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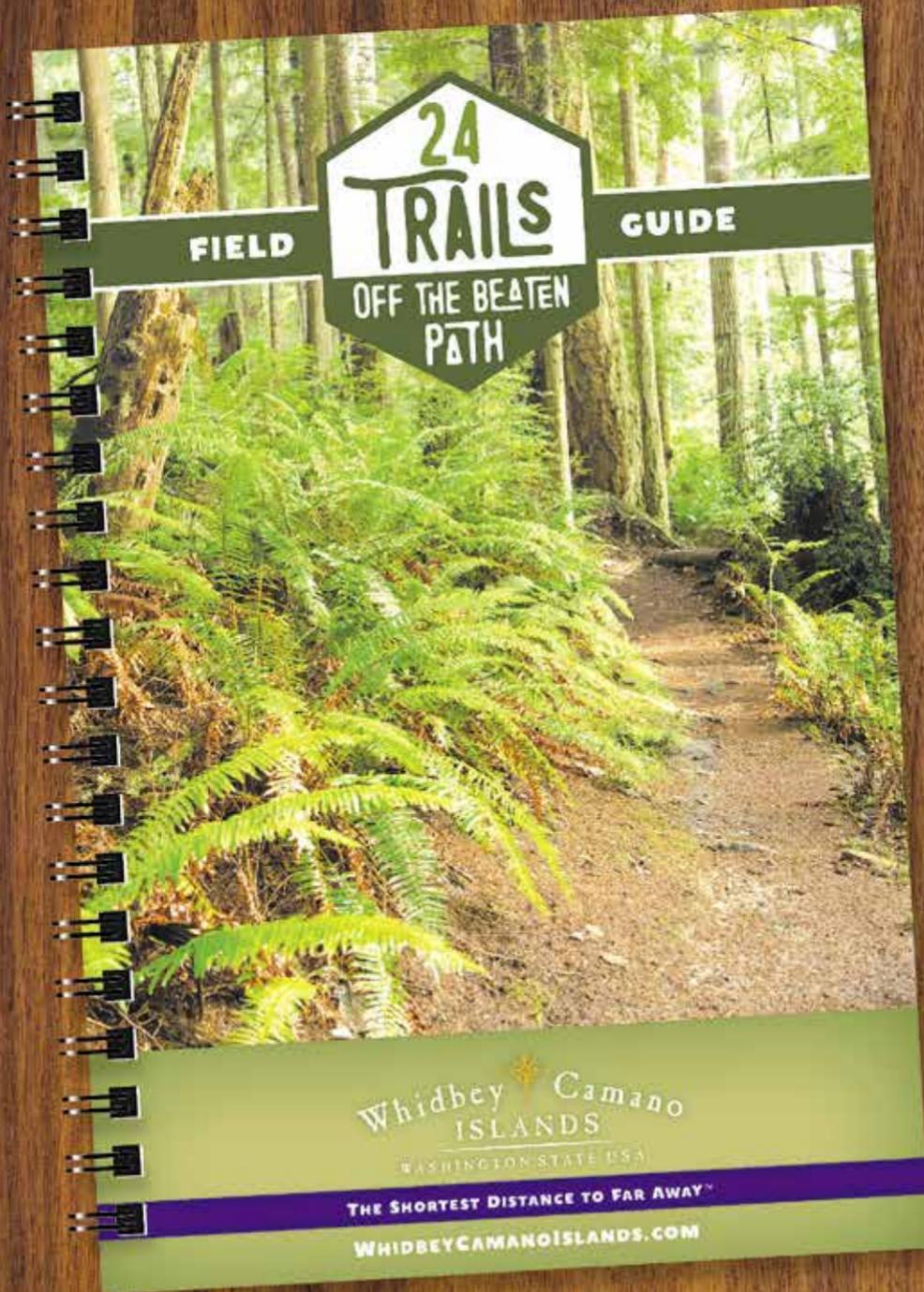
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Photo Courtesy of Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism
The Beach View Farm Trail includes farmland, wetlands and even the beach.
It is one of the trails highlighted in the new "24 Trails off the Beaten Path,"
field guide published by Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism.



Whidbey and Camano Islands: 24 more reasons to take the road(s) less traveled

By **Melanie Hammons** Whidbey Weekly

What's love got to do with it? According to a new field guide, "24 Trails off the Beaten Path," published by Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism, when it comes to the beautiful natural surroundings of these islands, love has everything to do with it. Available for free at any visitor center managed by the Chambers of Commerce and at some businesses, "24 Trails" features some of the less familiar or even newly designated natural areas and attractions, places even longtime residents may not know.

Locals and visitors alike relish familiar sites such as the state parks at Deception Pass, Fort Ebey, Fort Casey and Cama Beach. They're the places we like to return to again and again, and that's where the love comes in. The writers and partners of "24 Trails" seek to encourage users to spread that love around by checking out some of the region's less-well-known trails and vistas.

"We're all seeking solitude and sanctuary in the outdoors these days, yet wanting to respect the sensitive environment of the islands – here are 24 ways to do just that," said Sherrye Wyatt, PR and marketing manager of Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism. She said other key community partners offering their expertise in the guide are Sound Water Stewards, Island County, Island Transit, and Whidbey Camano Land Trust.

"The trails were selected based on geographic location, setting, levels of difficulty, and accessibility," said Scott Rosenkranz of Greenbank, one of the guide's collaborators. "The guide highlights different settings up and down both islands, showcasing the character and natural beauty to be found here."

Rosenkranz said that rather than competing with the other great in-depth resources out there such as "Getting to the Water's Edge," by Sound Water Stewards and "Hiking Close to Home," by Maribeth Crandell and Jack Hart, the guide "is meant to be a primer to encourage further exploration."

"It serves, in part, to ease pressure on some of the more 'over-loved' areas," he said.

And there's that word 'love' again.

The field guide offers in-depth details about 24 trails located along wooded hideaways, pastoral vistas, and rugged beaches, according to Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism. The names themselves are intriguing, names such as "English Boom" on Camano Island.



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism
One end of the Beach View Farm Trail brings hikers right to the beach. Parking for this one-and-a-half-mile trail is available at either end. The trail includes beach, farmland and wetland.



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism
More than seven miles of trails wind their way through the 700-acre Trillium Community Forest near Greenbank.

There are other locations whose names and/or features sound especially worth investigating, according to Rosenkranz. These include "The Hobbit Trail" at Iverson Spit; the "T-Rex" at the Price Sculpture Forest; "Little Deadman Island," as seen from Ala Spit; and "Dragonfly Glades Trail" at Trillium Community Forest.

If these names and locations are a mystery to you, fret not. There's a website for that. Check out whidbeycamanoisland.com/24trails, which shows addresses, mapped locations and more. The "Two Minute Trailer" videos on the website offer virtual tours of each site. Helpful tips such as parking information, stroller/wheelchair ease, dog-friendly spots and other amenities are listed.

"It almost goes without saying, that everyone can have a part in preserving the beautiful areas around here, whether they're already well-known favorites to us or the new-to-us locations highlighted in "24 Trails," said Ryan Elting, conservation director of Whidbey Camano Land Trust.

"We want to encourage people to treat these areas well. Talk to other trail users about good practices that leave-no-trace, including picking up after pets," he said.

It's a message that already resonates with the field guide's contributing organizations such as Sound Water Stewards and Whidbey Camano Land Trust. Both groups have long-standing commitments to host environmental work parties, beach clean-ups, and educational outreaches. Each organization hosts a website that describes how volunteers and financial support go a long way in helping to care for the waters and lands that surround us.

Another reason to peruse a copy of "24 Trails" may be its size. At four-and-a-half inches wide and six-and-three-quarter inches long, it's compact and easy to carry. As mentioned earlier, a free hard copy may be picked up at any visitor center managed by the local Chambers of Commerce, while supplies last. Users are also welcome to download a personal copy at whidbeycamanoisland.com.

The places listed in "24 Trails off the Beaten Path" just may wind up being some new favorite places to hike; it's sort of like making new friends. And like old friends we love and return to, we can always look forward to going back to see the more familiar ones, too.

For more information about this field guide, see the website at www.whidbeycamanoislands.com/24trails or email info@whidbeycamanoislands.com

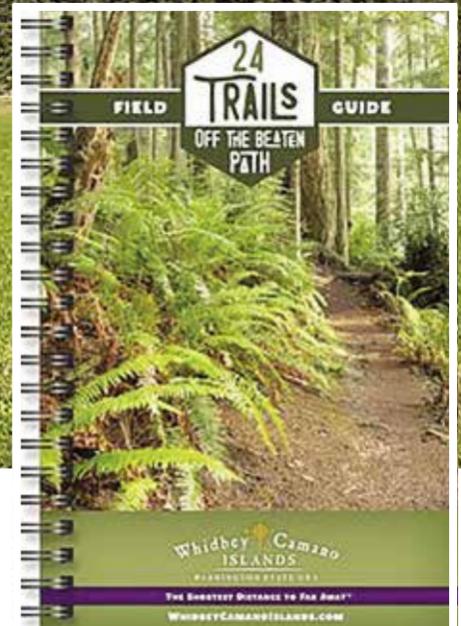


Photo Courtesy of Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism
The new field guide by Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism, "24 Trails off the Beaten Path," is a handy size, measuring just four-and-a-half inches wide and just under seven inches tall. The book is available at Island County Chambers of Commerce and is also available to download online.

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ON TRACK

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 originally published Aug. 1, 2013.

When Mom encouraged us to take Latin to satisfy our high school language requirement, we three kids of Ozark origin were perplexed.

How would we survive on the playground pretending to be The Cisco Kid while yelling "Veni, Vidi, Vici?"

Last week I learned a bit more Latin.

Did you know the word education is derived from the Latin verb, *educare*, meaning "to draw out from within?"

Neither did I, but with the help of long time hometown hero, Don Zontine, founder and co-creator of *The Flying Zontines*, I learned what "drawing it out from within" really means.

What an education it has been.

Follow with me now as we journey to 1979 when a little red caboosie was placed on a hillside in Freeland.

Enter the water heater.

Now, fast forward to 2013, a mere 34 years later, when Mr. Zontine has stopped by to help me change the heating elements in the old water heater.

It had been some eight or nine years since the water was really hot. It was my way of being green. Luke warm showers and not doing any dishes but coffee cups just meant less water for me and more for the next generation.

When Don took off the protective panels of the water heater, he looked up at me, "Your water temperature is pretty low. You sure you need a new element?"

"Oh sure, a friend of mine told me I did about seven or eight years ago."

"Well, we may as well replace both of them."

After several attempts to "lefty loosey" the extremely rusted "righty tighty" of the element, Don looked up at me saying, "We better go to NAPA and get a tool for this. Maybe something that will loosen that old timer."

Jump cut about fifteen minutes, after Don has successfully removed the lower heating element, with the type of brute force one sees in the Chuck Norris movies.

"Jim, this top element needs some time. Let's go to Ace and get the new ones while that Deep Creep does its magic loosening."

While at Ace, we saw several neighbors, complete with their gardening smiles, enjoying the sunshine, inside and out.

As two tan, non-local looking young men approached us, I was surprised to see Don's wife, Anne Zontine, by their side.

"Jim, I'd like you to meet Alessandro and Marco, our good friends who came to visit us, all the way from Italy."

Looking up at these two tall leaning towers of testosterone, I extended my hand nervously to each. Was this my only shot at foreign diplomacy?

"Guillermo and Marco? Hi, I'm Jim. So nice to meet you."

"No, Alessandro, and yes, Marco."

"Sorry, Alessandro, and Marco. Well, Buena Sera and Zooma Zooma to you both. That's the only Italian I know. Louis Prima style. Hey Marco, did you know that we Americans have a kids game we play in the swimming pool called Marco Polo?"

As I am taking my first breath, Alessandro suggests, "Slow down, please. You are talking too fast. We understand English, but slower please."

Now, even more nervous, I grabbed my cell phone to call my girlfriend to get some info about her father's homeland.

"Pal, is Dad Sicilian or Calabresian?"

"Neither, Dad is Calabrese."

Comforted by having this information, I tried to explain to our across-the-water guests that despite my unnecessary banter, because of my girlfriend's heritage, I felt secondary Italian.

They seemed as unimpressed as their hosts.

Nice try, Jim.

Back to the water heating elements.

Purchases made, we returned to the caboosie for the next episode of Jim and Don's *Water Heater Talk*.

"Write this down, Jim, for the electrical. Bottom element, black on top, red on bottom. Top element is blue on top, yellow on bottom."

"Okay, Don, red on bottom of the top one, and blue on the top of the top one. Both bottoms are red, right?"

"No, the bottom element is red on bottom and top element is yellow on bottom."

"Blue on top and red..."

"That's okay, Jim, I've got it."

At least Don let me hold the flashlight, until the second time that I walked away with it.

Several dialogue exchanges later, Don looked around the bathroom and walls of the caboosie.

"Looks like you have a bathtub falling through the floor and roof leaks all down the side where you work and sleep."

"Yea, it's been that way for about 30 years. I work around it. That's why I have so many yogurt cups. Great for window sills. Trouble is, on a real rainy stretch, I have to stay here all day and night to empty them."

"Jim, I'll get back here next week. We can look at some of this other stuff then."

Later that night, I remembered.

It had been since 2004 that the hot water in the caboosie shower and kitchen sink had last seemed hot. I had just returned from several weeks of being away for the winter.

As the saying says, "Good things come to those who wait."

Now, in 2013, I finally have hot water, after forgetting that in 2004 I had called my neighbor to ask him to turn down the temperature on the water heater since I would be gone so long.

Were Dad alive he would suggest that I am still "a few fries short of a happy meal."

Well, at least the fries are hot now.

Stories around the Table

Sitting around a dining room table, dishes cleared, talking with friends who have already raised their kids, brings out those stories that are not so laughable when experienced, but certainly humorous upon reflection.

The winner of last week's best story at the table was from a mom who had just finished taking care of her older boy's horse.

Mom shared several classics from her time spent working in the local middle school cafeteria for 12 years, several of those while her two boys were attending.

If you know of someone who has raised two boys or more, you know the possible scenarios a parent faces.

From broken limbs to broken spirits, from ripped jeans to ripped hearts, from getting picked on to getting picked up.

Our story Mom, one of the dedicated who faces the daily combat of the a la cart line at her middle school cafeteria in Oregon, tired of watching the local 8th grade thugs pick on her 6th grade son every day after school.

While other parents offered veiled and idle threats to the 8th grade club of hoodligans, our story Mom took it one step further.

Driving home from school, Mom sees her son getting picked on by the corner bullies. She slams on the brakes, hops out of the car, and marches up to the alpha bully.

"Do you know who I am?"

"Yes", says the bully.

"Well, do you know that is my son you are picking on?"

"No ma'am, I didn't know."

Mom leaned over, car engine still running, to whisper in the boy's ear:

"From now on, if you stop picking on my kid, I'll give you extra French fries every time you come through the lunch hall line."

That, ladies and gentlemen, is old school diplomacy in a middle school setting. It worked.

French Flies

Last July 25th was the 104th anniversary of Louis Bieriot of France crossing the English Channel in a 28-horsepower monoplane, with a wingspan of just 23 feet. It was the first time that trick had been accomplished, making it the world's first international overseas flight with or without a pillow.

Moon Pies

The dark spots on the moon that create the benevolent "man in the moon" image are actually basins filled three to eight kilometers deep with basalt, a dense mineral, which causes immense gravitation variations. Take that element of info to your next bored meeting.

Food Tip

Overheard a man in the airport security line talking about a recipe posted on his Facebook page for Pan Seared Parmesan Scallops.

We tried to see the picture of the seared scallops on his iPhone while he was showing the deliciousness to his friend on her iPad, but my eyes weren't good enough.

Maybe next time, when I'm eyes-dropping.

Willie on Lance

"I think it is just terrible and disgusting how everyone has treated Lance Armstrong, especially after what he achieved, winning seven Tour de France races while on drugs. When I was on drugs, I couldn't even find my bike." -Willie Nelson

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Letters to the Editor

Editor,

We strongly elected Rick Felici as our Sheriff in 2018 and since then he has proved our confidence in him was correct. His law enforcement experience is unchallenged, having started with the U.S. Navy as patrol officer and SWAT; OHPD reserve officer; corrections officer; and with Island County as a detective, a precinct sergeant, the detective sergeant and as the chief criminal deputy. He has experienced first hand these roles and it is important to those he leads, they know he understands what they experience daily.

Because he has served so well as our sheriff for the past four years, he truly knows and understands his role and limits as sheriff. He knows his role as sheriff is to organize, train and equip all branches within the department no matter what their role. He understands it is the Island County judicial system's responsibility for prosecution and sentencing and he has established a good relationship with that office. He's made sure his office has correctly completed required and necessary paperwork, followed procedures properly to ensure prosecutions are able to proceed within the parameters of the current laws. In his tenure he has proven he knows (and ensures) through great leadership, this is done within the budget his department is given by Island County.

I think most important of all is Rick Felici realizes, and has demonstrated in the past four years, as Sheriff, he is responsible to all citizens, not just those who are the loudest. He feels strongly the victim of any crime doesn't care about politics, they want to feel safe.

I spoke earlier of Sheriff Felici's experience, what about his opponent's? He's not supervised even a small group of others in his role as deputy, but he wants to supervise the entire sheriff's department. What does he bring that makes him qualified to lead, supervise and gain the respect of the deputies who will be working for him? Thirty years of patrol - thank you. Any further law enforcement qualifications or training? It's extremely important to have supervisory experience so you can lead and have the respect of those who work for you. I've seen no evidence of this.

In closing, I ask you to vote for and re-elect Rick Felici for Island County sheriff, the man with the knowledge, leadership and proven experience necessary for this job.

Dana Ledford
Oak Harbor, Wash.

Kristi O'Donnell & Café Impromptu Quintet Perform Swingin' Summertime Tunes

Saturday, 6:00-8:00PM, on the new outdoor stage of Thirsty Crab Brewery

Café Impromptu is a pop up ensemble where female musicians who share an interest in swing music, chanson, Bossa Nova and the genre of Django Reinhardt's musical repertoire, perform together.

The Saturday show features Jennie Mayer, rhythm guitar, Molly Felder, vocals and

drums, Adrienne Reed, vocals and accordion, Janna Kushneryk, violin and Kristi O'Donnell, acoustic bass. Special guests will join the band.

The new concert area at Thirsty Crab sits in a grassy glen just below the street level brewery and patio. Concertgoers are welcome to bring lawn chairs, a blanket and a picnic basket. There is some shade available.

The Build-A-Brat Food Truck will be serving gourmet sausages, sides, desserts and soft drinks. Thirsty Crab has your artisan beers chilled.

Seating is first come, first served. Admission is free. Tips for the band are greatly appreciated. Thirsty Crab is family and dog friendly, too.

Arrive early from 3:00-6:00PM for the First Annual Thirsty Crab Car Show. Stay for the music!

Thirsty Crab Brewery is located at 9158 SR 525, Clinton, Wash. Ample parking is available off Deer Lake Road.

For more information about the band, Café Impromptu, visit www.kristio.com

[Submitted by Kristi O'Donnell]

UP UP UP Crane Truck Circus

UP UP UP INC is a traveling crane truck circus ensemble that tours on bikes through Washington and Oregon. The flatbed truck serves as a stage with a baby grand piano for live music and as an aerial rigging point for a 30 foot hand cranked crane. The one hour, all ages, show will be whimsical, beautiful, hilarious and mostly word free so it can be accessible for those of all languages. Readiness To Learn is hosting the show as a fundraiser for RTL to continue to be able to provide youth programs, activities and resources throughout the year. To learn more about Readiness To Learn visit readinesstolearn.org.

The show will be held Thursday, Aug. 18 on the track of the South Whidbey Community Center campus. It will start at 6:00PM with entry beginning at 5:00PM. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets for seating and a picnic dinner or snacks for the show!

Tickets are purchased through DonorBox after registration or at the door through DonorBox, SquareCash, cash or check. Registration and ticket purchase both required.

Ticket Prices: Adult (Age 19+) \$20, Youth (Age 11-18) \$10, Kids (Age 6-10) \$5, Littles (Age 0-5) Free!

Register and purchase tickets by going to readinesstolearn.org/up-up-up.

[Submitted by Lindsey Grimm, Youth Engagement Specialist, RTL]

City of Oak Harbor Public Works Announces its Road Construction Project Locations for 2022

The Public Works Department is kicking off the summer road construction season in August, and it wants to tell the community what to expect this season.

Beginning in August, the Public Works Department will work on pavement preservation projects throughout the community. Public Works is putting your tax dollars to work by completing Transportation Benefit District (TBD) asphalt overlay and chip seal projects in addition to the annual overlay work on East Whidbey Avenue between State Route 20 and NE Kettle Street. Check out the map of the project locations on the city website (www.oakharbor.org), the posters at city hall and in the clean water facility window at Windjammer Park, and the city's Facebook page.

Stay tuned to city updates and roadway signs to help you plan your routes around construction projects between August and September.

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

Whidbey SAR Rescues Teen and Injured Skier

A Search and Rescue (SAR) team from Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island rescued a 13-year-old female suffering from possible stroke symptoms near Hoh Lake in the Olympic National Park the evening of July 25.

After receiving mission approval for the mission just before 9:00 that evening, the crew was airborne and on scene around 9:40PM. The SAR crew then inserted rescue personnel to the scene who prepped the patient for recovery. Approximately an hour later the patient and an adult guardian were delivered to Olympic Medical Center.

A Search and Rescue (SAR) team from Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island rescued an injured skier near Sahale Mountain in the Cascade Mountain Range Saturday, July 9.

The NAS Whidbey Island SAR duty crew received an alert just after 9:00PM to rescue a 35-year-old male who suffered severe torso injuries from a skiing accident near the Cascade Pass at 5,700 feet. After making appropriate preparation for the high elevation rescue, the crew was airborne within an hour.

The SAR crew coordinated with the Chelan County Sheriff's office on mission details and local weather conditions while in transit. The crew was able to locate the injured man shortly after 10:30PM. The team departed the area after 11:00PM and delivered the severely injured patient to Harborview around 11:40PM that night.

Naval Air Station Whidbey Island SAR has conducted 19 missions this calendar year, which includes eight MEDEVACs, nine rescues, and two searches.

The Navy SAR unit operates three MH-60S helicopters from NAS Whidbey Island as search and rescue/medical evacuation (SAR/MEDEVAC) platforms for the EA-18G aircraft as well as other squadrons and personnel assigned to the installation. Pursuant to the National SAR Plan of the United States, the unit may also be used for civil SAR/MEDEVAC needs to the fullest extent practicable on a non-interference basis with primary military duties according to applicable national directives, plans, guidelines and agreements; specifically, the unit may launch in response to tasking by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (based on a Washington State Memorandum of Understanding) for inland missions, and/or tasking by the United States Coast Guard for all other aeronautical and maritime regions, when other assets are unavailable.

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

Program Year 2023 Island County Two Percent Hotel-Motel Tourism Lodging Tax Application Period: Aug. 1 - Sept. 1

The application packet is available for the 2023 Island County Two Percent Hotel-Motel Tax Tourism Promotions. Funding is generated from overnight lodging in the unincorporated areas of Island County. The purpose of this program is to support and promote the tourism economy of Island County.

Island County estimates \$450,000 lodging tax revenue and \$250,000 one-time capital improvement funds are available

529 plans: Underused but valuable

In just a few weeks, students will be heading off to college – and parents will be getting out their checkbooks. Without a college-bound student in your home right now, you might not be thinking much about tuition and other higher education expenses, but if you have young children, these costs may eventually be of concern – so how should you prepare for them?

It's never too soon to start saving and investing. Unfortunately, many people think that they have a lot of "catching up" to do. In fact, nearly half of Americans say they don't feel like they're saving enough to cover future education expenses, according to a 2022 survey conducted by financial services firm Edward Jones with Morning Consult, a global research company.

Of course, it's not always easy to set aside money for college when you're already dealing with the high cost of living, and, at the same time, trying to save and invest for retirement. Still, even if you can only devote relatively modest amounts for your children's education, these contributions can add up over time. But where should you put your money?

Personal savings accounts are the top vehicle Americans are using for their education funding strategies, according to the Edward Jones/Morning Consult survey. But there are other options, one of which is a 529 plan, which may offer more attractive features, including the following:

- **Possible tax benefits** – If you invest in a 529 education savings plan, your earnings can grow federally income tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified education expenses. (Withdrawals not used for these expenses will generally incur taxes and penalties on investment earnings.) If you invest in your own state's 529 plan, you may receive state tax benefits, too, depending on the state.

- **Flexibility in naming the beneficiary** – As the owner of the 529 plan, you can name anyone you want as the beneficiary. You can also change the beneficiary. If your eldest child foregoes college, you can name a younger sibling or another eligible relative.

- **Support for non-college programs** – Even if your children don't want to go to college, it doesn't mean they're uninterested in any type of postsecondary education or training. And a 529 plan can pay for qualified expenses at trade or vocational schools, including apprenticeship programs registered with the U.S. Department of Labor.

- **Payment of student loans** – A 529 plan can help pay off federal or private student loans, within limits.

Keep in mind that state-by-state tax treatment varies for different uses of 529 plans, so you'll want to consult with your tax professional before putting a plan in place.

Despite these and other benefits, 529 plans are greatly under-utilized. Only about 40% of Americans even recognize the 529 plan as an education savings tool, and only 13% are actually using it, again according to the Edward Jones/Morning Consult study.

But as the cost of college and other postsecondary programs continues to rise, it will become even more important for parents to find effective ways to save for their children's future education expenses. So, consider how a 529 plan can help you and your family. And the sooner you get started, the better.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

for grant allocation to support tourism in 2023. Historically, the program has funded approximately 20-25 proposals for Whidbey and Camano Island events, visitor centers and tourism activities.

Lodging tax revenues may only be used as provided in RCW 67.28.1816(1). This section provides that lodging tax revenues "may be used, directly by any municipality or indirectly through a convention and visitors bureau or destination marketing organization" for:

- (a) Tourism marketing.
- (b) The marketing and operations of special events and festivals designed to attract tourists;
- (c) Supporting the operations and capital expenditures of tourism-related facilities owned or operated by a municipality or a public facilities district created under Chapters 35.57 and 36.100 RCW; or
- (d) Supporting the operations of tourism-related facilities owned or operated by nonprofit organizations described under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3) and 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

The Island County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee will review all timely and complete applications received by Sept. 1, then make its recommendations for funding to the board of Island County commissioners.

The review committee membership, as established by state law, is comprised of representatives from entities who collect the lodging tax, and organizations which are eligible to apply for the grant funds. For this reason, a conflict-of-interest policy has been added to ensure public confidence in the ethical allocation of these tax dollars.

The proposal form is posted on the county's website, at www.islandcountywa.gov/commissioners/Pages/Home.aspx and may also be requested by contacting Jenni-

fer Roll at j.roll@islandcountywa.gov or 360-679-7353.

[Submitted by Jennifer Roll, Deputy Clerk of the Board / Executive Assistant, Island County Commissioners]

Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism Named Early Adopter by Transformational Travel Council

Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism is undergoing strategic planning in partnership with the Transformational Travel Council (TTC) in a bold step to adapt to a forever-changed travel industry, and to lay the groundwork for a future-fit destination. An early adopter of the TTC's Regenerative Places Program, the year-long process cultivates shared values and vision, builds stakeholder capacity, and facilitates the co-creation of a Regenerative Action Plan. This process is designed to develop the self-regulation of the islands' tourism systems, and ultimately plant the seeds for a tourism industry that improves the lives of residents, enriches the visitor experience, and benefits the natural environment of the islands.

"Tourism is the third largest industry in Island County, yet with islands being particularly vulnerable to over-tourism, there is a desire to change how this industry affects our sense of place," says Sherry Wyatt, PR and marketing manager for Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism. "We see the early signs of unsustainable visitor trends and we want to mold our strategy in a proactive way that will ensure that our community and environment will thrive alongside our tourism industry for years to come."

"While the industry is drawn to buzz words like 'transformational' or 'sustainable' tourism as part of a rebrand or messaging, at this critical moment, it is vital that we walk the walk, even when it is hard. Early adopters of our program, like Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism, are going through a transformative process that

unifies, shifts mindsets, and opens them up to new ways of believing, doing, and being so they can fully embrace transformative and regenerative approaches. We hope that by helping them with sensemaking we're able to cultivate an emergence from within that fosters a community that works for all and does so long after we've left," says Jake Hauptert, CEO of the TTC.

Regenerative tourism development takes a systemic approach to the design and development of the visitor economy starting with shifting mindsets, and working from the inside out and ground up, to co-design innovative legacy solutions that benefit the whole system. This process is not supposed to be quick and easy, but rather meaningful and effective. While the full plan will take effect later this year in response to community surveys and outreach, workshops with key stakeholders and more, Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism has already revealed programs to support the regenerative effort. A new field guide suggests alternatives to popular, well-loved beaches and trails called "24 Trails off the Beaten Path." It details routes along wooded hideaways, pastoral vistas, and rugged beaches in an effort to lessen the visitor impact on over-visited island spots.

About the Transformational Travel Council

TTC is a growing organization rising to meet the challenges that face a post-pandemic travel industry. TTC members are dedicated to supporting both travelers and the travel industry in transforming lives and changing the world through more mindful and intentional travel experiences. Their mission is to use travel as a catalyst for creating deeper connections with self and nature and as a tool for fostering global citizenry, communication, understanding, stewardship, and real human connection.

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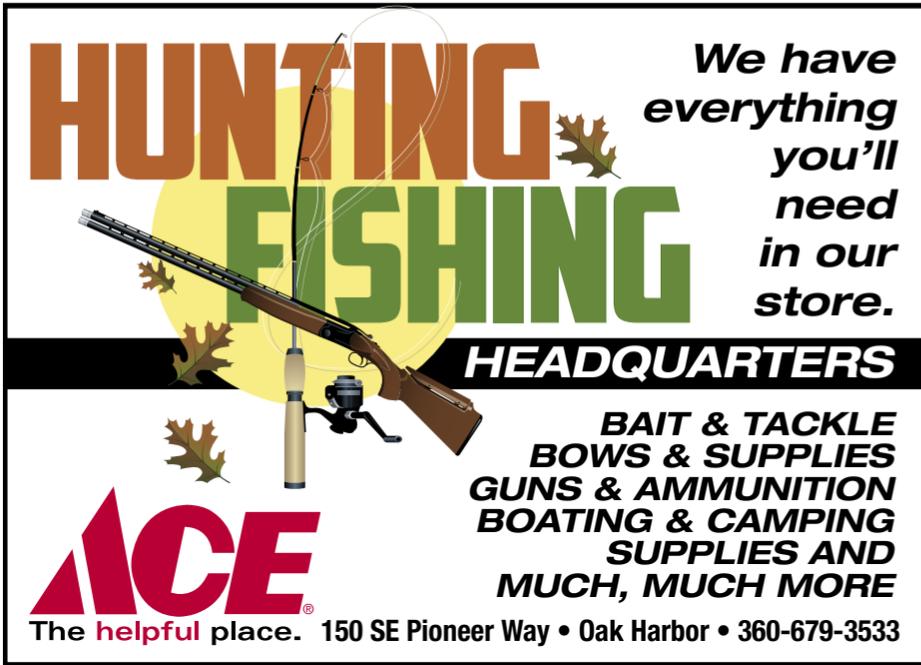
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UPPER VS. LOWER RIVER SALMON TECHNIQUES

I have heard people say "once the salmon get into the rivers they don't bite." In some respects, this is true. The river salmon typically will not bite out of hunger, however, they will bite out of anger or in defense of their spawning bed or mate; after all, the river is where their lives began and will gracefully end. This aggression bite brought about by the spawning phase is what leads me to discuss the subtle differences in the salmon bite between the lower areas of the rivers from the mouth to six to 20 miles upriver – to the far upper reaches of the river where the majority of spawning activity takes place.

Salmon will mingle in the brackish mixture of fresh and saltwater in the bay and even swim into the mouth of the river with the changing tide for a few days to a week before they truly commit to their long journey to the spawning grounds. Over the years, most of my river fishing experience has been in the Skagit River and some in the Nooksack River. The river-bottom topography in the lower river is made up of much more sand and silt than the upper river; there will be some gravelly areas based on concentrated water flow, but for the most part it is wide, slow and sandy.

Once committed to the river, a salmon's attitude will be like a crazed bull in a bullfight, charging and lunging at anything that moves or has a flashy color, which definitely works in our favor. The first major difference when fishing the lower river is the fish are NOT "holding;" they may swim around in an area for a very short time or stay put during the night but will be on the move up river at first light. These fish are on a mission. A jetboat is a very effective way to fish the lower parts of the river. The first thing to master is to find the salmon highway and anchor the boat in this highway. Once on anchor, let your lure or bait of choice out behind the boat, grab a cold beverage and a fresh sandwich, and wait for the salmon to swim to you and encounter your offerings. I call it plunking from a boat.

You can count on the fish to be traveling fairly quickly up river because most of the salmon are not main-river spawners; pinks, and sometimes chinooks, are not afraid to settle for a main-river spawning site but coho, chum and sockeye are tributary and lake spawners. Chinooks are known to travel up to 50 miles in one day; however, they will take time to strike at a lure in their path. Trying to decide where to place our boat in the salmon's path is the hard part. Chinook travel using the deepest part of the river and chinook are big, which can make them easily spotted by predators. Deep water means safe water to them.

Sockeye tend to run from five to 15 feet off the river banks, while coho, chum, and pink salmon will utilize the entire river to navigate to their destinations. Inside and outside bends or elbows of the river are

good places to try. These elbows create changes in current such as back-eddies and slower water speeds. Slower water can give a tired salmon a place to rest before moving back into the faster main river again. Large sunken logs, large rock boulders and underwater man-made objects are other places to scout out; fish will use these objects to hide behind or under. Anchor your boat so your bait or lure can sneak in and rest close to these objects and grab the fishes' attention.

Fishing while on anchor from a boat or plunking from the bank in the lower areas of the river have proven to be a successful technique. If there was one thing to answer why fishing can be a bit more challenging in the lower river, it is you normally only get one shot at catching the fish as it is passing by your location. If for some reason he doesn't bite, you are now waiting for the next school to swim by. Be sure to have a spin casting rod ready in the boat rigged with a spoon, spinner or jig to cast at a swirling or jumping fish.

Once the fish make it to the upper river, the water conditions can change drastically. The water is generally faster and the river bottom is more rock and gravel than sand. For us fishermen, the sit and wait plan gives way to a more active search and find technique. Pocket water, seams between fast and slow water, behind rocky shelves, cut-banks, and large rocky rip-rap along the shoreline areas is where the fish are now. They're holding in these areas. Many of the fish have returned to the very spot where they hatched out of the gravel. I feel I must cover more of the upper river to find the fish, however, because the fish are in the holding water, at spots where we do locate salmon, we usually get more than one opportunity to get them to bite; keep casting a jig, spoon, or spinner into the fishy spot – it may take a few times putting the lure in their face to get them to bite.

I like fishing both stretches of the river; I enjoy the relaxed fishing posture of sitting and waiting in a jetboat on anchor. And I thoroughly enjoy using a drift boat in the upper river; a drift boat can quietly sneak into a honey hole and can navigate in just inches of water, which can get you into unpressured areas. Having the knowledge of how to fish the lower and upper regions of a river is a huge benefit, especially when different sections of the river are open or closed during the yearly salmon season.

There are good reports of Chinook salmon being caught in both Marine Areas 7 and 9. The weather has been pretty cooperative for the designated Thursday, Friday, Saturday days to fish. We are getting close to the allotted quota of hatchery fish the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and tribal co-managers gave us this season, so get out on the water if you can – summer Chinook season will be over in the blink of an eye. May your hands shake and your heart race with a hard fighting salmon on your line! Be safe and good luck out there!



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Live Music: Brandon Abernathy

Sunday, August 7, 1:00-6:00PM
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Live Music: Ike & The Old Man

Saturday, August 13, 6:00-9:00PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

Ike & The Old Man band are a father and son duo covering an eclectic mix of music from the 50's to present. Isaac Wacker and his father, Mark Wacker, have been performing all over Whidbey Island for many years. They also surround themselves with incredibly talented local multi-instrumentalist musicians Doug Coutts, Ray Shelly and George Bullis. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Live Music: Four

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Chess on the Green

Saturday, August 6, 11:00AM-2:00PM
Coupeville Library

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Known for her bright palette and fluid direct style, Teresa Saia present her landscapes bathed in an abundance of vibrant light and expressive use of radiant color. Her loose style captures the dramatic light as it penetrates the sky, the land, and reflects off water at dusk or in the early dawn. Rob Schouten Gallery is located at 101 Anthes Ave.

Featured Artist: Gary Leake

Saturday, August 13, 10:00AM-5:00PM

Sunday, August 14, 1:00-5:00PM
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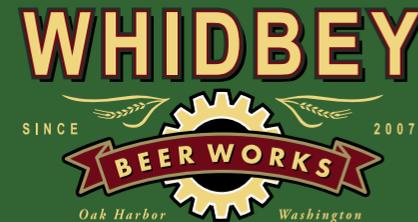
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Langley Arts Fund adds new piece of public art

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Langley Arts Fund is at it again – beautifying the City by the Sea by adding wraps of original art to plain telecom utility boxes to brighten things up.

The latest wrap is at 3rd and Park Streets and features “Evening Fireworks,” a work by Free-land artist Kathy Lull.

“The inspiration was a sensational sunset over Useless Bay last year,” Lull told *Whidbey Weekly* via email. “Double Bluff is in the background. The piece was completed last July. Then the original sold at the Bayview Farmers market soon after. The wrap contest announcement appeared around that time, too.”

Lull said this was a larger format landscape for her, done on a 12-by-24-inch canvas with acrylics, although she also works with oil, pastels or watercolor.



Photo Courtesy of Langley Arts Fund
The first telecom utility box “wrapped” in local art features the work of Whidbey Island artist Kay Parsons and is located near Sweet Mona’s in Langley. Beautifying the utility boxes is part of a project by Langley Arts Fund.

The latest wrap project has been in the works for a long time, according to a press release from LAF.

“We had a call for artists last summer, but it took almost a year to get this wrap in place,” said Diane Divelbess, the LAF member who oversees the utility wrap program. “We finally connected with Humphrey Sign Company in Oak Harbor, and they delivered!”

This is the second utility wrap put in place by LAF. The first, located near Sweet Mona’s Chocolate Boutique, features work by local artist Kay Parsons. But these are only the beginning; LAF members plan to cover eight more utility boxes in the next two years.

According to LAF board member Bruce Hanson, the call for artists yielded a great variety of responses.

“We had a theme of ‘The Serenity and Beauty of our Islands,’” he said. “As you might imagine, we got a variety of wonderful responses to the theme – some beautiful, some whimsical, some introspective.”

The utility box project fits LAF’s mission, which is in part to identify new projects and artists and provide support for creative endeavors in the community.

“We at LAF believe that Langley is a Great American Art Town, and transforming these boxes reinforces that, making Langley a more pleasant place for people to visit and to live,” Hanson said, easily ticking off three things he loves about this project.

“I love the variety of imagery we’ll be bringing to Langley, how the images transform the rather ugly telecom boxes and how we’re supporting artists in Island County,” he said.

It seems not all utility boxes are created equal, either. Each varies in size, but Hanson said there seem to be three or four sizes that are most common. Images used are fitted to its particular box. And, while not exorbitantly expensive, it does add up. LAF covers all the costs.



Photo Courtesy of Langley Arts Fund
Langley Arts Fund has wrapped a second utility box in “Evening Fireworks,” a work by Whidbey Island artist Kathy Lull. The nonprofit organization hopes to cover eight more boxes in Langley over the next two years.

“It ranges between \$1,000 and \$1,500, depending on the size of the box and any particular installation issues,” Hanson said. “We also pay each artist a \$500 stipend for the use of their image.”

Covered utility boxes are not a new concept, although it seems Langley is the only community on Whidbey Island so far to do it. It is something members of the Oak Harbor Arts Commission hope to bring to the community by the end of the year.

“I’ve been working on this for three-and-a-half years,” said Therese Kingsbury, member of the Arts Commission. She said the commission has already identified all the city-owned boxes in Oak Harbor. The first two boxes are located on the corner of SE Pioneer Way, across from the Wells Fargo Bank.

“The first two would likely be student art, and I have my eye on work by another student,” Kingsbury said. “We do want to support local artists and we would love to be able to pay them a small stipend. I am hopeful by the end of the year we will have our first two boxes done.”

Kingsbury said the utility box wraps are popular in many communities and hopes Oak Harbor will soon join Langley in bringing more art to public spaces.



Photo Courtesy of Therese Kingsbury
The Oak Harbor Arts Commission is hoping to cover its first two utility boxes in art by local students by the end of the year.

on a larger scale. It’s being done everywhere. We’re gonna make it happen!”

To learn more about the Langley Arts Fund and its mission, visit langleyartsfund.org. To see more of Kathy Lull’s art, including prints of “Evening Fireworks,” go to kathylullart.com or find her at the Bayview Farmers Market most Saturdays through Oct. 15.

“The Langley Arts Fund did a great job seeing the project through,” said Lull. “The resulting wrap looks great! I hope people enjoy the art. I feel honored to be a Langley wrap artist. I hope it adds to Langley’s artistic ambiance.”

Island Senior Resources celebrates 50 years

Dennis Browne Photos Courtesy of Island Senior Resources

Music, food, friends and fun were the theme of the day Sunday at Greenbank Farm, as Island Senior Resources celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Approximately 300 people were on hand to enjoy the warm summer day, which included a feast of smoked pork and ice cream.

According to ISR Executive Director Michele Cato, the organization has cared for hundreds of thousands of people, delivered hundreds of thousands of meals and driven millions of miles to get people to appointments over the past 50 years. The day was also a celebration of the tens of thousands of volunteer hours and millions of hours of service to people in need.

The day was also a great way to look forward.

“We are celebrating our future selves in 2072, when a time capsule will be opened at our next Jubilee, including letters from 2022 celebrants ranging from 77-year-old Helen to 17-year-old Sarah, which will be read and shared,” Cato said. “We are celebrating ISR, an organization that has been tenacious in its pursuit of excellence and advocacy on behalf of Island County’s seniors, adults with disabilities, and caregivers, and resilient in its flexible response to the ever-changing and growing needs of a highly vulnerable population.”

Cato said Island Senior Resources stands ready to tackle the challenges coming in the next 50 years.

“The future will call for thousands of volunteer hours from a new generation of caring Whidney/Camano residents. We need your ideas, hard work, financial support, advocacy, and optimism that all things are possible when a rural community pulls together,” she said.

Visit senior-resources.org for more information or to learn how to get involved.





Peaches are a nutritious summertime favorite. Peaches are antioxidant-rich, include a wide range of vitamins and minerals, and are rich in fiber. And there is no denying how sweet and tasty peaches can be, whether they're plucked right from a tree or enjoyed in any number of recipes.

Cobbler is a type of dessert that gained popularity in the United States during the 19th century. It is made by putting fruit in a deep baking dish and then topping it with a drop biscuit batter and sometimes a crumb topping. Any number of fruits work well in cobblers, including apples, pears and various berries. However, peach cobbler is the quintessential summertime treat.

Cobbler gets its name from the fact that early American settlers didn't have strict recipes with exact measurements for ingredients, so they took what they had and "cobbled" them together.

Today's cobbler bakers enjoy the benefits of having more direction when putting together their desserts. This recipe for "Southern Peach Cobbler" comes courtesy of Paula Deen.



SOUTHERN PEACH COBBLER (Serves 15)

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| 1 1/2 cups self-rising flour | 4 cups peaches, peeled and sliced |
| 1 stick butter | 1 cup milk |
| 1/2 cup water | Ground cinnamon (optional) |
| 2 cups sugar, divided | |

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Combine the peaches, one cup sugar, and water in a saucepan and mix well. Bring to a boil and simmer for 10 minutes. Remove from the heat.

Put the butter in a 3-quart baking dish and place in oven to melt.

Mix remaining 1 cup sugar, flour, and milk slowly to prevent clumping. Pour mixture over melted butter. Do not stir.

Spoon fruit on top, gently pouring in syrup. Sprinkle top with ground cinnamon, if using. Batter will rise to top during baking. Bake for 30 to 45 minutes.

To serve, scoop onto a plate and serve with your choice of whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, try to focus on simple pleasures this week. You don't have to travel to foreign lands or handle complicated hobbies to find happiness right now.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, seek opportunities to focus your mind, which is bubbling with creativity lately. Dabble in artwork or jewelry making. Cake decorating also may appeal to you.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, you may need to dig down deep and find your motivation for a new project. A change of scenery could be the catalyst for change. Book a short venture to refresh.

CANCER – June 22/July 22

Cancer, with a clear mind and excellent communication skills, this week you can lead the meeting and get the results you desire. This is only one step on the path to success.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23

Leo, some type of force is helping you continue your path forward. It may be pride; it may be a desire to move past your current situation. Whatever it is, keep up the momentum.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, though it goes against your nature, feel free to be lazy once in a while this week. Share your responsibilities with someone else and you will benefit from the rest.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, this week you are able to convey what is going on inside your mind. Don't hold anything back, even if you are hesitant to do so.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, people will be eager to hang on to your every word this week. Think carefully about what you have to say to further your cause to the fullest.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, if you find that your mind is muddled and communication is not coming easily to you, take a break and enjoy some alone time. Engage in solo projects.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, words may not be the best way to express what you are feeling right now to a partner. Actions will speak louder than words.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Things could get intense for you this week, Aquarius. A lot of information is headed your way. A roadblock is in your path, but don't let this trip you up.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, are you prepared for the spotlight to be turned on you at work? Brush up on your skills and what you have to say to superiors.

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Life Tributes

Donald Roy Mulkey



Donald Roy Mulkey, age 86, longtime Oak Harbor resident, passed away Thursday, July 14, 2022 at Island Hospital in Anacortes.



Donald Roy Mulkey was born Oct. 5, 1935, in Grand Coulee, Wash., to Wendell Taggart Mulkey and Marjorie Alice (Bessey) Mulkey. His father was an engineer with the Bureau of Reclamation involved in the construction of the Grand Coulee Dam. Don attended Coulee Dam, Hartline and Coulee City schools. The family moved briefly to Othello, and then to Palisades, Idaho, where Don graduated from Ririe High School in May 1953. Following high school graduation, Don attended Idaho State College in Pocatello for three years, later entering the U.S. Navy. His duty stations after boot camp included: Airman Fundamentals School in Norman, Okla.; TDA School in Memphis, Tenn.; HATUPAC and FRETUPAC at NAS Whidbey Island; Navy Station Adak in Alaska; Sub-school in New London, Conn.; TDB School in Memphis; Recruit Tracon in San Diego; Fleet Training Center and Fleet ASW Training Center, also in San Diego. Don retired in San Diego, Calif., in November 1976, after 20 years as a TDC (E-7). He was very proud of his military service to his country.

Don received his FAA Aircraft and Power Plant Mechanics License in May 1956. After his retirement from the military, he was an aircraft simulator technician at NAS Whidbey, a position from which he retired in January 1996. On Aug. 19, 1988, he married Sandra J. Crank.

Don is survived by his beloved wife, Sande, at home in Oak Harbor; two stepdaughters, Ann Michelle Harrison McAllister of San Diego and Jean Marie Harrison Tierney and husband Chris, of Madison, Ala.; sister Susan Jane Mulkey of Boise, Idaho; brother, Bruce Allen Mulkey, wife Joan and family, of Nampa, Idaho; one sister-in-law, Michelle Marie McKenzie-Voigt and family, of Evanston, Ill.

Don was an avid hobbyist, with interests ranging from radios to antique tractors. He worked mostly in metal fabrications and gladly shared his expertise with friends. Camping in Eastern Washington was a favorite pastime for him and his family. Go-cart racing – in fact, auto racing of any kind – was of constant interest.

Private inurnment will take place at Maple Leaf Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. Family and friends are encouraged to share memories and condolences at www.whidbeymemorial.com.

Dennis Allen Shelly

Dennis Allen Shelly passed away quietly in his sleep July 17, 2022 of natural causes. Belfair, Wash., is where he did most of his growing up and finished high school at North Mason. Before moving to California, Dennis left his mark at North Mason. Four-year letterman (basketball, track, tennis), honor roll, Honor Society, student body president and some band thrown in for good measure. He also attended as many class reunions as he could until the COVID pandemic put a lid on most gatherings.



In California, the day after graduating from UCSB with a degree in physical education, he received a greeting letter from Uncle Sam, inviting him to the world of OD Green. After spending most of his uniformed time in Panama, he returned to Goleta where he resumed his activities as a foster parent – something he had started during his college years. Around 1973, he opened his bicycle business in Goleta which he operated for nearly 30 years, while continuing with his fostering/mentoring activities.

Around 2012, Dennis moved to Whidbey Island, Wash., to enjoy the greenery and retirement. Dennis is survived by his two brothers, Brian and Gary Shelly, and a sister, Diane Starker. R.I.P. Dennis.

Brenda Magdaline (Kanupka) Kidd



If the measure of one's life is the ability to make and maintain relationships, then no one stood taller than Brenda Kidd, as evidenced by the sheer number of those who have reached out in love to her during these months of cancer treatment. Her village of well-wishers literally circumnavigates the globe and includes those whose history literally reaches back to her earliest childhood years. Her best friends in life continued to be her Kensington, Conn., 5-year-old playmates. Whether it be her life of faith growing up in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, or her relationships with family and friends, Brenda was forever faithful.

Brenda's career as a registered nurse spanned 50 years. The final 35 years were faithfully spent on the night shift in Cardiac PICU, Children's Hospital, Seattle. Her professional life left a lengthy list of grateful fellow medical staff as well as patients who counted her healing efforts as grace. Brenda loved the collegiality and spirit of community found among her night shift workmates.

In 1974, Brenda married Tom, a Lutheran minister. Their life together was marked by playful banter, a spirit of adventure, humble resources and a mutual shared faith that was woven to the very core of their life together. Their life story traveled from San Francisco to the prairies of Alberta, to the remote coast of British Columbia to Bellevue, Wash., and finally to Whidbey Island. Along the way they were blessed with three children: Jason, Jhennifer and Jocelyn. All of them proud of their Canadian heritage.

Without a doubt Brenda's greatest joy in life was her family. Whether it be her own family around the dinner table, Tom's family of origin, or her large extended family "back home." Annual trips to Connecticut were assumed and no one could escape the obligatory group photo. She also was the best putter on the golf course, hands down!

When it was time, her family came together to love Brenda to death...Tom, Jason (Christina), Jhennifer (Jim, grandchildren Abbie and Vivian), Jocelyn (Robert), sister-in-law Debbie (Chuck), brother George and sister Janet, nephews (George, Joshua) and nieces (Becky, Sara, Erin), along with many others for whom Brenda was family. Brenda was loved by Godson Keith, "favorite niece" Laura and is grieved by sister-in-law Helen and brother-in-law Rich.

Brenda was fiercely loyal, transparently honest and quick to share her megawatt smile. She was at heart a healer, always evoking grace. From the time of her diagnosis (Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, thank you) and the difficult news, "You need to know we cannot cure you," Brenda made the decision, along with Tom, that they would do their best to live with this cancer redemptively. The prayer was that Brenda's cancer would be redemptive in someone's life. She was a healer to the end. Brenda never complained. Mercifully, Brenda won her reward. The family is blessed by the faith and love she lived out until the end. Words cannot express how much she will be missed.

Brenda's life will be celebrated Friday, Aug. 19 at 1 p.m. The service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland Wash. For those unable to attend, the service will be live streamed via YouTube, "Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland WA," or the Trinity Lutheran web page, www.trinitylutheranfreeland.org. In lieu of flowers, gifts can be made to Trinity Lutheran Church to support Ukrainian refugees that have been affected by the war. Write "Brenda" or "Ukrainian Relief" within the memo portion.

Life Tributes can now be found online at www.whidbeyweekly.com

Pam's Prayer Corner

In honor of my late mother-in-law, Pamela Kaye Young, this column is a place where believers can share their prayer requests for others to help lift them up in faith. The prayers can be for you, a family member, or anything weighing on your soul. Email info@whidbeyweekly.com or call 360-682-2341 to share your prayer requests.

A PRAYER FOR HELP

"We beg you, Master, be our help and strength. Save those among us who are oppressed, have pity on the lowly, and lift up the fallen. Heal the sick, bring back the straying, and feed the hungry. Release those in prison, lift up those who falter, and strengthen the fainthearted. Let all nations come to know you the one God, with your Son Jesus Christ, and us your people and the sheep of your pasture. Amen."

Clement of Rome



"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."

Psalms 23 (KJV)



Island 911

Seriously, we do not make this stuff up!

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

6:44 am, SR 525

Two cows in road blocking southbound; additional reporting party advising there are two loose cows, advising they aren't blocking at this time.

12:27 pm, Perry Dr.

Caller advising while leaving house, noticed very lethargic raccoon on log.

2:35 pm, Holst Rd.

Requesting call referencing ongoing problem with county road department vehicles parking on his property.

6:53 pm, Jones Rd.

Caller advising received information that someone is currently on property dumping a bunch of tires; says subject has been doing this for years; subject lives on property in little house by the driveway.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

6:12 pm, Burma Rd.

Advising male at location "acting retarded," "acting like a fool, need him gone," needs a place to chill.

10:02 pm, SR 525

Reporting party on line advising he was trying to get hold of city hall; advising he was trying to leave a message with Michelle; advising he has investigated several locations; advising he did the lead on the \$27 million bust. Reporting party very difficult to understand.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

4:44 am, SR 20

Caller states deer totaled his vehicle; not injured, no airbag deployment. Caller killed deer and dragged it off the highway. Caller's vehicle is not blocking.

11:04 am, SR 525

Advising cow in driveway, 50 yards from highway. Reporting party saw it as she was driving by, believes it may become a traffic hazard; believed it was loose with nobody around; reporting party did not stop, just saw it in passing.

2:18 pm, Goss Lake Rd.

Caller watching subjects video'ing [sic] her and "hollering" we are here to kill you because of our drugs; going on all morning and has to stop.

3:49 pm, Old Beach Rd.

Requesting call, is very upset about cars in roadway; yelling at call-taker; advising five vehicles parking in the middle of the road.

8:19 pm, Deer Lake Rd.

Reporting party thinks a drug deal is occurring at location; states "I'm seeing every druggie showing up that should be there."

MONDAY, JUNE 27

8:29 am, SR 525

Brown cow with horns running in road; advising state. Another caller, cow in road.

8:57 am, S Main St.

Caller advising "strange" people have taken over her house; they don't speak, are silent; told them they have five minutes to leave; come in groups.

10:53 am, S Main St.

Advising of strange man outside store harassing and talking to customers; took his shirt off, appears to have a hospital band on.

1:42 pm, Harbor View Dr.

Requesting call referencing contractor on island is claiming to be licensed and bonded and is not. Has also sent reporting party threatening and inappropriate texts. Reporting party suspects multiple victims of fraud of this contractor.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

1:23 pm, SR 525

Advising just passed through location, female walking along roadway making obscene hand gestures to passing cars and acting like she was going to step out in front of reporting party's vehicle. Call transferred to state.

1:42 pm, SR 525

Advising two cows walking on SR 525 north of location, southbound side.

7:15 pm, N Main St.

Reporting party advising he had an altercation at Whidbey General Hospital [sic]; advising one of the nurses pursued him out of the hospital and they tried to instigate a fight.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

S Main St.

Reporting party states is in parking lot; white Ford F150 drove up and started swearing and saying "You know you're a bad driver" at reporting party's teen-aged driver. Occurred five minutes ago.

1:45 pm, Possession Rd.

Caller states Air B&B guests broke window and tried to say it was a break-in; guests have left, reporting party on site.

3:55 pm, SR 20

Reporting party states heard something about someone injured on the scanner and wants to know if it's someone he knows. Reporting party very faint and hard to understand.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

10:07 am, Columbia Ave.

Advising vehicle is occupied by elderly female who reads and smokes in her vehicle; randomly comes and parks near or in front of reporting party's residence daily, ongoing issue. Reporting party wondering what rights they have as neighborhood to ask female to move on and not park there.

2:49 pm, Main St.

Reporting party states paid repair shop to work on vehicle. Shop went out of business and owners moved vehicle to different, unknown address. Requesting call.

4:17 pm, Marine Dr.

Requesting call referencing boat that washed ashore four months ago; reporting party says it is a nuisance; juveniles are playing on it; over the 4th, they made a swing out of the sails; says county is going to get sued over it.

6:31 pm, Main St.

Reporting shoplifter has now left; was caught going out the door. Subject returned initial items but then took ice.

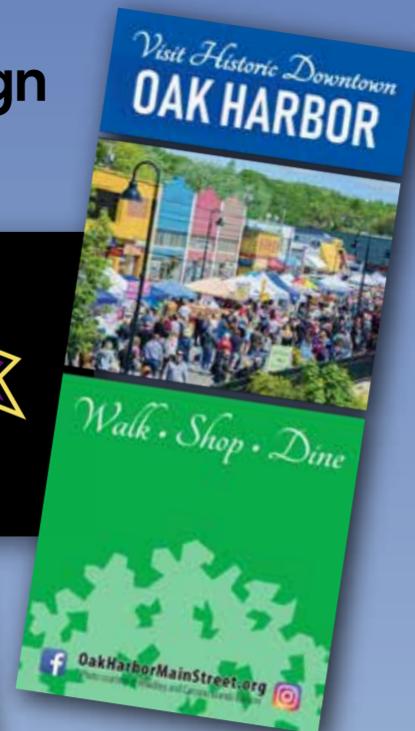
7:40 pm, Penn Cove Rd.

Advising an insurance guy called reporting party, saying reporting party's vehicle that was stolen was last seen five minutes ago headed westbound on Penn Cove from unknown cross street.

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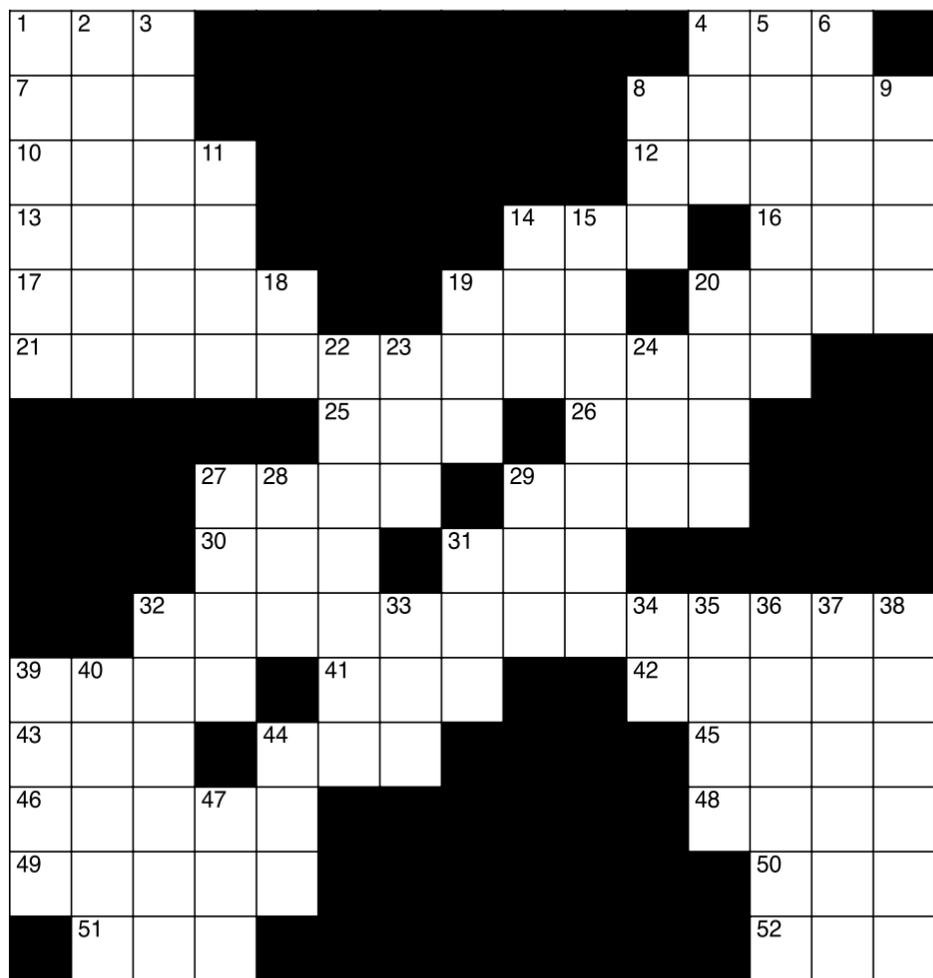
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Taxi
- 4. Cattle disease (abbr.)
- 7. Before the present
- 8. They burn in a grill
- 10. Enough (archaic)
- 12. "A Doll's House" playwright
- 13. Long loop of cloth worn around the waist
- 14. Napoleonic Wars battle
- 16. Chinese surname
- 17. Fragrant essential oil
- 19. Follows sigma
- 20. Model
- 21. A place with many dining options
- 25. BBQ dish
- 26. Corn comes on it
- 27. A sheep in its second year
- 29. Triad
- 30. They ___
- 31. Actor DiCaprio
- 32. TV's "Edith Bunker"
- 39. Sustenance
- 41. Man who behaves dishonorably

- 42. Cause a loud, harsh sound
- 43. A way to take in liquids
- 44. Gene type
- 45. The Miami mascot is one
- 46. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- 48. Casino machine
- 49. Contains cerium
- 50. Something with a letter-like shape
- 51. Handwoven Scandinavian rug
- 52. Legendary actress Ruby

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Conqueror
- 2. Kin relation
- 3. Increases the value of
- 4. Pack
- 5. Popular nut
- 6. Dogs' enemies
- 8. Former OSS
- 9. Unpleasant person
- 11. Come again?
- 14. Beverage container
- 15. Rock formation

- 18. Dorm official
- 19. The bill in a restaurant
- 20. Type of jug
- 22. Importance requiring swift action
- 23. Outfit
- 24. Small Eurasian deer
- 27. Weight used in China
- 28. A major division of geological time
- 29. Popular beverage
- 31. Confined condition (abbr.)
- 32. Practical joking
- 33. Pouchlike structure
- 34. Pound
- 35. Lilly and Manning are two
- 36. Stopped discussing
- 37. Baltimore ball-player
- 38. Candymaker
- 39. One thousandth of a second (abbr.)
- 40. Northern sea duck
- 44. Partner to cheese
- 47. Cannot be found

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, August 4	Fri, August 5	Sat, August 6	Sun, August 7	Mon, August 8	Tues, August 9	Wed, August 10
North Isle H-64°/L-51° AM Drizzle PM Sunbreaks	North Isle H-68°/L-52° Mostly Sunny	North Isle H-71°/L-53° Sunny and Pleasant	North Isle H-69°/L-54° Sunny	North Isle H-69°/L-54° Plenty of Sunshine	North Isle H-68°/L-55° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-69°/L-56° Mostly Sunny
South Isle H-68°/L-55° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-71°/L-56° Mostly Sunny and Pleasant	South Isle H-75°/L-57° Plenty of Sunshine	South Isle H-83°/L-59° Sunny and Warm	South Isle H-81°/L-60° Sunny	South Isle H-79°/L-61° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-78°/L-62° Mostly Sunny



OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What are you most grateful for, living in Greenbank?



April Booth, Greenbank

I came to Whidbey for the beauty, weather, and to be closer to family, but what I've grown to appreciate is the peacefulness and sense of community we have in Greenbank. Our whole island is unique, but Greenbank is a little treasure right in the middle with many undeveloped acres, lending to beautiful walks and drives while taking in the amazing views of both the Cascades and the Olympics. This has become my paradise and I'm grateful to be here!

Jasmine Andersen, Greenbank

I am grateful for the easy-going, laid-back neighbors and the peaceful wildlife here. With dozens of cozy local trails, sweeping seaside views, and that quintessential island vibe, Greenbank is one of the few remaining bastions of quietude left here on the island.



Danny Volz, Greenbank

The relative peace and quiet around here. I have really bad tinnitus, so the lack of machine noise, traffic, sirens, and general hustle and bustle you run into elsewhere is such a relief for me.

Leeanna Jorgenson, Greenbank

My husband and I love living in Greenbank and are grateful for many things - the rural, friendly community feel; the peace and serenity of the area; and beauty of the beaches, big trees, and open spaces. We enjoy the birds and wildlife here and feel fortunate to live somewhere that is able to support such a variety of wildlife. We appreciate having a wonderful local hospital and many restaurants and shops nearby. We love living out of the hustle and bustle, but not so far we can't easily reach the things we need.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Soroptimists 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 (0)

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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@bbbsic-landcounty.org for more information.

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

JOB MARKET

Whidbey Watershed Stewards (WWS) is accepting applications for a PROGRAM DIRECTOR (PD). We are seeking a dynamic leader with experience in and passion for community-based environmental education for all age levels. The PD works with a talented staff, experienced board of directors, dedicated volunteers and multiple community partners. Building on WWS's legacy for innovative programming and partnerships, the PD will help shape the future of WWS as we further develop our programs. Essential qualifications are educational skills in group instruction for K-12 grades (certification desirable) and experience in curriculum and program development and administration. The ideal candidate will also demonstrate skills in fund raising and grant seeking, writing and management; staff, volunteer and daily program management; communication in a variety of media, budgeting and record keeping. The PD is hired and evaluated by the WWS board of directors and works with the board to develop the organization and programs. The PD supervises and evaluates program staff and works with them to ensure successful volunteer involvement. For a job description and job requirements, see the WWS website at <https://whidbeywatersheds.org/>. Seasonally flexible work schedule up to 40 hours per week; Based on plans, we anticipate the position will involve 1400-1900 hours annually; Starting salary, \$24-\$26 per hour depending on experience; Desired start date is August/September 2022. The position will remain open until filled. Qualified candidates are invited to submit the fol-

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lowing materials: Cover letter (including email and phone number); Current resume; Three references. Send PDF files as attachments, subject line "Program Director" to board.whidbeywatersheds@gmail.com or send all documents to Whidbey Watershed Stewards, PO Box 617, Langley, WA 98260. You will receive an email response confirming your application has been received. We are grateful for the expression of interest and time in apply to this posting. Questions regarding the position, may be directed to board.whidbeywatersheds@gmail.com (3)

Part-time Playscape Play and Learn Facilitator-Oak Harbor: Facilitate a stimulating play space where adults and children learn together. Support parents and caregivers of young children birth to five and connect families to community and to each other. Part-time Facilitator position for Play and Learn groups in Oak Harbor: Approximately 10-12 hours per week mid-September through mid-June. This position begins in late August. The schedule for the Play and Learn groups in Oak Harbor is 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. One to two Saturdays per month. Job Requirements: Bachelor's Degree preferred in Early Childhood Education, Social Work, Psychology, Human Development, Family Support, or other closely related field.

Extensive experience and education may be considered in lieu of academic credentials. Salary range: \$20-25 per hour DOE. For a complete job description and to apply, send resume and letter of interest to: esther@whidbeymentors.org (1)

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, customer service experience, 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. (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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