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Photo Courtesy of Penn Cove Water Festival

The popular Tsimshain Haayuuk Dancers will be back at the Penn Cove Water Festival Saturday in Coupeville. The dancers will appear at 4 p.m. at the town park.

## Water festival honors native heritage and more

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

It may look a little different this year, but the Penn Cove Water Festival returns Saturday with a day of Native American music, dancing and storytelling starting at 11 a.m. in the Coupeville town park.

There are no canoe races this year, nor will there be arts and crafts vendors or educational booths, but Penn Cove Water Festival board members say they have tried to keep the heart of the festival intact as best they could, given COVID restrictions in place at the beginning of the year.

"We originally wanted to go back to a full festival," said board president Nina Marie Goddeau. "Normally we have to have our permit submitted in January, but we couldn't put our permits in because we weren't sure we could even have a festival at that point."

Knowing how important an in-person event would be, even if it was smaller, plans were put in place to scale the festival back, but still retain the core of what makes the festival special.

"We did want to honor the fact [the festival] is about the canoe races and water, so we are doing the opening ceremony, water ceremony, honoring the water," Goddeau said. "We didn't want it to just be commercialized,

so we are having some music and songs to celebrate the culture and we wanted to have stories to remind us of the importance of connecting with nature and the water, to show appreciation. We will also have the traditional dancers and the ending ceremony, just like always, but it will be up in the park."

Goddeau said planning for the event this year has been challenging.

"COVID has changed everything," she said. "We have had to rethink things. We're excited about having a live event. Everybody has been so trapped in their houses and the whole community needs that contact. We just have to think about different ways to get together. And the community needs to know we're doing something."

Music and storytelling will play a large role in this year's water festival. The Shifty Sailors will take the stage at 11:15 a.m., following the opening ceremony.

"I know the Shifty Sailors aren't Native American, but we all agreed they will be honoring the water, which is all part of the festival," Goddeau said.

There will be Native American music from artists like Peter Ali and J.P. Falcon Grady. Rona Yellow Robe and Bruce Witham will share music and storytelling. Longtime PCWF participant and board advisor Lou LaBombard will bring his storytelling to the stage at 2 p.m. LaBombard will also host storytelling around the bonfire Friday evening at 7 p.m. at Pacific Rim Institute, 180 Parker Road, in Coupeville. This event is free and open to the public, as is the rest of the festival.

One of the highlights of the water festival is always an appearance by the Tsimshain Haayuuk Dancers. Those who enjoy that part of the annual water festival will not be disappointed. The dancers will take the stage at 4 p.m., performing traditional dances to the beat of wooden box drums unique to the Tsimshain tribe.

"I feel we tried to touch on the things that are important to the festival," Goddeau said. "Yes, we will miss the racers, yes, we will miss the vendors, but we wanted to get the essence of the festival. It's about the people, gathering and honoring the water."

While there will not be any educational booths this year, there will be ongoing children's activities throughout the day, with several craft projects for kids to make. Goddeau said the hope for future festivals is to have educational booths that better represent the area's tribes.

"There are a lot of issues we would like to be better represented," she said.

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Photo Courtesy of Penn Cove Water Festival

Native American flutist Peter Ali will be back on stage at the Penn Cove Water Festival Saturday at noon.

## Waterfront Wednesdays coming to Coupeville

By Shannon Bly Whidbey Weekly

With the backdrop of Penn Cove and the historic Coupeville Wharf behind them, buskers are slated to provide live entertainment for the next seven weeks, as part of "Waterfront Wednesdays" in Coupeville's downtown historic district. Performers will be there from 4 to 5 p.m. each Wednesday through June 29.

The new busking series will provide live entertainment for local residents and visitors who want to venture to downtown Coupeville on Wednesday afternoons, as well as providing an opportunity for artists to perform.

"We kind of envision that people will meander by. It's less of a concert and more of an open air, adding to the whole experience of being

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## ON TRACK

With Jim Freeman



Hard to believe it is May and I am still cold. Maybe June will be better. I can always get another heater or wear more blankets. Arizona was a bit better but I left before it was 117 degrees.

### Tired of inflation?

The following humor was sent by a Greenbank reader. No political condemnations are intended by this columnist or his family.

My neighbor got a pre-declined credit card in the mail.

CEOs are now playing miniature golf.

McDonald's is selling the quarter ouncer.

Parents in Beverly Hills fired their nannies and learned their children's names.

A truckload of Americans was caught sneaking into Mexico.

A picture is now only worth 200 words.

The Treasure Island casino in Las Vegas is now managed by Somali pirates.

Called to get *Blue Book* value on my car. They asked if gas tank was full or empty.

### Interesting

The same Greenbank reader offered these observations: Our phones are wireless; our cooking fireless; our cars keyless; our food fatless; our tires tubeless; our dress sleeveless; our youth jobless; our leaders shameless; our relationships meaningless; our attitudes careless; our babies fatherless; our feelings heartless; our education valueless; our children mannerless. As a result we are speechless while the government is clueless and our politicians worthless.

### Questions

Why do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage?

Why do drug stores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front?

Why do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters?

Why do we buy hot dogs in packages of 10 and buns in packages of eight?

Why does the sun lighten our hair, but darken our skin?

Why don't you ever see the headline, *Psychic Wins Lottery*?

Why is abbreviated such a long word?

Why is it doctors call what they do practice?

Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dish washing liquid made with real lemons?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?

You know that indestructible black box used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

I often took the train in the Bay area.

Whenever arriving at Union Station, I was always smiling at the sign over the nearby pharmacy—*Terminal Drugs*.

### News

Being the younger of two brothers, I was

the last to get the sports section of the morning paper, the *Columbus Citizen Journal*. First Dad. Then my brother. Then me.

It was exciting. I didn't have anybody standing over my shoulder asking if I was done yet.

Your first sports section in your first morning paper is monumental. Seeing a picture of Mickey Mantle swinging his bat at a fast ball was worth taking the paper to recess.

I have always loved the news. It isn't about good and bad news. It is about the process, whether radio, television or social media.

I grew up with radio. It was all we had, even if the news might be the interruption in an episode of *Hopalong Cassidy*.

As a political junkie in college, we news hounds felt special. We got a discount if we subscribed to *Newsweek*.

The word discount always excited me, even though I may not need what I was buying.

When living in L.A., it is easy to get interested in the news. The TV is all about the news. Another reason we all listened to Vin Scully.

One of my fave habits when I travel by road is to watch or listen to the local news. Nothing like starting one's day with the feed report on Burns, Ore., radio. More coffee, please.

Fake or real, I love the news. Growing up with Huntley Brinkley on NBC, Cronkite on CBS, and John Cameron Swayze on ABC, how could we miss?

Remember—Those news heroes never had to bother with the weather.

### Spring smiles

Courtesy of an old issue of *Reader's Digest* featuring their best spring jokes:

Why are waterbeds so bouncy? They're filled with spring water.

Which month of the year is the shortest? May. It only has three letters.

What can you find in the middle of April and March but not at the beginning or end of either? The letter R

What did the dirt say to the rain? You'd better cut it out, or my name will be mud!

It's allergy season again?! You've got to be pollen my leg.

How can you tell the weather's getting warmer? There's a spring in people's step.

### Spring flower jokes

What is a flower's favorite kind of pickle? A daffo-dill.

What did the seed say to the flower? Okay, Bloomer!

Why couldn't the little flower ride a bike? It didn't have any petals.

How do brand new spring flowers greet each other? "Hey, bud!"

I just opened a flower shop. Business is blooming.

What's the best flower for a boy to give on Mother's Day? A son-flower.

Did you hear about the flower who went on a date with another flower? It's a budding romance.

How can you tell spring flowers are friendly? They always have new buds.

Should I plant flowers in April? May as well!

### Spring jokes for kids

Did you hear the one about the gardener who couldn't wait for spring? He was so excited, he wet his plants!

Which superhero likes spring the best? Robin.

Which month is the politest when asking questions? The month of May.

What do you call a bear caught in a spring shower? A drizzly bear.

How do sheep celebrate Memorial Day? With a baa-baa cue.

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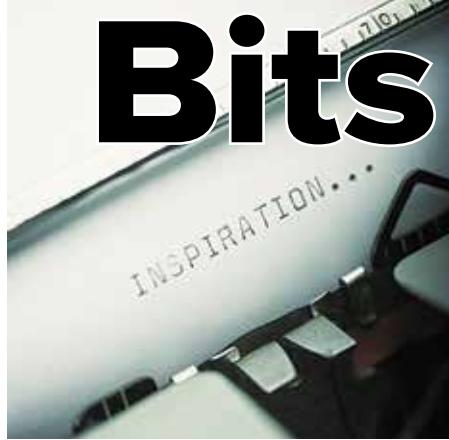
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# Bits & Pieces



## Letters to the Editor

**Editor,**

**Dear Brook Willeford and the S.W. Public Schools Board of Directors:**

I am informed that the auditorium at South Whidbey High School has not been maintained for safety and has no one in charge of its well-being and rental. It was originally designed for use by the community, in addition to school events. Now there is no one hired "to book the venue" and make sure it is operational. Additionally, my informants say the facility has "leaks" and has come into disrepair in a variety of ways.

This building has been used for many years as the home for productions by The Whidbey Island Dance Theatre, including its gala Nutcracker Ballet productions. These specific winter holiday performance events bring a lot of people to shop and dine in the small town of "Langley by the Sea" and Whidbey Island.

Moving The Nutcracker performances to the much smaller Langley-based venue of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts (WICA) diminishes its glory, the safety of spaces between seated groups of attendees and significantly lowers the economic revenue of Langley and Whidbey Island itself from visitors, shoppers and diners at a time when revenue is needed by businesses and it diminishes and limits the City and Entertainment Tax that results from ticket sales.

This potential move of the Whidbey Island Dance Theatre's annual Nutcracker Ballet to WICA also limits WICA's ability to book other events into its theater at the holiday time. Thus, it cuts back on revenue for Langley businesses and the capacity for other performing arts groups to display talent and earn money via performances at WICA in Langley.

Please review the accuracy of my reporting. Please help the city of Langley by the Sea and all of Whidbey Island to flourish.

Sincerely,

Talia Toni Marcus  
Langley City Resident  
Performing Artist (AGVA, AFTRA, AFM-CIO member & Union Pensioner)

### White Cane Days 2022

Coupeville Lions Club is again fundraising through White Cane Days for one of the primary purposes of its international club. Each year, the Northwest Lions Foundation hosts the White Cane Days fundraiser, with the help of Lions Clubs throughout Washington and Northern Idaho. The goal is to help blind children and adults in the Northwest regain their sight and self-reliance. The programs supported by White Cane Days are:

1. Lions Health Screening Unit: Provides free vision check-ups for more than 30,000 people annually, most of them school-aged children who may not have access to them otherwise.

2. Patient Care Grants: Provide funding for sight-related medical procedures and special equipment for blind children and adults in our communities who could not otherwise afford them.

3. Project Support Grants: These grants help support vision programs in local communities, like low vision services that help people adapt to blindness. Coupeville Lions will be in person at Prairie Center Market in Coupeville accepting donations Friday and Saturday. Online donations also accepted through the Coupeville Lions website: [www.coupeville-lions.org](http://www.coupeville-lions.org).

[Submitted by Deanna Rogers, Coupeville Lions Club]

### Oak Harbor Police Department Press Release

May 3, 2022, the Oak Harbor Police Department was notified of a potential assault of a child incident, which was alleged to have occurred at the Children's Academy Day Care, located in the city of Oak Harbor. Videos of the incident were provided to law enforcement last week. The Oak Harbor Police Department's Investigation Division is investigating this report and conducting follow up, including interviews with current and former employees as well as parents of the involved children.

The initial report indicated a worker inappropriately spanked one child and turned another child over in an aggressive manner. Investigators are working to determine the details and while the initial report indicates two children were involved on the day of the incident, investigators are checking to see if there have been other incidents or if other children were affected.

Law enforcement received information from the day care facility that the suspect in this case has been terminated, and the day care center is cooperating with investigators. This is an ongoing investigation and anyone with information regarding this case should contact Detective Sergeant Gravel at 360-279-4630 or by email at [jgravel@oakhabor.org](mailto:jgravel@oakhabor.org).

[Submitted by Meg Massey, Oak Harbor Police Department]

### Learn How to Shrimp Local Waters Free Virtual Seminar Offered to Whidbey and Fidalgo Communities

America's Boating Club (ABC) of Deception Pass is offering a free how-to seminar about Shrimping in Local Waters, to be held virtually via Zoom, Tuesday, May 17 from 6:30 to 8:30PM.

Community members can learn how to catch shrimp in the waters surrounding Whidbey and Fidalgo islands, including buying necessary equipment, how to properly rig your pots, how to avoid losing your gear and how to catch more shrimp.

According to course instructor Jerry Liggett, shrimp season is very short – in some locations, only two days for a few hours each day, so preparation is key to successful shrimping.

Liggett said Spot shrimp are the largest shrimp species found in local waters, and are tasty and fun to catch. However, "the learning curve can be frustrating. In addition to equipment advice and licensing requirements and regulations, we'll gladly share our experience, as well as shrimp lore and opinions about the best locations, times and tides."

Liggett said one of the most frequent questions he's asked is, "I've caught the shrimp, now what?" He promised to share some preparation and cooking advice as well. Those interested in attending can contact Liggett at [jliggett4@hotmail.com](mailto:jliggett4@hotmail.com). The Zoom log-in information will be emailed prior to the event date.

America's Boating Club of Deception Pass is a 44-year-old nonprofit organization with over 80 members from Whidbey and Fidalgo islands. It is part of the United States Power Squadrons, a nonprofit boat-

ing organization dedicated to education and training of safe boating activities.

Link to WDFW recreational shrimp fishing regulations: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/shellfishing-regulations/shrimp/areas>.

[Submitted by Jennifer Geller, The America's Boating Club of Deception Pass]

### Easter and Spring Break Vacation Triggers Urgent Need for Donors Donors urged to schedule appointments to donate in May

The cumulative impact of Easter and widespread spring break vacations has triggered a special appeal to donors to help meet urgent patient needs in Pacific Northwest hospitals.

"A small dip in donor collections is normal during spring break and other scheduled school vacations," said Vicki Finson, executive vice president of Blood Services. "But we've experienced a bigger dip than expected and when you add in the extra support needed from our blood supply as hospitals work through massive lists of delayed surgical patients with a sharp slowdown of people booking appointments to give blood, then we have a very serious situation."

There is a special need for O, A, and B negative blood types and platelets, but all types are welcomed. Type O is the most common type in the Pacific Northwest, accounting for 48 percent of the population. Type O negative blood is the universal blood type that can be transfused to any patient suffering from trauma when they are rushed to a hospital and there is no time to type their blood.

Donating blood takes less than an hour from check-in to post donation cookie, and you do not need to know your blood type to book an appointment. Bloodworks urges past and first time donors to schedule an appointment at one of its 12 donor centers and pop-up locations near to where they live or work. Appointments can be made online at [schedule.bloodworksnw.org](http://schedule.bloodworksnw.org) or by calling 1-800-398-7888. More information at [www.bloodworksnw.org](http://www.bloodworksnw.org).

Most people in good health, at least 18 years old, and who weigh at least 110 pounds can donate whole blood every 56 days. Washington: 16 or 17 year olds donating in Washington must have a signed Bloodworks Northwest permission form. Check out the detailed eligibility Q&A or call 800-398-7888 for more information. Masks and appointments required.

[Submitted by Hannah McNutt, Bloodworks Northwest]

### Whidbey Playhouses Announces 2022 - 2023 Season Of Love: Grease, Barefoot In The Park and More Five plays make up a vibrant season for theater lovers on Whidbey Island and beyond

*Grease* and *Barefoot in the Park* are among Oak Harbor-based Whidbey Playhouse's 2022 - 2023 "Season of Love." Whidbey Playhouse celebrates its 56th season in 2022. Season ticket renewals for those who were subscribers in the 2019/2020 season will run May 1 through June 30, and sales to new subscribers will take place July 1 - 31.

*Grease* is a musical by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey. Here is Rydell High's Senior Class of 1959: duck-tailed, hot-rodding guys, and their gum-snapping, hip-shaking gals in bobby sox and pedal pushers evoking the look and sound of the 1950s. Follow 10 working-class teenagers as they navigate the complexities of peer pressure and love. This rollicking musical features hit songs *Greased Lightnin'*, *We Go Together*, and *Hopelessly Devoted to You*. After an eight-year run on Broadway, two subsequent revivals and 11 Tony

# Retiring early? Know your health care choices

Life doesn't always go as planned. For example, you might think you'll retire at 65 or later, when you'll be eligible for Medicare. But if you retire before then, how will you pay for your health care?

Without insurance, you risk incurring thousands of dollars of expenses if you are injured or become seriously ill. And if you must pay for these costs out of pocket, you might have to dip into your IRA, 401(k) or other retirement accounts earlier than you had planned – which could result in a less desirable retirement lifestyle than you had envisioned.

What, then, are your options? It depends on your situation, but here are four possibilities:

- **Employer retiree health benefits** – If your former employer offers health coverage to retirees, it could well be your best choice, especially if the employer continues to pay a share of the premiums. However, fewer employers are offering continuing health coverage to former employees, and among those who do, they may use certain criteria – such as length of service and position within the company – to limit eligibility.

- **Spouse's plan** – If you're married and your spouse still has employer-provided insurance, you may be able to get coverage under this plan or continue this coverage if you have it already. If the employer subsidizes premiums for spouses, this plan could be an affordable choice – if not, though, it might be more expensive than other options.

- **COBRA** – The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) allows you to maintain your existing coverage with the same benefits and provider network. However, COBRA is typically only available for a specific time – usually 18 months – after you leave your employer, and coverage can be expensive. Your previous employer subsidized a portion of the premium as a benefit, but once you've retired, you'll likely have to pay the entire premium, plus an additional charge.

- **ACA Marketplace plan** – Through the Affordable Care Act Marketplace, you can find a variety of plans from which to choose, possibly including ones that include your existing network. If you qualify for subsidies, the premiums for your coverage may be similar to employer-sponsored coverage; if not, though, they can be more expensive. For information on ACA Marketplace plans, visit [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

If you have options for health insurance, you'll want to take into account differences in coverage and cost. Check whether your desired health care providers are in-network and try to determine if your current medications and the benefits you rely on are covered. You may also want to consider a plan that allows you to open a health savings account (HSA), which offers potential tax benefits. To contribute to an HSA, you must be covered by a high deductible health plan (HDHP), so there's that cost to consider, but if you're in generally good health and you don't expect to depend heavily on your health insurance until you're eligible for Medicare, you might want to consider an HDHP.

One final note: Even when you do enroll in Medicare, you will still incur expenses for premiums, deductibles and co-pays, so you'll want to budget for these costs in your overall financial strategy.

In the meantime, explore your health insurance options. The future is not ours to see – so you'll want to be prepared for anything.

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Awards, including Best Musical, Whidbey Playhouse is proud to present Grease on its stage.

"We are excited to present the 2022-2023 Season of Love. All five shows in our new season are connected by love. If you love music, comedy, romance and fashion, the upcoming Season of Love is just for you," said Whidbey Playhouse Board President, Allenda Jenkins, who will be co-directing Grease with Eric George.

Neil Simon's Barefoot in the Park, to be directed by Dave Frazer, tells the story of a free-spirited bride and her buttoned-down groom who settle down to some rocky happily-ever-aftering in a Greenwich Village walk-up, occasionally invaded by the bride's easily-winded mother and the quirky bohemian who lives in the attic.

Three other shows are included in the Season of Love: poetic thriller Earth and Sky by Douglas Post and directed by Kevin Wm. Meyer; Love, Loss, and What I Wore, an intimate collection of stories by Delia Ephron, Ilene Beckerman, and Nora Ephron, directed by Sue Riney; and The Birds and the Bees, a hilarious and flirty romp written by Mark Crawford and directed by Sarah Jayne Gallella.

"As we start our 56th season in what we are hoping is a post-COVID world, we are excited to welcome back our season-ticket holders and invite members of our community who have not experienced the joy of community theater to join us for these new productions," said Sue Riney, Whidbey Playhouse's production chair. "We also extend deep gratitude to all those who came out and supported Whidbey Playhouse over the past difficult year," she said.

For questions regarding the upcoming season, contact the Playhouse at 360-679-2237 or office@whidbeyplayhouse.com.

The final show of the current season, Charley's Aunt, will run at Whidbey Playhouse from June 3 - 19. One of the most popular

comic farces of all time, Charley's Aunt has been loved since its original performances in 1893. Tickets are available at the theater and online at [www.whidbeyplayhouse.com](http://www.whidbeyplayhouse.com). [Submitted by Janinne Brunyee]

#### **The City of Oak Harbor Public Works Water Division Worked Overnight to Fix a Broken Water Main in the Roundabout on State Route 20**



The city of Oak Harbor Public Works Water Division worked overnight to complete repairs to a broken water main in the southern portion of the roundabout at State Route 20 after Miller Road and Gibralter Road.

The Public Works Water Division was notified May 4 at 6:45PM about a broken water line. Upon inspection of the issue, it was determined the end piece of the water joint on the underground pipe broke apart. The Water Division worked with city of Anacortes staff overnight to repair the damage, including draining the 24" pipe, excavating down ten feet, and shoring the area to provide temporary support for the trench. The break was identified at 3:00AM May 5, allowing crews to make the necessary repairs. The cities worked together by running two Vactor trucks, one from each city, to clear water and debris from the work area and crews were sent home around 1:30PM May 5, after working almost 19 hours to repair the lines.

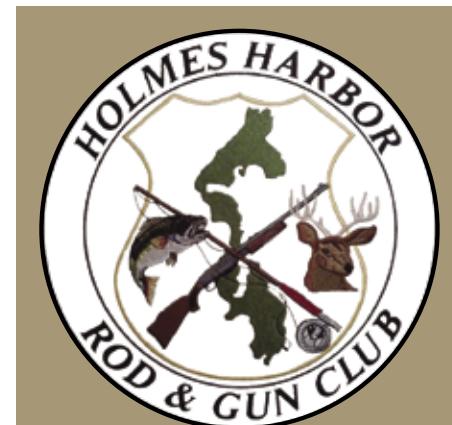
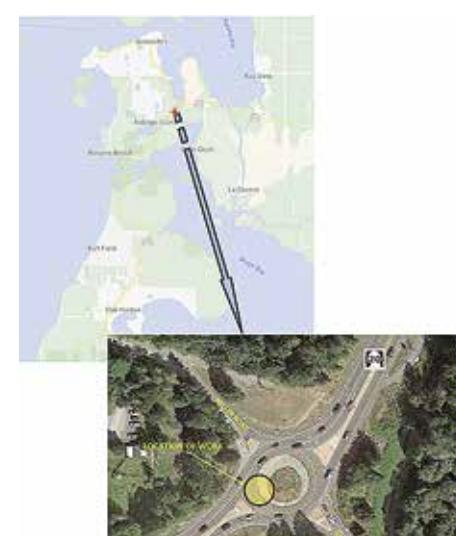
Mayor Bob Severns said, "The Public Works Department are heroes for making sure that we continue to receive drinking water in our community. I appreciate

the work of the Water Division and want to thank them for staying overnight and finding fast solutions to fix the pipe. It is wonderful that we have such dedicated staff, as well as great partners like the city of Anacortes when situations like this occur."

The Public Works Department is working on long-term solutions to find out what happened to cause the broken pipe and how to potentially prevent occurrences in the future. This issue reminds all of us of the importance of drinking water and it is fitting the broken pipe happened during Drinking Water Week. This week is dedicated to recognizing the vital role tap water plays in our daily lives and the infrastructure required to carry it to and from homes and businesses, as well as the critical work water professionals accomplish around the clock to ensure the delivery of quality tap water to our community.

Learn more about the Public Works Water Division on the city's website: [www.oakhbar.org](http://www.oakhbar.org).

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



#### **BIGGEST LITTLE GUN SHOW AROUND**

**Holmes Harbor Rod & Gun Club Spring Sportsmans Show**

**Saturday, May 14  
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# What's Going On

## Island Transit Career Day

Friday, May 13, 9:00AM  
Island Transit Facility, Coupeville

Island Transit is holding a recruitment event to hire bus drivers. This event gives people an opportunity to come in and learn more about the benefits of being a driver, while also having the opportunity to sit in a bus and get a feel for the position. As a transit bus driver, you need a Class B license with passenger and air brake endorsements. Island Transit provides the training and testing for drivers to receive their CDL. Registration is required for this event – info@islandtransit.org. The Island Transit facility is located at 19758 SR 20.

## WAIF Spring Fling Online Auction

Saturday, May 14, 8:00AM through  
Friday, May 20, 11:00PM  
[www.waifanimals.org/sf](http://www.waifanimals.org/sf)

WAIF's Spring Fling Auction is back and online! This is WAIF's biggest fundraiser of the year to raise much needed funds for its animal welfare programs and community programs. Supported by generous donations from businesses and others, there is something for everyone and every budget. From art, including a Georgia Gerber sculpture, to wine tastings and packages, showing off your pets in WAIF's 2023 calendar, restaurant gift cards, jewelry, tools, dog and cat items, and even five hours of excavation services! To register and bid to help homeless animals, please visit [waifanimals.org/sf](http://waifanimals.org/sf) for more information.

## Spring Sportsman's Show

Saturday, May 14, 9:00AM-2:00PM  
Holmes Harbor Rod and Gun Club, Langley  
Holmes Harbor Rod and Gun Club is holding its Spring Sportsman's Show in the Trap Shack on the club grounds at 3334 Brooks Hill Rd. Items include firearms of all types, ammunition, fishing gear, hunting and sports shooting equipment, archery gear and who knows what. We have just a few dealers but we have a lot of stuff. FFL on site. Admission by donation. Email Michael for more information: [backdoorsports@msn.com](mailto:backdoorsports@msn.com).

## Penn Cove Water Festival

Saturday, May 14, 11:00AM  
Coupeville Town Park

This year, there will be a "mini-festival" of Native American entertainment and culture. Music, story-telling, dance demonstrations, youth activities and food vendors, all for you to enjoy at the Coupeville Town Park. [PennCoveWaterFestival.com](http://PennCoveWaterFestival.com).

## Classical Uncorked -Versailles Dance Party

Saturday, May 14, 3:00PM  
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley  
Baroque flautist Joshua Romatowski joins the Classical Uncorked House Band for a baroque dance party fit for Louis XIV, King of France. Revel in opulent ballet scores by Lully, Charpentier, and Marais, as well as a gorgeous suite by Mademoiselle Duval, known as *La Légende*, the composer and virtuoso who at the age of 18 became only the second woman to have a work performed at the Paris Opera. For tickets or more information, visit [www.WICAonline.org](http://www.WICAonline.org) or call 360-221-8268.

## Live Music, JP Falcon Band

Saturday May 14, 6:00-9:00PM  
Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville  
JP Falcon Grady: lead/back up vocals and acoustic rhythm guitar. David Tondi: lead/back up vocals and saxophone. This band performs all over the Northwest, Montana and Hawaii. It is versatile in music genres performing rock, reggae, blues, ballads, Hawaiian, folk, country and western. They perform original tunes and covers. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

## Live Music: The Tens

Saturday, May 14, 6:00-9:00PM  
Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland  
The Tens are upholding the tradition of what it means to be a real, live, rock 'n' roll band. The L.A.-based outfit emerged in 2014. They devoted their early years to performance, busking nightly and picking up weekly residencies around the city, being humbly likened to groups like The Band, Grateful Dead and Little Feat. Their improvisation and groove has since taken them across the country several times, establishing them as a premier touring spectacle. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

## Ride with a Guide Fort to Fort Tour

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## Live Music: Erik Christensen

Friday, May 20, 6:00-9:00PM  
Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville  
Erik Christensen is a singer/songwriter from Coupeville. He plays a mix of original folk/rock/country/Americana, sharing songs and stories with whoever wants to listen. Backed up by Mark Strohschein on bass, Che Edoga on violin, and Charles Macdonald on drums. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

## The Atomic Bombshells

Friday, May 20, 7:30PM  
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley  
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## Auditions for Grease

Saturday, May 21, 2:00-5:00PM  
Sunday, May 22, 2:00-5:00PM  
Whidbey Playhouse Star Studio, Oak Harbor

Be prepared to sing 16 bars of *Hopelessly Devoted to You*, *There are Worse Things I Could Do*, *Beauty School Dropout* or *Greased Lightnin'* and to sing 16 bars of a song from any Broadway show of your choice. There will be an accompanist available. The audition sheet music and character descriptions with vocal ranges can be picked up at Whidbey Playhouse during office hours. The choreographers will teach a short dance combination to all auditees the day of auditions. The show will run from Sept. 9 - Oct. 2. Get more information at [www.whidbeyplayhouse.com/get-involved#AUDITIONS](http://www.whidbeyplayhouse.com/get-involved#AUDITIONS).

## Live Music: Redcedar

Saturday, May 21, 6:00-9:00PM  
Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland  
Redcedar is Jonathan Morgan and Jonathan Shue, lifelong friends and devotees of the 20th century singer-songwriter era. With sparse arrangements, eclectic instruments, vocal harmonies, and lyrics borne from both classical literature and classic soul, Redcedar's music invites you in like a campfire underneath a harvest moon. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

## Pop-Up Blood Drive

Monday, May 23, 10:00AM-5:00PM  
Tuesday, May 24, 9:00AM-5:00PM  
Wednesday, May 25, 9:00AM-4:00PM  
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Book your one hour appointment today, visit [schedule.bloodworksnw.org](http://schedule.bloodworksnw.org) or call 1-800-398-7888. Donating blood is an essential and encouraged activity critical to sustaining community healthcare. Pop-Up Donor Centers are being conducted in accordance with social distancing guidelines. Appointments and masks are required and no guests under the age of 16 are permitted onsite. There is no deferral from donating if you receive the Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson/Janssen, Novavax, or AstraZeneca COVID vaccine. For more information, please visit [bloodworksnw.org/coronavirus](http://bloodworksnw.org/coronavirus).

## Women Build 2022

Saturday, June 4, 8:30AM-3:00PM

Women Build is an opportunity for all genders to come together to build stronger, safer communities. Spend the day working alongside other volunteers and staff as you help perform critical repairs at Whispering Pines Cooperative. These homes need your help to ensure the homeowners' safety.

There will be a variety of projects to work on, including building ramps and steps, repairing walls, painting and more. No experience is necessary. Habitat for Humanity will teach you everything you need to know and provide all the tools and materials. Each participant is asked to make a minimum \$25 donation, which will entitle you to a commemorative T-shirt and lunch.

## Religious Services

### First Church of Christ, Scientist

Worship, 10:00AM  
Sunday School to age 20, 10:00AM  
Wednesday Testimony Meeting, 2:30PM  
Christian Science Reading Room  
Tuesday & Wednesday, 11:00AM-2:00PM

The church and Reading Room are located at 721 SW 20th Court at Scenic Heights Street, Oak Harbor. Call 360-675-0621 or visit [cs-oh-wa.com](http://cs-oh-wa.com) for more information. Services and Sunday School are also held at 10:30AM on South Whidbey at 15910 Highway 525, just north of Bayview and across from Useless Bay Road; testimony meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.

## Meetings & Organizations

### Greenbank Progressive Club Holds

#### Monthly Potluck Dinner

Thursday, May 12, 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

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# WAIF SPRING FLING AUCTION IS BACK AND ONLINE!



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## STEFFEN Camano bus operator and assistant dispatcher

Steffen grew up in the Stanwood-Camano area working in the family business - pianos. Although he enjoyed the work, he wanted a change, and turned his sights to Island Transit. While it may seem a leap from pianos to driving buses, Steffen had lots of experience delivering pianos in large box trucks about the size of a bus. "Still, there's a big difference between hauling pianos and carrying people," he laughed. "Both are precious." He made the switch for the stability and benefits Island Transit has to offer. "Paid sick leave and vacation was a big bonus." Steffen was a bit nervous at first, but said he got excellent training and got used to driving the buses quickly. He's been a bus operator and assistant dispatcher for three years and enjoys working with the public. "Our riders are pretty awesome. And driving around the island is scenic. I don't think I'd do this if it were in Seattle." He's done so well he was voted Employee of the Year by his co-workers. "I like the people I work with. It's a good atmosphere. We provide a valuable service. It's satisfying work."



## Did You Know...

Many Island Transit employees are cross trained so they can fill in where they're most needed. Staff who've worked as an Island Transit bus operator bring insights to other positions, like in dispatch or road support. Bus operators get to know their regular riders as do dispatchers who speak to them by phone and help them with their travel plans.

## Now Hiring Bus Drivers

**Career Day - Friday May 13  
9:00am -3:30pm**

This is an all day event; you will tour the facility, be introduced to the job, benefits package, and have a chance to ask questions.

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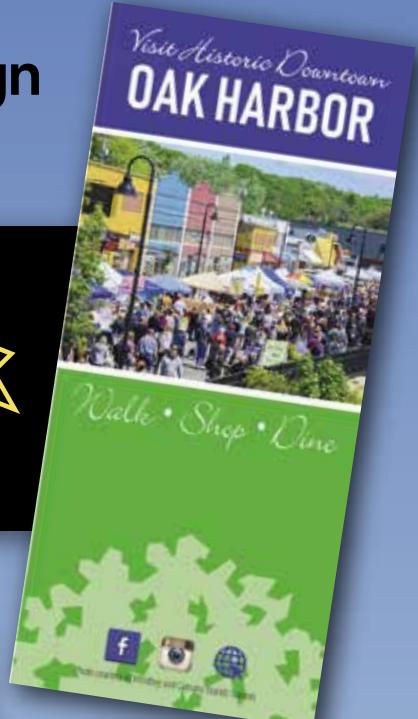


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Charlotte Chase and Henry Tunes



## REACHING OUT TO ALL WHIDBEY ISLAND VETERANS!

The Whidbey Veterans Resource Center, in collaboration with other Whidbey Island veteran service organizations, has a goal to reach "Every Whidbey Island Veteran!"

Many veterans haven't applied or just do not know the benefits for which they are eligible or are unsure how to navigate the Veteran's Administration (VA) application process. Information sessions will provide assistance and information about how to make the connections to file for service-connected benefits and VA healthcare benefits. Benefits can change and save lives!

Island County has one of the highest number of veterans per capita of any county in the state – yet there are still a low number of benefit-connected veterans. (Ref WDVA/VA)

While the Oak Harbor area is the highest population area and the Navy has many veterans who call the north end home, central and south Whidbey have high numbers of veterans from all of the services as well. The WVRC, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) representatives and the VA contact team are hosting the first of several events for 2022. Saturday is the first event to kick off the campaign to reach and serve "Every Whidbey Island Veteran!"

The VA regional office of rural outreach public contact team is visiting south Whidbey for an information session – bring your DD214 and any questions. Follow up appointments will be available with a DAV claims service officer and benefits information specialists. Follow up sessions are available at the Whidbey Veterans Resource Center, convenient for south Whidbey vets, and at the DAV in Oak Harbor on Goldie Road, for north Whidbey vets. Come see us this Saturday and see the new WVRC patio and pergola!

The Whidbey Veterans Resource Center has veterans/spouse support groups: women's group Mondays at 5 p.m., mixed group Tuesdays at 5 p.m.

WVRC RideLink Van provides rides to the Seattle VA Medical Center Tuesdays and Thursdays, for veterans, spouses, and caregivers.

Confidential Counseling – local credentialed counselor, at no cost to veterans. For more information call 360-331-8081.



## TOWNHALL EVENT

### VETERANS BENEFITS INFORMATION SESSION

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Saturday, May 14, 2022 10:00am – 1:00pm

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Hosted by the Whidbey Veterans Resource Center Call 360-331-8081 for event information



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# Island Angler

By Tracy Loescher



## LINGCOD LOVE RUBBER

Figuring out what fish like to eat is two-thirds of the battle to catch fish. The famous line "match the hatch" is no joke, whether you've seen firsthand what the fish are eating or you just get lucky and stumble upon something they appear to like, you would do almost anything to mimic that bait. Most of us think of natural food in the water, creatures that live cautiously in and around the habitat with the more predatory-minded fish, such as small baitfish, crabs, shrimp and worms.

If you have spent any time at all in the tackle shops, you can't help but see all of the colorful artificial baits to choose from. These artificial baits are made from a wide range of materials – steel, plastic, fur, feathers, nylon and Styrofoam, just to name a few. They can be constructed of a single material or a combination of materials. As I mentioned, mimicking the natural bait is the goal. Years ago, Bass fishermen probably took the lead on using rubber to make artificial baits come alive, such as rubber worms, rubber crawdads, rubber "creature" baits, and rubber squid-like hula skirts that flow and swim much like the real thing.

May 1 was the Lingcod opener for the 45-day, blink-of-an-eye season. I love to bottom fish and lingcod are a blast to catch and eat! Generally speaking, lings are not too hard to catch; they are very aggressive and if you put something in front of them, they will strike at it or at the least, quickly swim over to check it out. Lingcods are not afraid to eat large bait. We once brought a ling onboard and as soon as it hit the floor of the boat this 36-inch lingcod spit up a partially digested, 20-inch dogfish shark. These fish don't fool around when feeding.

I have used everything from pre-caught sand dabs to a six-inch piece of copper pipe filled with lead to hook lingcod over the years. Live bait like sand dabs or kelp greenling is probably the best bait to hook these swimming tacos but unless you have a saltwater pond in your backyard and you can catch them at will, these baits have got to be caught beforehand and can cut into your time spent hunting for lingcod; plus the sand dabs and greenling should be kept alive, if possible. From my experience, the next best thing to live bait is rubber. That's right, soft rubber baits. The bass fishermen's rubber grub tails and crawling things have become super-sized for saltwater use and for many bottom fishermen, it is their bait of choice for lingcod.

Which Marine Area you choose to fish for lingcod will play a big part in how heavy your lingcod gear will be. If you are fishing out on the Peninsula or on the coast in Marine Areas 1, 2, and 3, where



Lingcod can inhale a large rubber bait!

depths greater than 120 feet can be fished, chances are you will be dealing with big water and deep rock piles. This is where 16- to 24-ounce lead heads tipped rubber baits will be used and the fishing technique is pretty simple: Find the bottom structure (rockpile), drop your gear straight down to the bottom, reel up about three turns on your reel and start jigging the rubber bait up and down. It normally does not take long for a toothy lingcod to clamp down on the rubber offering.

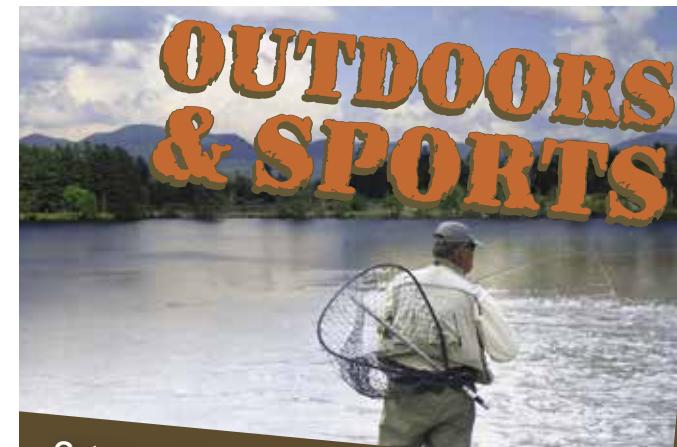
If you fish primarily closer to Whidbey Island Marine Areas 6 through 10 like I do, 120 feet and above is where we can hunt for lings. I like to fish one-ounce rubber swim baits in water down to 40 feet; past this depth, the one-ounce bait doesn't weigh enough to get down to productive water. From 40 to 120 feet, I fish a two to eight-ounce lead head jig with a large rubber curly tail grub, a rubber twin tail, or a six- to eight-inch fish-shaped swimbait with a downturned paddle-tail slid onto the sharp hook. I like rubber baits because they are easy to fish, they hold up pretty well against the ling's sharp teeth and they come in a rainbow of colors. However, after years of fishing, my go-to colors are orange, purple, and chartreuse. I still haven't decided whether scent is always necessary. I tend to start fishing without scent on the rubber baits if I'm by myself, but if there are two or more fisherman onboard the boat, I squeeze a little herring smelly jelly on some of the baits and wait to see who gets the most bites.

Rubber bait prices have gone up, like everything else fish-related, but if you shop around online, watch for clearance sales and keep an eye out for deals in the off season, you can keep the cost down so you still have some cash for cold beer, chips, and sandwiches. I don't exactly know why lings bite rubber baits as well as they do; whether it's the movement, vibrations, color, or the lead head jig banging the rocks on the bottom, but rubber baits have brought many a lingcod to the boat and provided my family with fantastic fish taco dinners.

I hope everyone has been able to wet a line this spring! Trout, some river salmon, halibut and lingcod are open right now, some species with restricted days we can fish, but things will get even better from here through the summer and into the fall. Be safe and GOOD LUCK out there!



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# Concert for Ukraine to raise funds through beautiful music

**By Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

Two Whidbey Island musicians are putting their musical gifts to work Saturday to raise money for refugees of the war in Ukraine.

Tekla Cunningham and Sheila Weidendorf will perform their concert for Ukraine at 4 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Freeland. Admission is by donation and all funds will be donated to the International Rescue Committee ([rescue.org](http://rescue.org)) and World Central Kitchen ([wck.org](http://wck.org)).

"Sheila and I wanted to do something to help raise funds, obviously, for the horrible situation in Ukraine and we thought this would be a beautiful way to do it," said Cunningham, violinist and founder of the Whidbey Island Music Festival. "We thought we'd share it with the public and come together as a community. I think sometimes it feels harder as individuals to make a difference and making a gesture of solidarity and support gives people a feeling of community and togetherness."

Weidendorf, a pianist, said it makes sense to use music as a way to help raise money for Ukrainian refugees.

"Music is always for the greater good," she told *Whidbey Weekly* via email. "It can be a personal expression, yes, but more. It is a kind of communing and gathering in the name of goodness, truth and beauty. These are fundamental to humanity and not frivolous 'extras.' To offer what we love for the sake of helping a specific people – to do what we can to alleviate suffering in this particular context – is a blessing to us. There are so many ways in which I cannot help or heal this world. But each of us has our gifts and graces that can be offered up for others. This is a significant source of joy for me."

The two are doing an encore performance of "Between Heaven and Earth: A Year with Brahms," which they debuted last year during the Whidbey Island Music Festival. At that time, the pair had spent more than a year during the COVID-induced shutdowns working on the sonatas. They have continued playing these pieces together and said the music has continued to evolve and grow.



Erika Pierson Photo Courtesy of Tekla Cunningham

**Pianist Sheila Weidendorf, left, and violinist Tekla Cunningham will perform a program of Brahms sonatas at a special Concert for Ukraine Saturday at 4 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Freeland. All funds donated will go to the International Rescue Committee and World Central Kitchen to help Ukrainian refugees.**

"We continue to work on them and refine them," Cunningham said. "It's been an ongoing development. It's the same music, but it's grown even more."

"It is rare for performing musicians to spend a truly long time with repertoire—we are so accustomed to concert after concert

after concert, learning repertoire quickly, sharing it, then on to the next program," said Weidendorf. "That can be exhilarating! But to steep oneself in a set of pieces for a long time, to gestate along with them, is a truly remarkable experience. We never stop discovering things in the music, and in ourselves as we meet the music."

Cunningham said she knows the importance helping to support Ukrainian refugees' survival, but she hopes this concert will provide nourishment to the spirit, as well.

"A lot of people have been lonely and disconnected during the pandemic," she said. "I think music can help heal; everyone is in the same space, it's a shared experience. In the modern world, there's a lot of running around. When we come together to listen to music, in a way, time stops. We can feel things we might not feel in day-to-day life. There's a space for exploration that can be very connecting."

Bringing people together to enjoy an afternoon of music for a good cause is something Cunningham and Weidendorf hope will help draw an audience and enliven the listeners' spirit of generosity.

"If we could raise \$5,000, I would be thrilled, but anything we can do to help is a good thing," Cunningham said. "We have one world we share, we're all part of the human family. This is a way of extending that fellowship and care to a place that really needs it now. We invite people to come and have a moment of peace and beauty, a moment of community; if people are moved to take that feeling and share what they can as they are able to share, that would be great."

"Just come," Weidendorf encouraged. "You don't need to 'know' anything about classical music, or about Brahms. Just come and sit and breathe and let yourself be transported to the ends of the earth, and to the rich inner recesses of your own experience. It is simply a supreme honor to play this music, and to bring it to the people of Whidbey Island and to do so for such a worthy cause."

Learn more at [whidbeyislandmusicfestival.org](http://whidbeyislandmusicfestival.org).

## WATERFRONT

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downtown," said Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association Executive Director, Rainy Simpson.

The new event will test the community's appetite for mid-week entertainment downtown.

"We surveyed our merchants, and they were really looking for entertainment mid-week, so that's where this was started. We're really excited about it – entertainment in a public place brings community together," said Simpson.

Rain Sigler of Boise, Idaho, is scheduled to perform June 1. Her family is originally from Coupeville, but this will be her first visit to Whidbey.

"What I love about busking, for one, is the fact that it is outdoors and anyone can come listen and partake in the music," she shared. "Busking, rather than playing an indoor set, feels more like a community event that brings people together."

Oak Harbor singer and high school student, Danika Kloewer, will play ukulele June 15.

"Busking is a little more personal," she said. "I love the idea of having the freedom to play/cover songs and entertain people with a little closer interaction."

The Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association put out a call for entertainment on social media, and easily filled seven busking spots.

"It was neat how it ended up being an eclectic mix on its own, because you never know, you might end up with several [performers] of similar genres," Simpson said. "We have a wide variety, from ukulele to country folk. Fiddle Chix does a lot of violins and mandolins, there's a little bit of jazz and some acoustic, so it's a nice mix."

In the future, there could be more opportunities for buskers of all kinds, such as jugglers, magicians, plein air artists and other performers.

"We had intended for really buskers of any type of entertainment, it just so happened that everybody happens to be musically related," said Simpson.

Charles MacDonald will set up his drums at the wharf for the first Waterfront Wednesday on May 18, and recognizes that drumming is traditionally not what one thinks of when busking.

"The drums are not as 'musical,' but there is still talent, musicianship, and spectacle to be enjoyed," he said. "I like, and fear, the solo aspect [of busking]."

The Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association puts on events such as MusselFest, Red Ticket Giveaway, and the Halloween Torchlight Parade. As the pandemic continues to affect large events, Simpson and her team have had to think of creative ways to provide smaller events for the community.

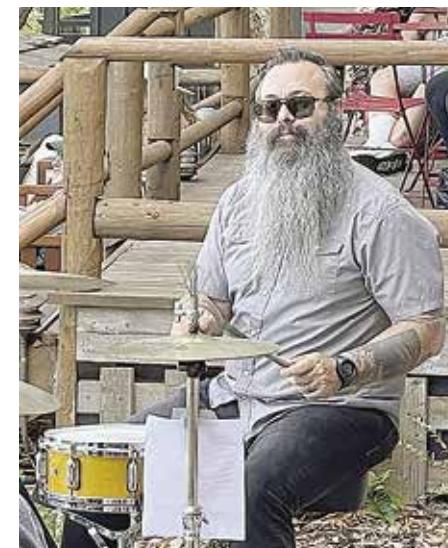


Photo Courtesy of Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association  
**Percussionist Charles McDonald kicks off the Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association's new Waterfront Wednesdays busker series. McDonald will perform on drums from 4 to 5 p.m. May 18.**

Simpson said they planned for this year's MusselFest to be a quarter of its usual size, but ended up welcoming many more visitors than expected.

"The data showed it was almost as many people as a pre-pandemic event, though we didn't plan or advertise for that many," she said. "The people are hungry for events – so how do we meet that need in a new way, in a fresh way?"

Nancy Oyler has experienced the public's desire for music and entertainment firsthand. She and her fellow Fiddle Chix got together during the pandemic to play music outdoors at the Deer Lake community lot and have continued to play together ever since.

"Music is magic and should be shared," said Oyler. "Contrasting sharply with performance halls, the Coupeville Wharf brings music to the street, to the water, to the people. It's the perfect playground for [us]."

Oyler said the Fiddle Chix will bring their violins and mandolins to Coupeville to play "a flurry of bluegrass, country, and Celtic tunes."

"[Busking is] a nice entry point for new artists, although we've had several who are quite accomplished who have interest to provide entertainment in their own community," Simpson said of the mix of musicians slated to perform.

## More buskers needed!

The Oak Harbor Main Street Association is seeking buskers to play live music every Friday evening this summer, beginning June 3 and running through Aug. 6.

The "Buskers on the Corner" series will take place each week from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Pop-Up Plaza Stage at the corner of Pioneer Way and Dock Street in historic downtown Oak Harbor.

The organization is looking for musicians. All those interested in showcasing their talent are encouraged to call 360-279-8995 or email [director@oakharbor-mainstreet.com](mailto:director@oakharbor-mainstreet.com) for information.

Bruce Gallagher, a professional musician who performs with three island groups at clubs, restaurants, wineries, private events and bars, will take to the Coupeville wharf on May 25.

"I have to practice to keep my level up, and [busking] is an opportunity to interact with people and network about music," he said.

Doug Rorback performs with his band from Anacortes to Bremerton but is always looking for island gigs. He most recently performed at the Meerkirk Gardens Mother's Day event last Sunday.

"Busking is different from other types of entertaining, as I am up close to and interacting with the audience," he said. "I have a request sheet of familiar songs and take requests off the sheet, which is a big hit with the audience."

Simpson and her team hope Waterfront Wednesdays will draw local residents to come down and see what their downtown merchants and restaurants have to offer.

"[Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association]'s mission is to strengthen, promote, and maintain the historic district," she said. "Really our vision right now is to invite the community in to help with our mission."

Learn more at [coupevillehistoricwaterfront.com](http://coupevillehistoricwaterfront.com).



Photo Courtesy of Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association  
**Doug Rorback enjoys taking requests from the audience and will bring his talent to Coupeville's Waterfront Wednesdays busker series June 29.**



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# Recipe of the Week

## ADD FLAVOR TO YOUR NEXT FIESTA

Is shrimp on the menu tonight? Maybe it should be. Coming in at just around seven calories per medium-size shrimp, this crustacean is low in calories and high in lean protein and is one of only a few dishes that provides the beneficial antioxidants selenium and astaxanthin, according to The American Shrimp Company. The majority of North American shrimp is harvested from the Gulf of Mexico, ensuring fresh catches for the U.S. and Canada. Around 244 million pounds of shrimp are produced each year.

An abundance of shrimp means the opportunities for delicious meals are endless. For something with a lot of flavor and crowd appeal, try this recipe for a "Shrimp Quesadilla" courtesy of Eastern Fish Company. Plump shrimp are nestled between tortillas and seasoned with familiar Latin flavors, ideal for a fast meal any time.

### SHRIMP QUESADILLA (Serves 6)

2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1 onion, sliced  
1 red bell pepper, sliced  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon ground cumin  
1 teaspoon chili powder  
1 pound uncooked medium shrimp, peeled and deveined

1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and minced (optional)  
1 lime, juiced  
1 teaspoon vegetable oil, or as needed  
6 large flour tortillas  
3 cups shredded Mexican cheese blend



1. Heat 2 tablespoons vegetable oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook and stir onion and red bell pepper in the hot oil, stirring frequently, until onion is translucent, and peppers are soft, around 6 to 8 minutes.
2. Stir salt, cumin and chili powder into onion and bell peppers.
3. Stir shrimp into mix and cook until shrimp are opaque and no longer pink in the center, 3 to 5 minutes.
4. Remove skillet from heat; stir jalapeño pepper and lime juice into shrimp mixture.
5. Heat a skillet over medium heat and brush with about 1 teaspoon vegetable oil.
6. Place a tortilla in the hot oil. Spoon about 1/6 shrimp filling and 1/2 cup Mexican cheese blend on one side of tortilla. Fold tortilla in half.
7. Cook until bottom of tortilla is lightly browned, about 5 minutes; flip and cook other side until lightly browned. Repeat with remaining tortillas and filling.

## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

### ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Avoid going down the rabbit hole that can be social media, Aries. Put your phone or tablet to the side for a little bit and focus your attention elsewhere.

### TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Try to stay calm and grounded right now, Taurus. Others can learn from your example at work, as you likely will be the voice of reason among your colleagues.

### GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, if you are having trouble figuring out a path this week, try to meditate on a solution. Find a quiet spot and visualize your goals and how you can achieve them.

### CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Be mindful of whom you confide in this week, Cancer. Not everyone has your best interests at heart and may use the information you share to his or her advantage instead of yours.

### LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

A partner or close friend may seem to pull away from you this week, Leo. Don't take it personally as it won't be a permanent break. Soon things will be back to normal.

### VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Sticking to your normal routine this week simply will not be possible, Virgo. Start brainstorming ways you can get things done more quickly.

### LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, your ego may take a temporary hit as someone in your sphere gets a promotion or a recognition before you. Don't take this to heart as it is only time before you get to shine.

### SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Try not to trigger any people in your home who seem to be more tense than usual, Scorpio. It may be tricky, but keep the calm and maintain the status quo for now.

### SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Well-meaning advice can backfire if it is offered unsolicited, Sagittarius. Unless someone comes to you seeking help, it's best to stay silent for now.

### CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Try to avoid any impulsive spending for the next several days, Capricorn. The temptation will be high, so this will be a bit of a challenge for you. Stick to the essentials.

### AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, stay calm and keep your nose to the grindstone during a potentially hectic week. This may mean taking a day off or at least a step back.

### PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Some truths are difficult to hear and swallow, Pisces. Only through learning all sides of the story can you grow as a person.

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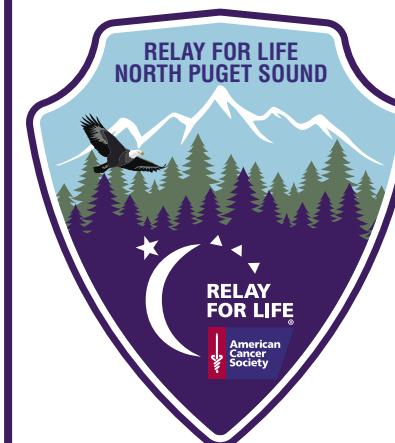
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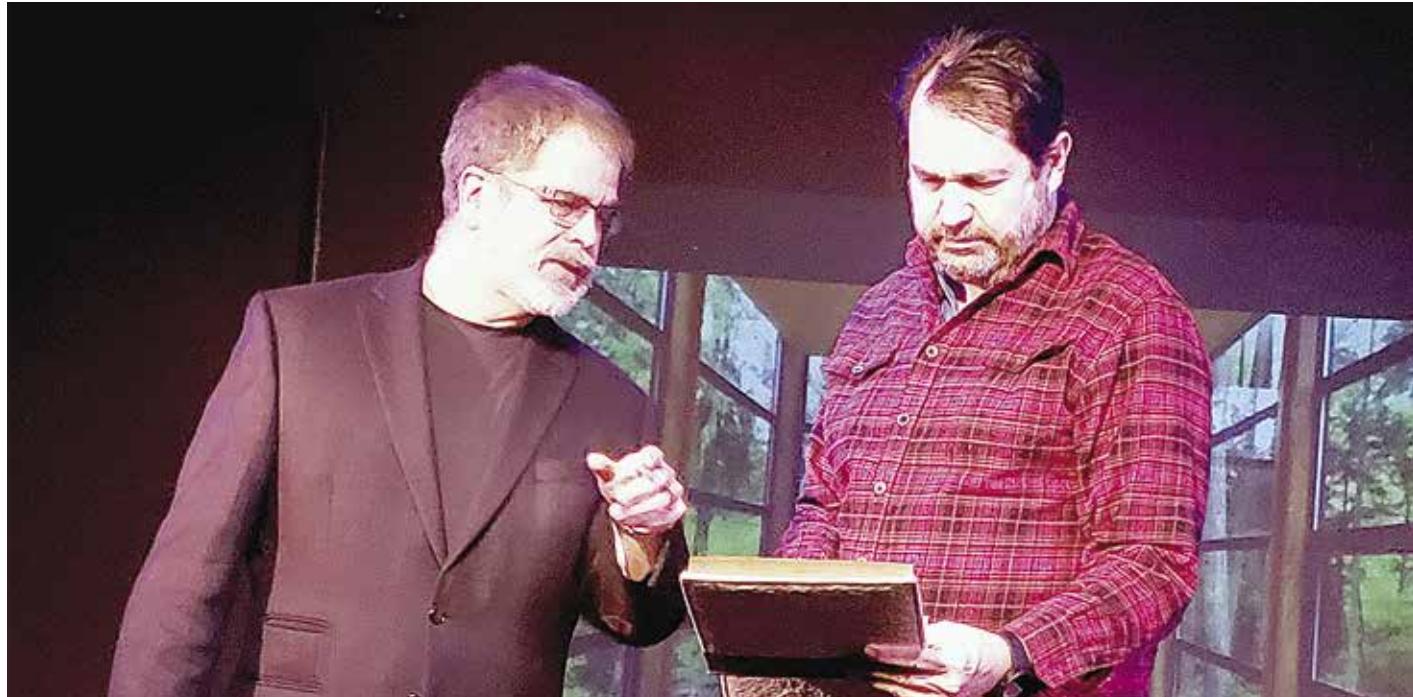


Photo Courtesy of Ned Farley, OutCast Productions  
Charles Dawson, left, and Nate Edmiston help bring "A Small Miracle for Feeney" to the stage for OutCast Productions. The play opens Friday at the Black Box Theater in Langley and runs through May 28.

## Outcast Productions' show delivers on a miracle

By Melanie Hammons Whidbey Weekly

All the winning ingredients are right there. The seven cast members hail from one end of Whidbey Island to the other. As seasoned character actors, they bring many years of experience to the stage, ranging from the Minnesota Renaissance Festival to productions in Seattle, Portland, and points beyond.

Add in a touch of "magical realism," and what you get is "A Small Miracle for Feeney," opening at 7:30 p.m. Friday and running through May 28 at the Black Box Theater in Langley.

"Magical realism is a broad term," said OutCast Productions co-director Ned Farley. "But part of magical realism's attraction is the meaningful concept that's woven throughout the work that encourages people to think and talk about it."

"This is a brand-new play from a New York playwright," Farley continued. "It explores the human relationship side of the ways that people facing great sorrow somehow find a way to live their lives and not give up."

Farley believes everyone can identify, sooner or later, with the struggles of the show's main character, Feeney Nicks. He describes Nicks as a retired university professor in Baltimore who's recently lost both his wife and son to cancer, this coming on top of other painful losses. He comes to terms with his son's death by searching for Jason's look-alike, or doppelganger, whom he'd met once before at Pike Place Market in Seattle.

"He asks God 'to give him a chance to see the face of his son once more,'" Farley said.

Loss, and the different ways people deal with it, was what drew Charles Dawson, who portrays

Feeney Nicks, to the production. Dawson, a theater arts major in college, has played many different roles in his lifetime, beginning with high school plays. He describes some of them as "good-sized roles. But never one like this."

"When I first read this script, it really stoked me," said Dawson. "There's lots of heartbreak in this story, something I and others can readily identify with." Dawson went on to relate that sometimes it seems to happen that "you've just turned the corner on one loss, only to have something else hit you."

He described Feeney as "a really good guy, someone who wants to keep going in spite of the grief."

Oak Harbor resident Nate Edmiston plays the role of Feeney's second older brother, Harland. Edmiston draws a connection between the loss Feeney's seen, and what Harland fears could be "the loss of his brother, who appears to be descending into a world of delusion."

"All these people surrounding Feeney in Baltimore become concerned when Feeney's convinced that his deceased son is talking to him, telling him, in so many words, to 'Go to Seattle. There's happiness for you there.' Feeney's loved ones, especially me, are worried about his reaction to grief. They believe that he's becoming lost to a depressive madness."

Edmiston says he views the drama as "a wonderful journey with meaning about loss, and regaining what's been lost."

Although the subject matter of the play may appear somber overall, as the play's director, Farley said the play manages to strike the right balance.

"There are traces of that throughout the story," he said. "Feeney's family and friends 'humor him' in an attempt to deal with their perception that he's losing his mind. There are also elements of surprise in the way that the Baltimore characters aren't aware of the Seattle ones. And likewise, the Seattle characters don't know about the ones in Baltimore."

Farley said the play, in its final inception, has had a long journey itself to make its way to the Black Box Theater stage in Langley. He and the crew have worked on what he called much revision of the script. And that is still on-going.

"This was first intended to be a stage reading back in 2020. That has now resulted, two years later, in a full-run play," Farley said. "Without giving away the play's ending, I would say that the magical part of it is found in the way that it (Feeney's quest) sort of comes true. There are definitely touches on the expectation of a life after death."

"There's sort of the anticipation of an almost but not yet resolution, of the ways to find joy, connection, and meaning in spite of loss," he continued. "At the end of the day, my hope is that people will be touched by this story."

OutCast Productions celebrates its 10th anniversary season this year. The theater company focuses on works that are thought-provoking and meant to encourage critical thinking about issues and events. Show dates for the play "A Small Miracle for Feeney" are May 13, 15, 20-22 and 26-28. Performance times are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Fridays and Saturdays and at 4 p.m. Sundays. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to [outcastproductions.net](http://outcastproductions.net).

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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 Lynn Hyde of Historic Whidbey leading the restoration of the Heller house. 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, May 17, 1:00PM  
Zoom meeting

Stephen P. Morse will present "1950 Census: Searching with and without a Name Index." The 1950 census released April 1, 2022, does not have a name index. Learn how to search via Enumeration Districts. Non-WIGS members, please send email to [whidbeygenealogicalsearchers@gmail.com](mailto:whidbeygenealogicalsearchers@gmail.com) by May 15 to receive Zoom invitation. All are invited to join.

### Friends of the Oak Harbor Library

Thursday, May 19, 2:30PM  
Oak Harbor Library

The general membership meeting and election of new officers will be followed by the program at 3:00PM. Ryan Elting will share the conservation work of the Whidbey Camano Land Trust and how we address climate change and resilience.

Whidbey Camano Land Trust, an independent, nonprofit organization, has been protecting the best of these islands since 1984. During that time, they have partnered with landowners and island communities to help expand county and state parks, protect natural areas and local family farms, increase trail and beach access, and protect and restore fish and wildlife habitat. The mission of the Whidbey Camano Land Trust is to actively involve the community in protecting, restoring, and appreciating the important natural habitats and resource lands that support the diversity of life on our islands and in the waters of Puget Sound.

### Classes, Seminars and Workshops

#### No-Till Gardening with Gary Ingram

Saturday, May 14, 10:00AM-12:00PM  
South Whidbey Tilth, Langley  
\$5 members, \$15 non-members

Gary will demonstrate how to renovate the soil of a garden bed, creating a haven for life, and how to maintain it without chemicals or power equipment. He'll show you his two favorite tools that make the work easy and fun. For questions and to RSVP, contact [education@southwhidbeytilth.org](mailto:education@southwhidbeytilth.org). South Whidbey Tilth is located at 2812 Thompson Rd.

#### FarmWalk Featuring Good Cheer Garden

Thursday, May 19, 5:00PM  
Good Cheer Garden, Langley

Join Whidbey Island Growers Association at Good Cheer Garden. FarmWalks are a fun, informal venue for our Island's growers to connect and learn from each other while touring new farms each season.

#### Garden Tool Sharpening 101 by Jim Gage

Saturday, May 21, 10:00AM-12:00PM  
Tilth Community Garden, Langley  
\$5 members, \$15 Non-members

Learn various methods of sharpening your often-used garden tools. Please bring your dullest or most-used tools to this hands-on class. Jim will demonstrate which tools you need to do basic maintenance and sharpening of shovels, loppers, hand pruners, and more! Metal files are the most useful tool, and if you have some, you should bring them, as well as wrenches, because the very best way to sharpen loppers and pruners is by taking them apart. For questions and to RSVP, contact [education@southwhidbeytilth.org](mailto:education@southwhidbeytilth.org). The Tilth Community Garden is located at 2812 Thompson Rd.



Photo Courtesy of Penn Cove Water Festival  
There will be two opportunities to hear Native American storyteller Lou LaBombard. He will tell stories around the bonfire Friday at 7 p.m. at Pacific Rim Institute and will appear at the Penn Cove Water Festival at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Coupeville town park.

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"But we also need to talk about ways to get newer generations involved. We don't want this to just die out."

According to Goddeau, volunteers are still needed for Saturday's event and are welcome to contact her by phone at 360-969-3703, or by email at [penncovewaterfestival@gmail.com](mailto:penncovewaterfestival@gmail.com).

"I want to thank all the volunteers for all the hard work," she said. "The board members' dedication and hard work is unbelievable. They are truly amazing individuals."

A Native American herself, descended from the Blackfoot tribe, Goddeau said she has a special place in her heart for this festival and all that it means.

"I truly enjoy the whole event, but my favorite part is the opening ceremonies, the drums," she said. "I have the Native American culture in me and when it starts, it just goes straight to the heart. I came out here in hopes of connecting with people who could tell me more and to learn more. The stories, opening ceremony, music, the wooden flute, it speaks right to the heart."

"There's a need to remember these things, a need to carry this on," Goddeau continued. "I want people to get involved, keep bringing this forward year after year. I want to bring the canoes back next year. I want people to know there's stories and history to bring on into the future to keep them going."

Find the festival schedule and learn more about the Penn Cove Water Festival and its history at [penncovewaterfestival.com](http://penncovewaterfestival.com).



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# Island 911

Seriously, we do not make this stuff up!

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

### 1:29 pm, Maxwelton Rd.

Requesting contact by phone, or ask for him at the front desk, regarding 45 minutes ago male subject came directly into their alternative class and tried to give students magazines. Subject is gone but wants to file report.

### 3:48 pm, SR 20

Requesting phone call about pipe reporting party bought at auction. Neighbor is telling him he stole it and that she filed a police report. Neighbor accusing reporting party.

### 9:29 pm, SR 525

States at 5 pm female grabbed reporting party's phone from his hand and threw it on the ground across the street; states her fingernail opened up a wound and made him bleed.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 14

### 2:01 am, SW Terry Rd.

Reporting party advising her bosses are sending her messages harassing her, calling her names and accusing her of stealing checks; advising they have been threatening her by saying they are hoping she dies on her flight.

### 12:21 pm, SW Terry Rd.

Requesting contact regarding business checks stolen and some already cashed; one for a plane ticket. Reporting party recalling, requesting cancel; issue has been resolved.

### 5:18 pm, Teronda Dr.

Requesting call. Would like deputy to speak to young kid and tell them that forging signatures and other bad behaviors can lead to trouble in life.

### 6:28 pm, S Main St.

Caller going on about getting an advertisement in the mail for selling guns and wants to know if this is legal.

### 8:39 pm, SR 525

States around 7 pm, while driving through Greenbank, party saw a bald eagle in the ditch digging with its feet. Saw the eagle again 15 minutes ago in the same location.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 16

### 12:36 am, SR 20

Reporting party overcorrected and crashed into Penn Cove Pottery; out of vehicle; no injury, no airbag deployment. Not on the highway.

### 10 am, Huckleberry Ln.

Reporting party advising still being threatened by neighbors; asking for a helicopter to fly over location so she can stop calling.

### 3:25 pm, Hawks Prairie Rd.

Reporting party advising she would like to make a formal complaint about her landlord; says she was dragging laundry cart and fell because landlord won't allow her to use laundry facility on site. Landlord locked door and won't allow reporting party a key.

### 3:55 pm, SR 525

Reporting party is on property; subject threatened reporting party with "the mafia from California is going to come and kill us." Two subjects seen; still there now.

### 5:46 pm, Whitney Dr.

Black BMW with no license plate but has a temp tag. Male occupant pulled an assault type rifle from the trunk and then returned to the driver's seat. Female then came out of the house also carrying a firearm.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 17

### 11:19 am, NE 7th St.

Reporting party states the officers won't hurt him anymore; he says he has the right to walk the street and the sidewalk; reporting party very agitated, yelling and shouting.

### 12:30 pm, Garfield Ct.

Advising law enforcement was just at location regarding reporting party owing money; no idea what it is about. Reporting party not at location; heard from wife.

### 6:34 pm, Huckleberry Ln.

Reporting party advising at 1 am "these people" were yelling that they were going to kill her; threatening her all night; says two police officers are flying around in an airplane and not doing anything about it.

### 8:17 pm, SW Swantown Ave.

Reporting party advising someone lit the bus stop on fire.

## MONDAY, APRIL 18

### 11:06 am, Kramer Rd.

Reporting party contacted subject for some work; has not heard from them recently. Wants to know if they are okay; have stopped working.

### 11:14 am, Bercot Rd.

Reporting party advising neighbor behind location has walked on property and placed no trespass sign. Reporting party is in property dispute.

### 4:50 pm, SR 20

Caller advising drug addict is at Liberty Mart in van; says if he stands between her and her dogs, she will "kill the asshole." Upset cop told her to go to Liberty Mart.

### 7:43 pm, Kimberly Way

Reporting party advising something is weird with her mailbox; yesterday found a flower on her mailbox, today was twigs inside and flag was up. She is concerned because she is alone.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 19

### 12:10 am, SR 20

Reporting party advising roommate has been following him around and making death threats; advising they are laying in bed together and she follows him around; reporting party advising has been going on all day.

### 11:15 am, Sunset Dr

From 6 to 10:30 am, reporting party advising vibrations coming from speakers from below; has reported to property management.

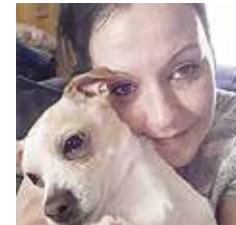
### 12:28 pm, Furman Ave.

Having two trees removed from location, there is a male claiming to be a neighbor that is standing under the tree to stop the tree from being taken down.

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

# Life Tributes

## AUTUMN BOAZ



Autumn Boaz, or Amber, or any other "A" name, was loved by many! Autumn was born Aug. 1, 1981. She suddenly left us April 23, 2022, to join her great-grandmother, Florence Donna Lee Benson, her mother, Sharon Lynn Henwood, as well as her beloved dogs, Izzy and Chewy, to be with our Lord and Savior.

Autumn was a sister to Chance Mize, Joshua Henwood, Benjamin Zawistowski, and Simon Zawistowski. Autumn was an aunt to Madison, daughter of Joshua Henwood. She was a life-long friend of Kevin McGill and Arianna Basoco, sister Meri, Kristen Huff, Kyle Wendling and husband and life-long partner, Michael Camano.

Autumn impacted lives the way nobody else could. If you met her, you loved her! Her energy will be hard to replace and the love she gave will always be remembered.

Autumn Boaz, YOU will be greatly missed by the souls you have touched.

**Life Tributes can now be found online at [www.whidbeyweekly.com](http://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](mailto:info@whidbeyweekly.com) or call 360-682-2341 to share your prayer requests.

O holy St. Jude, great in grace, rich in miracles, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your patronage in time of need, I came to you, seeking your special aid before the throne of Almighty God. You helped me with my present and urgent petition. In gratitude, I promised to make your name known, so that others can invoke your heavenly assistance, to the glory of God and for the good of souls. Thank you, Amen.

Nancy B.

## GRADUATES: FINDING OUR WAY FORWARD!

Graduation is an exciting time of considering your future and the path or paths that might take you there. The Prophet Jeremiah reminds us that at critically important junctures, or "crossroads" in our lives, we need to seek God's wisdom and guidance:

Heavenly Father, may your Spirit of wisdom and guidance be upon all of our graduates as they celebrate these significant milestones of achievement. May they never forget that only you (through your Word) are a light unto our path and for our feet (Psalm 119:105). Order the steps and directions of their lives that they may learn to walk in your ways and experience the joy and blessing that comes from the faithful and favored path of obedience. No matter the field of service, the university for learning, and the track of vocational career, let each one come to understand their unique calling and contribution to this world that you have planted in their lives. You have set us all up to succeed in our giftings. May we learn them and live well in them.

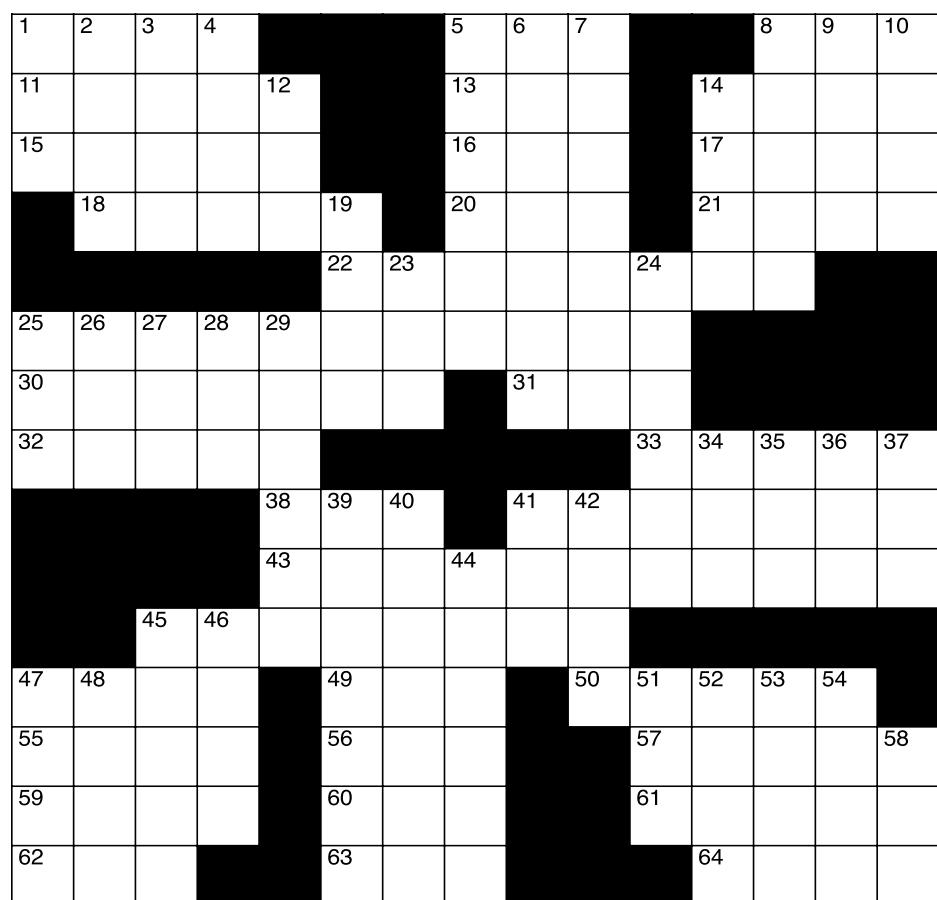
Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, amen!

Pastor David Parker  
First United Methodist Church

*"This is what the Lord says:  
'Stand at the crossroads and  
look; ask for the ancient paths,  
ask where the good way is, and  
walk in it, and you will find rest  
for your souls.' Jeremiah 6:16*



# Crossword Puzzle



## CLUES ACROSS

- Scream loudly
- Antidepressant (abbr.)
- The bill in a restaurant
- Oblong pulpits
- Adult female chicken
- Abnormal breathing
- Financial obligations
- Belonging to a thing
- Winged
- Peoples
- College hoops tournament
- An informal body of friends
- Region of the world
- In an early way
- Connected by kinship
- Type of tree
- Official order
- Foundation for an idea
- Small, faint constellation
- Book lovers
- Vegetable
- Cabbage variety
- A way to heal
- Illuminated
- Dish that features a

- stick
55. Insurance-related costs (abbr.)
56. Solid water
57. Soldier's gear
59. "Uncle Buck" actress Hoffmann
60. Former measure of length
61. Arabic name meaning "spring"
62. Doctors' group
63. Actress Susan
64. Appropriate

## CLUES DOWN

- Cool!
- Hebrew unit of measure
- Swedish rock group
- College army
- Black eye
- One who stopped working
- Teach a value
- Rhythmic patterns
- "MASH" actor Alda
- "Friday Night Lights" director
- Midway between south and southeast
- Indian musical pattern
- Fulfill a desire
- Water soaked soil

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## YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, May 12	Fri, May 13	Sat, May 14	Sun, May 15	Mon, May 16	Tues, May 17	Wed, May 18
North Isle <b>H-52°/L-42°</b> AM Wind PM Showers	North Isle <b>H-55°/L-45°</b> Cloudy	North Isle <b>H-56°/L-48°</b> Rain and Drizzle	North Isle <b>H-59°/L-51°</b> Mostly Cloudy	North Isle <b>H-57°/L-47°</b> Mostly Cloudy	North Isle <b>H-56°/L-47°</b> Cloudy	North Isle <b>H-55°/L-46°</b> Cloudy
South Isle <b>H-51°/L-41°</b> Rain	South Isle <b>H-53°/L-44°</b> Cloudy	South Isle <b>H-56°/L-50°</b> Rain and Drizzle	South Isle <b>H-60°/L-49°</b> Mostly Cloudy	South Isle <b>H-60°/L-48°</b> Cloudy	South Isle <b>H-58°/L-47°</b> Cloudy	South Isle <b>H-57°/L-46°</b> Mostly Cloudy



# OUR Community

## An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

As a volunteer for the Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem program in Island County, what gives you joy?

**Gina Riffel**, Oak Harbor



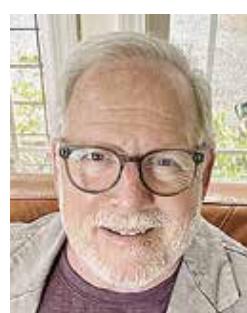
I find joy in a smile from a child who is safe and content. When a child feels secure and loved by a caregiver, the child can design art, skip to the bus, do homework, enjoy a family meal and sleep well. A child can be confident knowing that someone will be there to kiss a bruised knee or fix pancakes for dinner or just curl up on the couch for a favorite movie. Some children do not know this security or confidence, so volunteers like me get involved to advocate for the child in court. It is a privilege and a joy to see that I am making a difference for children and families that need intervention and accountability to flourish.

**Gwendine Norton**, Clinton



I experience joy serving the children of our community. Serving as a VGAL allows us to bring a voice to the court proceedings for what is in the best interest of the child(ren) based on our independent investigations. Joy is felt when you know you have done your best work to serve the children we are assigned to by Island County Superior Court.

**Jeff Buchan**, Langley



As a volunteer guardian ad litem (an advocate for children who have been placed in foster care), I represent the court to make sure that the needs of my assigned child are met. I have found joy in the midst of this responsibility. I identify, make connections and speak with all interested parties in the life of the child. My goal is to best understand the child, their needs and their world so the best decision can be made on their behalf. I've come to know foster parents who have fully embraced a child, bringing them into their homes and hearts. I get to see love and commitment in action so that a child can thrive. I've met with faculty and social workers in two different schools who demonstrated care and competence to address the complex needs of the child. Through various meetings that may involve the court, the Department of Child, Youth and Family Services and social service agencies, I have experienced a caring community working together in support of the child and the parents. Witnessing this brings me joy.

**Ginny Sytsma**, Langley



In the dependency system, seeing a parent and child reunited after months apart is a tremendous source of joy. But the small moments along the way are also what inspire me, as a VGAL. For instance, when the parent's self-esteem gradually becomes more robust and he or she becomes more resilient, or when the parent starts to really stand up for the child by making choices that puts the child's well-being first, or when the parent learns and grows from relationships with a peer mentor or a counselor or members of the court, including the judge, all before our eyes—those things bring me joy. The parents who do the hard work of maturing, growing and learning how to be a nurturing parent show all of us what it takes to love a child and their determinedness is the most amazing thing!

If you have an interest in volunteering for the Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem program in Island County, please call Sarah Berger at 360-679-7325.

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