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Ready, set, Shakespeare! OHHS drama club tackles “The Bard”

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

Get ready to see Shakespeare as it has never been seen before, unless one is familiar with “The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged),” which is the fall production by the Oak Harbor High School Drama Club. Performances begin tonight (Wednesday) and continue Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m. each night at the high school’s Student Union Building (SUB) stage. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$8 for children 12 and under. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Masks are required.

For those unfamiliar with this particular work, it is a fast-paced race through 37 of William Shakespeare’s finest works. Sort of.

“‘The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)’ is a comedy where three actors smush together all of Shakespeare’s plays into only two acts, while performing numerous monologues, frantically changing costumes, and having wigs fly everywhere,” summed up Alora Van Auken, a senior at OHHS and one of the play’s three cast members.

“[The play] was developed through improvisation by three guys who wanted to have some fun with Shakespeare’s work,” described drama club advisor Melissa Gibson. “The audience should constantly be wondering what is improvised and what is scripted.”

Those with some familiarity of Shakespeare will hear bits and pieces of The Bard’s words interwoven throughout the on-stage antics, but this play is not meant to be a serious adaptation of his works. It is, however, intentionally laced with funny and quite often over-the-top, madcap moments, which just add to this production’s quirky charm.

“This show is not serious at all,” said OHHS senior Jessica Turner, who plays herself and many other characters throughout the course of the play. “You might come into it thinking we are going to talk about all of Shakespeare’s work in a scholarly way, but trust me, we don’t. We mess around on stage for 97 minutes and “pretend” like we are Shakespeare experts. Don’t be turned off by the title – Shakespeare can be boring, but this play certainly isn’t.”

AJ Gibson, also a senior, rounds out the cast. While not a huge fan of Shakespeare, he said he is more than happy to take on this work if it means they get an opportunity to perform in front of an audience.

“Truthfully, I just enjoy the fact that we’re back on the stage and back to our ridiculous shenanigans, and this play is certainly chock full of shenanigans,” he said. “I had a decent amount of familiarity with Shakespeare before this, even having one or two of his monologues memorized, but I can’t say that he’s my favorite playwright. He has a very poetic nature about him, but constant poetry makes for confusing

conversation, which is why I’m glad that in this play, myself and my castmates are the ones causing the confusion.”

Anyone paying attention to the calendar at this point may be wondering how the cast and crew have managed to mount a production in just the third full week of classes.

“In the spring, we were tossing around ideas, knowing that any fall production was not guaranteed,” Melissa Gibson explained. “Going full Shakespeare was not something that appealed to them, but this spoof version? I saw their eyes perk up. A three-person cast? My most dedicated seniors along with a couple of gung-ho sophomores? Awww yeah!

“With the pandemic still going on, I knew any fall production would have to have a small, dedicated group of students who would be willing to roll with whatever the challenges would be,” she continued. “During the summer, we met for table reads at my house and worked on staging in the backyard. We even had some virtual rehearsals when necessary. Working around vacation schedules was the hard part.”

The hours of work and rehearsals over the summer has been worth it, according to Gibson, who said the students are happy to be back on stage.

“This cast is THRILLED to have the chance to do live theatre again,” she said, adding the bigger question surrounding the production was where it would be staged. “On stage? School courtyard? Parking lot? Up until a few weeks ago, the stage was being used for storage and any outdoor production would be subject to weather. We still don’t have access to all of our spaces, but the stage has been cleared so we can do our show.”

And a small cast equals a very big challenge to the three actors portraying multiple characters.

“The most challenging and most special part of doing this show is that there are only three actors, which means we each had a third of the show to memorize,” said Van Auken. “It also means that we are always on stage and always under the spotlight, which is a lot of pressure. Thankfully, we have an amazing crew to help us out with everything else – costumes, props, lights, etc.”

“Since this show has only three actors, I’ve struggled with how many lines I have,” Turner shared. “It’s taken me a long time to figure it all out. Also, it’s challenging coming up with different ways to present each character; I want them each to be unique so the audience can differentiate between them.”

“For me personally, the quick changes have been intense,” said AJ. “Not that throwing myself into a dress and a wig and quickly changing shirts before exiting out into the intense heat of stage lights – all in about 20 seconds – isn’t fun, but it’s certainly tiring.”



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly
Oak Harbor High School seniors Jessica Turner, left, and AJ Gibson don wigs and costumes galore in the OHHS Drama Club’s production of “The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged),” opening tonight (Wednesday) and repeating Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m. at the high school’s Student Union Building stage.



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly
Shakespeare performed as a macabre cooking show? That is one of many interesting interpretations audiences will see during “The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)” playing at Oak Harbor High School through Friday. Pictured above are Alora Van Auken (left) and AJ Gibson.



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly
AJ Gibson (left) and Alora Van Auken stage a scene during a rehearsal of Oak Harbor High School’s production of “The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged).”

Equally challenging is keeping up with all the different props and costumes that go with all the characters.

“I certainly knew how much work I was getting into, and there was quite a bit of extra sewing, gluing, painting blood on things, etc.,” said sophomore Maggie Garrett, production assistant and costume and props manager for the show. “But truly the most challenging part was likely staying quiet backstage when the rest of the crew and I had to whisper directions such as, ‘You give Jessica the boobs, I’ll take AJ’s wig and Alora needs a knife!’”

“The most challenging part of working on this play has been figuring out the props and costumes. since there are so many costume changes and props in this play,” said Sadie Marriott, part of the two-person backstage crew. She said she thinks audiences will appreciate the work the cast and crew have put into the production, along with the obvious contribution by Shakespeare.

“Working on the play has helped me realize that Shakespeare was more than just an author, he was a genius and showed his incredible work in all of his plays,” she said. “People will like this play because it is funny and super fun and exciting to see.”

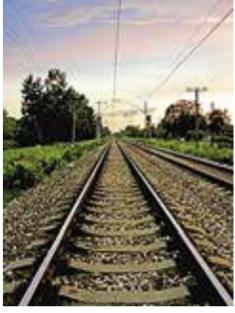
“I think after this past year-and-a-half or so, seeing me make a complete fool of myself on the stage will give people a sense of normalcy again,” AJ said. “Beyond that. I think they’ll enjoy numerous jokes made out of Shakespeare’s tragedies.”

“This show has definitely shown a new light on Shakespeare,” said Van Auken. “This show brings his work into a more modern and funny context, which makes it way easier to comprehend. I think people will really enjoy the comedy of this production, whether they like Shakespeare or not!”



ON TRACK

With Jim Freeman



Now that fall is in the air and on the ground, let us take our minds off our minds and go forth into the future. While we are doing this, I will check to see who has the record for the most consecutive sneezes. If I get back in time, the answer will be presented.

Can You Spare A Dime?

Given the Whidbey Playhouse production *Tea for Three*, which is now playing, featuring the lives of first ladies Pat Nixon, Betty Ford, and Lady Bird Johnson, I got to thinking –why is Roosevelt on the dime? Here is what I discovered on the internet.

“Battling economic travails unlike the nation had seen, Roosevelt continued fighting for a cure to end polio. Jan. 3, 1938, he founded the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, an organization aimed at funding research to create a polio vaccine.

“Perhaps the organization would still be known as the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to this day if not for a comical aside by popular singer and entertainer Eddie Cantor, who during a 1938 radio broadcast encouraged Americans to send dimes to Roosevelt in support of his new polio organization. The light-hearted plea worked, as evidenced by the 2,680,000 dimes that appeared at the White House over the next weeks. This compelled further support ranging from individuals at the grassroots level to A-list Hollywood celebrities. Roosevelt soon changed the name of his polio cause to March of Dimes Foundation, and the name has stuck ever since. He became the face of the dime for good reason.”

Riddling around

Thanks to Greenbank Wayne for these submissions. The answers follow.

A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in three years. Which room is safest for him?

A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over five minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But five minutes later they both go out and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be?

What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and gray when you throw it away?

Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday?

This is an unusual paragraph. It looks so ordinary and plain that you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is highly unusual though. Study it and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd.

1. The third room. Lions that haven't eaten in three years are dead.
2. The woman was a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it, and hung it up to dry.
3. Charcoal, as it is used in barbecuing.
4. Sure you can name three consecutive days, yesterday, today, and tomorrow.
5. The letter "e" which is the most

common letter used in the English language does not appear even once in the paragraph.

I love vowels. Why did I not notice?

Sneeze on

Sneezing can go on for years. According to *Guinness World Records*, the longest sneezing fit is 976 days. Briton Donna Griffiths started sneezing Jan. 13, 1981 and surpassed the previous duration record July 26, 1981. She sneezed an estimated one million times in the first 365 days and achieved her first sneeze-free day Sept. 16, 1983.

There is no record of how much tissue was used.

The Freedom Cafe

Welcome to the Freedom Cafe. We trust you to make your own choices if you want to wear a face mask. And, in the same spirit of individual liberty, we allow our staff to make their own individual choices about the safety procedures they prefer to follow as they prepare and serve your food.

We encourage our staff to wash their hands after they use the bathroom but understand some people may be allergic to certain soaps or may simply prefer not to wash their hands. It is not our place to tell them what to do.

We understand you may be used to chicken cooked to 165 degrees. We do have to respect that some of our cooks may have seen a meme or a YouTube video that states 100 degrees is fine and we do not want to encroach on their beliefs.

Some servers may want to touch your food as they serve it. There is no reason a healthy person with clean hands cannot touch your food. We will take their word for it that they are healthy and clean.

Water temperature and detergent are highly personal choices, and we allow our dish-washing team to decide how they'd prefer to wash the silverware you will put in your mouth.

Some of you may get sick but almost everyone survives food poisoning. We think you'll agree it is a small price to pay for the sweet freedom of no one ever being told what to do, and especially for the silly reason of keeping strangers healthy.

Kathony Jerauld, Amador City, Calif.

Charlie Chaplin

Charlie Chaplin lived 88 years. He left us four statements worth noting:

1. Nothing is forever in this world, not even our problems.
2. I love walking in the rain because no one can see my tears.
3. The most lost day in life is the day we don't laugh.
4. Six best doctors in the world– The sun, Rest, Exercise, Diet, Self-respect and Friends.

Joke with an accent

There was a study done in Maine to determine why so many crows were being killed on Maine roads while feeding on roadkill. They knew the crows would post sentries in trees nearby to warn the feeding crows of approaching danger. Nearly all of the crows killed were being hit by big trucks. The finding was that while most of the crows could warn the others by yelling Cah! Cah!, there were none that could yell Truck! Truck!

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Bits & Pieces

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

We all wish the COVID-19 was over, don't you? Eighteen months into this pandemic, we are eager, more than ever, to get back to "normal." Unfortunately, as of this writing, our case rates are the highest they've been, and "normal" isn't coming fast enough. For Island County, our 14-day case rate is about 400 positive cases/100,000 population. This is more than double the amount of our previous peak in cases from last November.

COVID is not a hoax.

While many might have "mild" disease, others are not so lucky. Every time we hear it's just a "flu," it's quite insulting to your local health-care team, as we watch our island neighbors struggling for oxygen and regretting their decision not to be vaccinated.

Unfortunately, we also are watching an increasing rift between the vaccinated and unvaccinated communities on social media and in the news that is straining relationships. Worse, this divisiveness is preventing considerate and educated discourse allowing us to reevaluate our decisions as the data becomes clearer.

What is the data? The vaccines have been thoroughly tested with over 360 million doses given in the U.S. to date. They are safe; only incredibly rare side effects have been reported. The vaccines are effective; while there are breakthrough cases, 97 percent of current hospitalizations for COVID-19 are unvaccinated.

Vaccines are far and away more effective at preventing progression into a serious disease than anything we have to offer you once you are already sick.

Monoclonal Antibody Therapy (Regeneron) and anti-viral agents (Remdesivir) are marginally effective at preventing progression to severe COVID. Horse de-wormers (Ivermectin) and anti-malarial agents (Hydroxychloroquine) have been proven not to work and are not offered at ANY hospitals in Western Washington.

As of this writing, 57 percent of those eligible in Island County have been vaccinated. If you're in the 43 percent, we urge you to look at the real data and speak with your doctor. The sooner Whidbey Island is vaccinated, the sooner we'll be back to "normal."

Nicholas Perera, MD, FACEP
WhidbeyHealth Emergency Department
Medical Director

Editor,

I give my strongest endorsement to Shane Hoffmire for Oak Harbor City Council, Position 5.

Shane was a commissioner during my entire 2.5 years as the Executive Director of the North Whidbey Pool, Park and Recreation District. During that time, I saw firsthand his unwavering support for the District, and its patrons and staff. His honest, pragmatic, and positive insight into the district's problems and needs, his willingness to examine the issues and listen closely to the questions and concerns of the patrons and the staff, and his ability to work with the other commissioners set him far apart.

I also observed his dedication to volunteerism during his tenure on the district's board of commissioners. During the shutdown of the pool, he volunteered countless hours making sure the facilities were maintained and didn't fall into disrepair. When funding became available, he dedicated countless more volunteer hours, helping get the needed repairs to critical equipment to be able to operate safely.

One of Shane's great strengths is his ability to listen and discuss ideas with all people, even those with whom he may disagree, and work with them to arrive at a practical solution, thus earning my utmost respect and admiration.

Shane's commitment to accountability and affordability in government will foster an atmosphere of openness with the citizens of Oak Harbor in the way he approaches all issues. I have no doubt he will bring these same attributes to City Council and work in the best interests of the citizens of Oak Harbor.

Steve McCaslin
President of the Cobalt Group

Coupeville Festival Association Opens Grant Cycle

The Coupeville Festival Association has opened up its grant cycle for the 2021 season. Criteria for application is as follows:

Grant requests are evaluated on how well they meet the CFA goals (see website for goal criteria) while enhancing the offerings of the requesting organization's programs not for regular operational expenses (staff, rent, etc.)

Applications are taken online at www.CoupevilleFestival.com under the "For Community" tab. If you have any questions, please contact Deborah O'Brien at 360-320-2284 or cfaboardpresident@gmail.com. Applications close Oct. 31.

[Submitted by Deborah O'Brien, President, Coupeville Festival Association]

Sen. Murray Meets with SVC Students on Legislation to Make Community College Tuition Free

U.S. Senator Patty Murray recently visited Skagit Valley College to meet with students and staff to hear how tuition-free community college would help them and the local community.

"As a former community college instructor at Shoreline Community College, I know how life-changing higher education can be for Washington state students and families," said Sen. Murray, who serves as chair of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee. "Every student deserves the same opportunity to get a higher education and have a shot at success – but for too long and for too many students across Washington state, pursuing higher education after high school or later in life has been out of reach or puts them in debt."

SVC political science student, Gary Shelby, explained to Sen. Murray that investing in community colleges is an investment in the community.

"This is actually something that's important and is meaningful," said Shelby. "Free community college would be very helpful for myself and so many others."

SVC nursing student, Adalis Castellanos, came to the U.S. three years ago and has been working to meet basic needs such as struggling to put gas in the car.

"Free community college is not just about one less bill – it's about freedom for the future, and the freedom to choose where you want to be," said Castellanos. "By receiving tuition free community college, I will no longer be concerned about the weight of student loan debt."

In a March 2021 report from the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, the current crisis of affordability has led to a steep college enrollment decline, particularly

for students with low-incomes and students of color. As of fall 2020, high-minority and high-poverty high schools saw a 9.4 percent and 11.4 percent decline in college enrollment, respectively. And over the last 40 years, there has been the most growth in jobs requiring higher levels of job preparation, including education and training. Today, 70 percent of jobs are held by people with more than a high school degree.

Senator Murray's America's College Promise Act legislation will ensure that first-time students and workers wanting to reskill can enroll in a community college to earn a degree or credential for free. The America's College Promise Act creates new federal-state partnerships that provide two years of tuition-free access to community or technical college programs and significant tuition and fee grant aid for two years at an eligible four-year historically Black college or university (HBCU) or minority-serving institution (MSI).

"We are so excited about Senator Murray's proposal and this is something that means a lot to our college," said State Rep. Dave Paul, Skagit Valley College's Director of Community Relations. "We know that this would help our economy and that this legislation would allow the college to focus our resources on equity and achievement – like helping students with textbooks or child care and other costs of a college education."

"Our community colleges expand access to higher education, provide opportunities to help workers gain skills and get jobs, and help students transition to four-year colleges," said Sen. Murray. "That's why I'm working hard to ensure that the Build Back Better package includes key investments to make community college free."

[Submitted by Marisa Pierce, Executive Director of Strategic Marketing and Communications, SVC]

IRG Physical & Hand Therapy Trains Local Student Athletes While Breaking 11 High School Records in Summer Off-season IRG Physical & Hand Therapy – Oak Harbor Helps Local High School Students Achieve Record-breaking Athletic Goals in Weightlifting

Strength coaches from IRG Physical & Hand Therapy worked with numerous Oak Harbor student athletes over the summer to continue sports training during the school's off-season. While participating in the off-season training, seven female athletes broke a total of 11 school records in weightlifting: the deadlift, the bench press and the back squat.

From June through August, IRG Physical & Hand Therapy – Oak Harbor saw an average of 23 female student athletes per day. Each session included weight training in primary and secondary movements, followed by conditioning work and weighted carries.

Off-season athletic training sessions with Oak Harbor students have increased by 200 percent at the physical therapy clinic since 2019. The clinic has also seen growth in the amount of school records its student patients have set, moving from zero school records broken in 2019 to 11 new records set by patients in 2021.

Of the records broken this year, student Ashley Hinds has achieved a total of four new school records in the clean and jerk lift, back squat and military press. Other record setters include Sydney Walker and Ania Hardin in the bench press; Brianna Richard, Melany Alanis and Mia Carman in the deadlift; and Mekayla Smith Day in the back squat.

IRG Physical & Hand Therapy Strength Coach Colby Heefner expressed his excitement for the student athletes he worked with over the summer. "All success should go to the athletes," said Heefner. "Our female athletes are stronger than they think. Showing up to the weight room in the off-season will lead to great results."

IRG Physical & Hand Therapy – Oak Harbor is now accepting patients at 275 S.E. Cabot Dr., Suite A-05, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. The clinic offers specialized services in pre- and post-surgical rehabilitation, industrial and occupational rehabilitation, sports injury rehabilitation, and more. Interested patients can contact 360-914-5504 to book an appointment, schedule a free injury screen or request further information.

[Submitted by Amber Ackerson, IRG Physical & Hand Therapy]

Whidbey Veterans Resource Center Awards Scholarship to Air Force ROTC Cadet

The Whidbey Veterans Resource Center (WVRC) awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Ian Maddux, recent graduate of South Whidbey High School and an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadet at Washington State University (WSU), Aug. 2.

The scholarship was presented by Michael Oyola and Maggie Johns, WVRC Board Members, at the South Whidbey Community Center in recognition of Maddux's academic excellence and exceptional community service.

"The scholarship is one of several ways that WVRC is able to give back to the community and support outstanding students dedicated to public service," said Oyola. "The scholarship aids them with their college expenses and celebrates their scholastic and leadership achievements."

Upon graduation and successful completion of ROTC requirements, Maddux will commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force.

The ROTC program serves to educate and train qualified young men and women as commissioned officers that pays for the full cost of tuition and a stipend for living and book expenses.

"Words simply cannot express the depth of my gratitude. Thanks to the WVRC's generous scholarship, I am now one step closer to achieving my goal of serving in the Air Force," said Maddux. "I hope one day, I will be able to help recent high school graduates reach their goals in higher education by assisting them in the same way WVRC has helped me."

Maddux is an Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program, and Career and Technical Education (CTE) student of the year at South Whidbey High School.

"We are proud to be a small part of honoring the best and brightest young students in our community," said Johns. "When you support the WVRC, you're supporting and empowering not only veterans but also future leaders dedicated to life-long public service."

The WVRC is located at the South Whidbey Community Center and provides free transportation to off-island VA clinics, local counseling and benefits assistance, and a safe place for veterans to get the help and camaraderie they need.

So far this year, the WVRC has served over 200 veterans by hosting over 150 support groups and receiving nearly 400 visits at the Community Center and over the phone sessions due to the pandemic. The WVRC's ride-link van program has also conducted several round trips to Seattle's VA clinics for veterans needing medical assistance.

Planning for next year's scholarship is underway, and an announcement of open dates to apply will be made in the winter.

The WVRC is run by donations and volunteers. For information on how you can volunteer or donate, please visit www.WhidbeyVRC.org or email WhidbeyVRC@gmail.com.

If you or someone you know needs help, please call 360-331-8081. Our veterans are not alone—please reach out. The WVRC is located in the back of South Whidbey Community Center at 723 Camano Ave., Room 403, Building C.

[Submitted by Clyde Shavers, Whidbey Veterans Resource Center]





Island 911

Seriously, we do not make this stuff up!

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

10:57 am, Ebey Rd.

Towing a 17-foot boat and it came disconnected. Was towing vessel northbound towards Anacortes, last seen around 9:30 am.

2:55 pm, Sparrow Dr.

Caller states on Friday her house was broken into, cat was stolen. States cat is a Maine Coon.

7:23 pm, Mobius Loop

Reporting party advising his wife is selling his tools and other items; "What gives her that right to deprive him that right of making a living? He is a mechanic; Island County has judges that don't have sense of a horse shoe; crooked sheriffs and some that aren't so smart;" Department of Veterans Affairs bought the tools for subject.

7:38 pm, Saratoga Rd.

States subject put tree/log in driveway to block reporting party; reporting party has removed log and is wanting to report because was told not to do that anymore.

8:54 pm, Monroe Landing Rd.

Reporting party advising two women are tearing down signs at location. Both white, one has red hair, one dark hair.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

11:55 am, Fossil Ln.

Reporting party moved into guest house on property and advising the owner of the property has been very "erratic;" reporting party advising is not feeling safe; owner keeps forgetting things that are said; keeps inviting reporting party to take a bath at main house; owner has shut off hot water; reporting party is packing things and is afraid for her safety.

1:00 pm, NE Lindsay St.

Reporting phone being hacked through AirBNB; advising somebody has broken into home as well; saw feces on porch; requesting call to discuss and report. Reporting party calling back, wishing to cancel her request.

1:20 pm, SR 20

Advising female standing on side of road waving cane at vehicles and hitting vehicles with her cane. No weapons seen.

4:08 pm, Goss Lake Rd.

Advising there are 179 invisible people on her property doing drugs and have blocked her phone for 69 days.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

11:23 am, SW Swantown Ave.

Caller advising subject threw trash into

grass. Occurred west of Heller Road on Swantown, south side. Occurred 15 minutes ago. Reporting party states he told subject to pick up trash and was met with profanities. Trash still there. Male last seen on foot heading westbound.

3:23 pm, Red Robin Ln.

Reporting party advising wife just got home. Advising dog was "going crazy;" requesting call, wanting to know what was happening in area.

4:07 pm, SW Thornberry Dr.

Reporting party stating a near multiple vehicle accident; one vehicle went off road. Silver SUV, no air bag, in ditch. White bucket truck forced SUV in the ditch; reporting party driving white truck.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

9:26 am, W Crescent Harbor Rd.

Reporting party at location to pick up vehicle. Subject at location refusing to allow her to leave with vehicle and threatening to burn vehicle. Reporting party is standing outside vehicle.

2:37 pm, Clinton Ferry Terminal

Reporting party states she bought a car and it has died at the ferry terminal just after purchase. Other parties have left.

4:52 pm, Goss Lake Rd.

Requesting assistance with invisible people who have blocked her and her phone. Also requesting air support from a helicopter.

5:21 pm, Moran Beach Ln.

Male subject in white truck is parked in the middle of the road. Male appears sweaty, eyes are red, appears to be on drugs; inside the vehicle on driver's side.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

Requesting assistance with moving company as they are advising reporting party they will not give her her furniture unless she gives more money.

5:41 pm, NE Lindsay St.

Requesting call; states items are now missing. Not sure if related to original complaint with feces found on porch. Also states business was hacked into.

6:18 pm, Mounts Rd.

Reporting party's daughter and friend were playing in yard at location, female in SUV was yelling at them from her vehicle that her dog was attacked by reporting party's dog. Occurred approximately 30 minutes ago. States female yelled at girls, made them go inside and then drove off.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

12:48 pm, Deer Lake Rd.

Requesting call about bear sighting. Reporting party says her phone won't ring. Just trying to do the right thing. Says there are a lot of children in area that play in the woods, too.

1:06 pm, E Fakkema Rd.

Reporting party wanting to report stalker; unknown who subject is; advising subject has been trying to pose as legal processor and dropped off personal paperwork. Reporting party has contacted state and state said nothing has been going on. Reporting party advising subject has been stopping by and reporting party is not feeling comfortable.

10:14 pm, Maxwellton Rd.

Reporting party states church across from reporting party has a wedding party going on. States there is still a party going. States it should have stopped at 10 pm.

10:16 pm, SR 20

Reporting party states are in duplexes behind the motel. States subjects in neighboring unit are going to attack reporting party and wife. Reporting party states wife is outside yelling at subjects.

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

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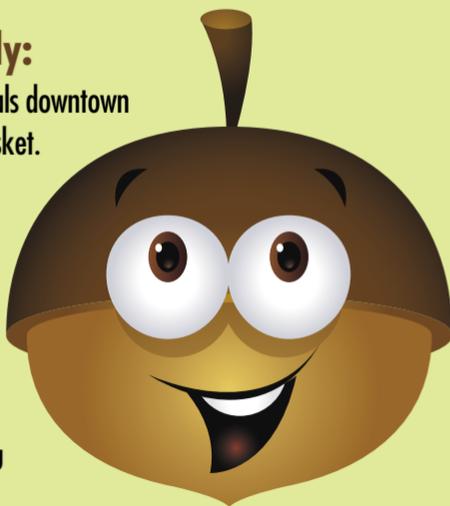
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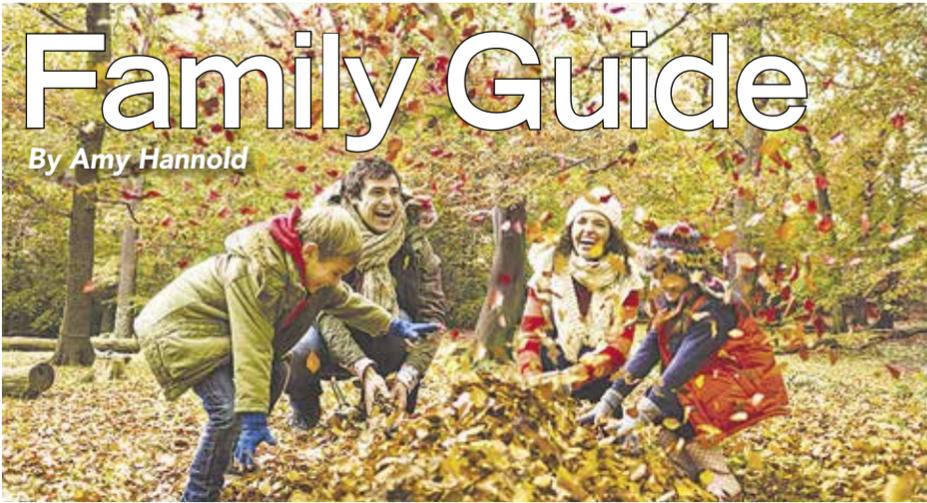
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Family Guide

By Amy Hannold

Build a Scarecrow and Help Good Cheer, Too: All of the materials and instructions to build, stuff and customize your scarecrow will be provided for \$10 and two cans of food (per scarecrow), Saturday, Oct. 2, Noon to 4 p.m. at the Whidbey Island Fairgrounds. BBQ delights, for you, by donation. Whidbeyislandfair.com

Get to Know the Fun of 4-H: Learn about Island County 4-H, meet 4-H members, pet animals, play games, make crafts and more. In conjunction with the Whidbey Island Fair's "Build a Scarecrow" event, 4-H clubs will be there to greet you at the fairgrounds, Saturday, Oct. 2, Noon to 4 p.m.

What is 4-H? Island County 4-H is a youth organization with a mission of engaging youth to reach their fullest potential while advancing the field of positive youth development. It is open to all ages 5-19. There are clubs for raising animals, robotics, leadership, bee-keeping, arts/crafts, homesteading and more. Though typically thought of as an agriculturally focused organization due to its history, 4-H today focuses on citizenship, healthy living, science, engineering and technology and animal science.

For a list of local 4-H clubs and more information: Extension.wsu.edu/island/youth/4-h-clubs

Meerkerk Gardens Octoberfest and Fall Plant Sale: Meerkerk Gardens' plant nursery will be offering rhododendrons, plants and other garden items for sale. Its staff will be on hand to guide you about the best choices for your garden. Buy any three one-gallon rhododendrons and receive the 4th one-gallon rhody free Saturday, Oct. 2. "The Pickled Herrings" will be on the Gazebo stage from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enjoy bratwurst, German potato salad, and sauerkraut and the sights of the garden's fall colors. Entrance to Octoberfest is included in your \$5 paid admission. Meerkerkgardens.org

Skagit Valley Festival of Family Farms: Saturday, Oct. 2 and Sunday, Oct. 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A weekend full of fun, including corn and hay mazes, free samples, animal exhibits, pumpkin patches, hayrides, educational displays and locally grown food. Free parking and admission. This is a self-guided tour of participating farms; maps available at festivaloffamily-farms.com.

Do an Act of Kindness, Help One Person Smile: World Smile Day 2021 is Friday, Oct. 1. Harvey Ball, who created the iconic "smiley face" in 1963, became concerned decades later over its commercialization. He originally created it to inspire good will and good cheer across the planet. To revitalize the inspiration of kindness and doing something good for others, he created "World Smile Day" in 1999.

Across the nation and around the world, there are campaigns and gatherings on this day to remind us all how we individually can bring about a smile to someone else. So, it's your turn to make someone smile. Small kindnesses create great waves. Wear a smile and look for opportunities to pass that bit of happiness onto others. World-smileday.com

October is National Field Trip Month: If there is something good that has come out of all of these months of closed attractions, it is the opportunity to experience a wide variety of "virtual" field trips. From your home, you can visit zoos, museums, national monuments and parks, farms, factories, theme parks and other fun places. Virtual field trips aren't just for kids: car-lovers, nature enthusiasts, artists and the constantly curious will enjoy online tours. Here's a recent guide to 21 of the best free virtual field trips, with ratings: Lifewire.com/best-free-virtual-field-trips-4800629.

HALLOWEEN ON WHIDBEY 2021:

The Haunting of Coupeville: Coupeville hosts a variety of Halloween and harvest fun throughout October for all ages, including Scarey-Crow Trail, Weary Bones Rest Stop Graveyard and more. Hauntingofcoupeville.com

Fright at Fort Casey: Every Saturday and Sunday in October, from Noon to 3 p.m., Fort Casey State Park and the Keepers of Admiralty Head Lighthouse are presenting "Fright at Fort Casey." This is a modified Haunted Fort Casey event, following COVID protocols. The fright portion of the event is suitable for those ages 12 and older. Admission to the fright portion of the event is \$1/person. There will be a FREE children's games area for those younger than 12. Masks are required inside the fort and in the children's game area. A Discover Pass is required for park access.

The Morris Mansion Haunted Barn Experience: The Roller Barn is hosting a laser-tag haunted house event. Tickets and information at Therollerbarn.com.

MORE FUN IDEAS:

Boo a Neighbor: Treat your neighbors to a yummy surprise by leaving treats on their door and encouraging them to pass along an act of friendly Halloween spirit to others. Small buckets, bags or goodie boxes filled with something delicious are fun to create. Free printables and instructions at Playpartyplan.com/halloween-boo.

Cook a Special Treat: Whether it's pizza with olive spiders, caramel apples, a hot cocoa bar with lots of delicious toppings, popcorn balls, or a seasonal pie with ice cream, each member of your family can enjoy a special Halloween food. Wacky, goey and creative recipes at Playpartyplan.com/category/recipes/halloween-food.

Play a Game: Gathering as a family to play games is a great way to have some laughs, learn something new about each other and have fun, off-screen. Games like Monster Match BINGO, candy/small gift scavenger hunts, and "Truth or Scare" are a Halloween twist on the usual. Ideas and free printables at Playpartyplan.com/category/seasonal/Halloween.

Fall's Fun Events and Cooler-Weather Activities: Visit WhidbeyIsland.MacaroniKid.com for a daily calendar of activities and guides to local events, for all ages!

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What's Going On Insurance and You

By Mary Elizabeth Himes

Welcome to fall everyone and to all the excitement it brings. Halloween, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Navy Birthday, Presidents Day, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Black Friday and New Year's Eve.

The mild weather of sunshine and warm breezes is fading away to gray skies and stormy winds. We love the way the seasons move through the Pacific Northwest; there is no doubt when the weather is about to change. It's beautiful and exciting. It's also a time to make certain your insurance needs are in place and it covers what you expect.

This spring and summer there were many serious incidents involving vehicles and residences; accidents that resulted in loss of property or someone was injured. To those of you reading this who understand the impact of unexpected events disrupting your lives, reach over and tap your neighbor, friend or family member who doesn't. Being prepared as much as possible can save thousands of dollars, reduce mental stress, help protect and maintain a normal standard of living and provide an overall peace of mind.

Since the beginning of 2021, some of the issues that affected our clients were:

- One Fire: Insureds displaced for over a year – Cost: \$400,000+
- One Water Damage: Insureds displaced for two weeks – Cost: \$10,000
- Two At Fault Car single car – on own property – Cost: \$2,500-\$5,500+
- Four No fault car accidents/Hit and Run – Cost: \$1,300-\$3,400
- Five Cracked windshields/falling objects on car – Cost: \$200-\$1,500
- Damage by trespassers – Cost: \$2,000+

These are items that were reported to our office, and we are certain some losses went unreported, either because the loss was too small, the insured handled it themselves or unfortunately, there was no coverage. A vehicle having not enough or no coverage is a risk many people decide to take by deciding to reject medical coverage, windshields or physical damage because of costs. However, when a loss does occur and repair is required to operate the vehicle, all savings may become irrelevant because the out-of-pocket amounts are high.

When it comes to home, renters and landlord insurance, it is important to be reminded of the following:

1. If your name is not on the policy and you are not a spouse, YOU and YOUR belongings are not covered. Roommates are not covered.

2. Personal property is covered for loss even away from your residence.
3. Car insurance does not cover items stolen from your car.
4. Renters' insurance is on average \$15 per month and provides coverage to belongings and coverage to live somewhere else if your domicile is uninhabitable due to fire, smoke or water damage.
5. Certain dog breeds are excluded from coverage and entire policy can be declined if dog breed is in home.
6. A homeowner or renters' insurance is NOT an UMBRELLA policy.
7. In the event of a covered loss, payments are made to you AND the MORTGAGE company.

Staying on top of your coverages is important and you should follow up with your agent annually to go over what you're paying for and understand your exposures. Having proper coverage will allow you to maintain the life you've built so far.

ALERT! \$150,000.00 will not rebuild your 1,000-square-foot home; it's NOT enough and those days are gone. Look into your dwelling coverage and make CERTAIN you have updated the dwelling coverage; you save NOTHING if you can't rebuild or pay off the house. Homeowners should follow up with their carriers to make certain the dwelling coverage is sufficient to rebuild the home, as prices have skyrocketed over the past 12 months.

The National Association of Home Builders advises, "Some building materials and inputs to building materials have seen especially acute increases over the last three months. Of the goods analyzed here, nine experienced price increases exceeding 20 percent between April and July."

The length of time families are displaced from their permanent domiciles has been increased due to labor shortages and supply chain disruptions. Loss of use coverage is extremely important, as it covers room and board, clothing, food and in some cases, transportation.

We still have some sunny days left and we should all be able to enjoy them. Peace of mind will allow a few more smiles in your family. It's all affordable by reallocating certain financial priorities in your daily routines and a bit of a mindset change.

Think more in terms of how much you can afford to lose, rather than how much it costs to keep it.

If we've learned anything during these times, it is that uncertainty does not ask permission to enter our lives. So being proactive instead of reactive will go a long way in maintaining stability.

Dine Out for Kids

Thursday, September 23, 7:00AM-3:30PM
 Sunshine Drip, 306 N. Main Street, Coupeville

School's in session, so it's that time of year to support our schools. Come grab something to drink or eat at the first Dine Out/Shop 4 Kids event! Sunshine Drip will donate a portion of its day's sales to the Coupeville Schools Foundation. The Foundation provides an extra measure of support through teacher grants, college scholarships and the Promise Fund.

Oktoberfest

Friday, September 24, 12:00-10:00PM
 Saturday, September 25, 12:00-10:00PM
 Sunday, September 26, 2:00-10:00PM
 Penn Cove Brewing Company, Oak Harbor

Penn Cove Taproom will have an Oktoberfest Beer Garden all weekend long and will have a beer launch featuring their Oaktoberfest Marzen beer! The Oak Harbor Taproom is located at 780 SE Bayshore Dr.

Scouts BSA Girls Hang Out Day

Saturday, September 25, 1:00-5:00PM
 Fire Mountain Scouts BSA Camp, Mount Vernon
 Cost: FREE

Girls in fifth grade to age 17 are invited for a fun afternoon of climbing and outdoor games. Scouts BSA is the traditional scouting experience for youth in the fifth grade through high school. Outdoor adventure, service, community engagement and leadership development are important parts of the program.

Scouts lead their own activities and work their way toward earning Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout. During Girls Hang Out Day, girls can receive help connecting with a troop. If you can't make it, the easiest way to find any Scouting program in your area is to visit BeAScout.org. Fire Mountain Scouts BSA Camp is located at 26207 Walker Valley Rd.

Read and Create Space

Wednesday, September 29, 4:00-7:00PM
 210 SE Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor

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

Classes, Seminars and Workshops

Composting Workshop

Saturday, September 25, 2:00PM
 Tilth Community Gardens, Langley

Join Tilth member and Master Composter, Renee Delight, to learn about the science and art of creating compost from garden and yard waste. The class will discuss how to build a compost pile, hot vs. cold compost, compost bins, trouble-shooting your compost pile, plus the how and why of using finished compost. This class is by donation. Please R.S.V.P. to education@southwhidbeytilth.org. The Tilth Community Gardens are located at 2812 Thompson Road.

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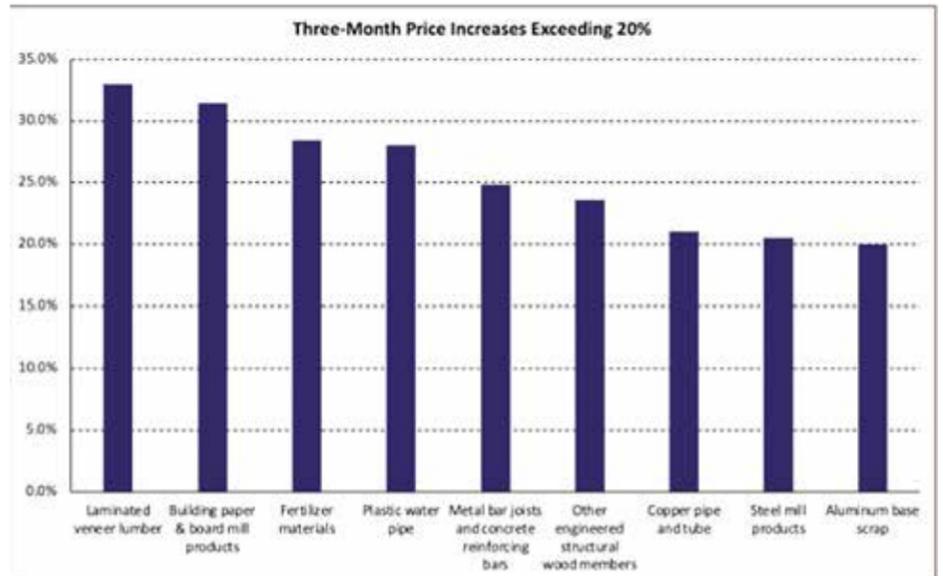


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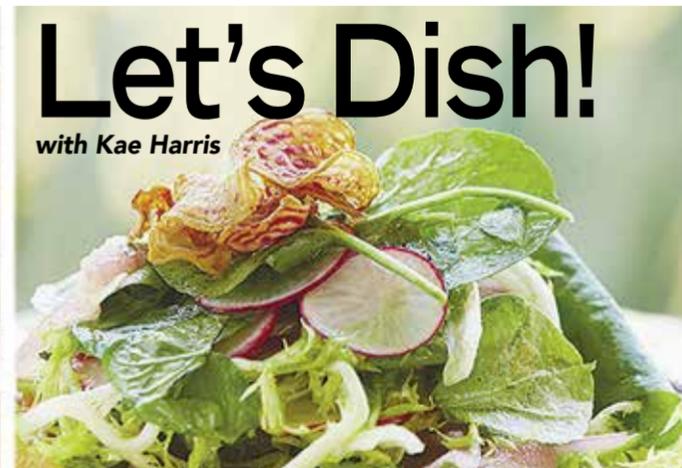
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Let's Dish!

with Kae Harris



THE CIDER HOUSE RULES FOR A PERFECT FALL!

I am not a fan of hot weather. At all. Maybe it's because I grew up in some of the hottest places on the planet and now my body has decided that in order to compensate for those experiences, I need to find cooler climes from here on out. I love fall and winter, but particularly fall, and I am guilty of being seduced by all the typical fall foods. There's just something so incredibly comforting about having a warm slice of apple pie on a chilly day or a mug of hot apple cider when coming home after a long day of work. Apple cider, dear readers, is one of my food weaknesses! Let me be clear when I refer to apple cider, I am talking about the American version of the beverage; growing up in Africa, I was accustomed to seeing the British version, which is an alcoholic drink. You can imagine my surprise and confusion when I moved to the United States and found apple cider being sold at my local pharmacy and the amused reactions of my friends when I told them I didn't think it was possible for alcoholic beverages to be sold in such an establishment! So, apple cider is one of my favorite fall traditions and I find myself asking "Where did this drink come from and how can we use it in the kitchen other than enjoying it's spiced, sweet taste?" Read on to find the answers to these questions and more!

In order to find out how we arrived at American cider, we have to trace the roots of apple cider from Europe. Apple cider can be traced back to the times of ancient Rome, when apple cultivation was encouraged; the production of cider was actually propagated by monks in the following centuries who became cider aficionados and are credited with the modern techniques of cider production today. When European settlers (primarily from England) arrived in what was to become the United States in the early 1600s, it is this fermented drink, which had an alcohol content of between 4 and 6 percent, they brought with them. This was the type of cider that continued to be produced for the next three centuries in the United States. New England became the cider (or cyder, as it was referred to) capital of the country, with an estimated consumption of 15 to 54 gallons per year during the 18th century, which is not a surprise given New England has the perfect climate for growing a variety of apple species! Interestingly, while the Puritans were waging a war against distilled spirits, cider was widely consumed by them, probably because it was free from disease-causing pathogens due to the fermentation process. It was this property that led apple cider to continue its popularity as settlers spread out West on the continental United States.

Apple cider consumption, however, began to wane as immigrants from other parts of Europe, particularly Germany, began to arrive in America with their magical brew: beer. Beer had already been a staple in the United States, but German immigrants brought the industrial know-how of producing large volumes and this is what signaled the beginning of the loss in popularity of apple cider. Enter the era of Prohibition. Surprisingly, apple cider was exempt from prohibition, but this did not save apple orchards being razed to the ground by overzealous supporters of prohibition and law enforcement agents, leading farmers to switch to varieties of apples that were more suited to eating and being used in cooking.

Prohibition is what created apple cider as we know it today in the United States; unfiltered apple juice was mulled with a variety of spices to create the warming brew that has become associated with fall and all the trappings that come with it!

Apple cider is not just a beverage but has many other culinary uses. The most common is apple cider vinegar, which is vinegar made from fermented apple juice. Most of us have a bottle of apple cider vinegar sitting in our kitchen cabinets and we might make use of it from time to time if we are feeling ambitious and want to make a salad dressing from scratch! Apple cider vinegar has so many other uses, though. It can be used as a marinade, as its acidic properties breaks down proteins rendering meats tender and open to receiving flavors from spices; its perfect for pickling a wide variety of things from vegetables to eggs and it can be used to make a variety of cocktails that call for a refreshing yet tart kick! Additionally, there are a variety of health benefits associated with apple cider vinegar and it can be re-purposed to be used in your home as a cleaning product or a beauty aid – from hair rinses to foot spas – but that's a topic for another article!

As we move into fall, even though it is warmer this year than it has been in the last few years, I am excited for the fall traditions in our home. Fresh-made pies, cookies, soups and stews, but my favorite will remain a nice mug of warm apple cider. What are some of your favorite fall traditions? Do you have any family traditions or recipes you associate uniquely with this season? If so, please share them by writing to me at lets-dish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com, along with any comments you may have! I'm leaving you this week with a recipe I tried recently for apple cider pancakes; try it out and let me know how you liked them. I'm looking forward to continue to Dish! with you into the fall season!

Apple Cider Pancakes

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 Tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup apple cider (NOT apple cider vinegar)
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 large eggs
- 4 Tablespoons vegetable or canola oil
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup shredded apples

Whisk together flour, sugar, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add shredded apples and stir to coat with flour mixture.

In another mixing bowl, whisk together apple cider, buttermilk, eggs, oil and vanilla.

Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients and stir with a wooden spoon. Do not over-mix. Batter should be lumpy.

Using 1/4 cup scoops (or an ice cream scoop), pour batter on a hot griddle. Cook pancakes on the first side, until you see air bubbles appearing around the edge and toward the center. Flip and cook about 2 more minutes.

Add your favorite toppings and enjoy!

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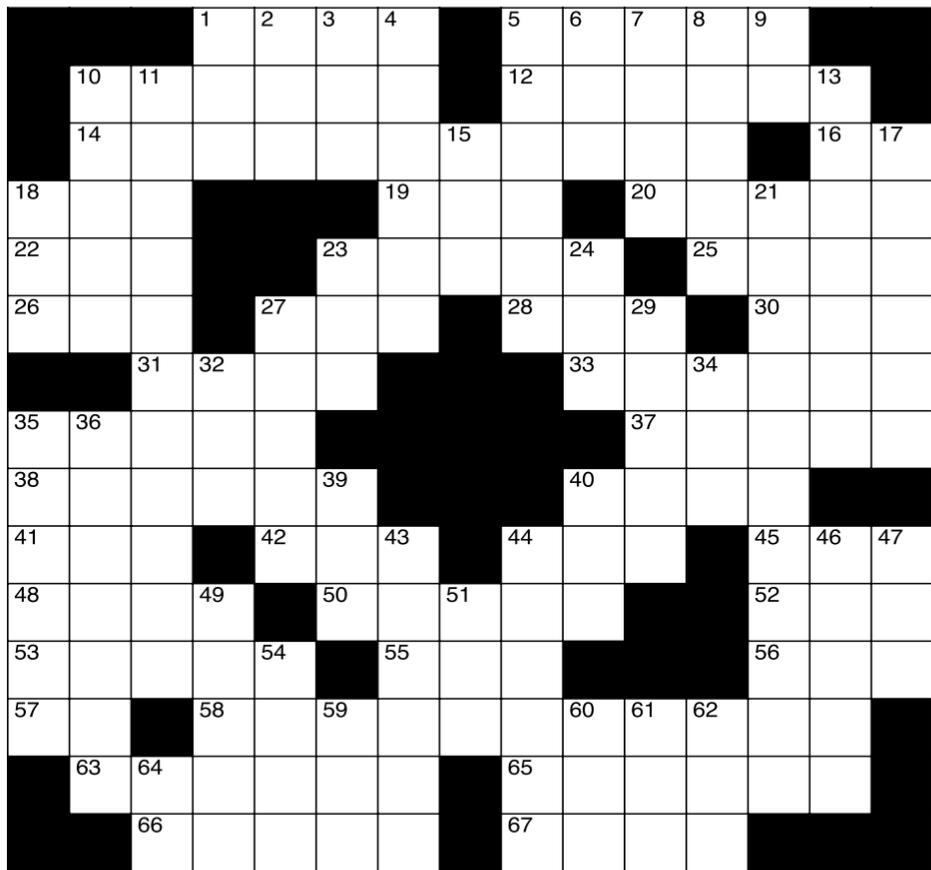
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Religion native to some in China
- 5. Nursemaids
- 10. Coats a porous surface
- 12. Garment of long cloth
- 14. Containing a broader message
- 16. University of Dayton
- 18. Patti Hearst's captors
- 19. Insane
- 20. Bristlelike structures in invertebrates
- 22. Taxi
- 23. Trainee
- 25. Comedian Carvey
- 26. Some couples say it
- 27. Belong to he
- 28. High schoolers' test
- 30. Young goat
- 31. You drive on one
- 33. Denotes a time long ago
- 35. Space between two surfaces
- 37. By and by
- 38. A way to sell
- 40. A line left by the passage of something
- 41. Indicates near
- 42. Where wrestlers compete
- 44. Prosecutors
- 45. Body part
- 48. Soluble ribonucleic acid

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Split pulses
- 2. Brew
- 3. Ask humbly
- 4. Distinctive smells
- 5. Digressions
- 6. Partner to cheese
- 7. Father of Araethyrea
- 8. Made a cavity
- 9. Tin
- 10. Appetizer
- 11. Presenting in detail
- 13. Compound in guano and fish scales
- 15. Cool!
- 17. "___ than a doornail"
- 18. Popular literary form ___ fi
- 21. Be the most remarkable

- 50. Indicates silence
- 52. NFL's Newton
- 53. Ancient Roman garments
- 55. Drunkard
- 56. Expression of satisfaction
- 57. Thus
- 58. Noisy viper
- 63. Plants of a particular region
- 65. Communicated with
- 66. Latches a window
- 67. Swarm with
- 23. "Final Fantasy" universe character
- 24. Buffer solution
- 27. Muslim physician using traditional remedies
- 29. Fantastical planet
- 32. S. American plant
- 34. Domesticated animal
- 35. The tops of mountains
- 36. Expression of disapproval
- 39. Skeletal muscle
- 40. Game show host Sajak
- 43. One's interests
- 44. Identify the existence of
- 46. Partner to "oohed"
- 47. Does not accept medical help (abbr.)
- 49. Hammerin' Hank
- 51. Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
- 54. Elaborately draped garment
- 59. Check
- 60. Car mechanics group
- 61. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 62. Austrian river
- 64. A command to list files

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, Sept. 23 North Isle H-64°/L-52° Mostly Sunny	Fri, Sept. 24 North Isle H-67°/L-53° Partly Sunny	Sat, Sept. 25 North Isle H-65°/L-50° Partly Sunny	Sun, Sept. 26 North Isle H-63°/L-49° Partly Sunny	Mon, Sept. 27 North Isle H-64°/L-50° Partly Sunny	Tues, Sept. 28 North Isle H-62°/L-47° Mostly Cloudy Chance of Rain	Wed, Sept. 29 North Isle H-60°/L-46° Mostly Cloudy Chance of Rain
South Isle H-65°/L-52° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-68°/L-53° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-69°/L-54° Sunny with Patchy Clouds	South Isle H-66°/L-52° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-65°/L-50° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-63°/L-51° Mostly Cloudy Chance of Rain	South Isle H-60°/L-49° Mostly Cloudy Chance of Rain



OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What are three interesting facts about you?

Wendy Rue, Oak Harbor

- I was the first girl to try and succeed at joining the boys track team (because there was not a girls track team) in junior high. The rebel in me was born and no boy could run faster than I could.
- Growing up in NYC with actors as parents, I learned early about good times and abundance and bleak times with little money. Understanding both is essential. But I did get an audition with Richard Rogers for a Broadway show!
- My sweet grandmother became an amputee at the age of 80 and came back to her life fully because of her grit and physical therapy. So, I became a physical therapist.



Bridget Littlefield

- I've never been to the east coast of the U.S., but I've set foot on every continent besides Antarctica. I love traveling and hope to travel more in the future!
- I raised rabbits as a teenager. I participated in 4-H competitions with my rabbit, which always included a knowledge bowl section. So now, as an adult, I have a bunch of random rabbit facts stored away in my brain.
- I have a pretty eclectic taste in music. Whenever a streaming app provides a suggested playlist for me, it will bounce around between indie, reggae ton, classic rock and pop. I really enjoy finding new artists to listen to, and exploring different genres of music.



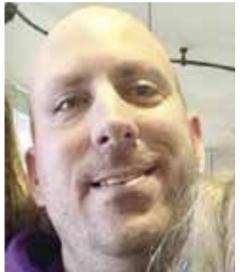
Josh Hauser, Langley

- I went to 20 different schools before I graduated from high school. My non-military family moved a lot.
- I have owned and worked at Moonraker Books (in its current/only location) since June, 1972.
- I helped my husband recover a Ragwing airplane fuselage.
- Before owning Moonraker I gift wrapped at JC Penney's in San Bernardino, modeled, and worked as a telephone operator in Corpus Christi, Texas.



Ray Lindenburg, Oak Harbor

- I've been a city planner since I was about 7 years old playing with Tonka trucks in my backyard. Using random building supplies and stumps, I created an entire town laid out with dirt streets and buildings made of single bricks. Every once in a while I would prune the hedge to plant some "trees" in my little metropolis.
- Due to a very bad error in judgment by a friend, I'm a professional race car driver. I've participated in a few races in the 24 Hours of Lemons series and after a race weekend, the team had some extra money left over from the general fuel and food funds and a share was given back to everyone. I view it as payment and therefore, professionalism.
- My family and I love adventure. Since the pandemic, we haven't been able to travel too far, but the island holds all sorts of fun adventure destinations. Some of our favorite spots are rocky beaches where we search for buried treasure, or at least some sea glass or interesting geological finds.



Matt Iverson, Coupeville

- I have been on the Coupeville chamber board for many years and am now the vice president.
- I paddle with North Puget Sound Dragon Boat Club.
- I have to go to all yard sales, but have moved to a much smaller house.



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Community Bulletin Board

To place an ad, email classifieds@whidbeyweekly.com

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

Summer Isn't Over G-Sale! Friday, Sept. 24 & Saturday, Sept. 25, 10am-2pm, 1008 Diane Ave. in Rolling Hills, Oak Harbor. No early birds! Lots of Bargains, OBO! Sorry, no photos yet because we are still uncluttering. Furniture, tools, household, tons of misc. & great gift items. Christmas is coming fast! Come on up/over and enjoy the clean, fresh air with us. Masks optional but appreciated.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Island County Medical Reserve Corps (ICMRC) is a local network of volunteers organized to improve the health and safety of communities on Whidbey and Camano Islands. Volunteers include medical and public health professionals as well as other community members with no prior healthcare background. ICMRC utilizes volunteers to strengthen community health, enhance emergency response capabilities, and boost community resiliency. They prepare for and respond to natural and manmade disasters such as winter storms, flooding, earthquakes, as well as public health emergencies such as disease outbreaks. If you are interested in volunteering please go to the Island County MRC website for more information or contact s.ziemer@islandcountywa.gov

If you are looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity, look no further! When you volunteer at one of the Habitat for Humanity of Island County stores, you are helping local families attain decent, affordable housing. Income from the stores is vital to giving families a path to homeownership. We need people who can commit to help out in our Oak Harbor or Freeland store at least two-hours per week. Schedules are flexible. Our friendly 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.

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@islandseniorresources.org

JOB MARKET

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Natural Resource Educator: Whidbey Island Conservation District (WICD) is seeking an education professional who has a passion for and experience in inspiring land stewardship and natural resource conservation on private lands and with diverse audiences. This new position is a part-time (0.6 FTE; 24 hour/week) one-year grant-funded role through August 2022 with opportunities for position expansion with additional grant funding. The position is based at the WICD office in Coupeville, Whidbey Island, Washington. Position overview: The Natural Resource Educator is responsible for collaboratively engaging with staff, Board, partners, and clients on the development and delivery of a new approach to serving our agricultural audience on Whidbey Island – through the new "Agland Stewardship Program" to assist Small, Beginning, and Historically Underserved Farmers and Rural Landowners on Whidbey Island in partnership with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. This multi-pronged program will involve coordination of seasonal FarmWalk events, videos, social media, and web content design and delivery, as well as cultivation of producer and partner relationships. The Natural Resource Educator reports directly to the District Manager. SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES: Provides conservation education to a broad

range of audiences, including K-12 students and adults; Coordinates, facilitates and promotes agriculturally-focused farmer events; Develops and designs web and social media campaigns; Develops, shoots and edits educational, engaging videos; Develops and maintains strong relationships with community partners and organizations to support outreach opportunities, ensure program relevance and forge new partnerships; Generates reports and social media content as requested; Assists staff with information requests as needed; Must be available to work occasional evenings and weekends; Performs other reasonable duties as assigned by District Manager. ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's degree in education and/or conservation-related sciences; Minimum of two years of informal or formal educator experience. Experience teaching science is preferred; Demonstrated understanding, experience or education in agriculture, natural resource science or environmental science; Professional knowledge of the principles and techniques used in educational programming and community outreach; Experience in shooting video footage and editing videos; Excellent public speaking and interpersonal skills with a demonstrated ability to interact and communicate with diverse individuals, co-workers, and groups; Superb written communication skills with attention to accuracy, detail, and succinctness – specifically with reports, social media, and email correspondence; Strong creative, organizational, and time-management skills; Proficiency in Microsoft Office suite of programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.). Working knowledge of Smartsheet is a plus; Working knowledge of website development and

maintenance, and social media; Working knowledge of email marketing software such as Constant Contact; Basic understanding of Adobe suite of programs (Acrobat, InDesign, etc.); Possess a valid driver's license and a personal vehicle available for work travel (with mileage reimbursement). DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS: Acquainted with Whidbey Island's natural resources and/or local agriculture; Working understanding of Whidbey Island natural resource issues and key stakeholders; Experience of working on farms similar to those on Whidbey Island; Knowledge of WA State Conservation Commission and USDA NRCS programs and conservation planning processes; Familiar with conservation-related best management practices; Fluency in Spanish a plus. WORK ENVIRONMENT: Standard office environment with occasional work offsite and outdoors; Significant telephone and computer work (repetitive movement – typing); Frequent sitting, standing, walking on uneven ground, working outside in inclement weather, bending, and occasional lifting of moderate loads (up to 50 lbs). The incumbent must be able to perform each requirement of the position as outlined in the job description. Essential Qualifications are representative and are essential for satisfactory job performance. The Work Environment characteristics are representative of those that may be encountered while on the job. COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS: Range: \$22-\$25/hour. For this position, WICD provides prorated medical, dental, and vision insurance; a Simple Retirement plan (WICD is not part of the WA State Public Employees Retirement System – PERS); and 11 paid holidays per year. WORK SCHEDULE:

24 hours per week with occasional evening and/or weekend work. APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Please submit cover letter, fillable application (available at the WICD website www.whidbeycd.org), and resume to tomichelle@whidbeycd.org; subject line: Natural Resource Educator. Three professional references will be required and contacted if applicant is selected for an interview. Position will remain open until filled. ABOUT US: The Whidbey Island Conservation District (WICD) was established in 1967 to assist landowners on Whidbey Island with conservation of natural resources. The District is a legal subdivision of the Washington State government organized under "Conservation District Law," RCW Chapter 89.08. Conservation districts are non-regulatory, thus landowner engagement is voluntary and incentive-based. WICD employees are recognized for their ability to assist the Whidbey Island community with a high level of professionalism and expertise. WICD is an Equal Opportunity Employer (2)

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