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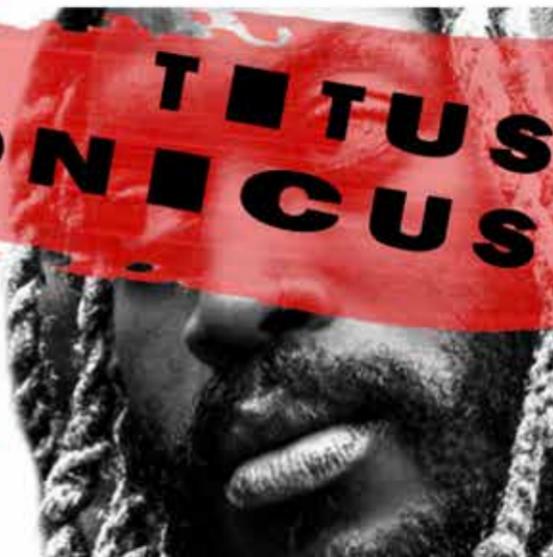
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Island Shakespeare Festival opens Friday

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

After a two-season, pandemic-induced break, the Island Shakespeare Festival is back with a full season of rotating repertory productions. The festival opens with two weekend performances of William Shakespeare's "Love's Labors Lost" at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. A new adaptation of the Edmond Rostand classic, "Cyrano de Bergerac," opens July 21 and Shakespeare's "Titus Andronicus" opens July 28. All matinee and evening productions take place at the ISF outdoor theater, located at 5476 Maxwellton Road in Langley. All performances are pay-what-you-will, but seats can be reserved in advance at a cost of \$20 each. A full schedule and complete reservation information is available online at islandshakespearefest.org.

"Titus Andronicus" and "Love's Labors Lost" were written early in Shakespeare's career, but according to ISF Executive Artistic Director, Olena Hodges, all the productions for this 12th season have something in common.

"All three plays this season deal with oration and language and rhetoric," she said. "'Titus Andronicus' was the first one selected, back in October of 2018. The themes in that one are very strong and we knew we needed a lot of lightness to balance it out. Historically, in a three-show season, we do two Shakespeare

and one non-Shakespeare, and of those two Shakespeare, one is a comedy. 'Love's Labors Lost' felt like the antidote to 'Titus' in many ways. Both plays provide early sketches of some of Shakespeare's most iconic characters, and so their early-career-ness really does pair well together."

In case anyone isn't sure what rotating repertory theater is, for the Island Shakespeare Festival, it means performances of three plays will be rotated for the entire summer season, providing ample opportunities to see all three plays.

"Once we open all three (staggered over three weekends), then each show performs twice per weekend, so audience members could attend three different shows in the same weekend," Hodges explained. "That's great for audiences because you can see all three on a short visit."

The festival draws actors locally and from across the country. Rotating repertory can be a challenge for the actors, because they can have roles in multiple productions.

"Most of the actors are in at least two, if not all three [productions], so the audience gets to see different facets of their skills," said Hodges. "For example, our Titus is also playing the flamboyant baker, Ragueneau, in 'Cyrano.' The actor playing leading lover King Ferdinand in 'Love's Labors Lost' is also the villain, Aaron, in 'Titus Andronicus.'"

"For actors, it's an incredible and rewarding challenge," she continued. "Working in three different directors' styles, with three very different texts, outdoors in all the elements (we thought 'January' would never end!), it's just a feat. For the directors and production teams, it means a unique sort of collaboration. Theater is always collaborative, but when there are three plays happening at the same time, the threads of collaboration, the give and take, are much more intricate."

For anyone who has had the opportunity to see a play performed during Island Shakespeare Festival, it comes as no surprise to find unique, creative interpretations of these classic plays. This year is no exception. Each play brings the story to life in new and exciting ways.

For fans of William Shakespeare and other classics, it is also no surprise to find the themes written about centuries ago are still very relevant. Take "Titus Andronicus," for example.



Photo Courtesy of Island Shakespeare Festival
Rehearsals are well underway for this season of Island Shakespeare Festival productions. The season starts Friday at 6 p.m. with the William Shakespeare classic, "Love's Labor Lost." Performances of "Cyrano de Bergerac" and "Titus Andronicus" begin on the next two consecutive weekends.

Directed by Scott Kaiser, this play was originally selected for the 2020 season.

"This play is a cautionary tale about an oppressor reaping what he's sown, which had and has a strong contemporary resonance," Hodges described. "Our cultural context has shifted and the themes in this play strike a little harder even than they did a few years ago. It's such a gruesome story; historically it was considered by some to be a spoof, because it's so hard to imagine humans as cruel as the characters in 'Titus,' but our production asks us to consider that indeed humans are capable of atrocities, and we see them often today."

"As we approached this season, we did consider that this play may be too painful for our current moment, but our company of collaborators agreed unanimously that it's our responsibility as artists to bring these questions of humanity forward—to, as Hamlet says, 'hold the mirror up to nature,' so that we may ask ourselves and our audiences, 'How can we do better?'" Hodges continued.

Adapted and directed by Erin Murray, "Cyrano de Bergerac" was selected in part because of its name recognition, as this season's two Shakespeare plays are not produced as often as some of his other works. According to Hodges, it may be a new interpretation of the classic play, but it still delivers.

"Our adaptation seeks to 'de-phallicize' the male gaze of Cyrano, making room for a broader audience to identify with Cyrano and their world," she said. "This adaptation has been percolating now for over three years and it's really going to be magnificent. We still get all the sword fights and spectacular costumes you expect from the title, but we also get a playful and poignant new play taking the stage for the first time."

For those interested in something lighter, "Love's Labors Lost" might fit the bill.

"'Love's Labors Lost' is a play about action and inaction," said Hodges. "It's a hilarious rom-com, where the boys just cannot figure out what a



Sarah Sanborn Photo Courtesy of Island Shakespeare Festival
Jeff Natter plays Titus in the Island Shakespeare Festival's production of "Titus Andronicus," opening Thursday, July 28.



Sarah Sanborn Photo Courtesy of Island Shakespeare Festival
Miles Harrison, second from left, plays DeGuiche in the Island Shakespeare Festival's adaptation of "Cyrano de Bergerac," opening Thursday, July 21 in Langley. Ensemble members Reno McClinton, Davian Tynariious Brown and Jesse Calixto are also pictured.

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With Jim Freeman



Whidbey Island's Conductor of Fun and our dear friend, Jim Freeman, passed away Sunday, June 19, 2022. His presence will be missed terribly. In honor of Jim, we will be publishing some of our favorite On

Track columns while we figure out how to fill the big hole his passing has left. This column published July 12, 2012.

We have had so much sunshine lately, for the first few days of enjoying the warmth of this newly found bright orb in the sky, I was seriously thinking I lived somewhere else.

When I realized I was thinking seriously, I began questioning my motives, quickly dismissing any further contemplation I might need to buy sunglasses.

So, I went back inside and started the wood stove.

Barbie Q. Alert

I wonder if Ken and Barbie barbeque? Do you suppose Ken has behaved like most aproned men with beer cans and lectured his "little woman" on the hows and whys of good barbeque?

Not having the patience to barbeque, or the propensity to breathe burning briquettes soaked in Kingswood, the name of my elementary school in Columbus, Ohio, I defer to the experts. Like Dad always said, "Why buy a boat if you know someone who has one?"

Last week, during our 4th of July celebrations, I learned much seated in my Marine Corps lean and mean, lawn and brawn chair. Reading about barbequing safety as I occasionally watched my barbeque buddies flip burgers and steaks while blowing up parts of their yard with only-to-be-exploded-on-the-reservation fireworks, I learned pine, spruce and other evergreen woods should never be used for one's source of outdoor cooking heat.

Cooking with such pitched woods can add a not so flavorful smoke filled with harmful resins and tars. Strange smoke may be okay for Burger King, but I like my burgers and steaks glazed and grilled above the hardwoods of oak, pecan, hickory, maple, cherry, alder, apple, or mesquite. Of course, without a large bottle of Gates Extra Hot for added Kansas City magical Missouri marinade, I'm going to Wendy's anyway.

Whidbey Goes Viral

You may have noticed the film and TV crews in Coupeville who are covering the latest murder trial. Then again, if you are like me and pay attention to little but the rising cost of maple syrup, you may not have noticed.

Actually, despite the fact the criminal news of Whidbey Island has gone viral on the internet, we folks were viral way before this week. In fact, I have been listening to coughing and wheezing for almost a month. Mine!

The fear of whooping cough gave my metaphysical mind the musings of another type of cough-whipping cough. Whipping cough is a form of cough that whips your you-know-what while coughing.

Remember the 1967 movie with George C. Scott called *The Flim-Flam Man*? For the last three weeks, I have been appearing in a local film called *The Slim Phlegm Man*, the story of a retired notary public who finds himself coughing in his yard while unknowingly frightening baby bunnies.

I say "unknowingly" when in fact I did know, as I could see their little pink ears rising above the heights of my unmowed grass. Is there anything cuter than little baby bunnies, or bunettes as we call them here at our free range Freeland bunny factory?

When I go outside to cough my frightening, what allergy is this basso-profundo blasts, the baby bunnies stop eating for just a moment to look at me hanging my head over the propane tank. I wonder what they are thinking. Do they wonder what I am doing? Or, are the

bunnies content to stay in the tall grass while my trio of aging near-sighted owls wanders aimlessly in the tree-tops. Food for thought, I suppose.

The King of Corn

The South Whidbey Community lost a great friend a few days ago. Many of those of us who were blessed to know and enjoy Leland "Mac" McCloskey will be sharing our appreciation this Saturday, July 14, from 1 to 5 at the American Legion. In honor of Mac and his lovely wife Liz, I offer the following corny jokes which Mac always appreciated sharing when we joked over our morning coffee at 1504.

"Hey Jim, did you hear what the one toilet said to the other toilet?"

"No, Mac, what did the one toilet say to the other?"

"You look flushed."

"Hey, Jim, what do you call a cow with no legs?"

"Gee, Mac, I don't know. What does one call a cow with no legs?"

"Ground beef."

"Hey Jim, check out my new hearing aids. They work so well, I can actually hear a pin drop!"

"Really, Mac, that's unbelievable. I am actually on the market for hearing aids. What type is it?"

"Four a clock", said Mac.

Mac always had the same expressionless look after delivering a punch line. Then he was on to the next one. During his 97 plus years +/- on this planet, Mac probably told more corny and borderline, off color jokes than any man who ever joked. As is always the case, I wish I had listened more and listened better when Mac was on a roll. Guaranteed, we will all be listening come this Saturday. Despite the tears, despite the loss, we shall all be smiling, knowing full well Mac is holding heavenly court, trying his corny jokes out on his new found audience at the Stand-Up Cosmic Café.

Get Me to the Mission on Time

Next Saturday, I will have the pleasure of escorting "The Mother of the Bride" at the wedding of our daughter Danielle. While the high-energy of Chizue Rudd and her synchronized Zumba class of the Island Athletic Club is rocking the pavement at the Greenbank Farm's Loganberry Festival, I will be walking down the aisle of the historic San Fernando Mission Church north of Los Angeles. Most likely I will be stepping to a tune of lesser beats per minute than the Zumbaettes. Being the step-dad, of course no one has advised me yet what song we are using for the processional. I'm holding out for *Hang On, Sloopy* or *March of the Tin Soldier*, but being we are in a Catholic mission, I will not be surprised if the maharachs play the theme song from *The Cisco Kid*. At least I know the name of Pancho's horse. Remember Loco?

Joke of the Week

Thanks to reader Sam Lukasiak of Titusville, Pa. for this week's entry. A couple of nouns have been altered to provide a less visual impact.

A pirate walked into a bar, and the bartender said: "Hey, I haven't seen you in a while. What happened? You look terrible."

"What do you mean?" said the pirate, "I feel fine."

"What about the wooden leg? You didn't have that before."

"Well," said the pirate, "We were in a battle, and I got hit with a cannon ball, but I'm fine now."

The bartender replied, "Well, okay, but what about that hook? What happened to your hand?"

The pirate explained, "We were in another battle. I boarded a ship and got into a sword fight. My hand was cut off. I got fitted with a hook but I'm fine, really."

"What about that eye patch?"

"Oh," said the pirate, "One day we were at sea, and a flock of birds flew over. I looked up, and one of them let loose in my eye."

"You're kidding," said the bartender. "You couldn't lose an eye just from bird droppings."

"No, but it was my first day with the hook..."

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Bits & Pieces

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

The North Whidbey Fire and Rescue service has a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to assist it with insights from its customers on North Whidbey Island.

The CAC has launched a 10 yes-no question survey using SurveyMonkey to solicit feedback this summer for the fire department to use in its strategic planning going forward.

It would be greatly appreciated if everyone would go to the following webpage to complete the anonymous fire survey.

https://www.nwfr.org/_files/ugd/ceeb24_1c7ba19a144c46cab9d5f543da30044d.pdf

Thanks to everyone for your support!

Steve Schwalbe
Chair, NWFR/CAC

Editor,

Last week a U.S. representative was quoted saying "I'm tired of this separation of church and state junk that's not in the constitution. It was a stinking letter, and it means nothing like what they say it does" in the *Denver Post* and *The Guardian* (U.S. edition). The representative also was quoted saying "The church is supposed to direct the government. The government is not supposed to direct the church. That is not how our founding fathers intended it."

It appears this representative clearly needs a history lesson. The first amendment to the constitution, passed in 1791, clearly states "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof," meaning church and state should be separate. There is nothing in the constitution that says "the church is supposed to direct the government."

The "stinking letter" referred to is the letter from President Thomas Jefferson in reply to the Baptists of Danbury, Connecticut. The Baptists had written Jefferson because of a rumor that a national church was about to be established, which they were against. Jefferson, one of our founding fathers, replied "I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act (the First Amendment) of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should 'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' thus building a wall of separation between church and state." This letter, signed by Jefferson in 1802, made it clear the church (any church) is NOT to "direct the government."

In addition, there is the Treaty of Tripoli drafted during Washington's second administration, passed unanimously by the Senate as a resolution of ratification, and signed by John Adams in June 1797. Article XI of the treaty states: "As the government of the United States of America is not founded in any sense on the Christian religion..." Article XI also states the U.S. recognizes Muslim nations and the faith of Islam.

A similar type of disputed letter in Arabic has surrounded this treaty in controversy. However, since the English version of the

treaty was unanimously passed in a resolution of ratification by the Senate (passage not required by the House), the passed English version is recognized both internationally and nationally, per Article VI, paragraph 2 of the Constitution: the treaty "shall be the supreme Law of the Land" and is to be viewed by all state courts as equal to the legislative acts of Congress.

So, the founding fathers DID intend that 1) there is a Separation of Church and State; 2) the government is NOT to be directed by any church; and 3) the government is NOT founded upon the Christian religion. It sounds like the representative needs a refresher course in U.S. history.

I'm sure there are those who will disagree and point to the founding of the colonies. But that's another history lesson.

Charlene Davenport
Clinton, Wash.

SVC Opens First Pickleball Court at a Washington State Community College



(from left to right): Brad Tuininga, SVC Foundation executive director; Dr. Tom Keegan, SVC president; Claude Blackburn; Dan Budzynski, Skagit Valley Pickleball Club past president

Skagit Valley College celebrated the grand opening of a 10-court pickleball pavilion June 30 at its Mount Vernon campus.

"Skagit Valley College is committed to providing a place for opportunities and experiences for all members of our community," said Dr. Tom Keegan, SVC president. "The new Blackburn Pickleball Pavilion will give students, employees and the community a place to gather, foster friendships and build relationships."

SVC officially named the court, Blackburn Pickleball Pavilion, after Claude Blackburn – who donated \$1.7 million to build the court.

Blackburn Pickleball Pavilion is the first pickleball court to open at a Washington state community college.

The pavilion project was in its infancy stage in 2019 when Blackburn and Dan Budzynski, past president of the Skagit Valley Pickleball Club, approached SVC with the idea.

Through a close partnership, SVC, SVC Foundation, Blackburn, and the Skagit Valley Pickleball Club worked together to envision and develop a place on the SVC campus where the community could gather, play pickleball, and build connection to the college and to one another.

"When we first envisioned this project, I wanted to raise the profile of pickleball and encourage younger players to get involved," said Blackburn. "I also wanted a place where the Skagit Valley Pickleball Club and the broader community could play pickleball throughout the year, rain or shine. Partnering with the college helped us achieve both of these goals, and I'm proud of the investment I've made and the work we've done to open this pavilion."

"It is way more than just pickleball," said Keegan. "It is about serving our community and creating opportunities for relationships. We can't fulfill the mission of the college without partnerships and relationships like this."

SVC is operating the pavilion, and it is free

and open to the public on a daily basis. Seven courts are reserved for members of the Skagit Valley Pickleball Club during morning and afternoon blocks. The courts are otherwise available on a first-come, first-served basis to the public, SVC students and SVC employees.

For more information about the Blackburn Pickleball Pavilion project, contact brad.tuininga@skagit.edu. For questions about reserving or playing at the pavilion, contact mitch.freeman@skagit.edu.

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

A New Baby in K Pod



Photo courtesy of Center for Whale Research

The Center for Whale Research (CWR) received word the Southern Resident orcas were inbound from the west side of Vancouver Island, and in the group were members of K Pod, who had not been seen since Nov. 21, 2021.

The Center for Whale Research had previously received video and photographs of a possible new calf with K Pod earlier this year (April and June). Still, the group was excited to have the opportunity to see the baby firsthand.

Last Saturday, CWR field biologist Mark Malleson and his colleagues sighted the group northeast of Race Rocks and confirmed K20 was traveling with a new calf. They captured images of K20 with her new baby traveling in a tight group with other family members.

CWR designates this newborn: K45. K45's sex is unknown at this time. Its size and shape are typical of a calf in good physical condition. K45 is the first calf born into K Pod since 2011 when K27 gave birth to K44 (male).

The mother, K20 (born 1986), is part of the K13 matriline and has two siblings, K27 (female, born 1994) and K34 (male, born 2001). She is the mother to K38 (male, born in 2004).

[Submitted by Center for Whale Research]

Eagles Upscale Sale Tables/Spaces For Rent

The Whidbey Island Eagles would love items that are re-purposed, vintage, garden, art and collectibles, as well as quality home goods that can fit on the tables. \$20 each table 8' x 3' includes a chair in limited undercover spots. First come, first served. There are 10' x 10' spots on the lawn, also \$20 each including table/chair if you like. Set up is Saturday, July 30 from 8:30 to 9:45AM with public shopping from 10:00AM to 3:00PM. This is the same weekend as the Whidbey Island Fair. Burgers, hot dogs, chips, pop and water will be available for sale. Bar will be open if you are 21 and a member or signed in by a member. You manage your own cash or charge machine, no ATM. Unsold items and any debris must be removed by the vendor by 4:00PM.

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[Submitted by Gavin Wissler]

Calling All Vendors

Baby Island Saratoga Club (BISC) is hosting its annual "Price is Right" community

sale Aug. 6 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. Reserve your place now as there is a limit of 20 spaces. Spaces are 10' X 14' and include a 4' X 8' table. Some indoor spaces available. Plenty of parking. \$25 for members; \$30 for non-members.

Baby Island Saratoga Club will publicize the event for you. Plus, there will be music and BISC will be selling refreshments. The Baby Island Saratoga Club is located at 3616 Saratoga Rd., Langley. For more information, call 360-232-4124.

[Submitted by Tom Vos]

Looking for Women Artists

The Soroptimist International of South Whidbey Island is looking for women artists who would be interested in participating in its Whidbey Women and Art event Sept. 3 and 4. The event will be held at the Dancing Fish Vineyard in Freeland. If you are interested please contact Nancy Thompson at Nancy@DancingFish-Vineyards.com or Marlane Harrington at marlaneharrington@yahoo.com.

[Submitted by Marlane Harrington, Soroptimist International of South Whidbey]

Richard MacQuarrie, Candidate for Island County Treasurer



"My name is Richard MacQuarrie and I'm running for Treasurer of Island County. I am a father of four. I have been working as a Business Development Manager for the last six years. I am running because I want to bring more transparency, efficiency and responsiveness to the Treasurer's office. We need to ensure that our office is as transparent and open to the public as possible. We should make it easier for the public to know exactly what we are doing in the Treasurer's office. For example, I would like to post the budget on the Treasurer's website. I will ensure the Treasurer's office is efficient, organized and productive as we manage money that belongs to the people. With fresh eyes on the Treasury office I will find areas of improvement for time management and for cost cutting wherever possible. As the Treasurer I don't hold a vote on how we spend our money, however I will be the voice you need in government that would encourage the Island County Commissioners to spend the people's money wisely and be as frugal as possible with spending on non critical things. Additionally, as Chair of the Financial Committee, I will be ensuring our investments have as much money as possible in reserves to achieve the highest possible yields. I will try to grow the Island County Investment pool so we can gain additional funds without raising taxes. In order to be successful you need to be responsive. Whether it be a phone call, in person meeting, or email I will make myself available to the people. Every elected official should realize that they work for and by the will of the people. Here in Island County our officials often forget we have two Islands. Both Whidbey and Camano need to have access to their Treasurer, which is why I have committed to spending at least one work day a week on Camano Island. I will be available to both the residents of

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Island 911

Seriously, we do not make this stuff up!

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

10:41 pm, NW Alexander St.

Requesting law enforcement have subjects at Coupeville Rec Hall turn down music.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

10:07 am, Goss Lake Rd.

Advising subjects had pounds of drugs and were stealing, said they were going to kill reporting party after she yelled at them; wants the hiding to stop, etc.

6:43 pm, Jaydee Way

Reporting party at location to pick up child support payment and male subject was screaming at someone in driveway when she was trying to leave. Was able to get past and now male is following her.

7:55 pm, E Sleeper Rd.

Reporting party advising she was pushed and something hit her forehead.

MONDAY, JUNE 6

9:10 am, Goss Lake Rd.

Advising neighbors have pounds and pounds of drugs; advising smoking cocaine; reporting party wants them to get busted. Advising it just happened; also advising she has court every Tuesday.

9:24 am, Cultus Bay Rd.

Third party report of someone burning carpet and household items.

4:18 pm, Lyon Rd.

Reporting party advising male had permission to scrape gravel road but has now created hole in front of her house; advising it will be a flooding problem.

5:58 pm, Mobius Loop

Reporting party (military) advising Naval Air Station advised him he needed to report this to Island County; received text message saying he has to meet unknown person at Walgreen's within the next 25 minutes or they will be "leaking" reporting party's nude photos on the internet.

6:46 pm, Keystone Ave.

Requesting call, advising pictures of neighbor trespassing today. Reporting party recalling, advising neighbor has trespassed again; were over at location with an axe and was lining the property; are now trying to threaten and harass her.

7:16 pm, Keystone Ave.

Caller advising is having an issue with neighbors putting a fence on property owned by reporting party; is currently in Seattle; requesting call.

9:39 pm, Storkson Dr.

Reporting party advising cell phone was stolen in area of Deer Lake; son was at a boy scout meeting and set his phone

down and a white male with red hair, 30s, associated with a white Jeep, picked it up and ran off with it.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

11:03 am, SE Barrington Dr.

Advising male is walking around in underwear; white male, red scruffy beard, pants are around knees, trench coat; appears to be pleasuring himself; heading towards Oak Harbor Police Department.

11:09 am, Dike Rd.

In the water near pull out, advising water seems to be bubbling and then shooting rocks and water into the air; appearing to leave holes in earth. "Looks like it might be a volcano?"

1:39 pm, SE Barrington Dr.

Advising girlfriend was arrested and at the time had reporting party's dog; reporting party is trying to find dog; requesting call.

1:52 pm, SR 525

Reporting party advising vehicle side-swiped mirror at stop light; thinks it was on purpose; white Ford F350; is behind vehicle now; approaching Maxwellton.

6:36 pm, SR 20

Male subject standing in ditch waving red flag, told reporting party to call 9-1-1; southbound shoulder of SR 20 just south of Libbey.

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



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Make a Difference

By Barb Moore
Island County Master Gardener

WHISPERS IN THE FOREST

Forests are an important part of our environment. Large forests create their own microclimates, influence regional weather patterns, soak up runoff, prevent flooding, block wind, and stabilize and enrich soils. Forests provide habitats for nearly half of the Earth's known species and now we are learning that trees in a forest can communicate with each other!

Trees in forests use essential processes called transpiration and respiration to pull water from the soil and exchange carbon dioxide from the atmosphere with water vapor and oxygen. The photosynthesis involved creates sugars that feed root systems while reducing greenhouse gases. However, trees require lots of nutrients and water; a small deciduous maple manufactures 35 pounds of leaf canopy each year, and every ounce must be pulled from the air or mined from the soil quickly in the springtime. To accumulate needed nutrients for leaf production, the tree must absorb and transpire approximately 8,000 gallons of water from the soil. That's enough to fill a tanker truck!

Forests create natural microclimates suitable for tree growth and sustenance. On its own, a tree cannot establish a consistent local climate because it is exposed to wind and weather patterns. Isolated trees generally have far shorter lives than those living in forests, since forests create an eco-system that moderates temperature extremes, stores water and generates humidity. Further, trees in forests can communicate with each other through tree roots and soil mycorrhizal fungi, enabling transmission of chemical cues, information, and resources. Scientists are just beginning to understand this extraordinary phenomenon.

One remarkable finding is the communal sharing of resources in a forest. Trees may be in nutrient-rich or barren locations (e.g., fast draining slopes or rocky outcroppings) within a forest, but the fungal network makes it possible to share nutrients and water, thus helping the whole system maintain a healthy balance. Fungal networks also enable older and taller trees to provide nutrients and water to their own seedlings while they are immature and cannot reach the sunshine above the forest canopy. Evidence of connection across species has also been found.

Beyond their intercommunication through the fungi and root systems, trees also communicate by creating and releasing an airborne chemical called a volatile organic compound (VOC). These compounds can be likened to a scent, though most cannot be detected by the human nose. Trees release VOCs to attract pollinators, as an antiseptic to keep leaves and bark healthy and fight infections and to attract predators of insects that are wounding them.

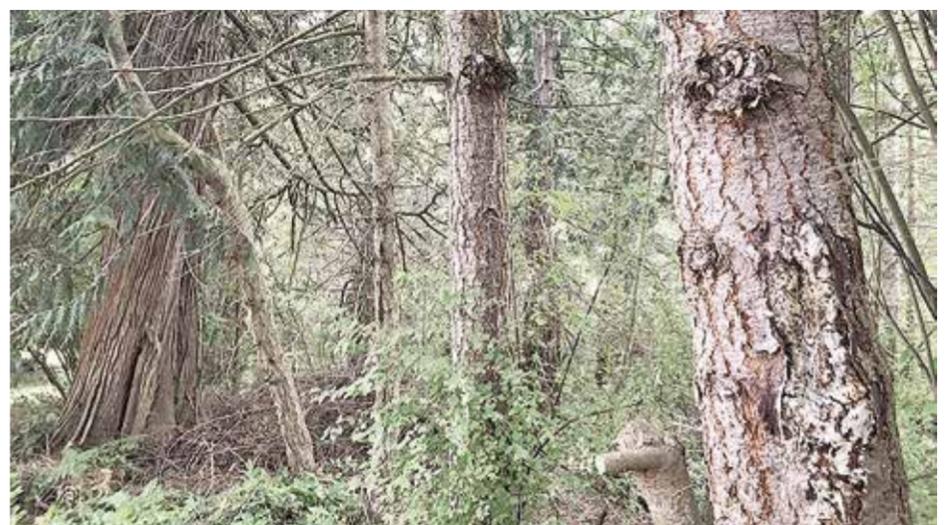
Trees also employ organic compounds to transfer information among their own organs and to other trees. This intra- and inter-plant signaling can cause physiological changes within trees that make them less palatable to insects. Evidence of this phenomenon was found after a severe attack of tent caterpillars defoliated Sitka willow trees in King County. Researchers fed leaves from surviving willows in the area to tent caterpillars and observed that the caterpillars grew much more slowly and were sicker than others. There appeared to be a chemical in the leaves that was making them sick! Even more impressively, some of the undamaged trees from which leaves were harvested were located far away from the original tent caterpillar infestation – too far to have been signaled through root-to-root interactions.

To round off their already marvelous communication abilities, trees appear to also communicate by means of slow-pulsing electrical signals. Research going back to the 1970s identified a voltage-based signaling system that strikingly resembles an animal's nervous system. Simply stated, a leaf in a tree that is being eaten can communicate to other parts of the plant to increase the production of defensive chemicals. Similar to the neurological signaling in the animal kingdom, this tree signaling is extremely slow and travels at the speed of a third of an inch per second. These signals allow the tree – and possibly neighboring trees – to make physiological changes within their chemistry to combat wounding. One study found that a defensive response to an ax chop in one tree was detected in a neighboring tree that was 45 feet away within 20 seconds!

Trees have remarkable environmental and self-preservation abilities through these communication strategies. Our expanding knowledge of this new science may drive increased preservation of natural forested lands, in turn helping biodiversity within species and ecosystems and ultimately increase the health of our planet.

If you have garden questions, contact the WSU Extension Island County Master Gardener hotline at 360-639-6058.

WSU Extension Master Gardener volunteers help educate gardeners on research-based horticultural practices that help protect and preserve our natural resources. The Island County Master Gardener Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides educational opportunities to the community and supports the Master Gardener and Washington State University Extension education program. See www.icmgf.org for more information on our mission.



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What's Going On

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

Live Music: The Secrets

Friday, July 15, 6:00-9:00PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

The Secrets are a band of Whidbey Island musicians playing original and select cover songs with David Licastro on vocals/lead guitar, David Malony on drums/percussion and Alicia Elliott on vocals/rhythm guitar. Their style is Indie acoustic, a bit of rock and a dash of country. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Live Music: Cranberry Bog Bluegrass Band

Saturday, July 16, 1:00-2:30PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland

Made up of local musicians, CB3 has played festivals, venues, farmers markets, taverns, private parties, and events all over Whidbey and Fidalgo Islands for the last 12 years. Cranberry Bog Bluegrass Band is led by singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, Ken Merrell, Linda Rae Dobbs on bass, Debbie Zick on Mandolin, Jim Lightner on Banjo, and Steve Showell playing anything he can get his hands on. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Live Music: Carly Ann Calbero

Saturday, July 16, 3:00-6:00PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland

Multi-instrumentalist and songwriter, Carly Ann Calbero, covers a wide range of music

from Adele to Led Zeppelin in addition to her own original songs. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Live Music: Original Jim

Saturday, July 16, 7:00-10:00PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland

Forged from the Vocal Jazz and A Cappella scenes, Jim sets up a solid foundation for his tunes with creative arrangements, tasty improvisation, strong vocals,

rhythmic guitars, and a fresh approach to the drums: taking on a wide range of musical influence from pop, rock, folk, country and blues to create a groove, a mood and a musical space. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below

Cost: Free:

Ranger Reads Family Storytime

Thursday, July 14, 10:00-10:45AM
Coupeville Library

Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and creative activities together as a family to prepare for the wonder of reading. Park rangers from central Whidbey area state parks will be the featured storytellers each week. A play time may follow. For children ages 18 months to five years. Caregiver required.

Help! My Feet Are Changing!

Thursday, July 14, 2:00PM
Oak Harbor Library

Do you have questions and concerns about your feet? Join Line Goulet, WhidbeyHealth Diabetes Education Program Coordinator, as she discusses tips on how to care for your feet and keep them healthy.

Wild & Tasty: The Basics of Foraging

Wednesday, July 20, 1:30-3:30PM
Coupeville Library

Spend an engaging afternoon learning about the incredible wild edible plants all around us in Western Washington with foraging expert Karen Archabal. We will learn about identifying, harvesting and preparing wild edibles, with safety and sustainability in mind. There will be plenty of specimens to look at firsthand.

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Whidbey and Camano. I have received key endorsements from Oak Harbor City Council members Bryan Stucky and Shane Hoffmire as well as Stanwood City Council members Dani Gaumond and Andreena Bergman and Snohomish County Council member Nate Nehring. I have more individual donors than any candidate for Island County Treasurer in history. I look forward to serving the people of Island County as your next Treasurer."

[Submitted by Elisabeth Waldron Campaign Manager for Richard MacQuarrie For Treasurer]

Local Business News

Garry Oak Gallery Welcomes New Artists

Garry Oak Gallery is pleased to welcome two new artists to the gallery. Paulette Hill is a pastel, oil and acrylic artist who is now a gallery member.

Kelly Liedtke, is a pen and ink artist who will be a guest artist for the next several months. Both artists are local, live on the island and have their artwork on display at the gallery now.

Garry Oak Gallery invites you to stop by to visit the gallery Monday through Saturday from 10:30AM to 5:00PM, Sundays from 10:30AM to 3:00PM, and see the work of these talented artists. Garry Oak Gallery is located at 830 SE Pioneer Way in Oak Harbor. For more information, call 360-682-5675 or visit www.garryoakgallery.com.

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Help House celebrates 45 years

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

North Whidbey Help House is celebrating its 45th anniversary and everyone is invited to join the fun. There will be an anniversary party Saturday from 2-4 p.m. at the Help House, located at 1091 SE Hathaway Street in downtown Oak Harbor. The community is invited to enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and all the fixings, plus live music by Marty and the Moontans. Those attending are encouraged to bring family-friendly beverages (no alcohol) to enjoy.

"This is our way of saying 'Thank you' to the community for supporting us for the last 45 years," said Jean Wieman, executive director.

Wieman, who has been the director for 18 years, has been with North Whidbey Help House for a total of 26 years, over half of the organization's existence. She said she's seen many changes over the course of that time. There have been good times, there have been lean times, but there has always been overwhelming community support.

"We could not have survived for 45 years without this community. I can never say that enough," Wieman said. "That's how we stay open, through the generosity of the community. Whether it's somebody calling us up and saying 'Hey, we're doing a food drive for you,' or someone from a foundation or grocery store getting a hold of me saying, 'You need to put in for a grant, now, we would not be here if not for the community.'"

She recalled a time several years ago when the warehouse's shelves were down to less than a three-week supply of food. The community came through.

"We got 10,000 pounds of food in two weeks – how incredible is that?" Wieman said.

Part of that community support rests on the Help House's reputation, according to Wieman. She said people trust the money they donate is being used wisely. In fact, 96.4 percent of Help House's funding comes through private donations. The rest comes from the state. Of its annual funds, just six percent goes toward administrative costs. Help House operates with four employees and an ever-changing number of volunteers.

One of just three official food banks on Whidbey Island, Help House was founded in 1977.

"It actually started on the south end," Wieman said of Help House's founding. "There was a group called Helping Hands, which I think is still together. There were several people from the north end that would meet with Helping Hands down on the south end. And in approximately 1974, '75, they decided maybe something should be started on the north end of the island, since that's where the majority of the population on the island was. So a group got together, got a board of directors, had all the meetings and filed for a nonprofit for 'North Whidbey Help,' that's our actual, legal name. The charter was signed on July 7, 1977."

The nonprofit organization has been in the same spot since it opened. The home, built in 1892, has served many different purposes during its 130 years.

"This building has been many things through the years," Wieman said. "It was originally built by Jerome Ely, who was the first mayor of Oak Harbor. It was built for one of his sons to live in. It then became a rental. At one time this was where the midwife lived and this was where the babies were born. At one time it was a crisis center, people could come here and stay after they got out of jail, or rehab – kind of a halfway house."

Then, in the early 1970s, a young man decided he wanted to help feed families. He recruited a group of high school students, one of whom told Wieman they were thrilled when the first person came through the door.

"He told me 'I will never forget it. We got so excited. We kept putting food together. We brought it out and it was a family of six. We went, wow, this is cool,'" she recounted. "So it kind of grew from that."

When Wieman started, the Help House had clothing and household items people could take. But that took up too much space in the 900-odd-square-foot home, and in 1997, the organization got rid of those items. She has seen other physical changes during her tenure as well.

"Originally when I started, we had two Conex boxes, a wooden shed and a single car garage that we had full of freezers," Wieman described. "One of the Conex boxes was for sorting, the other was to keep a week's supply of food. We had a building over on the Sea Plane base and they had given us half of the building to use for storage. So we would have to make trips a couple of times a week to go get food."

At the time, Wieman said people could come in once a week to get food, and Help House provided about 130 food baskets a month. In 2002, the base storage facility was scheduled for demolition.

"Somebody, in their infinite wisdom, had put some money away, so that's when we built our warehouse," she said. "We were fortunate to have the money to do that."

Volunteers enclosed the produce stand and added shelves, and with money from the state, they were able to make other improvements. The high school woodworking class traded one of the Help House's Conex boxes for its tool shed. Someone else asked if he could gravel the driveway in exchange for taking photos to promote his business, so "community" is woven throughout many of the changes the Help House has seen.

Changes in the food stamp program in the late 1990s meant changes in distribution – instead of being able to come to the food bank once a week, people could only come twice a month. At that point, the Help House was providing about 350 food baskets a month. Numbers increased to over 500 a month and



Photo Courtesy of North Whidbey Help House
North Whidbey Help House, chartered in 1977, remains in the same location today as it was then. The nonprofit food bank is celebrating 45 years of feeding the community.



Photo Courtesy of North Whidbey Help House
Volunteers like Barb Bevis, shown here in 1982, have contributed greatly to the success of North Whidbey Help House in Oak Harbor.



Photo Courtesy of North Whidbey Help House
A produce stand, tool shed, small house and warehouse help keep North Whidbey Help House in operation. The nonprofit food bank is celebrating 45 years of service to the north Whidbey community.

Wieman said they were forced to cut back to once-a-month distribution. But the COVID crisis changed all that.

"In February 2021, we had so many donations come in and our numbers were at about 250-275, so we thought, 'We have all this food, we're here to give it away,' so we went back to twice a month. And our numbers are up. In May, it was 364 this year, last year it was 308, so we're starting to see an increase."

Wieman estimates about 60 to 70 percent of their clients today are singles or couples. But that is beginning to shift as prices continue to rise.

"As the year has gone on, we're starting to see the bigger families," she said. "We're seeing an uptick. I'm glad we're able to keep up. That's why we do Christmas in July, because we just spent \$4,000 having to buy food."

In 45 years, the need for North Whidbey Help House has never gone away, although that's something Wieman always hopes will happen.

"To be out of a job would not necessarily be a good thing for me, but it would be a wonderful thing if it could be that way," she said. "Unfortunately, there's always that part of the population that are seniors living on a fixed income, people that are disabled, living on SSI, people that are working but are not able to make it and that's never going to go away. And that's why we're here."

For information about how to donate or volunteer, visit north-whidbeyhelphouse.org.



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly
North Whidbey Help House is marking its 45th anniversary with a community celebration Saturday from 2-4 p.m. There will be burgers, hot dogs, live music and more.

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woman wants. Finally, the girls make it clear that actions speak louder than words. There's lots of music and lots of laughs and still a little poignant message that reminds us what it really means to love and be loved. I've become a huge fan of this play over the last few months. Director Jecamiah Ybanez articulated their task before rehearsals started as needing to 'be the fun one.' With a rep company working on 'Titus' and a new adaptation of 'Cyrano,' the intention was set for 'Love's' to be pure joy. And it surely delivers."

The Island Shakespeare Festival, as mentioned, is a pay-what-you-will outdoor theater experi-

ence. Reservations may be made in advance, but there is always room for walk-in seating. To learn more about this season's plays, cast, crew and more, visit islandshakespearefest.org.

"There's something really special about outdoor theater, especially Shakespeare and the classics," Hodges said. "It's centering. It feels so deeply rooted in our shared human history. At our location the sun sets behind the trees, so you'll often get these stunning pink clouds above the stage and there just aren't words to describe it. We do always recommend bringing layers; once the sun sets, even on warm days, it can get breezy and chilly."



Sarah Sanborn Photo Courtesy of Island Shakespeare Festival
Mary Isabella Reagan, left, portrays Roxane and Helen Roundhill is Cyrano in Island Shakespeare Festival's adaptation of the stage classic, "Cyrano de Bergerac," opening July 21.



Recipe of the Week

MASTER HOME-MADE GRAHAM CRACKER CRUST

Flaky pastry crusts may garner heaps of attention, with their fancy fluted edges or elaborate latticework on sweet and savory pies. But it's hard to deny the appeal of the more modest homemade graham cracker crust.

A home baker certainly can pick up a premade graham cracker crust from a nearby supermarket, but there's something to be said for making one at home, especially since the crust only requires three ingredients. Furthermore, making a homemade graham cracker crust allows bakers to choose the desired thickness and the shape of the crust to fit a specific pan or plate.

Graham cracker crusts complement everything from cheesecakes to cream pies, so having a trusted recipe in one's culinary repertoire ensures home cooks that they can produce delicious treats at any time. Enjoy this version from the baking experts at Betty Crocker Kitchens.

GRAHAM CRACKER CRUST

(Makes one crust for a 9-inch pie)

1 1/2 cups finely crushed regular or cinnamon graham crackers (24 squares)

1/3 cup butter, melted

3 tablespoons sugar

Heat oven to 350°F. In medium bowl, stir all ingredients until well mixed. Reserve 3 tablespoons crumb mixture for garnishing top of pie before serving, if desired. Press remaining mixture firmly and evenly against bottom and side of pie plate.

Bake about 10 minutes or until light brown; cool on cooling rack. Fill as directed in desired pie recipe.

Kitchen tip: Graham cracker crust pairs well with any number of easy cream pies. As a fast treat, prepare instant vanilla pudding according to package directions. Pour into prepared graham cracker crust, and add slices of fresh strawberries and bananas. Top the pie with whipped topping or homemade whipped cream. Chill and serve.



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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Try not to question the mysteries of the universe right now, Aries. Unconventional vibes are coming your way, which may lead you on some bizarre, yet enjoyable journeys.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Don't believe everything you read on social media, Taurus. Some strange information is coming in and you have to weed through misinformation to make some smart choices.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

There may be surprises around the workplace this week, Gemini. A supervisor could act out of sorts and the momentum may be a bit erratic. Ride out this unsettling wave.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

You have a sensitive and compassionate demeanor, Cancer. Unfortunately, this can make you vulnerable. Keep a few tough friends in your corner.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Leo, advocate and negotiate for yourself as much as you can in the days to come. You can't expect anyone to promote yourself better than you can.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Give yourself a break, Virgo. You have been putting your nose to the grindstone for so long, you deserve an opportunity to enjoy the lighter side of life for a bit.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

JULY 11: Giorgio Armani, Designer (88)

JULY 12: Phoebe Tonkin, Actress (33)

JULY 13: Harrison Ford, Actor (80)

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Your responsibilities are at an all-time high right now, Libra. That means you are in much demand. Pick and choose your projects because your schedule is packed.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, celebrate yourself this week. You deserve some recognition and celebration just for being you, and what better person to initiate it than yourself?

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

You may have a sudden urge to get organized at home or at the office, Sagittarius. Spend ample time sorting and cleaning out the clutter. You'll be more productive for your efforts.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Light banter is the name of the game for conversation this week, Capricorn. Avoid any topics that can be deemed controversial or lead to confrontation.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Appreciate the world around you, Aquarius. It's easy to get fixated on what is going wrong. Instead, be grateful for all of the things that are going right.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Good vibes are heading your way, Pisces. Cosmic energy continues through your sign, articulating visions of future ambitions.

JULY 14: Loni Love, Comic (51)

JULY 15: Brian Austin Green, Actor (49)

JULY 16: Carli Lloyd, Athlete (40)

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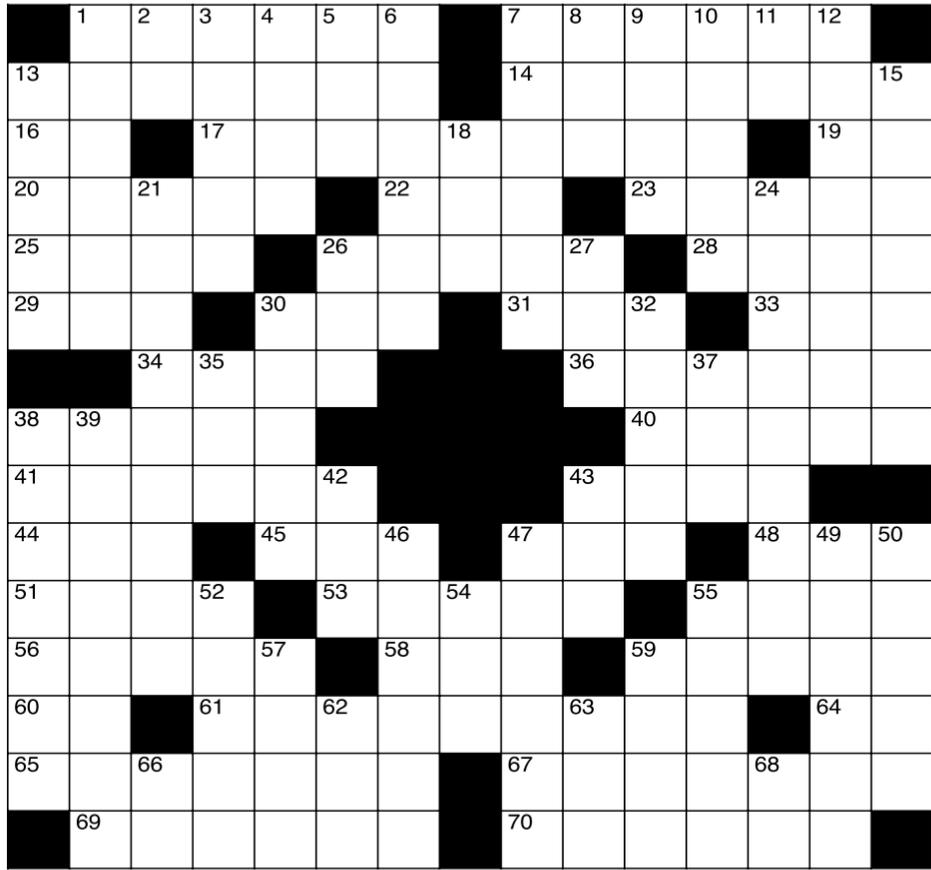
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Wednesday, July 20 & Thursday, July 21

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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Eurasian shrubs
- 7. Strikes and rebounds
- 13. Group of advisers
- 14. Modern necessity
- 16. Top lawyer in the land
- 17. Philadelphia university
- 19. Of I
- 20. Functions as a laser
- 22. Basketball phenomenon Jeremy
- 23. Famed island
- 25. Parent-teacher groups
- 26. Distributes
- 28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 29. Ad __
- 30. Circulation problem (abbr.)
- 31. Brother or sister
- 33. A famous "Squad"
- 34. Stage actor Anthony
- 36. Violent seizure of property
- 38. Saclike cavities
- 40. Sound units
- 41. Counts on
- 43. Dad
- 44. Woman (French)
- 45. A digital tape recording of sound
- 47. Polish Baltic peninsula
- 48. Recipe measurement
- 51. Requests out of dire need
- 53. Precious stone weight

CLUES DOWN

- 55. The immaterial part of a person
- 56. Anoint
- 58. Golf score
- 59. Supernatural
- 60. Northwest Territories
- 61. Can be made suitable
- 64. A professor's helper
- 65. Having a toothlike edge
- 67. Got atop a horse
- 69. Judged
- 70. Static balance between opposing forces
- 1. Flowing
- 2. Computer department
- 3. Lasts
- 4. DiFranco and Samsonyan are two
- 5. __ de sac
- 6. Merchant
- 7. Hosts film festival
- 8. State of agitation of fuss
- 9. A way to praise
- 10. Opaque gems
- 11. McKinley is one
- 12. Smallest interval in classical Western music
- 13. Famed designer Lauren
- 15. Occupies
- 18. Small island (British)

- 21. Misuse of the sacred
- 24. Covers with a thin sheet
- 26. Most valuable player
- 27. Title of respect
- 30. Investigated discreetly
- 32. Belonging to the bottom layer
- 35. Black tropical American cuckoo
- 37. Music genre
- 38. Indicates one is in mourning
- 39. Secured forever
- 42. Bodily cavity
- 43. A dog is one
- 46. Chose to do something
- 47. Annoy persistently
- 49. Large hotel rooms
- 50. Beg
- 52. Docket
- 54. Subway dwelling rodent
- 55. Sources
- 57. Mild Dutch cheese
- 59. Spanish city
- 62. Consumed
- 63. Ballplayer's tool
- 66. Midway between north and east
- 68. Atomic #3

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

<p>Thurs, July 14 North Isle H-66°/L-53° Mostly Sunny</p>	<p>Fri, July 15 North Isle H-67°/L-55° Mostly Sunny</p>	<p>Sat, July 16 North Isle H-66°/L-53° Partly Sunny PM Breezy</p>	<p>Sun, July 17 North Isle H-64°/L-55° Cloudy</p>	<p>Mon, July 18 North Isle H-65°/L-56° Cloudy</p>	<p>Tues, July 19 North Isle H-67°/L-57° Mixed Clouds and Sun</p>	<p>Wed, July 20 North Isle H-68°/L-58° AM Clouds PM Sunbreaks</p>
<p>South Isle H-70°/L-54° Mostly Sunny</p>	<p>South Isle H-71°/L-56° Sunny</p>	<p>South Isle H-69°/L-54° Mostly Sunny</p>	<p>South Isle H-67°/L-56° Mostly Cloudy</p>	<p>South Isle H-69°/L-58° Cloudy</p>	<p>South Isle H-71°/L-57° Mixed Clouds and Sun</p>	<p>South Isle H-70°/L-58° Mostly Cloudy</p>



OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What is a favorite memory about your hometown?



Michele Trimbur, Oak Harbor

My favorite memory was walking to downtown Oak Harbor with my friends Sharon and Jen. We would go to Masten's Variety Store, which was on Pioneer. They had a huge counter with all different kinds of penny candy! We would then go swimming at the lagoon at City Beach.

Lindsay Barber, Oak Harbor



I grew up in Shoreline. My sister and I would ride our bicycles to the Prairie Market, where there was a nice selection of penny candies.

I had a basket put on the front of my bicycle so I could pick up little birds or squirrels that were injured. My grandparents lived next door to my house, so I would take the little birds to their house and try and nurse them back to health. If I couldn't do that, I would then take the little bird or squirrel to the local animal shelter. I am sure they would say to themselves, "Oh no, here she comes again!" Today I work in a veterinarian's office, and love what I do.



Chris Johnson, Oak Harbor

I grew up in the Spokane Valley. My favorite memory was when all the neighborhood families got together, about 150, and built a neighborhood swimming pool. The pool was always packed with kids. It is still there for the families that now live there, and their kids.

Brent Bowden, Oak Harbor



My hometown is in Rockwell, N.C.

My favorite memory is roller skating at an indoor rink. I love to roller skate, and do so as often as I can at the Roller Barn in Oak Harbor.

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Community Bulletin Board

To place an ad, email classifieds@whidbeyweekly.com

HOUSING WANTED

Aspiring writer, single woman, no pets or children, seeks room in home or lot for small travel trailer. Housecleaning and childcare in exchange for room and board. Professional housekeeper, nanny, and an excellent cook if meal prep would be helpful. 360-544-2490 (0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Soroptimist International of South Whidbey Island is looking for women artists who would be interested in participating in its Whidbey Women & Art event Sept. 3-4. The event will be held at the Dancing Fish Vineyard in Freeland. If you are interested please contact Nancy Thompson at Nancy@DancingFishVineyards.com or Marlane Harrington at marlaneharrington@yahoo.com (3)

Eagles Upscale Sale Tables/ Spaces For Rent Saturday, July 30 at the Eagles Aerie #3418, 16691 WA-525: We would love items that are repurposed, vintage, garden, art and collectables as well as quality home goods that can fit on the tables. \$20 each table 8'x3' includes a chair in limited undercover spots. First come first served. There are 10'x10' spots on the lawn also, \$20 each including table/chair if you like. Set up 8:30-9:45am with public shopping 10am-3pm. This is the same weekend as the Whidbey Island Fair. Food for sale includes burgers, hot dogs, chips, pop and water. Bar will be open if you are 21 and a member or signed in by a member. You manage your own cash or charge machine, no ATM. Unsold items and any debris must be removed by vendor by 4pm. Applications available at the club or printable at info@realgoodstuff.net. Questions? Call sale organizer Gavin, 206-715-2468 (2)

CALLING ALL VENDORS: Baby Island Saratoga Club (BISC) is hosting its annual "Price is Right" community sale Saturday, Aug. 6, 9am-2pm. Reserve your space NOW (limit 20)! Spaces are 10' X 14' and include a 4' X 8' table. Some indoor spaces available. Plenty of parking. \$25 for members; \$30 for non-members. BISC publicizes the event for you! Plus, there will be music and BISC will be selling refreshments. 3616 Saratoga Rd., Langley. Call 360-232-4124.

Pregnant? Need baby clothes? We have them and the price is right - FREE.

Pregnancy Care Clinic, open Tuesday 10am-4pm, Wednesday 12pm-7pm, and Thursday 10am-4pm. Stop by at 670 SE Midway Blvd. in Oak Harbor.

Be the difference in a child's life and become a foster parent today! Service Alternatives is looking for caring, loving, and supportive families to support foster children. 425-923-0451 or mostermick@servalt-cfs.com

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

If you or someone you know has been a victim of homicide, burglary, robbery, assault, identity theft, fraud, human trafficking, home invasion and other crimes not listed, Victim Support Services has advocates ready to help. Please call the 24-hr Crisis Line 888-388-9221. Free service. Visit our website at <http://victimsupport-services.org>

JOB MARKET

Gene's Art is hiring! Part-Time, must be at least 18 years old and be available to work every other Saturday. Pay starts at minimum wage. Desired applicant will have knowledge of art supplies, attention to detail, self-starter, flexible schedule and ability to work alone. Must be able to stand for long periods of time and lift up to 50 pounds occasionally. Apply in person, store application plus resume, no phone calls please. (3)

Seeking Certified Home Care Aide, part time/flexible hours, Clinton/Langley area. Call Tom at 360-341-1049 (3)

Scatchet Head Community Club has an immediate opening for Office Manager. Duties include day-to-day organizational, administrative and bookkeeping tasks required to effectively manage the financial and business affairs of the Association. This position requires regular interaction with members. Hours vary with season, fewer in winter and more during the summer. Complete job description is available at www.scatchetheadclub.com. Please send resume with cover letter to shcc@whidbey.com (2)

Program Director: Are you a creative, educationally minded leader with a strong commitment to the environment? Do you value community partnerships and fostering connections

with youth and adults? Do you aspire to lead a small, dynamic organization that has deep roots in a caring, active community? This may be the job for you! Whidbey Watershed Stewards is seeking a dynamic leader with experience in and passion for community-based environmental education and a love for enriching experiences for all age levels. The program director works closely with a talented and youthful staff, an experienced board of directors, dedicated volunteers and community partners. This is an opportune time to join our small team. Building on WWS's legacy for innovative programming and partnerships, the program director will help shape the future of WWS as we further develop our programs.

We are seeking an individual with educational skills in group instruction for grades K-12 (certification desirable) and experience in curriculum and program development, and administration. The ideal candidate will also have skills in fundraising including grant seeking, writing and management; staff and volunteer management, daily program management, communication, budgeting and record keeping. The program director is hired and evaluated by the WWS board of directors and works with the board to develop the organization and its programs. The program director supervises and evaluates program staff and works with them to ensure successful volunteer involvement. The program director position is seasonally flexible with a work schedule up to 40 hours per week. We anticipate the position will involve 1,400-1,900 hours annually. For a job description and job requirements, see the WWS website at: <https://whidbey-watersheds.org/>. Seasonally

flexible work schedule up to 40 hours per week; \$24-\$26 per hour depending on experience; desired start date Summer 2022. The position will remain open until filled. Qualified candidates are invited to submit the following materials by July 30, 2022:

1. Cover letter (including email and phone number),
2. Current resume,
3. Three references. Send PDF files as attachments, subject line "Program Director" to board. whidbeywatersheds@gmail.com. or mail all documents to Whidbey Watershed Stewards, PO Box 617, Langley, WA 98260. You will receive an email response confirming your application has been received. Questions regarding the position, may be directed to board.whidbeywatersheds@gmail.com. (2)

Meerkerk Gardens is seeking a Garden Manager to join its team! Meerkerk Gardens is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization on beautiful Whidbey Island. The property includes 10 acres of cultivated gardens and an additional 43 acres of forested walking trails visited by approximately 15,000 guests every year. Meerkerk hosts a one-of-a-kind collection of mature rhododendrons. The Garden Manager is responsible for the direct management of all operations of Meerkerk Gardens - horticulture, collections management, landscape design, maintenance and infrastructure and facilities repair. This is a full-time position. Meerkerk Gardens is offering competitive wages based on your experience. A successful candidate will be experienced, self-motivated, creative and goal-oriented with proven leadership skills and a strong horticultural background. We are looking for someone who loves working with people and getting their hands dirty! For more

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information, check out the Meerkerk Gardens website, www.meerkerkgardens.org/ opportunities. To apply, please submit a resume and a cover letter to rmclung@meerkerkgardens.org explaining why you are qualified for the job. (0)

Island Transit is Hiring! If you are looking for a solid career with great pay and benefits including two retirement plans, we are hiring. Visit www.islandtransit.org/employment to apply. Island Transit is a drug and alcohol free workplace and an equal employment opportunity employer.

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Natural Barnyard Topsoil: Good for gardens, flower beds, etc. Unscreened, 10 yard loads, \$245 delivered. South Whidbey, 360 321-1624

ANIMALS/SUPPLIES

If you or someone you know needs help in feeding pet(s), WAIF Pet Food Banks may be able to help. Pet Food Banks are located at WAIF thrift stores in Oak Harbor (465 NE Midway Blvd) and Freeland (1660 Roberta Ave) and are generously stocked by donations from the community. If you need assistance, please stop by.

WANTED

WANTED: We buy running or not! We recycle cars, trucks, motorhomes, travel trailers, motorcycles, boats, tractors, dump trucks and much more. Free estimates on junk removal and junk vehicle removal. TJ's Recycling, 360-678-4363

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Was your Dad or Gramps in Japan or Germany? I collect old 35 mm cameras and lenses. Oak Harbor, call 970-823-0002

Always buying antiques, collectibles, sporting goods, tools, garden equipment, furniture, vehicles, tractors and boats. Cash paid at loading out. 45 years experience. 360-678-5888 or text 360-969-1948.

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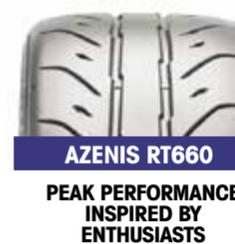
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