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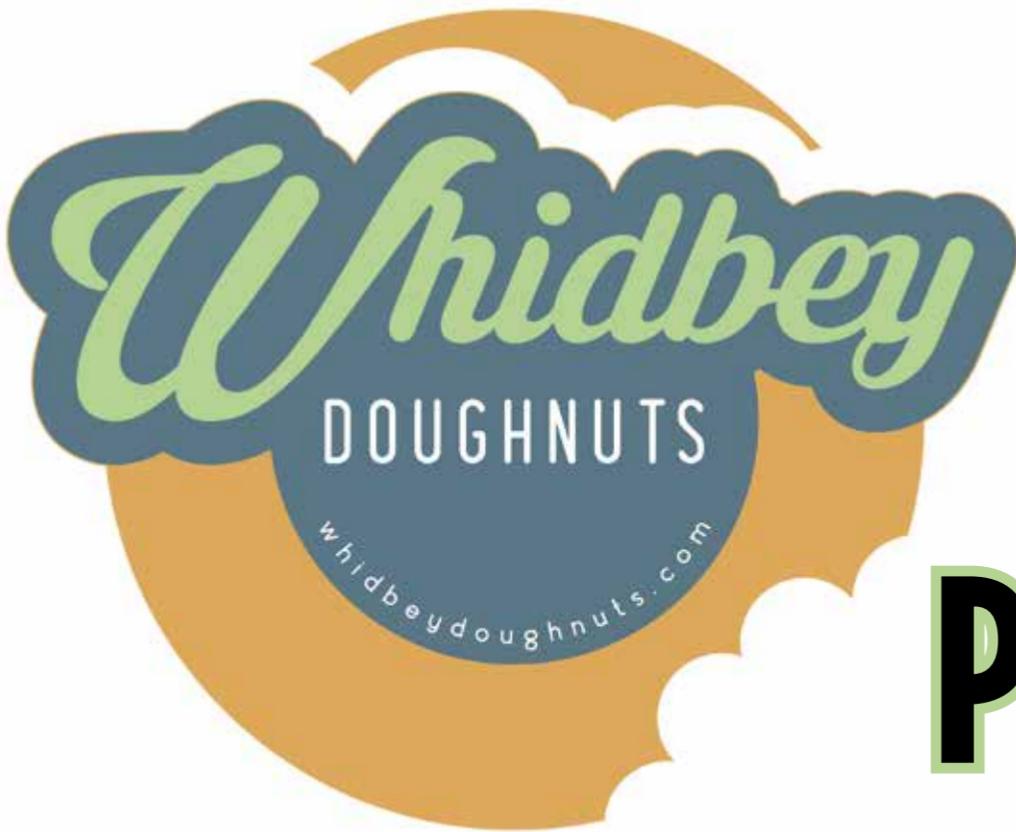
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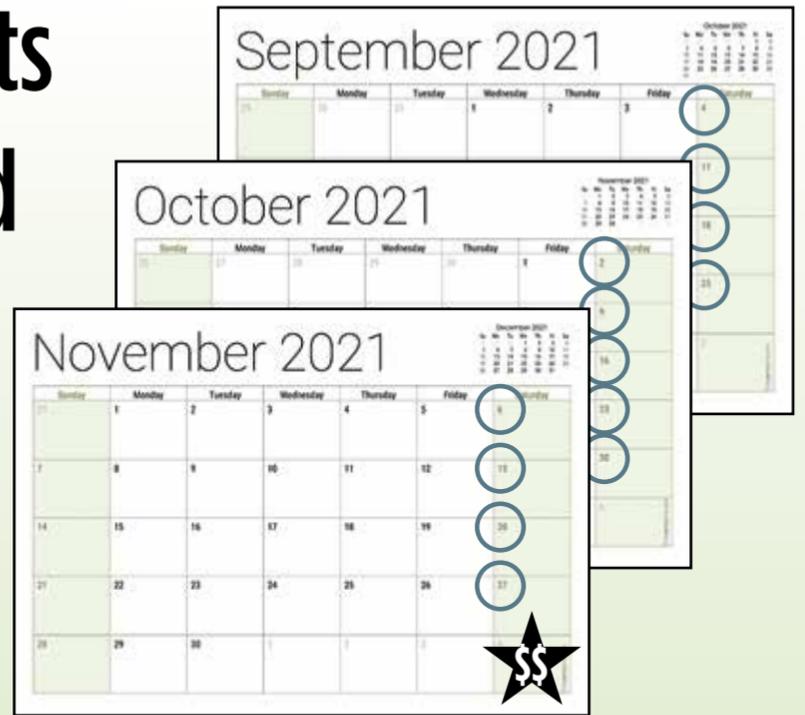
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ON TRACK

With Jim Freeman



For me, it was cool enough recently to start a wood stove. Thank goodness. I can cook again. Bye bye, Marie Callender.

Did you know?

A bear's sense of smell is 2,100 times better than

a human's. Bears use their keen sense of smell to sniff out fruit, insect larvae, and other tasty foods. The raccoons in my yard have a similar skill.

Horses can take naps standing up. When they do lie down to sleep as a herd, at least one will stay standing to serve as a watch guard. Marine recruits do the same thing. It is called "fire watch."

Penguins like to do everything as a group, from eating to hunting to nesting. A large group of penguins is called a rookery. A group of boot camp Marines are called jarheads.

Giant pandas have giant appetites. They spend 10-16 hours a day eating mostly bamboo. Their throat and stomach have a special lining to protect them from splinters. No wonder one never sees bamboo omelets on a menu. There is no bamboo left.

A group of owls is called a parliament. You can find owls on every continent on earth, except Antarctica. Who needs owls? We have county commissioners.

Humpback whales use teamwork to find food. They swim in circles around a school of fish, blowing bubbles to create a "bubble net," trapping the fish inside. What kind of school would permit that?

Sloths may seem lazy, but they are pull-up champs. A newborn baby sloth can pull itself up with just one arm. Our boot camp drill instructors could do the same thing but we never called them sloths to their face.

Sharks don't have bones. Instead, their skeleton is made of cartilage which is much lighter than bone. Why have bones? They have really big teeth.

An octopus has three hearts and nine brains. Its main brain is doughnut shaped, and it has smaller brains in each of its eight arms. I have friends who are doughnut-shaped.

Snakes are solar powered animals. They are ectothermic, which means they need a lot of heat to maintain their body temperature. Many of them live in Arizona.

Every dolphin has a name, which is called its "signature whistle." Dolphin mothers teach babies to recognize their mother's name before they're even born. The same skill is apparent in an Italian grandma I know.

Nicknames

JFK's grandfather, John Fitzgerald, was a well-known political boss in Boston. Grandpa Fitzgerald had the nickname "Honey Fitz" because of his charm and his ability to sing "Sweet Adeline." His other nickname, given for obvious reasons, was "Fitzblarney."

Casey at the mouth

One of the great diversions on the internet is baseball-almanac.com, where you can find the answer to anything baseball except what Mariner announcer Rick Rizz's mother put in little Rick's lunch pail for school on the south side of Chicago.

Baseball-almanac also has an unprecedented collection of quotes by Casey Stengel.

Here are a few of my faves. The other 75 are yours to enjoy on the web site.

"Been in this game 100 years, but I see

new ways to lose 'em I never knew existed before."

"Being with a woman all night never hurt the professional baseball player. It's staying up all night looking for a woman that does him in."

"If anyone wants me, tell them I'm being embalmed."

In case you miss the baseball-almanac info, these great folks remind us that during his first 12 years as the skipper for the New York Yankees, Casey won 10 pennants and seven World Series championships.

Wyoming prison

As you can imagine, the Wyoming Frontier Prison in Rawlins, Wyo., has an amazing and unsettling history. For me, the web site is preferable to the tour. Do I really want to stand inside a tiny cell? Do I really want to sit in the gas chamber? Do I really want to see the inmate artwork?

Over 13,000 inmates lived and worked in brutal conditions over the 80 year operation of Wyoming's first state pen.

Opening in December, 1901 with 104 cells without electricity or water and inadequate heating, it must have been a swell Christmas.

In 1909, Annie Bruce, the last female inmate to be incarcerated at the facility, was transferred to Canyon City, Colo. Bruce got popped for killing dad with a poisoned plum pie.

I wonder if you can get Annie's recipe in the Old Pen gift shop.

Quotes

Every generation revolts against its fathers and makes friends with its grandfathers.
~Lewis Mumford, historian

No. I'll never retire. I can always do something. If I can move one eye, I can wink.
~Jon Voight, actor, 82.

Whole ball

The other day, a friend used the expression whole ball of wax. Curious, I looked it up in my idiom book.

"Everything, all the elements, the entire affair. Ball of wax may refer to a 17th-century English legal practice whereby land was divided among heirs by covering scraps of paper representing portions of land with wax, rolling each into a ball, and drawing the balls from a hat." The Brits say the idiom is American slang having nothing to do with them. What do the Brits know? They invented sarcasm.

Reader humor

A married couple was in a terrible accident where the man's face was severely burned.

The doctor told the husband they couldn't graft any skin from his body because he was too skinny.

So the wife offered to donate some of her own skin. However, the only skin on her body the doctor felt was suitable would have to come from her buttocks.

The husband and wife agreed they would tell no one about where the skin came from, and they requested the doctor also honor their secret.

After all, this was a very delicate matter. After the surgery was completed, everyone was astounded at the man's new face.

He looked more handsome than he ever had before! All his friends and relatives just went on and on about his youthful beauty!

One day, he was alone with his wife, and he was overcome with emotion at her sacrifice.

He said, 'Dear, I just want to thank you for everything you did for me. How can I possibly repay you?'

'My darling,' she replied, 'I get all the thanks I need every time I see your mother kiss you on the cheek!'

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Bits & Pieces

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

Regarding recent questions for the SW School District:

Questions about physical threats by two students and the decisions made by the Superintendent and School Board also require questions to those parents posing the original questions. Do you know the students involved in the incidents? Do you know the history of those students within the school district? Do you know what the family circumstances are surrounding those students? Are you professionally trained, as the superintendent is, in crisis management and evaluating the credibility of threat situations? The quote from RCW.28A.320.128 left out crucial wording: "...A person who intentionally and in bad faith or maliciously, knowingly makes a false notification of a threat..." Could it be that one case was intentional and malicious while the other case was not? And the misdemeanor charges referred to apply to adult offenders only.

More questions regarding the dildo statement: Did the concerned parent immediately contact the superintendent? Were there meetings between the parent, superintendent, and the teacher who "allegedly" posed the question? Was the teacher reprimanded or dismissed? Why haven't I been able to find anything in the SW Record about the incident? I do know that Wa4Change has similar splashy quotes on their website to rile up people to oppose the current state standards for sex education.

The Hooks Global Consulting group specializes in anti-bias training for public institutions. This training has been around for years. They train personnel to look at bias in policies/procedures to teamwork to working with the public. The training doesn't "teach" students; it equips administrators and teachers in how to deal with situations involving bias, including systemic bias. As a retired manager at Verizon, I've found this type of training to be extremely valuable for teamwork, strategic planning, and working through organizational change.

Dr. Moccia is preparing personnel for moving forward in the 21st century. I believe she overwhelmingly deserves the recent raise approved by the school board.

Private schools are not exploding. Remodeling of existing space is occurring at one school for added enrollment but basically these schools have limited capacity for continuing expansion. Last year's enrollment for private schools was six percent. From Coupeville south, the median age of residents is 62.3 years. The south end is a retirement community.

Percentages quoted for the Report Card did not give a complete picture. For the 2018-19 school year, the SWSD Math stats are 46 percent...three points lower than the statewide percentage. Science at 58 percent is 11 points higher than the statewide percentage and English Language Arts at 63 percent is three points higher than the statewide percentage. The SWSD graduates 94 percent of its students compared to 83 percent statewide. When you look at "all" the stats, South Whidbey is doing very well! The school board and superintendent are not out of touch; if anything they are very much ahead in preparing students for the 21st century.

Charlene Davenport
A SWSD Grandma and Great-grandma
Clinton, Wash.

Security Training Exercise Scheduled at NAS Whidbey Island

Naval Air Station Whidbey Island has security training drills scheduled at Ault Field and Seaplane Base now thru Friday, as a part of a Command Assessment of Readiness and Training Inspection.

People may see increased first responder activities and hear Giant Voice announcements across the installation. Personnel should also expect delays at installation traffic gates.

The Navy conducts these types of security exercises at installations across the world to ensure readiness and verify response procedures.

If you have questions or concerns, please call the Public Affairs Office at NAS Whidbey Island, 360-257-2286.

[Submitted by Thomas Mills, NAS Whidbey Island]

Statement Regarding Recreational Shellfish Harvesting Biotoxin and Closure Alert

The following areas have been closed for recreational harvest of all shellfish due to dangerous biotoxin levels:

Penn Cove
Saratoga Passage
Holmes Harbor

You can find the recreational shellfish beach closures due to biotoxins and pollution for Island County beaches at <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/biotoxin/countybeachlist.html#island>.

Please dispose of any shellfish that have been harvested from the areas listed after Monday, Aug. 16.

Always check the Washington State Department of Health's Shellfish Safety Map immediately before and after you harvest shellfish. The information found there supersedes any information in this release. For more information about recreational shellfish harvesting, including crabbing, please visit the recreational shellfish website at www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Shellfish/RecreationalShellfish.

For the most updated information about recreational shellfish harvest beach statuses, please see the following website: www.fortress.wa.gov/doh/biotoxin/biotoxin.html.

[Submitted by Island County Public Health]

Visit The Langley Friday Street Market

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

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

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

[Submitted by Emily Switzer, Langley Chamber of Commerce]

Raptors Of Washington Online Class Series

What is more alluring than an eagle or osprey, especially in the act of catching prey or soaring in the sky? Thomas Bancroft will present five 90-minute online sessions, September to October, about Raptors of Washington hosted by the Whidbey Audubon Society. Classes are 7:00PM each Tuesday from Sept. 7 to Oct. 5. The cost is \$100 for the entire series. Register before noon, Sept. 7 at www.whidbeyaudubonsociety.org. Expect a Zoom link Tuesday afternoon. Sessions will be recorded and available to registered students for approximately six months.

There are 19 species of raptors regularly occurring in Washington state. Learn the interesting and unique behaviors about the eagles,

ospreys, hawks, harriers, falcons, vultures, and kites that live here. Bancroft has been interested in birds since childhood. He has a Ph.D. in Ornithology. His professional career has focused on protecting birds, restoration of habitat and populations and the integration of science into policy.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, Whidbey Audubon Publicity Chair]

Island County Expands Masking and Vaccine Requirements

In his Aug. 18 press conference, Governor Inslee announced a vaccination requirement for employees working in K-12, most child-care and early learning, and higher education, as well as an expansion of the statewide mask mandate to all individuals, regardless of vaccination status. State employees and private healthcare workers are already under this vaccination requirement.

The vaccination requirement for all education staff will be a condition of their employment. A no-test-out option will not be accepted. Only exceptions will be made for religious beliefs or medical reasons. This requirement is due to the rapidly increasing numbers of positive COVID and Delta cases, including those hospitalized with the virus.

Included in the press conference, the governor also has expanded the mask mandate to include vaccinated individuals in indoor settings and will apply to most public places across the state effective Monday, Aug. 23. This includes restaurants, grocery stores, malls, and public-facing offices.

Exceptions will be in office spaces not easily accessible to the public where individuals are vaccinated, and when working alone indoors or in a vehicle with no public face-to-face interaction. Small, private indoor gatherings where all attendees are vaccinated are also exempt.

The Department of Health strongly recommends individuals also wear masks in crowded outdoor settings, such as outdoor concerts, fairs and farmers markets but is not required.

You can find more detailed information regarding these changes at www.island-countywa.gov/Health/Pages/COVID-19.aspx.

If you need help finding a place to get your COVID-19 vaccine, the state's Vaccine Locator website is a great resource. Those who need further help can call the COVID-19 Information Hotline at 1-800-525-0127, then press #. Language assistance is available.

[Submitted by Island County Public Health]

Island Transit Welcomes New Maintenance & Facilities Manager

Island Transit announced last week that as it continues to build on green transportation, Tom Aichele has joined the executive leadership team as the Maintenance & Facilities Manager. This role is pivotal as the agency adapts to a post pandemic transportation future.

Aichele, a Whidbey Island resident and Air Force veteran, brings years of experience in facilities and maintenance. His expertise is a perfect match for the agency's move toward maximizing Island Transit's role in Island County. Aichele will be integral to the agency strengthening its use of sustainable, renewable resources, including the installation of solar panels at the transit operating bases and moving to zero emission fuel. Additionally, he will play a crucial role in determining the agency's workforce needs and the planning and construction of a new green transit center on the south end of Whidbey Island.

The agency seeks to reduce dependency on fossil fuels, reduce climate emissions and air pollution, increase mobility options with alternate fuel sources, create workforce diversity, and continue to support essential workers.

Island Transit is committed to providing safe, accessible, convenient, and friendly public transportation services that enhance our island quality of life.

Learn more about Island Transit's commitment to passenger health and safety during the pandemic at www.islandtransit.org/commitments.

[Submitted by Selene Muldowney-Stratton, Island Transit]

Navy Wraps Up Fourth Sound Monitoring Period

The Navy completed its fourth week of real-time sound monitoring at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island as directed by the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20).

Flight activity was monitored at 11 sites in proximity to Ault Field and Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Coupeville for seven consecutive days from Sunday, Aug. 8 through Saturday, Aug. 14. Data also continues to be collected in the Olympic National Park at a twelfth site.

The week of monitoring included a typical range of high, moderate, and low-levels of flight activity.

The information will be available to the public once the yearlong monitoring effort is complete and the Navy has submitted the final report to congress.

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

Larsen Announces 2021 Congressional App Challenge Annual Challenge Open To All Middle and High School Students Who Live or Attend School in Second District

Last week, Rep. Rick Larsen (WA-02) announced the launch of the 2021 Congressional App Challenge (CAC). The annual competition, which runs through Monday, Nov. 1, is open to high school and middle school students who live in or attend school in Washington's Second Congressional District.

The Congressional App Challenge is an opportunity for students to create programs or apps for any platform, including desktop/PC, web and mobile, to collaborate, invent and learn coding and computer science skills. Students may compete as individuals or in teams of up to four. Students can only enter the competition once.

"Washington state continues to be a leader in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) with more than 290,000 students enrolled in career and technical education," said Larsen, whose office has participated in the CAC every year since its founding in 2013. "I have seen the creativity of students in classrooms across Northwest Washington firsthand and look forward to seeing that creativity shine through in this year's submissions."

Students can sign up to participate and read the full competition rules at www.congressionalappchallenge.us/students/. Students have until 9:00AM PST Monday, Nov. 1, to register and enter, but CAC organizers recommend students register early to receive extra support and tips. Larsen will announce a district winner in December and invite the winner to the #HouseofCode Capitol Hill Reception in Washington D.C. at a future date. Winning apps will be electronically displayed in the U.S. Capitol and on the house.gov website.

More than 6,500 students from across the country registered for the 2020 Congressional App Challenge. Last year, Ethan Soh, a student at Kamiak High School in Mukilteo, won the district's Congressional App Challenge with his app, "TransSnip." TransSnip is a user-friendly way to read foreign languages from applications or documents and translate those words into a readable format.

For more information about the CAC, visit www.congressionalappchallenge.us/. Additional questions can be directed to Kevin Phan in Larsen's office at Kevin.Phan@mail.house.gov or 425-252-3188.

[Submitted by Joseph Tutino, Rep. Rick Larsen's office]





SATURDAY, JULY 10

1:49 am, Mills Dr.

Reporting party advising landlord has turned water off to location; states landlord has been trying to evict subject, ongoing issue; landlord lives next door.

5:42 pm, Saratoga Rd.

Advising received satanic message on answering machine. Backwards speak mentioning the devil; male voice; states was very scary.

7:21 pm, Harding Ave.

Reporting party advising roommate let a really nasty tweaker guy in his backyard; subject no longer there; advising he is worried all of his things are compromised.

8:20 pm, NE Lindsay St.

Reporting party advising neighbor is asking for reporting party to call; got home and put her groceries away; then was locked out; thinks someone is inside.

SUNDAY, JULY 11

11:17 am, Briarwood Dr.

Neighbor keeps coming onto reporting party's property to try and put up a fence post; neighbor just drove off.

6:59 pm, Crosby Rd.

Reporting party advising male put motorcycle into bushes at location.

11:45 pm, SR 20

Reporting party advising an officer was doing a U-turn north of Dugualla Bay; reporting party almost hit them; wants to make sure they are okay.

MONDAY, JULY 12

9:33 am, Forest Glen Rd.

Requesting call regarding roosters in neighborhood; ongoing issue; also states now surrounding neighbors start yelling obscenities at/about roosters in early morning hours.

1:52 pm, Mariner Beach Dr.

Requesting call; 30 minutes ago FedEx driver at location jumped out of and in front of FedEx truck, knocking a package over; put small dent in reporting party's truck. FedEx driver also fell over, not injured.

6:13 pm, E Fakkema Rd.

Advising neighbor cut down reporting party's tree without permission.

7:27 pm, Goss Lake Rd.

Caller states 60 volunteers from Island County jail have been at location since February of 2020. States also messing with her TV and not able to wash clothes. Reporting party states not needing call back.

7:59 pm, Bayview Rd.

Advising vehicle pulled up and yelled at reporting party 30 minutes ago; got in reporting party's face, threatened reporting party. Told reporting party he was causing problems and messing with someone over the internet. Had originally been refusing to leave the property.

8:08 pm, SR 525

Vehicle in parking lot of Sebos with sister's phone number written on for sale sign.

TUESDAY, JULY 13

12:38 am, S Main St.

Just occurred; reporting party advising male subject was banging on front door; when reporting party asked what he wanted, he said never mind and walked away. No weapons were seen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

7:46 am, Vanbarr Pl.

Advising male subject sitting in grass is bathing and tearing up paper towel. Concerned someone may hit him.

12:46 pm, W Welcher Rd.

Reporting party advising subject who lives at location won't stop texting him and is "stalking him" after he installed a new deadbolt for her because she didn't feel safe at her house.

2:20 pm, Alto Ln.

Caller says neighbors are harassing him by videotaping him because he parked his trailer in front of his address. Worried about retaliation.

5:43 pm, SR 20

Advising black Audi at pull out, appears abandoned. Tires off it, glass broken out, and appears to have bullet holes in it.

8:42 pm, Haines Rd.

Caller states neighbor is "sending noise into my house." Doesn't know what kind of noise, is shaking caller's house.

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Volunteers bring Whidbey history to life



Rich Yukubousky Photo Courtesy of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve
Docents at the Jacob and Sarah Ebey House, part of the Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve, sometimes dress in period clothing to welcome visitors to the historic landmark, which is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Labor Day. Pictured from left are Sandra Moore, Carol Volkman and Theron Volkman.

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

There is still time to pack a little history into one's visit to Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve and, more specifically, to the historic home of Jacob and Sarah Ebey, where volunteer docents are standing by to share details of what life was like for Whidbey Island's early settlers. The Ebey House remains open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday through Sept. 5.

Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve is the first-of-its-kind reserve in the country. The Reserve contains more than 17,500 acres – more than 85 percent of which is privately owned – and is managed by a trust board representing Island County, the town of Coupeville, the National Park Service and Washington State Parks. The Ebey House (and Blockhouse) serves as a visitor information center.

It has been a busy summer so far, with more than 3,000 people already visiting the historic structure and the equally historic Reserve, learning various historical tidbits of information from the dedicated volunteer docents who keep history alive more than a century-and-a-half later.

"My favorite part of working at the Ebey House is rubbing shoulders with volunteers who are truly passionate about the Reserve's story and continue to make personal investments in learning, all while providing the opportunity for visitors to make intellectual and emotional connections with the resource," said Jordan Belcher, education outreach coordinator with Ebey's Reserve.

It might be surprising how many people have trudged past this piece of history as they walk the Reserve's trails, unaware of the role it or its former inhabitants played in Whidbey's past. But it was her walks on the Bluff Trail which sparked an interest for volunteer docent Carol Volkman.

"I love history and found the house on one of my early hikes after we bought our home in the reserve," she said. "I walked around it and peeked in the windows several times as it wasn't open when I was hiking. I saw an ad in the local newspaper asking for docent volunteers and jumped at the chance."

"I volunteered to become a docent at the Jacob and Sarah Ebey House as soon as it was opened to the public," described volunteer Joann Roomes. "My husband had worked with the National Park Service Field School on making restorations to the house to make it accessible as a Visitor Center of the National Parks, so I shared an early interest in it as a resident of Coupeville and as a student of history."

Patrick Hussey is a docent at Ebey House and also at Admiralty Head Lighthouse at Fort Casey State Park. He said a family connection helped foster his interest.

"I became a docent at the Ebey House because I am fascinated by the history of central Whidbey Island, starting with the Vashon Gla-

cier, the Lower Skagit Coastal Salish and then of course, the original pioneers, of which Isaac Ebey was one of the first," he explained. "I am a fifth generation Washingtonian; one of the third great-grandsons of Michael Troutman Simmons and his wife Elizabeth Kindred, who established in 1845 the first pioneer settlement north of the Columbia River before Washington statehood. That settlement became Tumwater, Wash. He was considered one of the elder settlers and knew and communicated with Isaac Ebey after he came to the territory in 1849."

A love of history and sharing the stories of the past prompted Sandy Moore to really get into character for her docent duties.

"My favorite part of being a docent is when visitors' eyes brighten and they smilingly say how much they enjoyed/learned from stopping by," she said. "That's part of the reason I researched and sewed an 1850s pioneer dress and wear reproduction leather boots that people wore to walk the Oregon Trail. I wanted to know what it felt like to be Sarah and Rebecca [Ebey]. It makes people smile and often want to spend a little more time at the house than they might have."

Volunteer docents undergo a short training and are generally left in the capable hands of more experienced volunteers until they are comfortable. These history buffs will then tailor their short presentations to the public by gauging the interest of visitors.

"Most visitors stop by for only a few minutes," said Moore. "If they ask a specific question, I answer it. That usually takes me to one of two topics: the family or the landscape. About the family, I say the home was built in 1855 and four generations of Ebey's lived or spent time in the house. Whatever else I say about the family depends on what and how much history they indicate an interest in."

"About the landscape, I tell them our amazing prairie was formed by the retreating glaciers 10,000 years ago," she continued. "All that grinding, freezing and melting left 12-18 inches of the shiny, soft, perfect soil farmers crave. And if I can keep their attention for a few more minutes, I try to explain the modern day uniqueness of our country's only National Historical Reserve. I take a pick-your-own-adventure-with-the-house conversational approach."

"I generally start by welcoming [visitors] to the 'home of Jacob and Sarah Ebey,'" Volkman described. "I watch to see if they are interested in the house or just looking for hiking trail material. I often ask if they have traveled a long way to get to the house so I get a sense of what interests they might have."

"I most usually follow that with a brief description of when the house was built, the family members and share the connection of the family with the Oregon Trail (in brief) and the framework of the westward expansion of the country and donation land claims," she continued. "Then I let them lead the way. Sometimes it's the map

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Council continues consideration of "Angel" statue

By Kacie Jo Voeller Whidbey Weekly

After months of extensive discussion, the "Angel de la Creatividad" statue by world-recognized artist Sebastian may be finding a new home on Whidbey Island. At the Aug. 4 Oak Harbor City Council meeting, council members continued discussion around the 37-foot statue.

The council delayed acting on the item based on concerns surrounding the nature of the discussion, as it was listed as "informational" as opposed to an action item on the meeting's agenda. The council also stated the gifting agreement needs to be signed by the executor of George Drake's estate before the council would consider supporting a motion recommending the mayor sign the agreement. Therese Kingsbury, president of Sculpture Northwest (SNW), a nonprofit organization which will act as the project manager for the endeavor, said Al Zimmerman expressed intent to sign the gift agreement but has not yet been able to do so as he is out of the country.

"Al Zimmerman sent an email saying he was planning on signing the document the way it was written," Kingsbury said.

Members did agree to make a motion to put further discussion of the statue on the Sept. 7 meeting agenda as an action item, given the necessary document was signed by the executor. The statue has been under consideration by Oak Harbor since late in 2020, according to SNW. While initially offered to Bellingham by the estate of George Drake and its executor, a location in Oak Harbor eventually became an option. Kingsbury said she hopes recent discussion by city council will lead to the eventual installation of the artwork.

"I think by having the delays and having some of the controversy that it (the project) will end up being the best that it can be," Kingsbury said.

The Aug. 4 meeting also saw a number of city councilors expressing support for moving forward with the project. Millie Goebel, a member of the council, said she was hopeful

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Whidbey Weekly File Photo

The estate of George Drake hopes to gift a statue by world-recognized artist Sebastian to the City of Oak Harbor, but the "Angel de la Creatividad" and its placement have stirred much conversation and consternation. A final decision to accept the gift could come at the Sept. 7 city council meeting. The photo above is an artist's rendering of what the "Angel" might look like when placed, although the statue is not likely to remain red.



What's Going On

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

Rock-A-Thon Fundraising for Alzheimer's

Friday, August 27, 9:00AM-4:30PM
Regency on Whidbey, Oak Harbor

Due to COVID-19, the Rock-a-Thon will be held outside in the front driveway of the Assisted Living building. Each participant is required to wear a mask and maintain social distancing. All chairs will be wiped and sanitized in between. To schedule your time to Rock with Regency call 360-279-0933. All proceeds will benefit the Walk to End Alzheimer's Association. Regency on Whidbey is located at 1040 SW Kimball Dr.

Drive-thru Donation Drive

Saturday, August 28, 10:00AM-3:00PM
Seaside and Sylvan, Freeland

I Support the Girls - Whidbey Island collects and distributes essential items, including bras, underwear, and menstrual hygiene products, allowing women and those experiencing homelessness, impoverishment, or distress to stand tall with dignity. Donations needed are pads of all sizes, tampons, panties, and socks. Seaside and Sylvan is located at 1794 Main St.

Live Music: Fell from the Sky

Saturday, August 28, 6:00-9:00PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland

Fell from the Sky is a trio of longtime islanders Jack Knauer (singer/songwriter and guitar), Linda Lee (electric bass) and Kevin Lee (guitar, blues harp, keyboard and lap steel). Their sound is a mix of Blues rooted in Rock, Folk from original songs written by Jack Knauer, and some cover tunes. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

American Roots Music Series

Saturday, August 28, 7:00-8:00PM
Deception Pass State Park, North Beach Amphitheater

Originally from Montana, Coty Hogue is a singer and multi-instrumentalist rooted in the acoustic Appalachian folk tradition. Alice Gerrard (of Hazel and Alice) has called her "an impressive young talent." Performing with her trio featuring Kat Bula and Aaron Guest, Coty focuses on tight three-part harmony with banjo, guitar and fiddle. The concert is free but a Discover Pass or Day Pass is required for parking. Bench seating is available, but feel free to bring your own folding chair. Blankets and bug spray are highly recommended. For more information, visit: http://parks.state.wa.us/folkarts, or contact Makaela Kroin,

program coordinator, at Makaela.Kroin@parks.wa.gov or 360-902-8635.

Bloodworks Northwest Blood Drive

Wednesday, September 1, 10:00AM-5:00PM
Thursday, September 2, 9:00AM-4:00PM
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley

Local blood supply is currently at emergency levels (less than a one-day supply). Donate by signing up at for upcoming pop-up donor centers by visiting bloodworksnw.org or calling 800-398-7888. WICA is located at 565 Camano Ave.

Live Music: Kelly Shirey

Friday, September 3, 6:00-9:00PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Oak Harbor

Kelly Shirey is a folk-rock singer/songwriter who performs in the Pacific Northwest as both a solo artist and leader of the band, Kelly Shirey & Co. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-2247 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Street Dance: Eric Vanderbilt-Matthews Quartet (EVM Quartet)

Wednesday, September 8, 6:00-8:00PM
Bayview Cash Store, 5603 Bayview Rd, Langley

Eric Vanderbilt-Matthews Quartet (EVM Quartet) is well-known in the PNW swing dance scene for its solidity of groove and fiery soloists. Multi-instrumentalist Eric Vanderbilt-Matthews is a graduate of both SWHS and UW jazz studies program. Rain or shine! Free admission and family friendly. Beverages are available for purchase. Keep an eye on https://goosefoot.org/news-events/ for up-to-date information about COVID-19 safety regulations in place at the time.

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Sponsors, exhibitors, instructors sought for Harvest Festival

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

We are still deep into summer, but already plans are being made for the second annual Whidbey Island Harvest Festival, to be held Oct. 1-3 at the Island County Fairgrounds and Events Center in Langley.

The event, which began in 2019, but was cancelled in 2020 because of the pandemic, is a collaborative effort of the Langley Chamber of Commerce, the Port of South Whidbey and Langley Creates. Organizers are looking for sponsors, vendors and instructors and urge those interested to apply by the end of August.

"Anyone wanting to sell, show, teach or just provide information on their product or brand is welcome to take space," said Inge Morascini, executive director of the Langley Chamber. "We are once again teaming up with Whidbey Island Grown.



Photo Courtesy of Langley Chamber of Commerce
The Whidbey Island Harvest Festival scheduled for Oct. 1-3 at the Island County Fairgrounds and Event Center in Langley is a perfect showcase for locally produced food and beverages.

We are seeking food purveyors especially, as the food is a focal point of the festival. Local restaurants, caterers and food trucks are welcome. Artists and artisans are all welcome and we have a lot of space to fill."

Morascini said sponsorships are also available to support all or parts of the event.

"We have taken a tiered approach to sponsorship, with the ability to sponsor the Pumpkin Patch children's area, the Harvest Dance or the Music stage at \$500, or the whole festival at \$1,000," she explained.

Festivities will begin this year with a Harvest Dance Friday evening, Oct. 1 in the pole barn. Local wines and light snacks will be served. Tickets will be sold for the dance only, at \$20 per person. The rest of the Harvest Festival is free and open to the public. Hours Saturday and Sunday will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The pole barn will feature local foods and beverages, the midway will be filled with local products and service providers and the Burrier building will host local arts and crafts.

"Returning to Whidbey Island's roots is the major emphasis of the festival," described Morascini. "The reason the festival was started was to celebrate the agricultural and artistic roots of Whidbey Island and to support local farmers, growers, restaurants, wine and spirits makers, crafters and artists. There is so much talent on Whidbey Island and we wanted people to see it all in one space. The intent is to herald all of the Island's creatives – farmers, growers, restaurants, makers, artisans and artists."

Even with one year under organizers' belts, in many ways this festival is starting all over again, due to the gap year.

"It seems, now that things are opening up, people are hungry to get out and enjoy their surroundings again," said Morascini.



Photo Courtesy of Langley Chamber of Commerce
After the success of the first Whidbey Island Harvest Festival in 2019, this year's festival the first weekend in October will feature an expanded area for kids, plus all kids will get a free pumpkin.

cini. "We are starting back at zero, essentially. But, the idea of celebrating the roots of our community resonates with so many of us; the Harvest Festival is a natural fit and people are supportive of products made by their friends and neighbors."

The first festival was a great success and Morascini said organizers are hoping to have a repeat of that this year.

"The first year (2019) was a tremendous success, with several thousand people attending the event," she said. "There were so many children at the event in 2019 that we have expanded activities for kids with a large, tented children's area at the end of the midway. Free pumpkins will be available for every child."

Those interested in signing up to participate in the event should go to visitlangley.com/harvest. Those interested in sponsoring the event can go to visitlangley.com/harvestsponsor. Any questions may be directed to Emily at hellolangley@whidbey.com or by calling 360-221-6765.

"The community at large is supportive of its neighbors and we hope people come out to enjoy this festival to celebrate our way of life," Morascini said. "We are all interconnected in our island community and have a lot to be thankful for. The harvest is always a time to enjoy the products of the land and the people that live here."

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about the statue becoming a fixture in its proposed future location, Windjammer Park.

"I am really excited," she said. "Seeing those pictures of its future home gets me really excited about the potential and, fingers crossed, those welds come back and look great, so I am just extremely grateful for all the hard work. I know this has been kind of a long road and it has been a little bit challenging at times."

The sculpture has been a subject of often heated debate in the community, with social media platforms and a Zencity survey showing a number of negative responses and comments.

The city put together a survey to further gauge public opinion, but later discussed the shortcomings of the information provided when presented at the June 30 council workshop. Of 760 respondents, 199 supported accepting the statue, 537 did not, and 24

had no opinion. Gideon Cauffman, archaeologist and administrator assigned to the Oak Harbor Arts Commission and liaison for the project, said the survey was put together on an expedited timeline and only ran from June 2-16. Representatives at SNW also expressed the survey did not include enough background about the artwork and said they were not consulted prior to the survey's release.

"We need to broaden our timelines," Cauffman said. "When things are rushed through, it could cause issues."

Many residents who expressed concern over the project stated hopes for the return of a windmill installation in Oak Harbor. The intent of the project was clarified in additional information provided by SNW, prepared by Richard Nash, an artist and member of the organization.

"The AOC ('Angel of Creativity') project is

not, nor ever was intended, to be in competition with any other upcoming projects in Oak Harbor," the release stated. "In fact, Kingsbury and Nash support a 'windmill project' and have offered to help when the time comes."

In regard to the next steps if the statue is formally accepted, Kingsbury said SNW has worked to have contractors ready to go. Pending the statue's approval, geotechnical work, final engineering specs and site preparations would still need to be completed.

"We are ready," she said. "Everybody is in line to start doing their jobs as far as geotech, ordering the pin-piles, getting her (the statue) sandblasted and having her welds checked and corrected and then having her powder coated and painted."

Kingsbury said she hopes the piece will be installed and will generate conversation and draw visitors to the island in the future.

"When it boils down, the story can be negative or positive, but I think it is going to be a really positive story about all the hard work and the angst that came along the way will just fall away," she said. "And we are going to have something that is world-class and going to bring people to Oak Harbor and I think that is something this community has needed for decades."

The council will continue discussion of the project at the Sept. 7 meeting at 6 p.m. The meeting can be viewed on youtube.com/cityofoakharbor. For more information, visit sculpturenorthwest.org. City council meeting minutes and supporting documents for the 'Angel de la Creatividad' statue project can be located at oakharbor.org/meetings. Whidbey Weekly reached out to several Oak Harbor City Council members, but they failed to respond.



Photo Courtesy of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve
Volunteer docent Joann Roomes, right, shares information about the Jacob and Sarah Ebey House with visitors to Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve.

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on the wall and the Reserve history itself and other times its more specific to the house. If I'm in historical clothing, I really don't have to lead very much. The questions just come."

Those who volunteer say the experience has given them a new appreciation of Whidbey's history.

"Along with other nearby places of interest, the Jacob and Sarah Ebey House is a valuable addition to the interpretation of history of the area – both in early settlement by those of European ancestry as well as the ongoing presence of Native Americans and their contributions to our shared legacy," Roomes said. "It is the shared legacy of living in this beautiful place as well as the phenomenal cooperation of the four agencies who oversee the administration of the Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve that most intrigue and motivate me to share history through volunteering to be a docent."

"With pairs of docents working at the house, we all learn from each other, as some have developed expertise in specific areas or are able to share their personal family's history in the Reserve," Belcher said. "At every shift, you share what knowledge you have and gain the knowledge of others."

"Lately I've been very interested in learning more about Annie and Eason Ebey with their connections to the Sarah and Jacob Ebey House, the Ferry House, Bellingham, and Lynden, which was founded by Annie's parents, Phoebe and Holden Judson," said Moore. "The information is scarce, but as I

begin to see connections between the early settlers in this region, their lives become more real to me."

It is easy for anyone interested to get involved and volunteers who love history or who are interested in learning more about it, are always needed.

"Being a volunteer and interacting with people who are out for an enjoyable walk and visit is very satisfying; it is easy to get involved," Hussey said.

"I would tell prospective docents that there is no one way to welcome visitors to the house," Moore encouraged. "There is no mold to fit into. You bring what you love about the house/prairie/Reserve into the conversations that develop. Of course, a little studying of the history, architecture, landscape, etc. is also a big help!"

"If you have a love for learning about your local history and are interested in becoming a part of the experienced network of volunteers, email me at Jordan_woody@partner.nps.gov or call the Trust Board office at 360-678-6084 to get started," said Belcher.

Belcher said to get to Ebey House, one can either park at 162 Cemetery Road and start down the Pratt Loop trail or take a small jaunt off of the Bluff Trail at Ebey's Landing and follow the historic fence line to the house. Learn more about Ebey's National Historical Reserve, the Jacob and Sarah Ebey House and more at ebeysreserve.com.



Family Guide

By Amy Hannold

Fall in Love with Autumn: September, and the changing season that blooms within it, brings opportunities to take part in fun that is only available this time of year. Collect and craft with falling leaves, get lost in a corn maze, plan a nature-themed scavenger hunt to find all sorts of trees, leaves and colors out there. Feast on apples, corn, and pears, taking in what the summer's heat has grown for us to taste.

As new and annual routines come into place, schedule in some time to do the things that inspire you. Focus on what you have to look forward to: sweaters, pumpkin everything, steaming pots of warming soups, and more. Intentionally make this month of transition a time to mindfully enjoy each day, rather than seeing it merely as a "month before the holidays." The first day of fall is officially Sept. 22. Forgive the cliché, but I challenge you to turn over a new "leaf," whether it be a resumed hobby, healthier perspective, or start again with something you left behind during the summer. A free, printable calendar of ideas: [Encouragingmomsathome.com/30-fall-activities-kids-families](https://encouragingmomsathome.com/30-fall-activities-kids-families).

"Squatch" Book Reading and Park Fun: Deception Pass State Park and Washington State Parks will be hosting a book reading event Saturday, Sept. 4 at the Deception Pass amphitheater. The park's own Jason Armstrong will be reading the children's picture book he wrote, "Squatch, Guardian of Deception Pass." Crafts, games, a raffle, and s'mores for families will also be featured. The event is free, a Discover Pass is required for park access. More information visit [Deceptionpassfoundation.org](https://deceptionpassfoundation.org).

Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival: Head to Mukilteo Sept. 10-12 for this fun festival featuring food, entertainment, artists booths, children's activities, a parade and more. For more info, visit MukFest.com.

Prepare to Celebrate Grandparents Day: Grandparents Day is Sunday, Sept. 12. Devote some time now to create (and mail, if necessary), those beloved homemade gifts and cards. Spread more joy by adopting the seniors in your neighborhood who would love greeting cards, treats or a bouquet of flowers at their doorstep. Find free printables and cute ideas to inspire you at UniqueIdeas.site/10-unique-grandparents-day-ideas-for-school.

Kites Take Flight: Don't miss the Whidbey Island Kite Festival, Sept. 18-19, at Camp Casey, in Coupeville. View impressive kite displays and competitions, take along your own kite for free-fly areas, enjoy kite-making, and more. Children ages 11 years and younger can catch a teddy bear at 1 p.m. each day. Saturday night, at 7:30 p.m., head to the Coupeville High School Gym for an indoor kite flying event. WhidbeyKites.org

September "Fly Day" at Heritage Flight Museum: Saturday, Sept. 18, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. promises to be a rip-roaring day of family fun. From a single-ship fighter to a formation of T-6s, there's always something exciting going on. Aircraft from the Burlington museum's historic collection are featured, which are joined on particular dates by aircraft from other local organizations. Be sure to check the Facebook page before heading out; flying is subject to change due to weather or other circumstances. Heritageflight.org

Playscape: Indoor Play with New Friends: Mother Mentors of Whidbey Island invites families throughout Whidbey Island to join in Playscape events this fall. Groups meet during the week at locations in Langley and Oak Harbor. These free, facilitated, informal meetings offer conversation, support, play and learning experiences, and an indoor place to gather with other caregivers of young children.

How can you help? Mother Mentors is also looking for caring women in the community who would like to be matched to a mother of young children. Trained volunteers then visit weekly to be of support, by being present for much-needed adult conversation and building caring relationships with the children in the home. Support can also include simple tasks, such as preparing a meal, reading a story or playing with the children while the parent or caregiver attends to other tasks. For Playscape event schedule, or to find out more about becoming a mentor, visit Mothermentors.org.

Be Ready For Emergencies: September is "Preparedness Month." The 2021 theme is "Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love."

Annually, it's a reminder that in order to lessen the impact of a disaster, we need to take steps now to be ready. In short, the three key aspects need to be addressed in your disaster plan are: information, communication and preparation. Island County Department of Emergency Management has an app for that! Download this app to your mobile device and it will assist you in the steps necessary to create and share a communication plan, build an emergency kit tailored to your circumstances, prepare your home for disasters, etc. (If you don't utilize apps, there are guides and information on the DEM's website).

Utilizing this app will also connect you to local emergency alerts and resources and inform you of how to be prepared for the most likely disasters in our area. The Island County DEM has an extensive website of guides and information: Islandcountywa.gov/DEM. At Ready.gov/September, there are valuable guides for kids and adults to take steps to be prepared for emergencies.

AREA SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

Wooden Boat Festival in Port Townsend: Sept. 10-12, Woodenboat.org

Skagit Valley Giant Pumpkin Festival: Sept. 18, Christiansonsnursery.com

Fall Garage Sale, Antiques & More (with Classic Car Show Saturday): Sept. 24-25. Skagitcounty.net/Departments/Fairgrounds

Bellingham SeaFeast: Sept. 21-22, Bellinghamseafeast.org

Washington State Parks and National Parks Free Day: Saturday, Sept. 25, for "National Public Lands Day," Discoverpass.wa.gov and Nps.gov

SEPTEMBER'S WHIMSICAL OBSERVANCES AND OTHERWISE SPECIAL DAYS:

Sept. 4: International Bacon Day – Have it for breakfast, lunch and/or dinner! Turkey bacon and veggie bacon count; they go great with eggs too!

Sept. 16: Step-Family Day – If you are one, or know one, this is a day to celebrate your family!

Sept. 18: Coastal Cleanup Day – Take a walk on the beach, or in a park and help keep it clean.

Sept. 19: International Talk Like a Pirate Day – Greet your friends and family with "Ahoy, maties!" or "Ahoy, me hearties!"

Sept. 28: Ask a Stupid Question Day and National Good Neighbor Day – You could combine these, and find a neighbor to whom you would make your silly inquiry, or just thank someone for being there when you need them.

Back to the Books: Here's to a super school year for everyone! September is the "start-up" of many local youth programs and activities. Connect with Whidbey Island Macaroni Kid. We'll keep you up-to-date about local activities, events and other fun things to do! WhidbeyIsland.MacaroniKid.com



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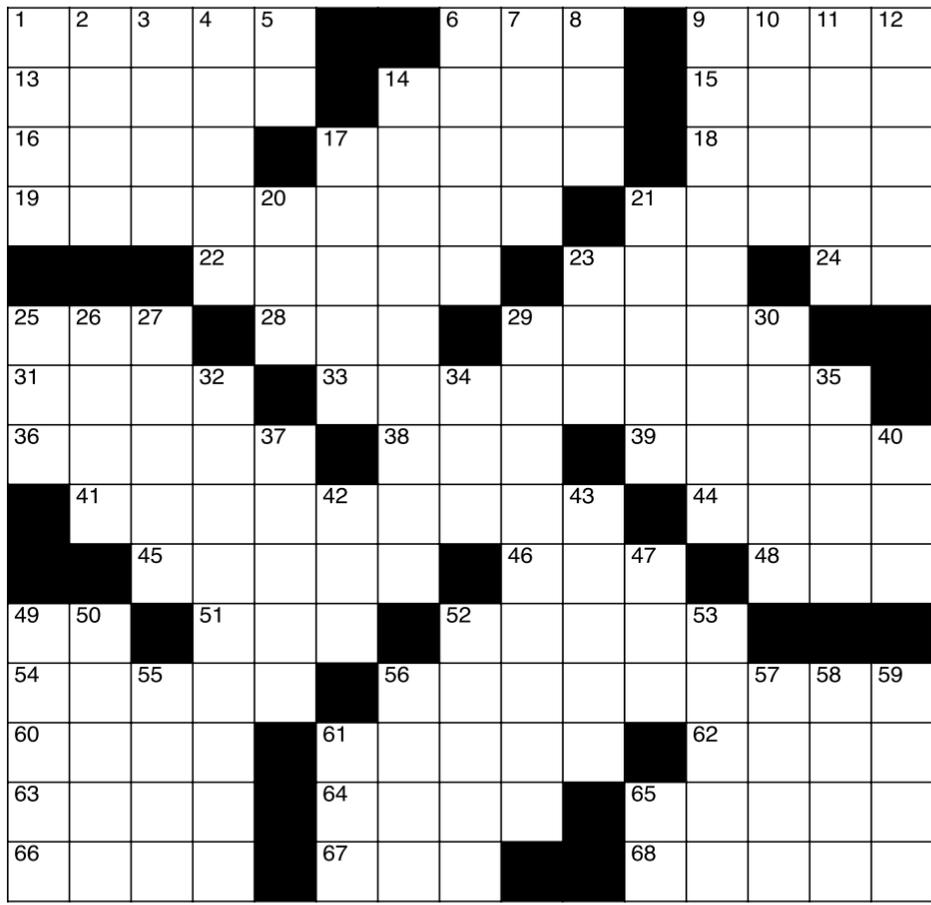
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Ponds
- 6. "Unbelievable" musicians
- 9. Invests in little enterprises
- 13. Longtime Utah Jazz coach
- 14. Small sailboat
- 15. "Luther" actor
- 16. Round Dutch cheese
- 17. Detects underwater objects
- 18. Harsh, grating noise
- 19. Steward
- 21. Fencing sword
- 22. Painful places on the body
- 23. "Sleepless in Seattle" actress Ryan
- 24. Sodium
- 25. Engineering degree (abbr.)
- 28. Small lump
- 29. African antelope
- 31. Electronic point of sale
- 33. Carefully chooses
- 36. Ringworm
- 38. Unrefined
- 39. Drenches
- 41. Type of pants
- 44. Son of Noah
- 45. Spiritual being
- 46. Upton Sinclair novel
- 48. Journalist Tarbell

49. Atomic #21 (abbr.)

- 51. Born of
- 52. Rich tapestry
- 54. S. China seaport
- 56. Being without clothes
- 60. Surrounded by
- 61. Remains
- 62. Away from wind
- 63. Dried-up
- 64. One who can see the future
- 65. A very large body of water
- 66. Digs up earth
- 67. Type of screen
- 68. Old Norse poet

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Millisecond
- 2. Spanish city
- 3. Sudden, very loud sound
- 4. Type of chair
- 5. Tin
- 6. Sea eagles
- 7. Broad volcanic crater
- 8. Some animals have it
- 9. Ottoman palaces
- 10. Divulge a secret
- 11. "A Doll's House" playwright
- 12. "It's a Wonderful Life" director
- 14. Poisonous perennial
- 17. Gulf in the Aegean

20. Clothes

- 21. Chairs
- 23. Family of regulator genes
- 25. NY ballplayer
- 26. Impressive in size or scope
- 27. Jacques __, Fr. biologist
- 29. Manhattanite
- 30. Genus of lemurs
- 32. Sings to
- 34. River in southern Italy
- 35. Supplemented with difficulty
- 37. Farewell
- 40. Senior officer
- 42. Utah resident
- 43. Begets
- 47. Boy
- 49. Violently break
- 50. Brief appearance
- 52. Expressed pleasure
- 53. A light informal meal
- 55. Fabric with smooth finish
- 56. One billionth of a second (abbr.)
- 57. Ancient Greek City
- 58. Close tightly
- 59. Commit
- 61. A way to communicate (abbr.)
- 65. Heavy metal

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

<p>Thurs, Aug. 26</p> <p>North Isle H-66°/L-56° Mostly Cloudy</p> <p>South Isle H-69°/L-56° Cloudy</p>	<p>Fri, Aug. 27</p> <p>North Isle H-66°/L-53° Partly Cloudy</p> <p>South Isle H-67°/L-52° Mostly Cloudy</p>	<p>Sat, Aug. 28</p> <p>North Isle H-67°/L-52° Mostly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-68°/L-55° Mostly Sunny</p>	<p>Sun, Aug. 29</p> <p>North Isle H-68°/L-53° Mostly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-74°/L-54° Mostly Sunny</p>	<p>Mon, Aug. 30</p> <p>North Isle H-67°/L-52° Mixed Sun and Clouds</p> <p>South Isle H-70°/L-54° Mostly Cloudy</p>	<p>Tues, Aug. 31</p> <p>North Isle H-64°/L-51° Mostly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-69°/L-55° Mostly Sunny</p>	<p>Wed, Sept. 1</p> <p>North Isle H-66°/L-50° Mostly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-68°/L-53° Mostly Sunny</p>
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OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What is the simplest part of your life? And why?



Donna Keeler, Coupeville

Your question made me ponder what I consider the "simple things in life."

Good night's sleep? If it is true that "the simple things in life are often the best things in life," then I would say....family, friends, love, and of course...living on Whidbey Island! Something as simple as dinner with my family, hugging my daughters, laughing with friends, hiking or biking the local trails with my husband and watching the sunset at Ebey's are all small and simple things that shore up my life and give it meaning.

Tasha Fiedler, Coupeville

The simplest part of my life is HUGS! I find it to be the most enjoyable/rewarding daily action. Hugs make me feel good and I hope everyone who receives one feels the same.



Terry Caton, Oak Harbor

The simplest part of my day is petting my dogs. That time is rewarded by love and affection and relieves all stress.

Katie Watkins, Langley

The simplest part of my life is remembering to appreciate where I live. I say this in contrast to anywhere I've ever lived before, where I've often had to remind myself to be grateful for my surroundings. I simply just don't have to try here. I get pings of gratitude multiple times a day living on this island. I'll be at the whale center and watch a kid's eyes light up at hearing the sound of an orca for the first time. I'll read in the news that community members rallied around a cause or an individual in need. I'll get a deer or owl visitor in my yard and their face is so familiar I have a name for them. I'll come around the corner of my yard with a peek-a-boo view and be reminded I live near the sea or catch a whiff of the salted air. Or I'll glance and it is, what we call, "that time" in our house, where the sun has crested the mountains across the harbor and everything turns bright orange for a few minutes. Despite my tendency to be caught up in too many things at once, I can't seem to forget to notice how great it is to live here. It is just simple.



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Community Bulletin Board

To place an ad, email classifieds@whidbeyweekly.com

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

HUGE Multi-Family Sale! Friday, Aug. 27 & Saturday, Aug. 28, 8am-4pm, 1963 Zylstra Rd, Oak Harbor. Furniture, clothing, musical equip. (amps, mixers, guitars, mics, etc), books, tools, toys, etc! No early birds!

Langley Estate Sale by the South Whidbey Lions Club & Foundation: Friday, Aug. 27 & Saturday, Aug. 28, 9am-4pm, 4867 Pinewood Circle, Langley (From Hwy 525 take Bayview Rd which turns into Brooks Hill Rd. Just before Holmes Harbor Rod & Gun Club, turn left onto Pinewood Circle and follow signs). True Estate of prominent longtime Whidbey Island resident Jack Brown. In the house and very large barn are a lifetime accumulation of quality furniture, Japanese chinaware, crystal glassware, handmade toys, large safe, hand & power tools, tool cabinets, reloading equipment, truck bed rack, generator, chain saw and much more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County (BBBISIC) is actively seeking new member(s) for its Board of Directors. Join the board's exciting array of professionals! BBBISIC 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, BBBISIC encourages BIPOC and LGBTQIA community members to inquire. Please contact admin@bbbislandcounty.org for more information.

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

College student? Student of history? History buff? Opportunities are available to spend constructive volunteer hours at the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum. Go to www.pnwnam.org and click

on "Volunteer" or just stop by and introduce yourself.

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

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

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How'd you do?

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