, 9:00AM-4:00PM

Coupeville Rec Hall, 901 NW Alexander St.

For sale will be garden art, Geraniums (many colors), tomato plants, Dahlias, Peonies, flower basket stuffers, perennials and native plants. Also, a lovely queen size quilt is being raffled. Cash, check and credit cards accepted. For more information and a tentative plant list visit [coupevillegardenclub.org](http://coupevillegardenclub.org).

**Live Music: Gideon Freudmann**

Saturday, April 23, 6:00-9:00PM

Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

Gideon Freudmann, cellist and composer, has been on the forefront of that instrument's modern creative expansion for more than 30 years. Among the many innovative musical avenues he followed was to adopt the electric cello to craft the sound for which he is most known today. Using foot-operated effect pedals, he took his live performances into new territories of looping, soaring, multi-layered compositions and improvisations. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

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Meetings & Organizations

**Greenbank Progressive Club  
Monthly Potluck Dinner**

Thursday, April 14, 6:00PM  
Bakken & Firehouse Roads Clubhouse,  
Greenbank

Meet and greet will begin at 6:00PM with dinner at 6:30PM. Everyone is invited and asked to bring a dish to share and their own table service. Masks are optional though if you are unvaccinated please think of our members who might be at risk. The evening's program will be presented by Melanie Bacon, Island County Commissioner. For more information, please call 360-678-5562. For rental of the Greenbank Hall, please call 360-678-4813.

**Whidbey Island Genealogical  
Searchers (WIGS)**

Tuesday, April 19, 1:00PM  
Zoom meeting

Jean Wilcox Hibben, PhD presents "BEWARE! The Enchanted Forest: Perils & Pitfalls of Online Trees". When is it safe to get information from an online tree? Where these trees can be found, how to assess them for reliability, how to cite them, how to use them for clues to further your research, and more. Non WIGS members send email to whidbey-gensearchers@gmail.com by April 17 to receive a Zoom invitation. All are invited to join.

**Classes, Seminars and  
Workshops**

**Keeping a Small Flock of Hens  
- Coop tour and Class by South  
Whidbey Tilth Community Gardeners**

Saturday, April 16, 10:00AM-12:00PM  
Tilth campus, 2812 Thompson Road,  
Langley

Please come and visit the three unique chicken coops at South Whidbey Tilth.

Jennifer Carlson and other community gardeners will talk about their breeds of chickens, unique structures and how they relate to the gardens they are in. Types of feed, waterers, bedding, regular maintenance, composting the manure, and predator proofing will be covered. Handouts provided. Meet in front of the Tilth chicken coop. Fee: \$5 for Tilth members, \$15 for non-members. For questions and to RSVP, contact education@southwhidbeytilth.org.

**How to Stretch Your Food Budget  
While Shopping at the Farmers'  
Markets**

Saturday, April 23, 10:00AM  
South Whidbey Tilth Classroom, Langley

Learn more about supplemental nutrition and matching programs that help benefit dollars go further at the farmers markets. Both South Whidbey Tilth and the Bayview Farmers Market welcome Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) customers, who can match their card purchases each visit when they run their card at the market's EBT machine. The amount will be doubled up to \$40 with purple Market Match currency. The matching currency is only for fresh fruits, vegetables, garden seeds and plants and nuts, while the tokens, provided when SNAP cards are run, can also be used for meat, fish, dairy and baked goods.

The Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) for Seniors or Women, Infants and Children (WIC) provides eligible customers with vouchers that may be redeemed with farmers who have registered to participate at any Farmers Market. A sign is posted at the registered farmer's booth. Learn what foods can be purchased, when and where.

No fee. For more information contact Prescott, prscot@whidbey.net or 360-682-8642. The South Whidbey Tilth Classroom is located at 2812 Thompson Rd.

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Saturday April 23 -

1:30 Parade-stage at US Bank at 1 pm

3:30 Presentation- "Gray Whales as Sentinels of Climate Change" by Sue Moore, UW Professor

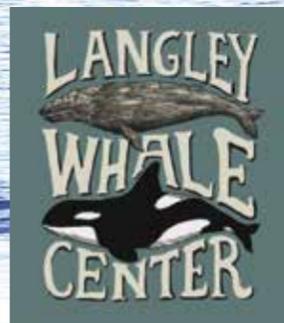
Whidbey Island Fairground's Pole Building, Langley

Sunday April 24

2-4 pm, Gray Whale Fundraiser Cruise, arrive at Langley Marina at 1:30

Event Details or purchase Cruise tickets at [www.orcanetwork.org/events](http://www.orcanetwork.org/events).

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# Life Tributes

## Lt. Col. Neal Sims



Lt. Col. Neal Sims passed away at home Friday, March 25, 2022 with courage and dignity, after a five-year battle with cancer of the esophagus, and in remission from Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

He is survived by his beloved and devoted wife, Bridgit Sims. Theirs was a great love. He was the love of her

life, and she was the love of his.

He was a man of honor, with a military career that drew on his diplomacy and intelligence as well as his bravery. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1964 to 1985. His last posting was at the Pentagon. He was a hero in every sense of the word – gentle, compassionate, tender, generous, a protector and a warrior. Neal loved and sacrificed. His service decorations are many: Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters; Joint Service Commendation Medal; Air Force Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award; National Defense Service Medal with four Bronze Service Stars; Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with four Oak Leaf Clusters; and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

A passionate family man, Neal loved his son, Brian; daughter, Kathryn; his five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was a father figure to his niece, Lori, and to his nephew, Phil; and Phil's four children. He was a much-loved, kind, and welcoming stepfather to Melissa and her family. Neal counted dogs among his closest family. He leaves behind 10-year-old Jack, who he

adopted on Father's Day, 2021. Jack is now Bridgit's emotional support and constant companion, as Neal instructed him.

Throughout his life, Neal supported civil rights, gender equality, and women's rights. The history of race inequity in America was abhorrent to him. He was a proud member of the ACLU and supporter of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

He was a defender, a man for all seasons, a gentleman and a renaissance man. Neal's advocacy for the environment began with his deep love of nature, whether in the air, on the water, or outdoors. He was a catch and release fisherman, a boater, and he flew missions with Alaska Search and Rescue. He was also a musician, a historian and an engineer. He drew on his Texas childhood as a cook, adapting favorites when he became vegetarian.

Neal approached both cancer and death with stamina and focus. He fought back from the brink several times with the devoted care of his wife. During his last remission, he trained daily to become a successful candidate for hip replacement surgery, which he had in December of 2021. Sadly, in January 2022, the doctors found his cancer had metastasized and was growing aggressively. Options ran out.

His wife, Bridgit, offers heartfelt thanks to his team of specialists at Swedish Hospital, Seattle; to our angel, R.N. Debra Cadiente, for her care of them; to his nurse, Jeannie, with WhidbeyHealth Hospice for her wisdom and counseling; to the many friends and neighbors who held us close; and to Paul Messner for his unwavering friendship. Neal valued self-determination. "End of Life Washington" afforded him the opportunity to choose a time and stay in control of his peaceful passing in the presence of those who loved him.

We only now realize what we have lost.

"A sleep I shall have  
A rest I shall have  
Yet death will be but a pause  
For the peace of my years  
In the long green grass  
Will be yours and yours and yours."

Leo Marks – "Carve Her Name With Pride"

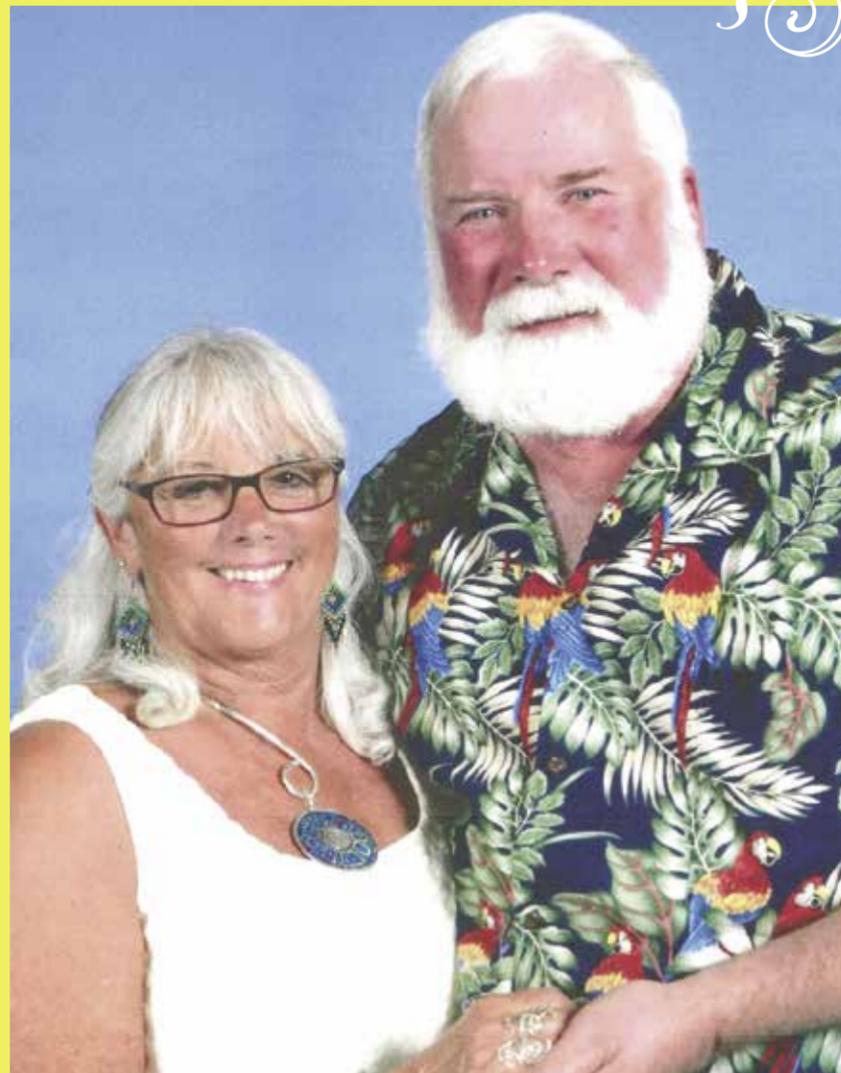
**Life Tributes can now be found online at [www.whidbeyweekly.com](http://www.whidbeyweekly.com)**

## In Loving Memory ~ Suzanne M. "Suzie" Long May 23, 1944 - April 19, 2018



*It has been four years without you. It does not get any easier. I miss your beautiful eyes and smile. Your humor and personality are not only missed by me, but by our friends as well. This July we would have been married 40 years. My love and affection for you will never leave me. We had an amazing ride. Rest In Peace and I do hope I will see you again.*

*Your loving husband, Jay*





Every amateur baker needs a go-to pie recipe in his or her repertoire. While apple may get much of the fanfare, blueberries pack that perfect punch of sweet but tart flavor that just bursts in the mouth with every bite.

"Ginger n' Spice Bubbling Blueberry Pie" is not only the official pie of the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council, but also a winner of America's Best Blueberry Pie Contest. This recipe, courtesy of Barbara Estabrook and the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council, is a sweet way to celebrate National Blueberry Pie Day or enjoy dessert any time of the year.

**GINGER N' SPICE BUBBLING BLUEBERRY PIE** (Serves 8)

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| <b>Crust</b>  | 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice                   |
| 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour                                      | 3/4 cup granulated sugar                         |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt   | 1/4 cup instant or quick-cooking tapioca, ground |
| 10 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cubed (1/4-inch-thick cubes) | 2 tablespoons finely minced crystallized ginger  |
| 1/2 cup chilled all-vegetable shortening                          | 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon                     |
| 3 1/2 tablespoons ice water                                       | 1/8 scant teaspoon ground allspice               |
| 1/2 tablespoon fresh lemon juice                                  | 2 tablespoons melted butter                      |
| 1 egg white, whisked to foamy (divided use)                       | 3 tablespoons orange marmalade                   |
| <b>Filling</b>  | 1/2 tablespoon raw turbinado cane sugar          |
| 4 1/2 cups fresh blueberries (room temp)                          |  |

**CRUST**

1. Combine lemon juice and ice water and set aside.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk flour and salt. Cut in butter and shortening with a pastry blender until coarse meal forms. Sprinkle half the water/lemon mix over flour mixture; toss with a fork. Add remaining half, tossing until dough begins to form a ball.
3. Divide dough in half, flatten it into 1/2-inch-thick discs. Wrap each disc in plastic wrap. Chill 30 minutes.

**FILLING**

1. In a large bowl, toss blueberries with lemon juice.
2. In a separate medium-sized bowl, stir sugar, tapioca, ginger, cinnamon, and allspice together until combined. Gently fold into blueberries until well coated.
3. Melt butter, stir in marmalade, then fold into blueberry mixture. Let set.

**PIE ASSEMBLY**

1. Heat oven to 425°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. On a lightly floured surface, roll one chilled dough disc into a 13-inch circle. Fit dough in a 9-inch pie plate. Trim overhang to 3/4-inch of edge. Brush egg white over bottom and sides of dough. Reserve remaining egg white. Set the lined plate in the freezer.
3. Roll second chilled disc on a lightly floured surface into a 13-inch circle, then cut into 1-inch-wide strips with a pastry wheel.
4. Retrieve pie plate and pour in filling, mounding slightly toward center. Weave strips of dough over filling to form a lattice top. Seal, trim and crimp edge. Brush reserved egg white over dough. Sprinkle evenly with sugar.
5. Set pie on lined sheet. Bake 18 minutes at 425°F. Reduce heat to 375 F. Bake 50 minutes or until pie is bubbling. Cool on a wire rack. Top with vanilla ice cream.

**WEEKLY HOROSCOPES**

**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**

Aries, daydreams could tempt you away from your work this week. Try to stay grounded, but explore creative pursuits. Make time on your schedule for such activities.

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**

Taurus, call a meeting with business partners or prospective partners and embrace creative collaboration this week. Being part of a team will get the ideas flowing.

**GEMINI – May 22/June 21**

Gemini, professional goals can become a reality this week, as the stars are aligned with the sector that governs career matters. Go after the work you want promptly.

**CANCER – June 22/July 22**

Take time to analyze any dreams that you remember, Cancer. Symbolism or images could provide clues to events in the waking world as well.

**LEO – July 23/Aug 23**

Start to purge any feelings or emotional baggage that isn't serving you well, Leo. This may be a time to reconsider relationships, particularly if they aren't benefitting you.

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**

Virgo, positive vibes at your place of employment will help you appreciate you are earning a living. Utilize this positive energy as motivation to complete a key project.

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**

Libra, you may have creative goals spinning around in your head, but this is the time to bring some structure to those ideas. Ask a friend for help in that matter.

**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**

Don't be afraid to call the shots right now, Scorpio. Whether you're ruling the roost at home or taking a place of authority at work, you want to be in control. Some may protest.

**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**

Sagittarius, you may be tempted to share strong opinions on a subject with a few other people. Just don't be too headstrong or you risk a squabble among friends.

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**

A cosmic alliance in the sector of your chart governing money finds you on solid financial ground, Capricorn. Make the most of this experience while you can.

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**

Aquarius, expect to benefit from your quick wit and passionate way of speaking this week. Whether you're leading a work meeting or socializing with friends, good things are coming.

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**

Impulsive energy is swirling around you, Pisces. Maintain your focus and make a concerted effort to spend wisely.

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# Movie set on Whidbey featured at Seattle film festival

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

A movie filmed on Whidbey Island last year is premiering this week at the Seattle International Film Festival. The film, "Midday Black Midnight Blue," will be screened in person Thursday, April 21 and again Friday, April 22, but those interested can also stream the movie beginning today, allowing Whidbey Island audiences the opportunity to participate in the film's debut.

"It's a great honor for this film to be recognized at the Seattle International Film Festival, as this is a fairly competitive festival," said Whidbey and Camano Island Tourism's Film Liaison, Sherrye Wyatt. "It's appropriate that the premiere of 'Midday Black, Midnight Blue' should be in Washington state."

Written and directed by Samantha Soule and Daniel Talbott, "Midday Black Midnight Blue" tells the story of a man still trying to cope with his grief two decades after the death of the woman he loved. According to Wyatt, often residents of Whidbey and Camano Islands don't get to see the final results of film projects that happen locally.

"Some are not distributed locally and may only be seen on the other side of the world," she said. "It will be nice for locals to have



Photo Courtesy of Lovell Holder/"Midday Black Midnight Blue"  
The variety of possible locations, from urban to wild, from forests and beaches to charming main streets, helps draw filmmakers to Whidbey and Camano Islands. A new law recently passed by the legislature and signed by Gov. Inslee dramatically raises the amount of funding available to help draw film projects to Washington state and in turn, Island County.

the chance to see familiar icons they'll easily recognize, like Cozy's Tavern, Blue Fox Drive-In, the Coupeville Wharf and SUVA."

Wyatt said Soule and Talbott, producers Lovell Holder and Addie Johnson Talbott, and actor McCaleb Burnett are all scheduled to attend the in-person screenings.

Meanwhile, Gov. Jay Inslee signed ESHB 1914 into law last month, which increases funding for the Motion Picture Competitiveness Program. Funding went from \$3.5 million to \$15 million per year, which should help make Washington state more competitive when it comes to winning film projects. That could help bring more film projects to Island County.

"Passage of this legislation is good news for Island County," Wyatt said. "I am extremely encouraged. I do believe Whidbey and Camano Islands have the potential to become a very important film destination.

"Helping rural destinations such as the islands was identified as a priority for lawmakers, because of the economic boost this industry provides, both during and after the production," she continued. "It's a good industry that does not seek to alter our sense of place, but rather celebrates the very assets locals also hold dear."

Wyatt said the previous \$3.5 million in annual funding for film projects didn't stretch very far and was typically depleted within a few months. Funding also had to be re-authorized every year. The new funding remains in place until 2030. According to Wyatt, the new law will make the state even more competitive.

"The increase in the film incentive helps to level the playing field for Washington state and should mean more stories set in the Pacific Northwest are actually filmed here," she explained. "It also means industry professionals living on the islands will have more reasons not to leave. There are actually quite a few prominent industry professionals here and we look forward to [seeing] what projects they'll now be more encouraged to bring home.

"There is also an increased focus in this legislation on lifting up marginalized communities to open new doors," Wyatt continued. "I'm encouraged this will create new collaborations for our county and arts community."



Sherrye Wyatt Photo  
"Midday Black Midnight Blue" writers and directors Daniel Talbott and Samantha Soule speak at the Whidbey Island Film Festival in May 2021. They happened to be on Whidbey Island filming at the time. Their movie is set to premiere this week at the Seattle International Film Festival.

It could also lead to a wider variety of projects, from episodic series to independent films to large studio productions.

"This is a very big deal for the state as a whole, but especially for the wide variety of rural destinations which are all available within a few hours of each other," said Wyatt.

For anyone interested in having their business or private property included in the state's film location database, they should go to the Washington Filmworks' website and build their profile. Wyatt suggests they also familiarize themselves with guidelines provided on how to work with productions. All that information is available at [www.washingtonfilmworks.org/locations/list-your-property](http://www.washingtonfilmworks.org/locations/list-your-property).

"There is so much to offer filmmakers," said Wyatt. "We really do have it all."

"Midday Black Midnight Blue" will be available to stream today through April 24. In person screenings will be held at the Pacific Plaza in Seattle at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21, or at 12:30 p.m. Friday, April 22. Information is available and tickets may be purchased for in-person or streaming at [www.siff.net/festival/midday-black-midnight-blue](http://www.siff.net/festival/midday-black-midnight-blue).

# Hoppin' Easter activities this weekend

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Grab the kids and don't forget the baskets, because Whidbey Island will be hoppin' with holiday fun this weekend! Here's a list of Easter weekend activities in which you might be interested:

## Farm Cuddles 2022

April 16 and 23 | 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Cost: \$15 for 30-minute session  
North Whidbey Farm  
231 E Frostad Rd., Oak Harbor

Children and adults will enjoy this opportunity to get a little snuggle time in with baby goats. Children under 2 are free with paid adult. Price includes a bar of goat milk soap. Clothing suitable for a farm is recommended, preferably clothes you don't mind getting dirty. Be aware goats will nibble on loose clothing or hair and are likely to jump on you. Handwashing stations will be provided.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday | 11 a.m.-Noon

Cost: Free  
Homeplace Memory Care  
171 SW 6th Ave., Oak Harbor

This annual Easter egg hunt features refreshments and snacks for the whole family. There will be lots of candy and special prize eggs. A special area of the courtyard will be set aside for children under 3. Plus, the Easter Bunny will be there to visit with kids. Call 360-279-2555 for information.

## Clinton Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday | 11 a.m.-Noon

Cost: Free  
Dan Porter Park  
7490 Deer Lake Rd., Clinton

Dan Porter Park will open at 10:30 a.m. and organizers suggest folks arrive no later than 10:45 a.m. to enjoy this Easter egg hunt once again. The Easter Bunny will make a special appearance and members of the fire department will also be on hand with a fire truck. There will be prize eggs and other special treats as well. Don't forget to bring a basket! Open



to children 12 and younger and their families. Participants will be divided into five different age groups. Parking is available at the Clinton Park and Ride, 4801 Deer Lake Rd.

## Egg Hunts at Meerkerk

Saturday | 11 a.m. OR 1 p.m.

Cost: Free for children with adult admission (\$5)  
Meerkerk Gardens  
3531 Meerkerk Lane, Greenbank

Meerkerk Gardens is offering its first Easter Egg hunt! There are two hunts from which to choose. Children 10 and under may participate free with a paid \$5 admission by an adult. Children up to age 5 will hunt at the events area near the gazebo, while children age 6 to 10 will search for their eggs in the Secret Garden. Participants and their families will meet the Meerkerk Bunny and see the gardens during peak bloom. Dogs are welcome, too - as long as they are on a leash. Visit [meerkerkgardens.org](http://meerkerkgardens.org) for information.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday

11:30 a.m. | Sensory friendly/physically accessible

12:30 p.m. | Ages 10 and under

Cost: Free  
Smith Park  
Oak Harbor

The Oak Harbor Main Street Association is pleased to bring back its annual Easter Egg

Hunt. Organizers suggest arriving early to scope out the hunting space. A sensory friendly/physically accessible hunt will begin at 11:30 a.m. A hunt for kids ages 10 and under will begin at 12:30 p.m. Find lucky coins and win prizes! Learn about Garry Oak trees and enjoy other activities and free books. Bring baskets and bags in which to collect the eggs.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday | Noon-1 p.m.

Cost: Free  
Holmes Harbor Rod and Gun Club  
3334 Brooks Hill Rd., Langley

Children 11 and under are welcome to hunt for Easter eggs at noon Saturday. Organizers suggest arriving by 11:30 a.m. There will be prizes and hot dogs for the kids and the local 4H group will have some small animals there to show off as well. Bring your basket!

## VFW Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday | 1-1:30 p.m.

Cost: Free  
VFW Post 7392  
3037 N Goldie Rd., Oak Harbor

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary invites children ages 1 to 11 to take part in its Easter egg hunt. There will be an Easter Bunny, prizes and fun. Organizers suggest arriving early to find your hunting spot. The hunt begins promptly at 1 p.m. Bring a basket or bag.

## Professional Spring Photos with Farm Babies

Saturday | 1-5 p.m.

Cost: \$50 for mini photo session  
Ballydean Farm Sanctuary  
3460 French Road, Clinton

Get professional photos with four farm babies! There are three baby lambs and one baby goat itching to get some attention and have it professionally photographed. Get more details or make a reservation by emailing [sanctuary@ballydean.farm](mailto:sanctuary@ballydean.farm). Proceeds benefit the farm sanctuary.

## Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt

Sunday | 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Cost: Not available  
Captain Whidbey Inn  
2072 Captain Whidbey Inn Rd., Coupeville

Captain Whidbey Inn is offering an a la carte brunch with Pacific Northwest flair and an Easter egg hunt on the Lagoon lawn. Brunch will be served from 10 a.m. -2 p.m. The egg hunt begins at noon. Reservations are required: [www.captainwhidbey.com/happenings](http://www.captainwhidbey.com/happenings).

## Easter Service and Egg Hunt

Sunday | 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

11:30 a.m.-Egg Hunt

Cost: Free  
Whidbey Presbyterian Church  
1145 SE 8th Ave., Oak Harbor  
Join Whidbey Presbyterian Church for its Easter service at 10 a.m., followed by an Easter egg hunt at 11:30 a.m. Participation in the service is not necessary to join the egg hunt. Come as you are. Hunters will be divided into three age groups.



**OUR SALMON ARE HERE AGAIN!**  
In 2010 the State of Washington unfortunately stopped all funding and support of Oak Harbor's – and others like it – salmon rearing enhancement programs. In the fall of 2019 during a Puget Sound Anglers meeting (Fidalgo-San Juan Island chapter), there was once again talk of salmon rearing pens being placed throughout the Puget Sound.

For many years (since 1982) the residents of Oak Harbor were successful in rearing and releasing thousands of healthy juvenile salmon, both Coho and Chinook, into the wild. The program goals were/ are to help reverse the declining numbers of returning adult salmon, plus increase the natural food source for the orca whales and increase fishing opportunities for recreational fishermen.

Since 2019, with persistence and patience, we weathered the COVID-19 shutdowns, we weathered the bureaucratic red tape and slow progress of Olympia; but our persistence has paid off wonderfully. The passionate support by the City of Oak Harbor and its residents has once again given it the proud, exciting responsibility of helping out Mother Nature.

With the support of Oak Harbor businesses and Island residents, two new wooden 15-by30-foot floating rearing pens were constructed last October, complete with custom built netting to contain and protect the small salmon during their salt-water acclimation and growing period. On Feb. 15, over 30,000 fin-clipped, juvenile coho salmon were delivered to the rearing pens located at the Oak Harbor Marina.

The fish and required food traveled 80 miles by tanker trucks from the Marblemount Fish Hatchery located on the beautiful Cascade River. After a quick water slide ride from truck to pen, the two pens filled with coho were carefully maneuvered to a predetermined location within the marina dock slips. After securing the pens to the dock-slip, a feeding schedule began that was provided by the hatchery personnel. The coho get fed three times a week and get an average of 6.5 pounds per pen of small pellets per feeding; the pellets are designed so some float, some suspend in the water column, and some sink, so the salmon get to feed at all levels.



The Coho are between five and seven inches in length right now.



We are raising 30,000 beautiful Coho!



The Coho were hatched from eggs at the Marblemount hatchery.

The coho will remain in the care of the Oak Harbor marina staff and volunteers for approximately three-and-a-half months. On or around the 15th of May, the coho will be released into the wild, where they will begin their journey to adulthood. Historical data shows that after three years, approximately 10 to 20 percent of the fish released will return to Oak Harbor as adults. These returning salmon will give Island Anglers (especially our young anglers) the opportunity to fish in their hometown waters!

Penn Cove is a playground for the resident orca whale pods and with the increased availability of salmon for the whales to feed on, could provide greater observation and photo opportunities for Oak Harbor and other Whidbey Island residents, plus add potential economic growth for local businesses. This program's restart success is due to the persistent challenge and response of salmon recovery policies set by State of Washington officials and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). The rearing program has incredible support from the residents of Oak Harbor, the city officials of Oak Harbor and the local schools. This yearly process of releasing salmon will ultimately provide back-to-back years of 8- to 12-pound adult coho salmon returning to the Oak Harbor beaches, ensuring our children and their children will enjoy the fantastic family tradition of salmon fishing for many years to come.

As COVID-19 restrictions get less and less, grade school through high school students will be able to take advantage of hands-on feeding, close up observation and care of the small salmon. Our goal is that the enhancement program be looked at as an "outdoor classroom," sparking interest, and reinforcing in our young people the understanding of what a wonderful resource the Pacific salmon are.

If anyone is interested in feeding the salmon, or just watching the fish being fed, arrangements can be made by contacting the Oak Harbor marina at 360-279-4575, or by emailing me at tlfishmonger@gmail.com. Keep in mind this year's fish will be released around May 15th.

Halibut season opened as of April 7. This early date is the result of recreational fishermen not reaching our allotted quota of halibut for the past couple of years. Hope everyone gets a chance to get out on the Sound and hook into one of the best-eating fish there is. Be safe and good luck out there!

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- Walk 2 - May 21 at 11am Meerkerk Gardens**  
3531 Meerkerk Lane, Greenbank. Variety of unpaved trail options surrounded by trees, rhododendrons and pond, \$5 entrance. Park and meet at the main entrance.
- Walk 3 - June 4 at 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Blue Fox Drive-in**  
1403 Monroe Landing Road, Oak Harbor. Join us in walking the paved goKart track, enjoy the activities and music and finish the evening with a triple feature movie.
- Walk 4 - June 25 at 11am Hoypus Point**  
296 Cornet Bay Rd, Oak Harbor. 3 mile unpaved trail with easy access, Discover Pass. Park at the end of Cornet Bay Rd and meet at the trail head.
- Walk 5 - July 16 at 11am Deception Pass State Park**  
41229 State Route 20, Oak Harbor. 3 mile unpaved trail under the bridge, Discover Pass. Park in the lot by Cranberry Lake (North and West Beach Parking Lot) and meet by the bathrooms.
- Walk 6 - August 20 at 11am Fort Casey State Park**  
1280 Engle Road, Coupeville. Multiple trails, tour the lighthouse, beach access, Discover Pass. Celebrate with a picnic and kite flying! Park in the lot by the battlements and meet on the lawn.

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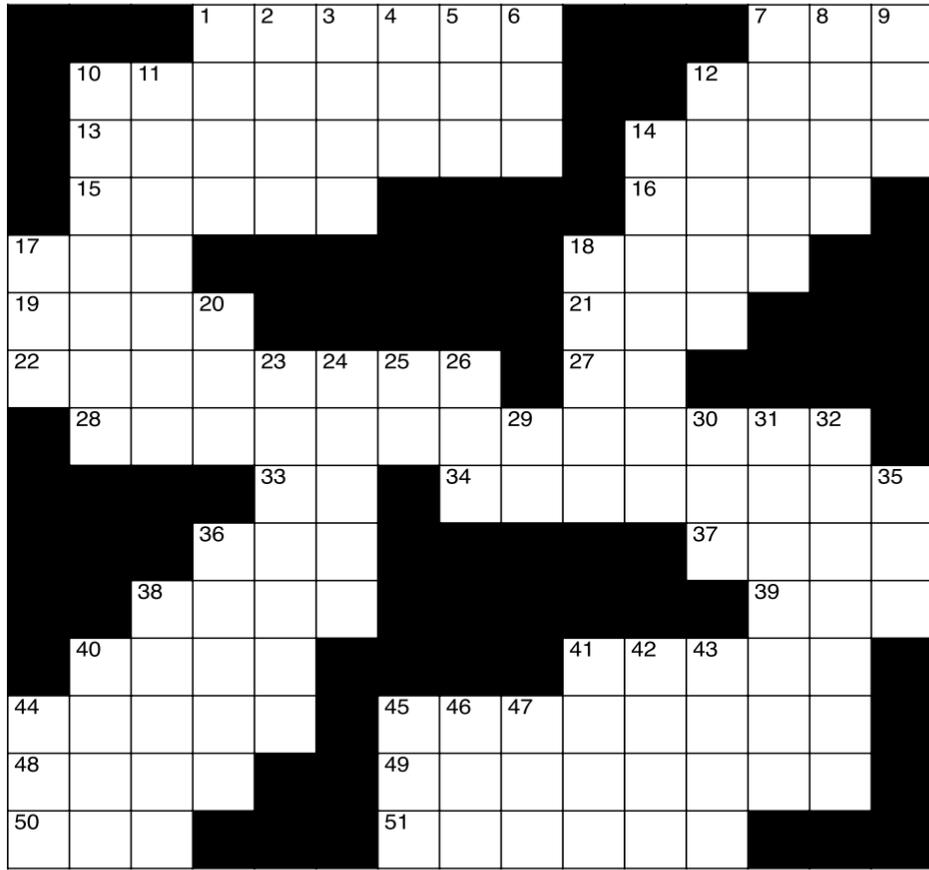
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# Crossword Puzzle



## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A woman of refinement
- 7. Body part
- 10. One who imitates
- 12. Tropical Asian starlings
- 13. A type of delivery
- 14. W. Australian capital
- 15. Many wombs
- 16. Wings
- 17. Expression of amusement
- 18. Brews
- 19. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 21. Mild expression
- 22. Solitary
- 27. Distance to top
- 28. The rebirth of a soul in a new body
- 33. Police who investigate police (abbr.)
- 34. Begrudged
- 36. Popular sports league
- 37. Autonomous republic of Russia
- 38. Double-headed drum
- 39. Type of light bulb

## CLUES DOWN

- 40. Czech River
- 41. Male servants (Span.)
- 44. Previously
- 45. Minor
- 48. Metrical foot
- 49. Days that follow Mondays
- 50. Small European viper
- 51. News shows have one

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Inspiration
- 2. Resembling wings
- 3. Form of Persian
- 4. Consumed
- 5. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
- 6. Sea eagle
- 7. Jaguarundis
- 8. Poker stake
- 9. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 10. South American nation
- 11. A colorless, odorless gas
- 12. Disturbance
- 14. Artist's tool
- 17. Polish peninsula
- 18. Ottoman military leaders
- 20. Bird-like dinosaur
- 23. Drinking glass
- 24. Central Florida city
- 25. One's mother
- 26. To do it is human
- 29. Atomic #10
- 30. Used to write
- 31. The branch of medicine concerned with the ear
- 32. Adversaries
- 35. Have already done
- 36. One of conspicuous wealth
- 38. It flies over sporting events
- 40. Geological times
- 41. Net
- 42. Musical phrase
- 43. Chadic dialect
- 44. Private Internet Access (abbr.)
- 45. Lizard genus
- 46. Woman of the church
- 47. Having ten

Answers on page 15

## CAN DO SUDOKU!

On a scale from 1 to 10...6.6

Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order  
Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order  
Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9

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Answers on page 15



# OUR Community

## An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

As a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, part of the Island Senior Resources Program, what gives you joy?



### Janice Gibson Langley

What gives me joy delivering Meals on Wheels is seeing and talking with all the seniors. They are such an interesting part of my community and I am proud to bring them "home-made" healthy lunches. It's such a friendly service, neighbors helping neighbors.

### Robert and Sandra Allen Coupeville

Our joy comes from conversation with our clients and knowing that the food we deliver is delicious and nutritious.



### Tom Krug Oak Harbor

The reason I have driven eight-and-a-half years for Meals on Wheels is because I like helping people. And also because in I Timothy, chapter 5, verse 4, Paul says to help the widows and widowers in need.

### Jeff and Colleen Case Oak Harbor

Being part of Meals on Wheels makes us feel contented, knowing that we are helping good people, when they are going through tough times in their lives.

We know that God gives us each day, so we can be there for others, not just live to please ourselves.



### Elaine and Ron Poage Clinton

We have volunteered for quite a few years for Meals on Wheels. We live in Clinton, but we deliver for Free-land. We enjoy getting to know our people and try to remember them on their birthday and holidays. We feel sometimes we are the only contact that they have. We work in connection with the people who delivered the opposite weeks from us and we have become good friends.

If you would like to volunteer with Island Senior Resources, and become a part of its team, please call 360-321-1600 and ask for Debbie Metz.

## YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, April 14	Fri, April 15	Sat, April 16	Sun, April 17	Mon, April 18	Tues, April 19	Wed, April 20
North Isle H-52°/L-39° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-51°/L-41° Cloudy with Rain	North Isle H-47°/L-42° Cloudy with AM Showers	North Isle H-56°/L-43° Showers	North Isle H-60°/L-44° Rain	North Isle H-55°/L-46° Rain	North Isle H-56°/L-48° Rain
South Isle H-52°/L-38° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-53°/L-41° Cloudy with AM Rain	South Isle H-45°/L-40° AM Rain PM Sunbreaks	South Isle H-56°/L-43° Showers	South Isle H-61°/L-45° Rain	South Isle H-54°/L-46° Rain	South Isle H-56°/L-47° Rain

# Community Bulletin Board

To place an ad, email [classifieds@whidbeyweekly.com](mailto:classifieds@whidbeyweekly.com)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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@servalt-cfs.com](mailto:mostermick@servalt-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](mailto:njlish@gmail.com). More info at our Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/NorthPugetSoundDragonBoatClub?ref=hl](http://www.facebook.com/NorthPugetSoundDragonBoatClub?ref=hl)

Medical Marijuana patients unite; If you need assistance, advice, etc. please contact at [420patientnetworking@gmail.com](mailto:420patientnetworking@gmail.com). Local Whidbey Island help.

## 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@island-shakespearefest.org](mailto:jeff.natter@island-shakespearefest.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](mailto: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.

If you are looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity, look no further! When you volunteer at one of the Habitat for Humanity of Island County stores, you are helping local families attain decent, affordable housing. Income from the stores is vital to giving families a path to homeownership. We need people who can commit to help out in our Oak Harbor or Freeland store at least two-hours per week. Schedules are flexible. Our friendly volunteers provide customer service, help with receiving donated household items and furniture, and maintain the store. We also need drivers and driver helpers who will professionally represent Habitat as they pick up donated items using our trucks. Please call either store for more information. Oak Harbor: 360-675-8733, Freeland: 360-331-6272.

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

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