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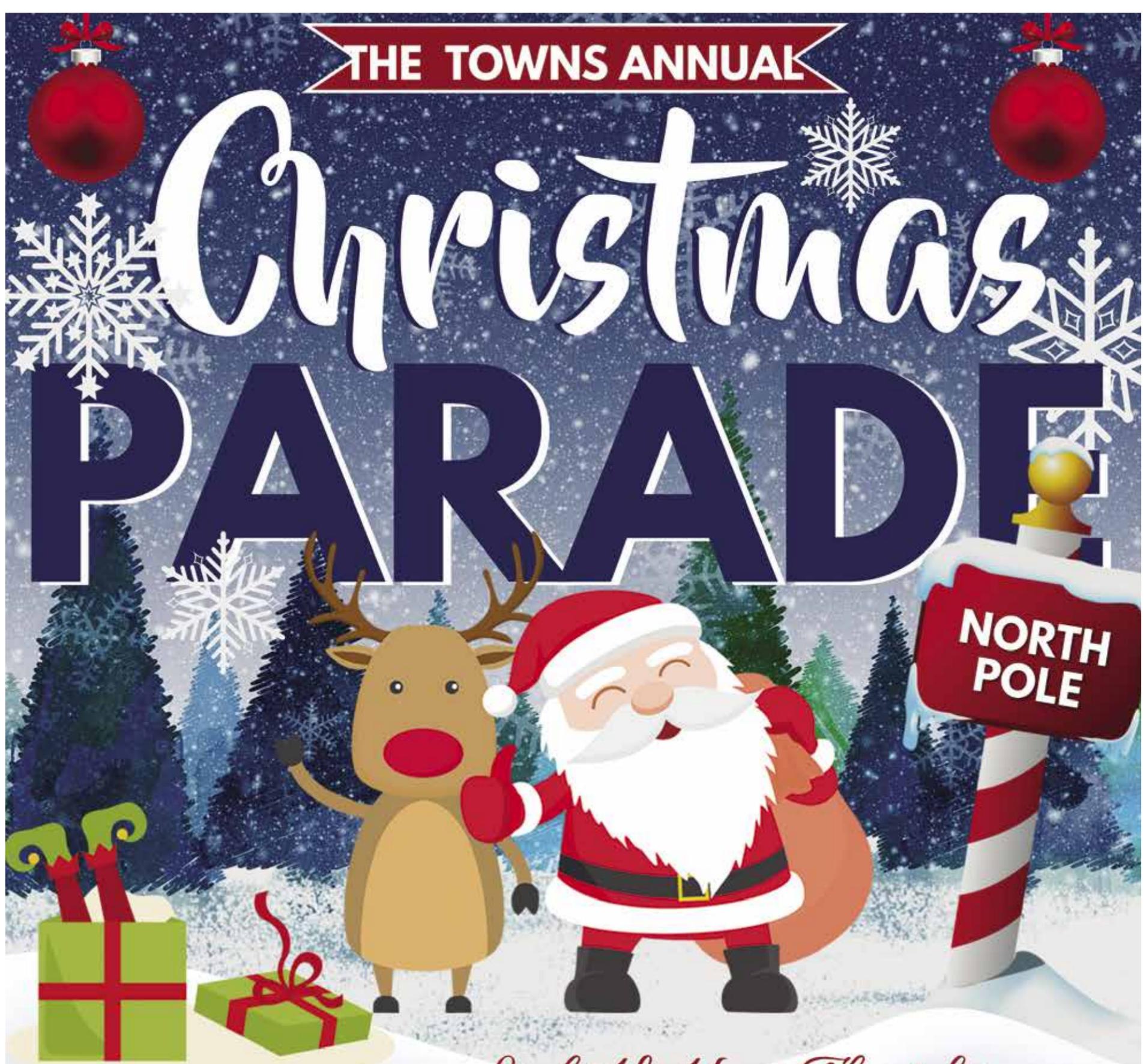
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## Whidbey Holiday Roundup

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

As the song goes, it is the most wonderful time of the year to find all kinds of activities and events to celebrate the holiday season. After a lull last year due to COVID, many events are back in various forms and ready to welcome Whidbey families.

The Whidbey Island Lions Club, Toppins Frozen Yogurt and Blue Fox Drive-In are bringing the Christmas Village to the Blue Fox Drive-In for the next three weekends. The event starts Friday, and will run from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday this weekend and Dec. 10-12 and 17-19. This free event features holiday activities, a petting zoo, games, a visit with Santa and more.

"Come visit with Santa and his 4-H petting zoo featuring 'Magic' the Christmas Unicorn and receive a free gift from Santa, while supplies last," said Carolyn O'Dell with the Whidbey Island Lions Club. "Free hot cocoa and hot cider will help keep you warm by the roaring fire, while the children play games and create and color letters for Santa. There will be homemade gifts, as well as other items to purchase for family and friends for the holidays."

The pandemic forced the cancellation of the Christmas Village last year and O'Dell is hopeful the community will be ready to enjoy the fun once more.

"The Whidbey Island Lions Club is looking forward to reconnecting with the community in the spirit of the holiday season," she said. "We hope that all will enjoy visiting Santa and the Christmas Village festivities and that we can give each and every child love and laughter, along with some holiday cheer for beautiful memories to share for years to come."

Find more information at [www.e-clubhouse/sites/whidbeyisland](http://www.e-clubhouse/sites/whidbeyisland).

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For those who feel like decking out their vehicles for the holidays, the perfect place to take those wheels is to downtown Oak Harbor Saturday for the Santa Cruise from 4 to 6 p.m. This is a two-part cruise. First, Santa will cruise into town on Wally the firetruck. Saint Nick will roll down Bayshore Drive to City Beach and back down Pioneer Way around 4 p.m. He will park between Dock Street and the Harborside Village mall. Then everyone is invited to cruise by in their decked-out cars and wave at Santa and some of his friends. Parents are welcome to park and bring their children for a quick visit and photo with Santa. There will be live music provided by members of the All Island Band and there could be some pirates spotted roaming the streets as well.

There is no official tree lighting for this event, but the lights will be turned on at 5 p.m., adding to the festive atmosphere. While not quite the same as previous years, organizers said they are happy to make plans for this year and beyond.

"I think it is great to be able to have in-person events," said Margaret Livermore, interim executive director of the Oak

Harbor Main Street Association. "We cannot wait until we are able to have our Holiday parade. In 2019 we were just growing it and had more participants than in previous years. It is our hope that we can go back to that format in 2022.

"We would love to have people come downtown and enjoy all of our events and support local businesses," she continued, adding the Santa Cruise is her favorite part of this year's event. "Families decorate their cars and cruise by over and over again. It is nice to see all the smiling faces."

The OHMSA Snowflake Hunt also kicks off at the Santa Cruise and runs through Dec. 17.

"We will pass out Snowflake stamp cards at the Santa Cruise and then they can be picked up at Garry Oak Gallery after that," Livermore explained. "Customers go in to participating stores and find the OHMSA snowflake. The merchant will put a sticker on their card."

When hunters have 10 stickers, they can drop their cards into a box at Garry Oak Gallery to win a gift basket full of items from downtown merchants.

The OHMSA's Green Ticket Cash Giveaway is going on through Dec. 17. Shoppers receive one ticket for every \$20 they spend and are entered into a drawing to win \$1,500 cash, \$500 cash, or one of five \$100 Main Street Gift Certificates to spend at one of the downtown businesses. The drawing for the green ticket giveaway and the Snowflake Hunt gift basket will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18; participants do not need to be present to win.

Downtown shoppers can also vote for their favorite Toy Soldier at [oakharbormainstreet.org](http://oakharbormainstreet.org).

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The annual Christmas Parade and Greening of Coupeville gets underway Saturday at 4:30 p.m. The Coupeville Chamber of Commerce presents a fun and festive way to celebrate the season with family and friends, either as a participant in the parade or as a spectator. Word is there will be an extra special guest arriving at the end of the parade – look for his red suit and white beard. The traditional "greening" of Coupeville tree lighting will follow the parade. Organizers encourage participants to light up their float for a chance to win a prize. The



Teresa Besaw Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Main Street Association

For anyone who enjoys decorating their vehicle, organizers encourage them to deck them out in all manner of holiday gear and take part in the Santa Cruise in downtown Oak Harbor, to be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday. Santa will first cruise through downtown on Wally the firetruck before stopping to watch the parade of decorated cars cruise by him.



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Lions Club  
Magic the Christmas Unicorn will be at the Christmas Village spreading holiday cheer. The village opens Friday at the Blue Fox Drive-In.

parade will travel along 1st and N Main Streets, Front Street and Alexander Street to the library. Entry forms are available at the Coupeville Chamber. Visit [coupevillechamber.com](http://coupevillechamber.com) or call 360-678-5434 for details.

Shoppers will be rewarded in Coupeville as well, as the Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association will hold its Red Ticket Drawing at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19. Earn one ticket for every \$20 spent at participating merchants and be entered into the drawing to win a cash prize. ([coupevillehistoricwaterfront.com](http://coupevillehistoricwaterfront.com))

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Santa is a busy guy and this year is no exception! You can find the jolly old elf hanging out at the Clinton Community Hall Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. as he helps celebrate Holiday at the Hall. Families are encouraged to bring their cameras for some photo opportunities with Santa, who will be hanging out inside the hall. This free event will feature treat bags for kids and adults. Sip on a warm beverage and venture outside for the community's tree lighting, expected to take place between 5:30-5:45 p.m. Email [info@clintoncommunityhall.org](mailto:info@clintoncommunityhall.org) for information.

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There will literally be chestnuts and open fires upon which to roast them at Admiralty Head Lighthouse's Light up your Holidays event Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. This all-outdoor evening will include campfires to roast those chestnuts and marshmallows, plus children's games, activities and Christmas carolers. This event is free to attend but a Discover Pass is required for parking.

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You don't have to leave your vehicle to enjoy the Real Story of Christmas, thanks to the Oak Harbor Christian School's free drive through event from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday.

For the fourth year in a row, OHCS invites the Whidbey community to travel back in time and experience the story of Christ's birth through a series of vignettes featuring live actors, live animals and music. A take-home craft for kids and the young-at-heart is available while supplies last. Oak Harbor Christian School is located at 675 East Whidbey Ave.

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The Whidbey Allied Artists Art Show and Sale is going on Friday through Sunday at the Coupeville Recreation Hall, 901 NW Alexander Street. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. See the work of 15 local artists, from photography to glass and ceramics, watercolors to oils, woodwork and more. The holidays are a great time to share the gift of fine art by some of Whidbey's best artists.

# ON TRACK

With Jim Freeman



Welcome to page three. If this is your first time with us, thank you for being here. If this is not your first time, you know not to believe everything you read. Either way, we appreciate your patronage.

## Four husbands

The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time. The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation.

"He's a funeral director," she answered.

"Interesting," the newsman thought. He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living.

She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining she had first married a banker when she was in her 20s, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40s, and a preacher when in her 60s, and now – in her 80s – a funeral director.

The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.

She smiled and explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."

## Back track

No matter how our memory serves us, we all remember how we found Whidbey or Whidbey found us.

Asking others how and why is a fun ice breaker. Why ask what one did before arrival?

Each of us has a unique story. What is yours?

While sitting and slurping in a San Fernando Valley bar, I looked around to see there was only one other guy in the place.

After exchanging a few words, our remaining conversation went something like this.

"You look familiar. Have we met in this bar before?"

"No, this is my first time."

"I am sure I have seen you before."

"Where are you from?"

"Seattle. I'm here for a wedding."

"Have you ever seen the commercials on Seattle and Tacoma TV for the Bartending Academy?"

"226-3633!"

A few minutes later, as he was leaving, I asked him a question.

"If you could live anywhere, not in Seattle, but near it, where would you live?"

"Whidbey Island."

As soon as I returned to my before cell phone dwelling, I called Bobby P, the owner of the Bartending Academy in Renton.

"Bobby, what are you doing today?"

"Going to Longacres to bet the ponies. Why do you ask?"

"I just met a guy who said Whidbey Island was the place to be. Could you drive up there to rent me a place to live for the summer?"

"Let me lay down a bet for the daily double, then Anne Marie and I will go up there."

Several hours later, Bobby called to tell me he had found a house on the beach at Sandy Point, near Langley.

"By the way, we stopped at the track on the way home. We won the daily double."

Taking this as an omen, I left the valley for the island.

The story gets better.

One week night, I took my basset hound Norton to the Dog House Tavern. Seeing a carved basset at the entrance to Pete Jacobs' watering hole, I leashed Norton to Pete's greeter before heading to the bar.

"You aren't from around here," said bartender Bill Walton. "Where are you from?"

"A small town in Pennsylvania. You've never heard of it."

"Try me" Bill said, showing that grin I would come to love.

"Oil City."

Laughing, Bill said. "I'm from Vowinckle."

Our dismay continued.

"Do you have any kin living in Oil City?"

"Yep. My dad lives in the Crestview Apartments."

Laughing even more, Bill said "this beer is on me. My dad is your dad's landlord."

The small world got smaller when I found out Bill's wife had been a teacher at Oil City Senior High, the only five story school in America with a ground floor entrance to every floor.

No wonder *Ripley's Believe It Or Not* was in our school library. Our five story structure was in their book.

Yes, finding Whidbey Island was magical. After living on the beach, thanks to realtor Sandey Menashe, Norton and I relocated to a 1928 railroad caboose in Freeland.

Let us just call this divine intervention. Almost four decades later, we are still on track.

## Happy men

What do you expect from such simple creatures? Your last name stays put. The garage is all yours. Wedding plans take care of themselves. Chocolate is just another snack. You can never be pregnant. You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park.

Car mechanics tell you the truth. You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky. You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt. Wrinkles add character. Wedding dress – \$5,000; Tux rental - \$100. People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.

New shoes normally don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet. One mood all the time. Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat. You know stuff about tanks. A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase. You can open all your own jars.

You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness. If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend. Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack. Two pairs of shoes are more than enough. You almost never have strap problems in public. You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes.

Everything on your face stays its original color. The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades. You only have to shave your face and neck. You can play with toys all your life. One wallet and one pair of shoes – one color for all seasons. You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.

You can 'do' your nails with a pocket knife. You have freedom of choice concerning growing a mustache. You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives Dec. 24 in 25 minutes.

## Nicknames

If Laura, Kate, and Sarah go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Kate and Sarah. If Mike, Bob, Dan, Ed and Pat go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Bubba, Bird Brain, Idiot and Wild man.

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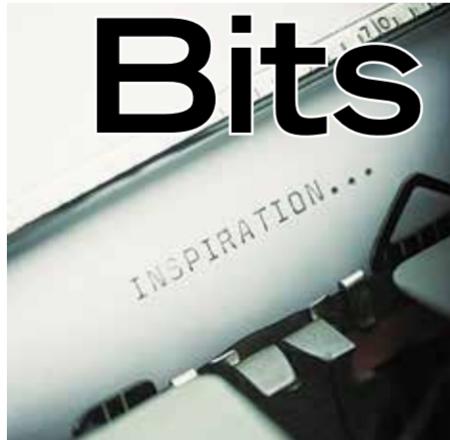
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# Bits & Pieces



## Community Invited to Participate in Forums as part of Skagit Valley College Presidential Search

Skagit Valley College Board of Trustees has begun the search for a new college president in response to the planned retirement of current SVC President Dr. Tom Keegan. The new SVC president will provide inspiring and visionary leadership and continue the college's mission of cultivating student learning and achievement; contributing to the education, personal and economic success of students; and promoting equitable and thriving communities.

An important part of the presidential search process includes community involvement. The community is invited to attend a virtual open forum to share opinions and thoughts about the qualifications needed for the next SVC president. No RSVP is needed.

Participants can join the discussion on Zoom using the following link:

4:30pm, Thursday, Dec. 2 – <https://skagitvalleycollege.zoom.us/j/81510000430>

In addition to the community forum, the college has developed a brief online survey to help in its search. Community responses are anonymous and will inform the development of the Presidential Profile, which will be used

to recruit candidates and evaluate applications. The survey is available here: [https://skagit.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_b7qh0Ji7OobsFYq](https://skagit.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b7qh0Ji7OobsFYq).

Survey feedback must be submitted no later than 10:00am Friday.

For more about the presidential search, visit [skagit.edu/presidential-search](http://skagit.edu/presidential-search).

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

## Tilth Market Opens for Holidays

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

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, South Whidbey Tilth]

## New Program Manager for Deception Pass Park Foundation has Long Family History of Service

Since 2005, the Deception Pass Park Foundation has operated largely on volunteer support.

In response to recent rapid growth, the foundation's board of directors has decided to hire its first full-time employee. Jared Bessett, as program manager, will support the board to increase financial resources through fundraising efforts and management of the foundation's extensive retail operations.

Bessett's grandfather, Bob Little, became park manager in 1973. The family lived in the park for several years before Little was promoted to northwest region manager.

"I grew up on stories of my mother's childhood in the park," Bessett said. "It feels surreal. I am honored to be given this opportunity to help a place that was so pivotal in my family's history."

"With Jared on our team now, we have a lot of exciting things to look forward to, including a huge celebration this summer that the whole community will be a part of," said Deception Pass Park Foundation Board President, Terica Ginther.

Bessett's role in managing the foundation's day-to-day operations is an important part of ensuring a successful year-long celebration of Deception Pass State Park's 100th Birthday in 2022.

Bessett earned a degree in journalism at Central Washington University, where he was a member of the William O. Douglas Honors College.

The Deception Pass Park Foundation was founded in 2005 with the goal of providing financial support to supplement state funding to promote education and preserve resources in the park.

[Submitted by Jared Bessett, Program Manager, Deception Pass Park Foundation]

## Gov. Inslee Appoints Ozell Jackson III as New Skagit Valley College Trustee

Ozell Jackson III has been appointed by Gov. Inslee to the Skagit Valley College (SVC) Board of Trustees and will serve from Oct. 2021 through Sept. 2026.

"Ozell's passion for helping Whidbey Island's diverse community achieve homeownership, financial literacy, and economic prosperity will enhance the board's leadership and community connections," said Dr. Tom Keegan, SVC president. "His insights will be valuable as the board focuses its strategic direction to support the college's core themes of equity in access, achievement, and community."

Jackson was raised in Oak Harbor, Wash. After high school, he left his hometown to attend the University of Washington, and later returned to Whidbey Island with his family in 2013. For the past 30 years, he has worked as a financial literacy advocate in the mortgage industry to help under-served populations, including new immigrants and refugees. In addition, he is actively involved with the Opportunity Council, the Island County Economic Development Council, and Homebridge Financial Services.

Jackson also volunteers with the Island County Opportunity Council's Financial Literacy and Renters Education (FLARE) program which helps homeless or housing insecure individuals, and the Basic Food, Employment and Training (BFET) program.

The Skagit Valley College Board of Trustees consists of five members, all of whom are residents of Skagit, Island, or San Juan counties and are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Washington State Senate. Jackson replaces Christon Skinner, who recently completed nine years of service on the board.

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



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## CAREGIVERS: AT THE HEART OF HEALTHCARE

As friends, family or loved one age, unexpected events can derail even the healthiest person. Often friends and family need to step in and support when they least expect it.

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### Winter Wonderland

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

Enjoy a free, unforgettable experience for families at the Shops at Burlington. There will be indoor and outdoor activities for all ages. Huge bouncy inflatables, arts and crafts, face painting, carnival games, "meet and greets" with favorite movie characters, a climbing wall, creative activities, snow to play in (weather permitting), and more. Santa will also be there for photos, 12:00-4:00PM each day. For more information, visit [www.skagitchildrensmuseum.net](http://www.skagitchildrensmuseum.net) or call 360-757-8888.

### The Christmas Village

Fridays, December 3, 10 & 17, 3:00-7:00PM  
Saturdays, December 4, 11 & 18, 3:00-7:00PM  
Sundays, December 5, 12 & 19, 3:00-7:00PM  
Blue Fox Drive In, 1403 N Monroe Landing Rd

A free community holiday event. Visit Santa and his elves, petting zoo, holiday crafts, and games.

### Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 4, 9:30AM-2:00PM  
Coupeville United Methodist Church  
Quality quilts, holiday baked goods, wreaths, and more! Parking available behind the church, 608 N Main St. More information available at [www.coupevilleumc.com](http://www.coupevilleumc.com).

### Greenbank Farm Holiday Market

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

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

### Try Rugby Day

Saturday, December 4, 12:00-2:00PM  
Oak Harbor High School Stadium  
Free

Boys and girls ages 6-16 are invited to come learn basic skills and receive more information about playing non-contact games. For more information, email [northdirector@rugbywa.org](mailto:northdirector@rugbywa.org) or visit [rugbywa.org](http://rugbywa.org).

### Santa Cruise and Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 4, 4:00-6:00PM  
Downtown Oak Harbor, Pioneer Way  
Decorate your car and come downtown. Cruise down Pioneer Way and wave to Santa and his friends. Santa will cruise down Bayshore Drive then Pioneer Way and park near the Harborside Village mall for you to drive by and say hi.

### Holiday at the Hall

Saturday, December 4, 4:00-6:00PM  
Clinton Community Hall, 6411 S Central Ave.  
Bring your camera and take family photos with Santa. He will be set up for you inside the Hall. There will also be Christmas treat bags for both kids and adults, warm beverages and the big tree lighting around 5:30PM. Be sure to dress for the weather. For more information, visit [www.clintoncommunityhall.org](http://www.clintoncommunityhall.org).

### Central Whidbey Island Fire and Rescue Santa Neighborhood Tours

Saturday, December 4, 4:15PM  
Coupeville Parade -  
The Greening of Coupeville  
Monday, December 6  
Town of Coupeville (N. Main St. side of SR 20)  
Tuesday, December 7  
Town of Coupeville (S. Main St. side of SR 20 and Crockett Lake)

Friday, December 10  
Parker Road, Long Point, Rhodena, Harrington  
Neighborhood tours start around 5:30PM each night. All dates are subject to weather conditions. Please see [www.cwifr.org](http://www.cwifr.org) to track Santa's whereabouts and more specific route information. CWFR will be accepting non-perishable food bank donations. Please call 678-3602 or visit [www.cwfire.org](http://www.cwfire.org) for further details.

### Drive the Road to Bethlehem

Saturday, December 4, 5:00-8:00PM  
Oak Harbor Christian School  
Drive-thru scenes that portray the real Christmas story and live animals, crafts, and music. Oak Harbor Christian School is located at 675 E. Whidbey Avenue. Visit [Oakharborchristian.org](http://Oakharborchristian.org) for more information.

### South Whidbey Fire/EMS Santa's Sleigh

Thursday, December 9, 5:30-8:00PM  
Friday, December 10, 5:30-8:00PM  
Saturday, December 11, 4:30-8:00PM  
Bayview Fire Station, Langley  
An annual tradition since 1995. Drive up the hill to enjoy lights, music, decorations, goody bags, and greetings from Santa. Remain in your vehicle and follow safety guidelines. The Bayview Fire Station is located at 5579 Bayview Rd. For more information visit [SWFE.org](http://SWFE.org).

### Christmas Concert at Ducken Farm

Saturday, December 11, 4:00PM  
451 Ducken Rd, Oak Harbor  
Tickets: \$10

Enjoy an evening of Christmas cheer at Ducken Farm. There will be live local music (Handsome and Gretyl, Weak Sheep, Tyler Grehan), cocoa, cider, snacks, and more. This will be held in the Ducken barn - so bundle up and enjoy a lovely evening with family and friends. Children 5 and under are free. For tickets or more information, visit <https://store.braverymusic.com/products/christmas-concert-at-the-ducken-farm>.

### Galleries & Art Shows

#### Whidbey Allied Artists Show and Sale

Friday, December 3, 10:00AM-6:00PM  
Saturday, December 4, 10:00AM-6:00PM  
Sunday, December 5, 10:00AM-5:00PM  
Coupeville Recreational Hall, 901 NW Alexander St.

Fifteen Local artists from Whidbey Allied Artists (WAA) will be presenting a show and sale. Featured art will include watercolor, oil and acrylic paintings, pastels, mosaics, glass, ceramics and photography. Admission is free. For details, contact Charlotte Gray at 360-929-4156.

### Meetings & Organizations

#### Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum Luncheon

Tuesday, December 7, 11:30AM  
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St.  
There will be a TOLLING of the BELL Ceremony in Honor of Veterans who served during WWII, Korea, and Vietnam, who have passed away in the last three years. This is normally an annual event for the museum, however, it was postponed due to COVID.

An award celebration recognizing museum volunteers for their time and tireless contributions to Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum to follow the ceremony. All are welcome, admission is free, lunch will be offered for \$15.

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# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

## Winter Wonderland

Starts tomorrow!

**December 3-5, 2021**

Free outdoor fun for the whole family at The Shops at Burlington

- Outdoor Activities
- Live Reindeer
- Santa Photo Ops
- Meet & Greet
- Bouncy Houses, Big Baller & more
- Climbing Wall
- Snow Zone
- Face Painting
- NW Glacier Cruisers
- ...and lots more!
- Masks Required
- **Tree Lighting 4pm Saturday!**

**FREE!!** all 3 days!

Scan code for full event details  
To learn more call 360.757.8888 or visit [SkagitChildrensMuseum.net](http://SkagitChildrensMuseum.net)  
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Stay for the weekend!

Holiday Inn Express & Suites, La Quinta Inn & Suites, Fairfield Inn & Suites, Hampton Inn & Suites, Candlewood Suites, Comfort Suites or Cocusa Motel

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[VisitBurlingtonWA.com](http://VisitBurlingtonWA.com) [VisitSkagitValley.com](http://VisitSkagitValley.com)

South Whidbey Tilth

## Holiday Market

Bonfire, Hot Food, Baked Goods, Gifts, Winter Produce & more!

Sundays 11-2  
December 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

If high winds, ice, or snow cancels a market, Make Up Market on the 19<sup>th</sup>

2812 Thompson Rd  
between Bayview & Freeland on Hwy 525

[market@southwhidbeytilth.org](mailto:market@southwhidbeytilth.org)  
message: 360-321-0757

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CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO OUR

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

December 4, 2021  
9:30am-2pm

Handmade crafts, baked goods, jelly, and wreaths

608 N. Main St. Coupeville, WA 98239  
\*Parking is located behind the church.

Proceeds will go to the Coupeville Boys & Girls Club & other community charities.  
\*Masks are required inside CUMC\*

## GREENBANK FARM HOLIDAY MARKET

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

Handmade holiday gifts by Whidbey-area artists  
Enter the raffle for prizes from Greenbank Farm shops!  
Santa will be available for photos from 12-2:30pm  
Masks required

For more information, visit [whidbeyislandmarkets.com](http://whidbeyislandmarkets.com)

## GREEN TICKET CASH GIVEAWAY

### DOUBLE GREEN TICKETS ON SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27!

WALK, SHOP & DINE IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN OAK HARBOR

**\$2500 IN PRIZES THIS YEAR!**  
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Earn a GREEN TICKET for every \$20 purchase\* at participating merchants between November 1 and December 17, 2021 and be entered to win \$1500 CASH, \$500 CASH OR ONE OF 5 \$100 Main Street Gift Certificates!  
Drawing will be held at 4pm on Saturday, December 18. Must be 18 years older to participate. Do not need to be present to win.  
\*1 ticket per \$20 purchase with a maximum of 50 tickets per individual transaction up to \$1000.

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## DRIVE-THRU Santa

**SOUTH WHIDBEY FIRE/EMS SANTA'S SLEIGH**

ANNUAL TRADITION SINCE 1995

Drive up the hill to enjoy lights, music, decorations, goody bags and greetings from Santa!

Remain in your vehicle and follow safety guidelines.

**Location:**  
Bayview Fire Station, 5579 Bayview Road

**Dates:**  
Thursday, December 9 • 5:30-8pm  
Friday, December 10 • 5:30-8pm  
Saturday, December 11 • 4:30-8pm

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# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

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December 4 10am-5pm  
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December 11 10am-5pm  
December 12 10am-3pm  
December 18 10am-5pm  
December 19 10am-3pm

Hosted by Oak Harbor Main Street & Whidbey Young Professionals



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Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association Red Ticket Drawing

**\$2,300 Cash**

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the Oystercatcher  
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The Honey Bear  
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Red 2021 Ticket Shop Locally

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CoupevilleHistoricWaterfront.com • 360.682.6400  
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## Country Christmas at the Fair

Weekend 1  
Fri., Nov. 26, 12pm-7pm • Sat., Nov. 27, 10am-4pm • Sun., Nov. 28, 10am-4pm

Weekend 2  
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Whidbey Island Fairgrounds  
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12/16/21 HOLMES HARBOR, NORTH BLUFF  
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Santa will cruise down Bayshore Drive then Pioneer Way and park near the Harborside Village Mall for you to drive by and say hi!

# Music video puts Whidbey Island in film spotlight

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

A music video shot on Whidbey Island by an emerging artist from Bothell is earning significant interest on YouTube, already racking up more than 212,000 views (as of press time) since its release just over a month ago. ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWUjYZ-38noA&t=2s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWUjYZ-38noA&t=2s))

"Kadhaliye" is the first music video by Amal Manohar, a senior at the University of Washington. While it is not the first song he's written, it is the first song he's performed on since getting serious about music. Well, as serious as a college senior, who will graduate with a degree in applied computing with a minor in business, can be.

"Music is something I'm very passionate about," said Amal, who began playing violin at the age of 8 and who started taking voice lessons over Zoom in 2020. He said he believes music will go hand-in-hand with his career.

"I see my education on one half, with music side by side," he said. "Putting this [video] together has motivated me to work harder. My goal is to take education and music together at the same time."

Written in the Tamil language and aimed mainly at a south Indian audience, "Kadhaliye" translates as "beloved" in English. It's an upbeat, light, love song – one that needed a specific setting, according to Amal's father, Manohar Shanmugam, who was the cinematographer on the project – it's his first music video as well. Watch the video and one will be drawn in not only by the music, but by the beauty of the setting. It showcases Amal, obviously, and while it's a love song about a woman, the other star of the video is Whidbey Island. It was beautifully shot at Double Bluff Beach, a place Shanmugam said was the perfect setting.

"Whidbey is our quick getaway spot," he said. "We moved to Washington in 2008 and every summer we drive to Whidbey. So

Whidbey is not new to us, it's a pretty beautiful place. For this song, which is all about a boy sharing his love to a girl, it is about happiness and energy. We needed an open area where we can see open blue sky and water. So Double Bluff was perfect."

"It's a classic love song. I wanted to create something retro, with an 80s, 90s feel," said Amal. "The mood we wanted to set was happy, joyful. We wanted to shoot the video at a place that wasn't the city. Double Bluff gave a feel to the song I don't think any other place would have."

After settling on the location, Shanmugam began the process of getting the necessary permits and permissions required to film a project here. He turned to Whidbey and Camano Island Tourism's film liaison, Sherrye Wyatt, and her team, who helped walk Shanmugam through the necessary steps. Wyatt said projects like the "Kadhaliye" video can help set the stage for bringing more film projects to Island County.

"Music videos are such a powerful art form because you are combining music and scenery to tell a story," Wyatt said. "I love that this project is a family affair and is in Tamil rather than English, giving it international significance."

In this instance, Whidbey Island promoted itself.

"In some cases, such as this one, those involved with the project have made good memories at a location and decide to bring their special project here," said Wyatt. "Sometimes, there is a family connection that leads them to choose the islands, such as Macklamore when he filmed his music video 'The Good Old Days' on Whidbey Island in 2017. Family connections also led the mysterious short film, 'The Hour After Westerly,' starring Peter Jacobson and Shannyn Sossamon, to be filmed here in 2019."

Wyatt, who started with Whidbey and Camano Island Tourism in 2010, said Island



Photo Courtesy of Manohar Shanmugam  
A new music video by University of Washington senior, Amal Manohar, not only features his music, but is set on Whidbey Island. The video has more than 212,000 views on YouTube, putting Whidbey Island in the spotlight for potential filmmakers.



Photo Courtesy of Lovell Holder/"Midday Black, Midnight Blue" Sherrye Wyatt, film liaison for Whidbey Camano Islands Tourism, says the islands' timeless quality allows filmmakers to transform them into any era, and become many other parts of the world, ranging from a small farming community to Nantucket, or like this scene on the water from the film "Midday Black, Midnight Blue."

County did not have a film liaison then, even though scenes from several well known movies had already been filmed here, such as "Officer and a Gentleman," "War of the Roses," "Snow Falling on Cedars," "Practical Magic" and the "Ring." In 2012, Wyatt created the film liaison position and she was subsequently appointed to serve on the state's film incentive commission, called Washington Filmworks.

"Serving in this new capacity has helped strengthen our understanding of how to work with the local community as well as film productions and has helped elevate Island County as a film friendly destination," she said. "Over the past few years, we have seen an increased interest from location scouts and production companies. Recent commercial shoots, including catalogs, are Alaska Airlines, ASICS, Nissan, Nautica, Volkswagen, GM, Nordstrom, REI, and Nike, just to name a few. Episodes of HGTV's "Island Life," "Lottery Dream Home" and "Beach Hunters" have been filmed on both islands. Other TV episodes from "Z Nation," "Shut up and Drive" and "The Jet Set" have also filmed here. There are others in the works."

And don't forget "Top Gun: Maverick," which filmed some scenes at NAS Whidbey Island. It's expected to be released for Memorial Day, 2022. These projects can bring a boost to Island County's economy, through permitting fees, hotel stays, catering from local restaurants and even by hiring local crew members or actors, according to Wyatt.

"They spend a lot of money during filming," she said. "In fact, the crew of the TV show "Z Nation" spent well over \$30,000 during an intense few days of filming. Nearly 25 years later, "Practical Magic" continues to positively impact Whidbey, especially during the annual Haunting of Coupeville each October."

Scott Price, founder of the Price Sculpture Forest in Coupeville, which was recently featured on an episode of "The Jet Set," has high praise for the job Wyatt and her team do for Island County tourism.

"The show's hosts' resulting enthusiasm for Whidbey destinations and their associated stories really shines through in a fun and

extremely positive episode that will likely provide dividends for the local economy for quite a while," Price said.

"We now have visitors from around the world," he continued. "That success is partly due to increasingly positive, organic word of mouth and partly due to increasing media exposure that includes the big successes Sherrye shepherds. When people come to visit the Sculpture Forest as a primary destination, a large, beneficial ripple effect occurs as the same visitors want to fill out the rest of their day. They then go to local businesses, restaurants, lodging and other destinations."

Lovell Holder is the producer of the film "Midday Black, Midnight Blue," which filmed on Whidbey Island earlier this year and is currently in post-production.

"From the moment we first expressed interest in shooting on Whidbey Island, Sherrye went above and beyond to guarantee that we were introduced to every possible connection who could potentially be a resource for our film," he said. "Consequently, we met local restaurateurs who went on to provide our crew with delicious meals, local residents whose stunning properties became the on-screen homes of our characters, and local businesses who offered us invaluable services to make our film come to life. None of this would have been possible without Sherrye and her co-worker, Laura Hilton. I cannot imagine a better ambassador for Whidbey Island or a more passionate advocate for the community there."

"Filmmaking is my life, and when you're in a new city or state or country and away from home, it's always wonderful to be working, but it can also be immensely lonely," said Daniel Talbott, co-director and writer of "Midday Black, Midnight Blue." "My sister Sam and I had never been to Whidbey, we didn't really know many folks in the Pacific Northwest. Sherrye pulled up in her car with an orca whale hat for both of us, some great candles and some local tea, and suddenly we didn't feel so lost or alone. Her kindness, hard work and professionalism gave us a road map and let us feel like locals for a bit. We could've never made our movie without her, Laura and Amy Lillard, and would've never wanted to. Sherrye's a film warrior and the best."

Wyatt believes filming in Island County will continue to grow, thus promoting economic activity and bringing visibility to the islands. But she said the state needs to become more competitive when it comes to luring film projects to the islands and to Washington state in general.

"Our biggest challenge continues to be the number of projects we lose to competing states and countries because our film incentive fund is just too small, even though we have the talent, the scenery and infrastructure," she said. "It is simply maddening to see another hit like the new episodic series "Maid" filmed in Canada, when the story is actually set here. Our state's film budget has to be increased if we are ever going to be competitive. We're one of the lowest in the nation and not even in the same ballpark as Georgia or British Columbia. This is something we'll be speaking with our legislators about in Olympia next year."



Photo Courtesy of Lovell Holder/"Midday Black, Midnight Blue"  
One of the many selling points for making a film on Whidbey or Camano Islands is the variety of possible locations, from urban to wild, from forests and beaches to charming main streets, says Sherrye Wyatt film liaison for Whidbey Camano Islands Tourism. Here, actors and crew film a scene at the Coupeville wharf for the film "Midday Black, Midnight Blue."

**Triple Feature!**  
**FRIDAY, DEC. 3 THRU SUNDAY, DEC. 5**  
**ENCANTO (PG)**  
**GHOSTBUSTERS: AFTERLIFE (PG-13)**  
**VENOM: LET THERE BE CARNAGE (PG-13)**

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**Fri-Tues: 4:00pm, 6:30pm & 6:45pm**  
**KING RICHARD (PG-13)**  
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**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29**

**7:37 am, Scenic Heights Rd.**

Caller says same vehicle that damaged her yard two days ago is back. Says four minutes ago a white and black Subaru just did it again. Drove around barricades.

**3:10 pm, Carl Ave.**

Reporting party laughing manically. Asking 9-1-1 where they were when 9-1-1 asked for their location. Hung up when dispatcher advised San Juan was not in Island County. Caller recalling again, stating he is looking for Oklahoma. Rolling Hills.

**3:55 pm, SR 20**

Caller advising has passed by multiple times today and female is walking along SR 20 and diving into traffic.

**9:13 pm, Coles Rd.**

Reporting party saw female three times. Stopped to talk to her and asked if she needed help. Female said yes at first then said no. Reporting party states female was standing in middle of the road.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 30**

**1:06 pm, Swantown Rd.**

Reporting party is listing agent for property and is fielding questions from buyers about greenhouse on property and wanting to know if they can grow marijuana in it.

**2:07 pm, Roberts Pond Ln.**

Advising is working at construction site near location; two minutes ago was on machine in back yard, heard two shots fired and BBs sprayed house and machine reporting party was on.

**8:52 pm, SE Barrington Dr.**

Reporting party states he has two warrants, is currently in jail; wants to know what the warrants are for.

**10:40 pm, Paradise Pl.**

Reporting party states male in Toyota 4-Runner driving backwards too fast. States this happens a lot, driver yelling at reporting party, telling reporting party he is the problem.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 1**

**1:11 pm, SR 525**

Advising received information there may or may not be "anti-mask" protesters at location tomorrow.

**5:26 pm, Hamilton Dr.**

Loose dog, border collie mix. "Some crack head" outside on her phone says it was friendly, but reporting party says it was growling at her and was not friendly. Reporting party tired of this.

**6:43 pm, Goss Lake Rd.**

Caller states law enforcement are up in planes taking pictures of caller in bathroom; are on their mics. Owner of location is moving soon; wants this resolved.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 2**

**3:19 am, Northgate Dr.**

Reporting party states subject is walking around storage units wearing all camo and carrying a rifle.

**4:48 am, SW Stremler Dr.**

Reporting party says strange man is in her room, sitting down. Subject is white male, six-foot tall, blonde, red bathrobe.

**7:20 am, Monroe Landing Rd.**

Reporting party states vehicle on the beach. Not in water. Tide is out. Vehicle is a blue sedan. No persons reported as being seen. Originally stated "it looks like a vehicle has washed up on the beach."

**1:03 pm, Carefree Pl.**

Advising vehicle is parked in field across from location; usually never vehicles in area; grey two door coupe Honda. Advising neighbors are also concerned about vehicle being parked in field.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 3**

**9:57 am, SR 525**

Advising theft occurred at location, crabs off ferry dock; someone raided reporting party's crab pots overnight, contents taken. Pots are still there. Requesting call.

**3:23 pm, East Harbor Rd.**

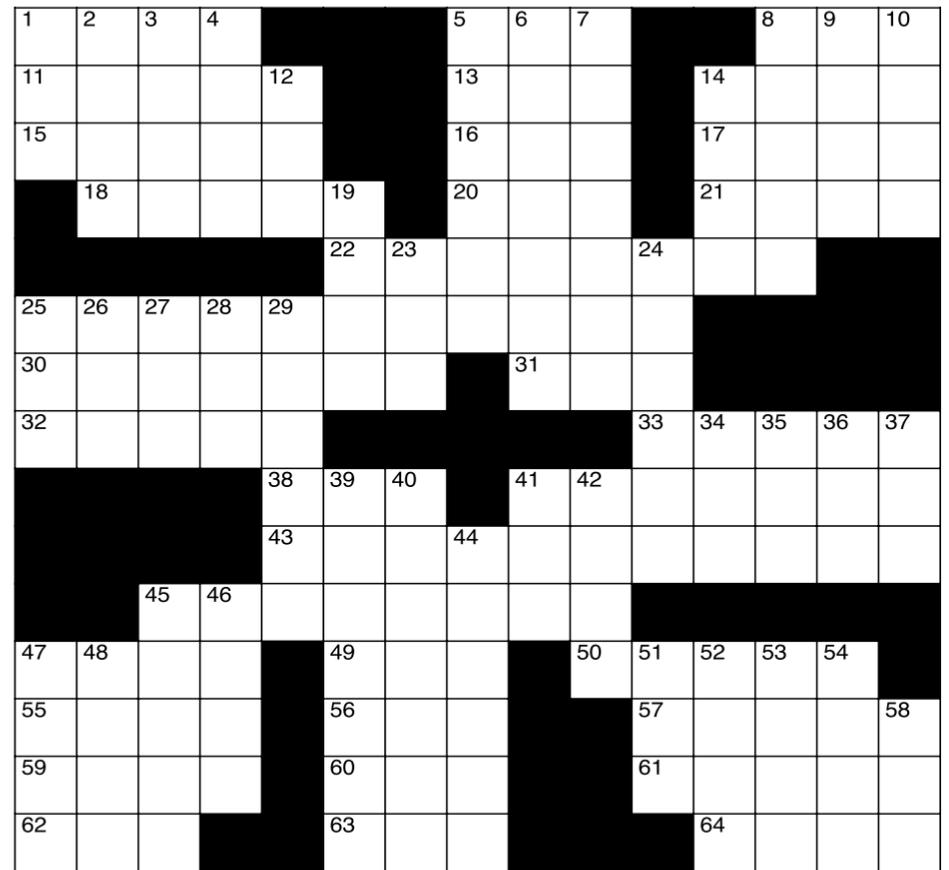
Advising group of people reporting party doesn't recognize with small camp fire; is worried about fire. Reporting party advising there was a sign in front of her yard that says "No burning."

**7:07 pm, SR 20**

Reporting party received counterfeit money in the tithing at church today, requesting call to know what to do with it.

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

Crossword Puzzle



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Loud cheer
- 5. Defensive nuclear weapon (abbr.)
- 8. Type of cell
- 11. Oblong pulpits
- 13. Pitching statistic
- 14. Uncommon
- 15. Liabilities
- 16. Thin, straight bar
- 17. Oh goodness!
- 18. Competitions
- 20. \_\_\_ Jima, WW II battlefield
- 21. Professional assn. (abbr.)
- 22. Italian mountain range
- 25. Taking possession of
- 30. Used in cooking and medicine
- 31. Water (French)
- 32. Parent a child
- 33. Sun-dried brick
- 38. One point south of due east
- 41. Female fashion accessory
- 43. A way of making a copy of
- 45. A way to debilitate
- 47. Wings
- 49. Social insect
- 50. Dull brown fabrics

- 55. Indian musical pattern
- 56. N. England university
- 57. Portable stands for coffins
- 59. Iranian district
- 60. Envision
- 61. Passerine bird genus
- 62. Container
- 63. Falter
- 64. Tunisian city

- 28. Midway between east and southeast
- 29. Et \_\_\_: indicates further
- 34. Insecticide
- 35. Luke Skywalker's mentor \_\_\_-Wan
- 36. Cast out
- 37. Breakfast food
- 39. By reason of
- 40. One who makes thread

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Cool!
- 2. Passover offering
- 3. Swedish rock group
- 4. Collegiate military organization
- 5. Large nests
- 6. Beloved baked good
- 7. 1980s pop legend
- 8. Finger millet
- 9. Hillside
- 10. Surrender
- 12. Midway between south and southeast
- 14. Long, narrow strap
- 19. Discount
- 23. A type of cast
- 24. Large, tropical lizard
- 25. Half of "Milli Vanilli"
- 26. Single
- 27. Big truck

- 41. Baseball stat
- 42. Breezed through
- 44. Frothy mass of bubbles
- 45. Tony-winning actress Daisy
- 46. Made of fermented honey and water
- 47. Member of a Semitic people
- 48. Monetary unit of the Maldives
- 51. Run batted in
- 52. Makes publicly known
- 53. Disagreement
- 54. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 58. Single-reed instrument

Answers on page 11

**YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST**

Thurs, Dec. 2	Fri, Dec. 3	Sat, Dec. 4	Sun, Dec. 5	Mon, Dec. 6	Tues, Dec. 7	Wed, Dec. 8
North Isle H-51°/L-43° Rain Possible	North Isle H-50°/L-40° Rain Possible	North Isle H-51°/L-41° Cloudy	North Isle H-49°/L-38° Rain Possible	North Isle H-47°/L-38° Rain Possible	North Isle H-45°/L-39° Rain Possible	North Isle H-45°/L-44° Mostly Cloudy
South Isle H-49°/L-40° Rain Possible	South Isle H-47°/L-40° Rain Possible	South Isle H-48°/L-37° Cloudy	South Isle H-46°/L-37° Rain Possible	South Isle H-45°/L-35° Rain Possible	South Isle H-43°/L-37° Rain Possible	South Isle H-42°/L-41° Mixed Clouds and Sun

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Island Shakespeare Festival is seeking new members to join our Board of Directors. We're looking for people who are passionate about high-quality live classical theater and can devote time and energy to support the work of Island Shakespeare Festival's important cultural, social, and fiscal

position on Whidbey Island. Our current needs include individuals with backgrounds in the following areas: human resources, donor relations, finance, as well as other skills related to overseeing a performing arts organization. Board members are asked to provide input and feedback to the Board and staff of ISF, attend one full board meeting per month, serve actively on board committees, and attend activities and events sponsored by ISF. Women and persons of color strongly encouraged to apply. For more information, please contact [jeff.natter@islandshake-spearefest.org](mailto:jeff.natter@islandshake-spearefest.org).

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County (BBBSIC) is actively seeking new member(s) for its Board of Directors. Join the board's exciting array of professionals! BBBSIC is seeking individuals who are committed to defending the potential of youth in our community through their time, skill sets, and influence in the community. To complement the existing board, candidates with expertise in accounting, law, nonprofit management, networking, or fundraising are of particular interest. Committed to diversifying its board to better represent our community, BBBSIC encourages BIPOC and LGBTQIA community members to inquire. Please contact [admin@bbbsislandcounty.org](mailto:admin@bbbsislandcounty.org) for more information.

The Island County Medical Reserve Corps (ICMRC) is a local network of volunteers organized to improve the health and safety of communities on Whidbey and Camano Islands. Volunteers primarily include medical and public health professionals but other volunteers who have no healthcare backgrounds are also utilized. MRC responds to local emergencies such as natural disasters and public health emergencies. If you are interested in volunteering please contact us at Island County MRC website for application and information.

If you are looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity, look no further! When you

volunteer at one of the Habitat for Humanity of Island County stores, you are helping local families attain decent, affordable housing. Income from the stores is vital to giving families a path to homeownership. We need people who can commit to help out in our Oak Harbor or Freeland store at least two-hours per week. Schedules are flexible. Our friendly volunteers provide customer service, help with receiving donated household items and furniture, and maintain the store. We also need drivers and driver helpers who will professionally represent Habitat as they pick up donated items using our trucks. Please call either store for more information. Oak Harbor: 360-675-8733, Freeland: 360-331-6272.

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

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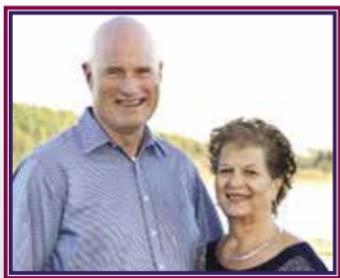
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## PNW Vibes Market wraps your holidays in comfort and joy

As Juliana Uluave-Gould sat around her kitchen table refining her hand-painted T-shirt designs several years ago, she dreamed of this time – celebrating the first of many anniversaries for her own business, PNW Vibes Market. It took some time, but Uluave-Gould said she is happy to be where she's at now.



"Those first years of learning and developing have given me confidence in what the PNW Vibes brand would represent," she said. "Over the years I would meet others that shared similar visions and work ethic. As we all know, overnight success doesn't happen for those that create one design. It takes years of testing products and listening to customers and making adjustments. Our recipe to this formula has been vision, consistency, creativity, humor and connection."



Uluave-Gould said when she started PNW Vibes a year ago, she wanted a shop that represented Pacific Northwest culture through arts, crafts and design that provides a platform for local makers to share their talents with local customers and visitors, giving shoppers a unique experience.

"We want our PNW Vibes Market to be a feel-good shop," she said. "Where locals shop and guests enjoy our story-telling gifts."

As shoppers enjoy the PNW Vibes experience, they can also enjoy a wide variety of items from which to choose, including holiday items.

"Our PNW Vibes Market is filled with 2021 ornaments, metal ornaments, scented candles, goat milk soaps and gift sets, custom seasonal tumblers, handmade gnomes, metal art, wood art and decor, handmade jewelry as well as apparel, hats and beanies for adults and kids," Uluave-Gould described. "We have a variety of gifts that are easy to send to family. We have keychains, stickers, magnets, ornaments, apparel, Whidbey Island postcards, and the 2022 Whidbey Island Calendar by Archana Bhat Photography, to name a few. We work with small batch designs so we always have new items for our return customers."

Uluave-Gould said shopping hours have been extended this month to accommodate evening customers and they've partnered with another local business to add even more to the holiday festivities.

"We will be co-hosting with Wandering Trail Tours, as they will shuttle customers to view Christmas Lights on Whidbey Island," she shared. "The schedule will be released on Facebook to reserve your group tour. Customers will have the opportunity to meet at our shop before taking the one-hour tour."

PNW Vibes Market is located at The Loft at Dock and Fidalgo Streets in downtown Oak Harbor. Find more information on Facebook.com/pnwvibes.

"I hope people see the work in our PNW Vibe Market as coming from a place of love. We love our trees, mountains, beaches and especially the gray, rainy days," Uluave-Gould said. "It is what makes this amazing place of wonder so magical. Sharing that Pacific Northwest vibe is an energy exchange that we are proud to be a part of."



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