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## Mega creativity on display at Coupeville festival

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Creativity knows no bounds and there will be all kinds of it on display this weekend at the 58th annual Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival. The festival is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday in the historic Coupeville downtown.



Photo Courtesy of Coupeville Festival Association

The Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival takes over the streets of this quaint central Whidbey town Saturday and Sunday. More than 140 vendors will have merchandise for sale, plus there will be food and fun for the whole family.

Organizers said the festival is basically back to normal following a slight scaling back last year due to COVID, but some of the changes made last year have stuck around.

"Last year we scaled back to allow a 10-foot space in between each artist booth," said Deborah O'Brien, president of the Coupeville Festival Association, which puts on the annual event. "We also did not do a beer garden or live music.

"The response from the community and vendors was phenomenal," she continued. "They LOVED the wider-spaced feeling of the festival and the more family friendly attitude. So we made the decision to remain in the same footprint and format as last year and add a few more children's activities so the children and their artistic endeavors could be better explored."

Well over 100 vendors will have their talent on display – and for visitors, there will be a huge variety of items to browse, ranging from photography and painting to metal work, garden art, jewelry, pottery, needlework and much more.

"We will be featuring 140-plus vendors this year. Almost 40 percent are new vendors appearing at the festival for the first time," O'Brien said. "This year the vendors run the wide gamut from homemade fudge to graffiti artists to wood workers to exquisite jewelry makers. We also feature a variety of clothes and children's items."



Photo Courtesy of Coupeville Festival Association

Visitors to Coupeville will have the opportunity to browse through a huge variety of art, jewelry, woodworking, pottery, photography, jewelry and more this weekend at the 58th annual Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival.

With a nearly 60-year history, the Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival is coming full circle when it comes to some of its longtime vendors, according to O'Brien.

"One vendor, Sarah Lyngra, will be featuring her late mother's, Beatrice Joan Wilson Powell's, artwork," she shared. "Ms. Powell

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## Summer Concert Series kicks off in Oak Harbor

Photos by Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly

Oak Harbor has officially joined the popular music in the park trend, hosting its first Summer Concert Series performances last week at Windjammer Park, sponsored by the Oak Harbor Music Festival and Windermere Real Estate of Whidbey Island. Between 200-300 people were on hand to enjoy the sounds of Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra and special guest, the Gothard Sisters. The weather was sunny and breezy, although the air turned cool when the sun disappeared.

The Summer Concert Series continues this week with singer/songwriter Zan Fiskum, followed by the Chris Eger Band Aug. 17 and Janie Cribbs and the T.Rust Band Aug. 24. All concerts are free and start at 6 p.m. Those interested in attending are encouraged to pack a picnic, bring chairs and/or a blanket to sit on and enjoy the Sounds of Summer at Windjammer Park.



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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 was originally published Aug. 3, 2017.**

Over the weekend, I was asked by a friend if dogs can read lips. Good question, I thought. If one's tone of voice is the most telling communication to our four legged friends, lip reading may not matter.

I asked the vet many years ago if my basset hound Norton knew when he last barked.

"Jim, Norton doesn't even know that he does bark."

Just in case Norton could read the vet's lips, I covered Norton's big brown eyes. Even with cooking gloves, my hands were never long enough to cover Norton's ears.

### Turnaround time

One of the fun aspects of visiting the Coupeville recycling and waste dump site is the detailed information one receives on the receipt after paying for the load. Why would we expect anything less from our dedicated Island County custodians of community excess? Mind boggling and land filling it is.

The transparency of this county transaction provides the details of being weighed, before and aft, as well as one's turnaround time for the experience. In fact, the receipt provides so much information it's transparency was much greater than that of my flattened cardboard and half gallon Darigold 2% milk jugs. I need to rinse better. Old milk in plastic jugs gets rather gaggy.

Over the weekend, from check in until check out, my turnaround times for my three trips were nine minutes for 140 pounds of garbage, 13 minutes for 180 pounds, and 13 minutes again for 160 pounds. I attribute my lesser efficiency unloading round three to our wonderful weekend's warmer weather and the beautiful blue sky which umbrella-ed the dump. For me, the Coupeville dump is a park without swings and slides. What is it about emptying trash that still thrills?

In college, my roommate Skeeter got married his sophomore year. Given the rules against co-ed dorm life at a southern Baptist college in the Bible belt, cinched to about the third hole, Skeeter and wife Bebe had to get off campus housing. No married student apartments were available in those days, but we were able to drink 3.2 percent beer by driving a few miles passed the state line of Kansas.

My job to get a free home cooked meal at Skeeter and Bebe's was to empty their trash and buy their weekly TV Guide. Such efforts and economic burdens sure beat eating the mystery meat at the fraternity house. At least Bebe knew to use S&W Fine Foods for our evening meals. Of course, that had much to do with her father-in-law Forrest. Skeeter's Dad worked for an S&W distributor in St. Louis. Apparently, there were often dented cans in the warehouse. The dented cans with vertical packed green beans were my favorite.

One winter, after a week of Christmas vacation following semester exams, Skeeter and Bebe picked me up at the Kansas City Municipal Airport. I always loved that airport. Every landing was a thrill ride over the city, with great views of the train tracks.

Since the fraternity house was empty for semester break, I was invited to stay at their apartment for a couple days. While I did not have my own room, I did have my own drawer for socks, skivvies, and magazines.

When I went to the back porch of their apartment to empty my first beer can, I noticed the trash was out of control.

"Skeet, what's the deal with the garbage? It stinks. It's everywhere. And whose shoes are those on your roof?"

"Well, Ace, they are your shoes. You left them here. We got tired of tripping over them so we put them on the roof. It has snowed twice since you left. That's all our trash from the last two weeks you have yet to empty, and you're also two weeks behind on buying us the TV Guide. Merry Christmas. We're glad you are home."

Maybe that's why I enjoy the dump. It reminds me of how great friendship really is. Yep, it is time to take a friend to lunch. Time to go the extra mile. Time to empty their trash.

My suggestion-ask permission first. Some folks take offense if you take their trash when you leave.

### Watch out

It is this time of year when the spiders run amuck at the loose caboose. Maybe all my recycling has disrupted their homelands. This morning, while making my bed, I saw a little arachnid liberate itself from underneath one of the pillows. Like a frightened six year old in a haunted house, I threw my pillow and the pillow case down on the ground and started stomping.

Sensing a rise in blood pressure, I grabbed a flashlight to see if my stomping had created any success. No spider, or the remains thereof, was visible. Where was that joint-legged invertebrate from the sub phylum Chelicerata? Can you tell I majored in biology for a year?

Later in the afternoon, I felt some movement about my graying hairs. It was not the wind. There were footsteps on my follicles. Quickly, I swept my hand above my head, not wanting to damage any of the remaining fine waxed dental floss sized hairs.

No luck. Something was still moving on my head. Why look in a mirror? I attacked again. Looking at my right hand, once registered, I saw no spider legs or spider head or spider anything. Moments later, I felt something crawling on my upper lip.

Holy arachnid, Batman. Mouth spider alert!

It wasn't pretty. And, it still is not so pretty. Only the right side of my lip is bruised. At my new age, I must have forgotten I was hitting myself. Just call me Grandpa Spiderman.

### Never argue with a woman

One morning, a husband returns the family boat to their lakeside cottage after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap.

Although not familiar with the lake, his wife decides to take the boat out. She motors out a short distance, anchors, puts her feet up, and begins to read her book. The peace and solitude are magnificent until a fish and game warden comes along in his boat.

He pulls up alongside the woman and says, "Good morning, Ma'am. What are you doing?"

"Reading a book," she replies, thinking that what she is doing appears very obvious.

"You're in a restricted fishing area," he informs her.

"I'm sorry, officer, but I'm not fishing. I'm reading."

"Yes, but I see you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to take you in and write you up."

"If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault," says the woman.

"But I haven't even touched you," says the game warden.

"That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know, you could start at any moment."

"Have a nice day ma'am," and he left.

MORAL: Never argue with a woman who reads. It's likely she can also think.

Thanks much to the woman from the library who sent me this jocular conclusion to today's musings.

Have a great week.

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# Bits & Pieces

## The Navy League of the United States, Oak Harbor Area Council, Reacts to the Aug. 2, 2022 Order by the United States District Court Concerning EA-18G Growler Flight Operations

This procedural order does not meet activists' goals after millions of dollars, years of studies, and extended due diligence by the Navy, followed by years of litigation and expense by plaintiffs and defendants. The bulk of the wide-ranging, disparate claims against Growlers were dismissed.

- In some respects, this order is at extreme cross purposes. The Navy must now consider an outdated El Centro, Calif., alternative for Growler operations, 1,400 miles away, while simultaneously opening the door to newly formulated Greenhouse Gas (GHG) complaints. (Clarifying GHG calculations regarding operations above 3,000 feet, for FCLP operations which occur below 2,000 feet.)

An El Centro, Calif. alternative may require a more extensive EIS than that conducted at Whidbey.

- Overt representatives for local schools were not parties to these proceedings. However, the Navy will expend considerable time and resources assessing indeterminate effects on classroom learning due to jet noise. Whidbey schools are award-winning and nationally-ranked, benefiting greatly from the Navy's economic impact and ever-present Navy volunteers.

Note, jets arrived in 1956. Twice as many tactical jets have been previously based at Whidbey (216 vs 118). Plus, many areas have been zoned for jet noise since 1992.

- This order also desires apparent never-ending species-specific Growler impacts to birds. The Navy included exhaustive studies by expert organizations, which followed accepted science. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) was never intended to present endless litigation opportunities.

With many partners, the Navy is already the most meaningful and prolific marine conservancy organization in the Pacific Northwest.

Since World War II, NAS Whidbey Island aircraft and personnel have been worldwide and world class. Whidbey aircraft are currently performing defense and deterrence missions in every geographic area of uncertainty. They are extraordinarily relevant and indispensable.

- In example, after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the European Commander asked for tankers, F-35s, and Growlers. Whidbey Growlers responded almost overnight. Growlers are similarly positioned in Asia, supporting national policy and national leaders.

- By extension, the region's representative training areas, and especially OLF Coupeville, are very rare national assets. They have never been more important, now and going forward.

With the increasingly dynamic real-world environment, our country should not compromise or cap Whidbey's air station and OLF capabilities as part of any remedies or appeals to this procedural order. These capabilities are fundamental

components for essential national defense and global deterrence.

[Submitted by Steve Bristow, Spokesperson, Oak Harbor Navy League]

## Trash and Treasure Sale Proceeds Benefit Local Nonprofits

Proceeds from the 2022 St. Augustine's in-the-Woods Episcopal Church Trash and Treasure Sale have been presented to four local nonprofit organizations. Thanks to the community's big turnout for the sale, this year's beneficiaries each received \$2,704. Recipients are the Soup's On! soup kitchen at Island Church in Langley, Episcopal Relief and Development's Ukraine Crisis Relief Fund, Island Senior Resources' Medical Transport fund and the Whidbey-Camano Land Trust.

The 58th Trash and Treasure Sale was held April 30 at the church on Honeymoon Bay Road in Freeland.

For more information, contact Susan Sandri, Trash and Treasure co-chair at 360-914-2020 or the church office at 360-331-4887.

[Submitted by Susan Sandri]

## Tee Up for Scholarship Fund

Grab your golf clubs and help the American Legion Auxiliary, George Morris Unit #129, support local high school youth continue their education.

The second annual golf tournament is set for Saturday, Aug. 27 from 9:30AM to noon at Deception Pass Golf Center, located at 597 Ducken Rd. in Oak Harbor. The tournament is open to everyone, no matter the level of experience, and will be a two-person blind draw partner format. Check-in starts at 9:00AM with a shotgun start at 9:30AM – rain or shine. A non-refundable registration fee of \$30 per person includes a 9-hole round of golf and lunch at the American Legion following the tournament. Limited clubs are available at the golf course for the usual course fee. Cash prizes will awarded for first, second and third place.

Registration forms can be found at the American Legion Post #129, 690 SE Barrington Dr., Oak Harbor or at Deception Pass Golf Center. Register today as there is only room for 48 golfers. Deadline is Aug. 21.

For more information, contact Jan Sabalausky at 360-969-4722 or the American Legion at 360-675-2411. All COVID protocols will be followed.

[Submitted by Jan Sabalausky]

## Soroptimist International of Oak Harbor Host Preview Performance of "Grease"

Sept. 8, at 7:30 pm, Soroptimist International of Oak Harbor will sponsor the Whidbey Playhouse preview performance of the musical Grease. Come on out and hang with Sandy, Danny, Rizzo and Frenchy. It will be the perfect summer night to relive this nostalgic, greased lightning, rock'n and roll'n, smash hit musical of our time.

As a tribute to this great production, Soroptimists encourage those attending to make this fun evening even more festive by dressing the part. Break out those letterman sweaters/jackets, cuff up your blue jeans, tie a scarf around your neck, wear your poodle skirt or roll up your short sleeves...it's time to rock and roll!

Tickets are \$30 each and includes 50s refreshments and special door prizes. Doors will open at 7:00PM for the 7:30PM curtain. The play is open admission, and tickets are available by contacting [sioakharbor@soroptimist.net](mailto:sioakharbor@soroptimist.net) or online at Soroptimist Oak Harbor Facebook.

Soroptimist International is a global volun-

teer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. By attending this event you will help Soroptimist International of Oak Harbor further its mission, and members are thankful to those who will attend.

Soroptimists are grateful to Whidbey Playhouse for this fund raising opportunity. Over the years it has helped many nonprofit organizations with offering a Playhouse buyout. If your organization is interested in future productions, contact Whidbey Playhouse at 360-679-2237 for details.

[Submitted by Sally Maylor]

## Residents Strengthen Skagit Valley College Commitment to Early Childhood Education

Skagit Valley College recently celebrated the opening of the Sue Krienen Early Learning and Childcare Center at its Mount Vernon campus. The center was the vision of SVC Foundation donor and resident Sue Krienen back in 2017 and came to fruition through a partnership with the college. The center will officially open for childcare in September.

"We see early childhood education and childcare as an obvious investment in our community and an important part of the mission of our college," said Dr. Tom Keegan, SVC president. "One might not think that a community college includes early childhood learning and childcare in its mission and vision, but we certainly do here at Skagit Valley College."

George and Sheila Saul of Oak Harbor have also shown their support for early childhood education by endowing a substantial scholarship fund to support students in need who are pursuing a four-year Early Childhood Education degree.

The Peg Moy and Sheila Moy Saul Early Childhood Education scholarship fund is named after Sheila's mother, Peg Moy, who lived in Ithaca, N.Y., with her GI Bill-educated husband where they raised six children, including their eldest daughter, Sheila.

Sheila graduated from Cornell University 50 years ago with a BS in Education and Child Development. While her husband, George, was stationed at Ft. Lewis, Sheila obtained a Master of Education in Special Education from the University of Washington. She has taught in preschools, elementary schools, junior high, and high schools — from Rieman Hall Juvenile Facility to the fabled Heidelberg American High School. In retirement, she volunteers at Coupeville Elementary School.

George is a volunteer caseworker at Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and was a mentor with Island County's Drug Court program. With the Whidbey Community Foundation, George helped to kick off the foundation's annual grant program. In addition to providing financial support to many community causes, George and Sheila have sponsored a Sno-Isle Library Prime Time family reading program for third graders in honor of George's mom, who was a librarian. They have also provided scholarships to graduating Oak Harbor High School students in honor of George's dad.

For more information or to donate to the SVC Foundation, contact Brad Tuininga at [brad.tuininga@skagit.edu](mailto:brad.tuininga@skagit.edu).

[Submitted by Laura Daniali, Director of Strategic Marketing and Communications, SVC]

## Seeking Nominations for the 2022 Civility Award

Civility First...So We Can Work Together is seeking nominations for its 2022 Civility

Awards. The deadline for nominations is Sept. 16.

These awards recognize efforts to depolarize discourse and bring people together. The Civility Awards celebrate individuals, businesses and/or groups in our region who work to mend relationships, build bridges, and who are pursuing and engaging in meaningful dialogue connecting people with diverse views. The award criteria stress respect, integrity, kindness, engagement, inclusiveness, objectivity and seeking common ground. Nominees must have worked with or treated others in an honorable and respectful manner regardless of political affiliation, faith and religious belief, age, race, color, gender, or sexual orientation.

Previous winners of Civility Awards include Island Transit, Sarah and Zack Ruggenberg of The Backyard, Rob Mitchell and Dave Cauffman.

You may nominate an organization or individual by filling out the form at [www.civilityfirst.org/nominations-for-2022-civility-award.html](http://www.civilityfirst.org/nominations-for-2022-civility-award.html) by Sept. 16.

Award recipients will be announced and honored during Civility Month, October 2022. Send any questions to [Civility1st@gmail.com](mailto:Civility1st@gmail.com). For more information on Civility First, visit the website at [civilityfirst.org](http://civilityfirst.org).

[Submitted by Celia Schorr, Executive Director, Civility First]

## Whidbey SAR Crew Called Away from Community Event for Two Missions

A Search and Rescue (SAR) team from Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island was participating in the Unity for Effort community event in Sequim on Saturday, August 6, when it received an alert for two injured hikers on Mt. Buckner in the North Cascades.

The SAR crew received the alert just before 2:50PM Saturday afternoon while attending a community outreach event in Sequim and were airborne by 3:00PM. After a brief stop at NAS Whidbey Island to re-configure the aircraft, the crew reached the reported location around 3:50PM. The SAR crew searched for approximately 10 minutes before locating the hikers at an altitude of 8,400 ft. on a ledge similar in size to the helicopter rescue litter.

Due to the precarious nature of the terrain, a 45 degree cross slope on loose rocky soil surrounded by 50-60 degree cross slope of snow, the crew lowered the ground crew on a hoist. The crew climbed down to the survivors and packaged the survivors for recovery at 4:15PM. One of the survivors had sustained minor injuries, while the other had a laceration to the back of the head and other injuries consistent with a slide down the mountain, as well as the onset of hypothermia due to blood loss. Both were transported to St. Josephs in Bellingham around 4:50PM.

After dropping the crew's SAR medical personnel with the injured hikers at the hospital, the pilots flew to Bellingham International Airport to refuel. While on deck at the airport the crew received notification of a possible hang glider/parachute crash just south of Bellingham. The crew departed the airport, picked up the SAR medical personnel at St. Josephs, and proceeded to the reported accident location where they spotted a purple parachute in the trees. Unable to tell if someone was still attached to the parachute, the crew rappelled one of the crew to the ground see if he could spot someone in the parachute. While investigating the parachute, the crew received an update from the Whatcom Sheriff's Department informing the crew that there was an old parachute in that area.

NAS Whidbey Island SAR has conducted 23 missions this calendar year, which includes eight MEDEVACs, 12 rescues, and three searches.

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



# Island 911

Seriously, we do not make this stuff up!

## THURSDAY, JULY 7

### 3:18 am, Sandberg Ln.

Advising people are harassing reporting party at end of property line; states doesn't know who they are, thinks they are possibly neighbors. States they are trying to "scare-tactic me."

### 3:42 am, Sandberg Ln.

Recalling, advising same; also stated "If something happens to me, I want it known I called." Caller is now rambling about having called; "Hopefully it's nothing."

### 12:39 pm, Golf Course Rd.

Reporting party states tow truck has unsafe transportation; toy vehicle in tow is smashed up; is leaving trail of debris from location all the way to the tow yard.

### 4:26 pm, Penn Cove Rd.

Reporting party states has been being violated in his sleep; nothing occurring now. Requesting call.

### 6:54 pm, Haines Rd.

States neighbor has loud drill whistle at location; reporting party cannot hear what call-taker is saying and hung up.

## FRIDAY, JULY 8

### 5:46 pm, Crockett Lake Dr.

Reporting party advising she is being put down about her weight and the caloric intake in her food; stepmom is doing it.

### 11:16 am, N Harrington Lagoon Rd.

Advising neighbor has placed large concrete blocks to block channel; has also poured concrete in the past to change the direction of flow of the channel. Has been going on for years now. Concrete blocks were added about 10 days ago.

### 11:53 am, SR 525

Reporting party states there was a fender bender and other party does not want to give insurance information.

### 4:29 pm, S Main St.

Advising woman is in reporting party's shed; has reported prior; subject appears to be Ukrainian, reporting party not able to communicate with subject.

### 5:29 pm, S Main St.

Advising Ukrainian stuck under the bed and can't get her out; fiancé is also under the bed with her; doesn't understand English; reporting party states she will not be going to bed tonight.

### 5:58 pm, S Main St.

Reporting party advising this is the next chapter; he left with the body and is now digging out back along dirt line; thinks is burying body; now male's vehicle is gone.

### 9:14 pm, Admirals Dr.

Reporting party advising a subject broke into residence and is still there; advising

subject is married to his mother; broke window to get in; advising subject doesn't know reporting party is there.

## SATURDAY, JULY 9

### 1:14 am, SR 525

Advising boat or some type of vessel in water with light shining into reporting party's house; looks like a spotlight. Thinks it might be a fishing boat.

### 3:09 pm, Sun Vista Cir.

Requesting call referencing ongoing harassment by landlord; believes landlord recently entered property while reporting party was gone and moved things around.

### 7:16 pm, Cliffordsville Rd.

Reporting party advising has been having issues with neighbors; have been bickering about lights, etc.; neighbor was over at the house yesterday so they could show her the view from the house, which she was complaining over, and the neighbor got verbally abusive.

### 8:26 pm, Wellington Dr.

Reporting party advising some vehicle just pulled up in reporting party's driveway with three subjects; pounding on the door saying reporting party stole their car.

### 10:33 pm, SR 20

Advising someone stole photos of her son and is attempting to blackmail reporting party and her son; some of the photos are of her son's genitals.

## SUNDAY, JULY 10

### 6:16 pm, Thompson Rd.

Reporting party advising pulled three little goats off of road; advising put them in pen in reporting party's field. Can give out information if report of missing goats.

### 7:53 pm, Joshuas Way

Advising neighbor is widening the driveway; is damaging plants on reporting party's property; wants to file a report.

### 9:28 pm, Shorewood Ave.

Reporting party advising a "rocket" is shooting straight into the air; red smoke is trailing out of the rocket. Reporting party states it is straight above her house; can't estimate how large the "rocket" is.

## MONDAY, JULY 11

### 10:50 pm, Wilson Pl.

Advising his cell phone was stolen by an 8-year-old juvenile; was using his phone to watch Tik Tok, and then she took it.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

### 5:10 pm, SR 525

Advising female screaming in van "Let me out." Vehicle now heading northbound on SR 525; white van, back window covered in blue tape.

### 5:21 pm, Whitney Dr.

Reporting party states pulled into driveway and ran over a person laying in her driveway; reporting party states subject ran across the street.

## THURSDAY, JULY 14

### 1:52 pm, Ocean View Dr.

Advising subject repeatedly entering her home; no one in home now; last occurrence was last week. Reporting party thinks it is her ex-husband and his ex-wife and his niece, because their mail is at location.

### 4:21 pm, NE Lindsay St.

States she has a room for rent at location and neighbor's address accidentally got listed online and someone showed up to neighbor's house; states neighbor called marshal on reporting party.

### 4:58 pm, Turning Leaf Ln.

Reporting party states neighbor has shut gate for shared easement; locked it; reporting party's son is locked on property now. Reporting party not able to access and he can't get out. Reporting party is at the gate waiting for law enforcement contact.

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

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# Make a Difference

By Kelsi Mottet

Senior Natural Resource Planner, Whidbey Island Conservation District

## STEWARDSHIP FOR HEALTHY PASTURES, HAPPY LIVESTOCK, AND CHORE EFFICIENCY

Whidbey Island's open space and agricultural lands are what make our home, well, home. They are the backdrop to many visitors' experiences here and represent one of the deepest aspects to our sense of community. To maintain these dynamic ecosystems, rural property managers spend countless hours of planning and toiling. Never ending to-do lists are what drives many of us during these heightened days of summer. Yet, our intricate relationship with nature is what we love about this lifestyle, with all its scrapes and bruises, dirt and sweat.

Whether you farm grass, grain, livestock, flowers, or vegetables, it can be overwhelming. But it is precisely in these moments, when you're the most pressed and the least focused, that taking a step back and reminding yourself of the big picture can enable you to rest and refuel. In moments like these, I wish to reassure you that you're doing great, and there are folks out here who are happy to support you.

Over my six years working at the Whidbey Island Conservation District (WICD), I've had the pleasure of partnering with hundreds of eager land stewards. I'm here to support you in achieving your goals as a conservation planner.

As fall quickly approaches, it's a great time to plan for the larger picture, and in particular, for mud management and pasture health! The principles of conservation planning will set you up for success, turning this year's challenges into next year's successes.

### SET YOUR PROPERTY GOALS

Try to be as specific and time bound as possible. The goals we set for ourselves can often easily fit within one or more of the following three categories:

- Quality of Life – What first brought you to your land? What keeps you here? What defines "quality of life" for you in terms of definitive actions you can take daily, yearly, overall?
- Forms of Production – What is your current management style? Overall, how do you manage the land? Does it change by season? Do you envision managing the land this way in the future?
- Landscape Description – What do you hope the land to look like soon, versus the far-off future? How will it function?

### DEFINE YOUR LAND USES

A good way to start prioritizing your limited time and energy is to divide your land up into its various uses. Try drawing these land use areas on an aerial image you can download for free from Google Earth. Or check WICD's Historical Mapping Project for aerial images taken in the 1940s-90s.

- Pastureland - Where livestock graze and you may cut for hay
- Homestead – Where your infrastructure is located, including housing for livestock and yourself
- Cropland – This could be perennial or annual crops, of any scale or size. A small garden could be cropland, as could an orchard or a field of grain
- Other land uses to consider – Forest or Associated Ag. Land (including streams, wetlands, bluffs, shorelines, and other smaller wildlife corridors, often adjacent to crop or pastureland)

### IDENTIFY YOUR NATURAL RESOURCE CHALLENGES

Next, you can identify challenges on each land use based on resource concerns, which impair your goals by threatening your natural resources in each of the following categories: soil, water, air, plants, animals, energy and human. Resource concerns can range from erosion to groundwater pollution or insufficient forage for your animals. Working with WICD's Planners can help you identify these concerns and find solutions!

### CHOOSE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Work with us to find a solution that's right for you, and check out our Resource Hub at whidbeycd.org to learn more about solutions for fall pasture, mud and manure management such as:

- Inventory your pasture looking for percent of ground cover by desired species vs. weeds
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# What's Going On

## 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 50s 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](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

## Live Music: Four

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

Four is a newly formed Whidbey Island jazz combo that plays swing, blues, and bossa nova. Drawing from the Great American Jazz Songbook, Four covers familiar finger snapping, toe tapping, knee slapping tunes to get you in the mood to dance or chill to a laid back groove. The group features Frederick Bryan on keyboard, Don Wodjenski on sax, Baz Stevens on bass, and Bruce Towne on drums. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

## UP UP UP Crane Truck Circus

Thursday, August 18, 6:00PM  
South Whidbey Community Center, Langley  
Tickets: Adult (19+) \$20, Youth (11-18) \$10, Kids (6-10) \$5, Littles (0-5) Free

UP UP UP INC is a traveling crane truck circus ensemble that tours on bikes through Washington and Oregon. The flat-bed 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 that it can be accessible for those of all languages. Readiness To Learn is hosting the show as a fundraiser. Registration and ticket purchase required, go to [readinessstolearn.org/up-up-up](http://readinessstolearn.org/up-up-up).

## Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below  
Cost: Free:

### Watering Wisely

Tuesday, August 16, 6:30PM  
Oak Harbor Library

Presented by Island County Master Gardeners. Learn how to determine your soil type, explore irrigation options, and gain crucial tips on how to help your vegetation thrive.

### Steffan Soule's Magic and Wonder of Reading

Wednesday, August 17, 2:00-3:00PM  
Coupeville Library

Come see a magic show presented by a magician who learned his art through reading and recommends kids do, too! Experience enchantment and learn where to find the secrets of magic. For families with children ages five and up. This event will be held at the Coupeville Town Park Pavilion, 24 NW Front St. Bring a blanket or chair for seating on the grass and dress appropriately for the weather.

### Ranger Reads Family Storytime

Thursday, August 18, 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 our featured storytellers each week. A play time may follow. For children ages 18 months to five years. Caregiver required.

## Cyrano de Bergerac: Adapting a Classic for Today

Thursday, August 18, 2:00-3:00PM  
Freeland Library

Prepare to fully appreciate the Island Shakespeare Festival summer season by joining its creative team for an inside look at adapter and director Erin Murray's multi-

year process, taking a 1922 translation and layering on 2022 sensibilities.

## Galleries & Art Shows

### Featured Artist: Gary Leake

Saturday, August 13, 10:00AM-5:00PM  
Sunday, August 14, 1:00-5:00PM  
Penn Cove Gallery, Coupeville

Woodworking artist Gary Leake will be at the gallery with some of his new creations. Gary's passion is to search high and low for special, one-of-a-kind pieces of timber that have magical character. He then turns each of these into finely engineered, beautiful pieces of furniture that are true works of art. Penn Cove Gallery is located at 9 Front St.

## Classes, Seminars and Workshops

### Growing and Harvesting Herbs in Your Garden with Toni Grove

Saturday, August 13, 10:00AM-12:00PM  
Tilth Campus, 2812 Thompson Road, Langley

\$5 members, \$15 Non-members

You can grow more kinds of herbs than just chives and oregano. Learn about common perennial and annual herbs and how to care for them, which ones are best kept in containers, which ones make great additions to your landscaping and, most important, how to preserve them after harvest. For questions and to RSVP, contact [education@southwhidbeytilth.org](mailto:education@southwhidbeytilth.org).

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# Artists to paint Whidbey “en plein air” next week

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Whidbey Islanders should be on the lookout next week for a gathering of that most interesting creature – the plein air artist.

That’s right, it’s time for the third annual Whidbey Plein Air Paint Out, brought to us by the Pacific Northwest Art School in Coupeville and the Coupeville Chamber of Commerce. The Paint Out will start Monday and runs through Thursday, Aug. 18, followed by the Plein Air Gala Friday, Aug. 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. and an art show and sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 20 and 21 at the art school.

Turnout for this year’s event is good, according to organizers.

“This year over 50 artists have registered from

all over Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and British Columbia,” said Lisa Bernhardt, executive director of the Pacific Northwest Art School. “They can paint anywhere on Whidbey, but they do tend to focus on Coupeville and Ebey’s Reserve.”

One may be tempted at this point to ask what, exactly, is a plein air artist? Well, thank the French for the term “en plein air,” which means “in the open air.” That, simply put, is the definition – painting in open air. It is nothing new for artists to paint outdoors, but according to artistsnetwork.com, it was the French impressionists who perfected the – pardon the pun – art form. Previously, artists had to grind raw pigments themselves, but the innovation of paint tubes and box easels allowed artists to take the studio outside, where the ever-chang-



Photo Courtesy of Pacific Northwest Art School

The third annual Whidbey Plein Air Paint Out will take place next week at locations all over Whidbey Island. Approximately 50 artists will participate in this event, which celebrates the challenges of painting outdoors in natural light and varying weather conditions. The event culminates in a gala Friday, Aug. 19 at the Pacific Northwest Art School in Coupeville.



Photo Courtesy of Los Angeles County Museum of Art

French impressionist painters like Claude Monet helped popularize “en plein air,” or open air, painting. Monet’s 1887 work *In the Woods at Giverny*, *Blanche Hoschedé Monet at Her Easel with Suzanne Hoschedé Reading*, is an example.

ing light and weather challenged artists’ talent and technique.

Fast forward to the present, where participating artists can paint any or all of the four days of the Paint Out. Bernhardt said they will likely paint two-to-four hours each day and create as many panels as they choose. All the panels will be authenticated before artists go out to paint each day. Up to six panels can be submitted for the Friday night gala.

The number of artists registered to participate so far means there will be a broad range of styles and abilities, which is part of the fun and appeal of the Paint Out.

“The painters range from novice to ‘this is how I earn my living,’” said Bernhardt.

Of course, the point of the paint out is not only to help participating artists but to benefit both the Pacific Northwest Art School and the Coupeville chamber, which will share the proceeds. The public is invited to the gala and the art show and sale. Plus, it provides a little

friendly competition for the artists.

“Please come to the Pacific Northwest Art School Friday, Aug. 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. for the gala and art sale,” said Bernhardt. “There will be a juried art show and monetary prizes will be awarded to artworks that are deemed best of show, first, second and third place, plus a few honorable mentions. There will also be a people’s choice award.”

Tickets for the Paint Out Gala are \$25 and are available for purchase at pacificnorthwestart-school.org. The weekend art sale, to be held Aug. 20-21, is free to attend. The PNWAS is located at 15 NW Birch Street in Coupeville. Masks are required indoors.

Bernhardt said bringing all these talented painters to Whidbey Island is one of her favorite things about the Plein Air Paint Out.

“I love seeing the beautiful, unique and diverse work created by equally beautiful, unique and diverse souls,” she said. “And I love the fellowship of artists.”

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was one of the original vendors with the Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival dating back to 1972. Although Ms. Powell passed away in 2021, we are honored to have her daughter show her works at our festival. Booth #122.”

While there are a great many new vendors this year, the majority of them have attended the festival before. O’Brien said she believes that’s because the festival association treats them well.

“The vendors return via the juried art process because we make it as easy for them as we can with load in and load out, food and snacks, water and breaks,” she said. “We treat them like the stars that they are. We share happiness with them.”

Of course, the festival simply wouldn’t happen without help. O’Brien said the many volunteers that help each year are essential to putting on such a large event.

“It takes approximately 250 volunteers to run the festival. This year we are very fortunate that in addition to the Lions and other groups, we have had Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Coupeville Scout Troops 4058-B and 4058-G and the Coupeville High School cheerleaders as our youth volunteers,” O’Brien said. “Youth is what will keep this festival going and viable and we are very pleased with the turnout.”



Photo Courtesy of Coupeville Festival Association

Volunteers make the Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival go round, like these generous volunteers from People’s Bank at last year’s festival. Organizers say it takes 250 volunteers to put the festival on each year.

And the festival association impacts the community and its youth in a big way as well, hitting a major milestone recently.

“The Coupeville Festival Association topped \$1 million in grants and scholarships this past year - no little feat for an all-volunteer based event,” said O’Brien. “In addition to four \$2,000 scholarships given out each year, we have assisted in funding Pacific Rim Institute, the Coupeville Chamber of Commerce, Boys and Girls Club

of Coupeville, Coupeville Farm to Table school program, Pacific Northwest Art School, the Trust Board of Ebey’s Landing, Island County Museum, the Haller House refurbishment and a wide variety of other projects you see around Coupeville, including the AED devices which assist in keeping our citizens safe in an emergent situation.”

The festival draws between 10- to 15,000 visitors each year. Organizers anticipate high numbers of visitors this year as well, since activities in general have resumed more “normal” operations. In addition to folks seeking out fun, family-friendly activities, the Arts and Crafts Festival takes place in a wonderful setting.

“People return to this festival year after year because the town is picturesque, the artwork is top of the line while being affordable and the atmosphere is one of pure joy,” O’Brien said. “It is hard to see a frown on a face at the festival - we endeavor to make the experience joyful, so that return trips are a must.”

O’Brien said her favorite thing about the Coupeville Arts and Crafts festival is the camaraderie that develops between the volunteers, the vendors and visitors.

“We are all here to enjoy what this wonderful town has to offer and function as a unit to see that folks are welcomed and well served,” she said.

Find more information online at coupevillefestival.com.



Photos Courtesy of Coupeville Festival Association

From yard art to candles and much more, visitors to the Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival this weekend will have lots of items from which to choose.



# Recipe of the Week

## SLOW-COOKED SALMON MAKES A PERFECT ENTRÉE



The short cooking time of fish makes it great for hosts who want to spend more time with their guests and less time cooking. However, the same short cooking time means it's easy to overcook fish.

Slow-baking and slow cooking could prove the best of both worlds for cooks who want to serve fish but avoid overcooking it. This recipe for "Salmon with Spiced Red Lentils and Bacon" from Andrew Schloss' "Cooking Slow: Recipes for Slowing Down and Cooking More" (Chronicle Books) includes directions for both slow-baking and slow cooking. Hosts are encouraged to choose whichever option works best for them and enjoy the delicious, flavorful finished product with family and friends.

### SALMON WITH SPICED RED LENTILS AND BACON (Makes 4 servings)

#### For the Spice Rub:

- 2 teaspoons ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1/2 teaspoon sweet paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon coarse sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

- 1 1/2 pounds farm-raised salmon fillet, large piece about 1 1/2 inches thick, skin removed
- 2 bacon strips
- 1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 cup red lentils
- 1/2 cup canned diced tomatoes, with juice
- 2 cups good-quality low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

**To make the spice rub:** In bowl, mix together all the ingredients.

Rub two teaspoons of the mixture into the flesh of the salmon fillet; set aside for 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 200°F.

In a large cast-iron skillet, cook the bacon over medium heat until crisp and the bottom of the pan is coated with the rendered fat, 5-8 minutes. Transfer the bacon to paper towels to drain, then cut into small pieces.

Put the skillet over high heat. When the fat is hot, gently put the salmon in the pan, pinker-side down. (One side of a salmon fillet will be bright pink and the other side will have a strip of dark flesh running down the center. The bright pink side is the one you want to brown.) Sear until nicely browned on the bottom, about three minutes. Using two large spatulas, carefully transfer the salmon to a sheet of heavy-duty aluminum foil, browned-side up.

Add the onion to the fat in the pan and sauté over medium-high heat until translucent, about 2 minutes. Add the garlic and the remaining spice blend and stir until aromatic, about 20 seconds. Stir in the lentils, tomatoes with their juice, and broth and simmer for 10 minutes.

Using the foil as a kind of large spatula, carefully slide the salmon onto the lentils. Cover the skillet with a lid or a clean sheet of heavy foil and bake until the thickest part of the fish flakes to gentle pressure and the lentils are tender, about 1 hour.

Garnish with the chopped cilantro and slip onto a large platter or serve directly from the pan.

#### Variation: In a Slow Cooker

Follow the directions in the recipe. Use a sheet of heavy-duty aluminum foil 2 feet long for resting the browned salmon. Scrape the lentil mixture into a 5- to 6-quart, oval-shaped slow cooker. Using the foil as a plate, set the salmon, still on the foil, on top of the lentils. Drape the long ends of the foil up the sides and over the edges of the slow-cooker crock, like handles. Cover and cook on low for two hours. Lift the salmon on its foil sling. Mound the lentils on a serving platter and carefully slide the salmon from the foil onto the bed of lentils. Garnish with the chopped cilantro and serve.



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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, your energy levels are elevated this week and that's just the start of the positive energy floating around you. Harness your energy and use it to complete a project.

**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**  
A quiet week is ahead, which is the perfect opportunity to sort through your feelings and thoughts, Taurus. Not every day has to be a "get up and go" adventure.

**GEMINI - May 22/June 21**  
Gemini, you will have plenty of time to meet new friends and acquaintances this week, whether in-person or online. Networking is an important skill.

**CANCER - June 22/July 22**  
Try to take initiative at work as it will possibly gain you favor with your bosses, Cancer. Even while getting ahead, be sure you continue to be a team player.

**LEO - July 23/Aug 23**  
A powerful energy will be brought to your professional life, Leo. Use these vibes to take inventory of your space at work and get organized. It may help you be more successful.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, cosmic energy could light a fire within you this week, helping you tap into your creative side. You will find a way to merge the analytical with the creative.

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Your love life could use a little support this week, Libra. Figure out how to spend more time with your significant other. Something different from your usual activities can create a spark.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, use your time this week to engage in important conversations and discussions, especially if they pertain to your career. There's never been a better time to get ahead.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Lean into your playful side, Sagittarius. Resist any urge to be too serious. Give yourself a break to pursue some new recreational outlets and hobbies.

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, you will be more outspoken and authoritative than usual this week. Using your voice will compel others to take you more seriously, including those at home.

**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Avoid any temptation to act impulsively this week, Aquarius. Doing so could be a misstep. Self-discipline can help you get where you want to be.

**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, individuals you currently characterize as acquaintances may become very close friends in the days ahead. Embrace this change.

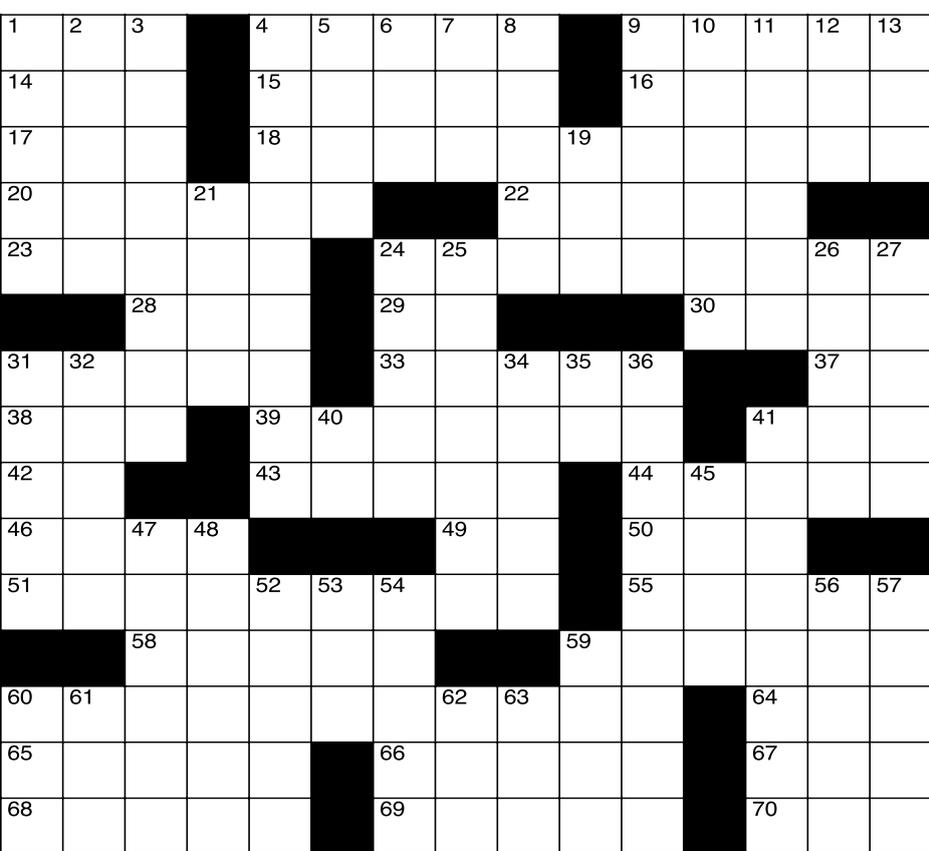
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# Crossword Puzzle



## CLUES ACROSS

1. One point north of due west
4. Indigenous peoples of northern Scandinavia
9. Popular California/Nevada lake
14. Go quickly
15. Fatty acid in soaps
16. Brand of fuel stations
17. State of fuss
18. Romance novelist
20. Members of a household
22. Asserts to be the case
23. Type of infection
24. With metal inlays
28. Chinese philosophic principle
29. Early multimedia
30. Employee stock ownership plan
31. He investigated Clinton administration
33. Shells
37. Six
38. Snakelike fish
39. Capital of Kenya
41. Influential group (abbr.)
42. Used to chop
43. It comes as a case
44. Challenges
46. Small amounts
49. The Golden State

50. Peyton's little brother

51. For walking in Alaska
55. Buddhist honorific titles
58. Lively ballroom dance
59. Capital of Albania
60. Late night host
64. Draw from
65. A way to utilise
66. One who is not native Hawaiian
67. A power to perceive
68. Bulky
69. Horse mackerels
70. Proclaim out loud

## CLUES DOWN

1. Hits
2. Bathroom accessory
3. Young
4. Beef cattles
5. It's often in soap
6. For each
7. Innermost membrane enveloping the brain
8. A way to leave
9. Emaciation
10. Punish with a fine
11. Steeds
12. Having eight
13. Greek goddess of the dawn
19. Mature reproductive cells
21. Armadillo species

24. Ancient country in what is now Romania

25. Extreme greed
26. Stars
27. Poems
31. Places to sit
32. One from the Lone Star State
34. Small rails
35. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
36. Where coaches work
40. Indicates position
41. Mammals
45. Resembling a wing
47. Beliefs
48. Hindu male religious teachers
52. Mischievously
53. Where athletes want to end up (abbr.)
54. Large, deep-bodied fish
56. Horned squash bug genus
57. Excessively sentimental
59. Shared verbally
60. You can put it on toast
61. Data mining methodology (abbr.)
62. Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects
63. Mauna \_\_, Hawaiian volcano

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## YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, August 11	Fri, August 12	Sat, August 13	Sun, August 14	Mon, August 15	Tues, August 16	Wed, August 17
North Isle H-69°/L-52° Mostly Sunny	North Isle H-68°/L-53° Mostly Sunny	North Isle H-67°/L-52° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-69°/L-53° Mostly Cloudy Possible Shower	North Isle H-67°/L-52° Mostly Sunny	North Isle H-69°/L-53° Plenty of Sunshine	North Isle H-70°/L-55° Sunny
South Isle H-76°/L-57° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-77°/L-56° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-74°/L-55° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-78°/L-57° Mostly Cloudy Possible Shower	South Isle H-79°/L-59° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-78°/L-57° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-79°/L-60° Sunny and Warm



# OUR Community

## An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What would you say is your greatest accomplishment of your life, so far? Brag for a minute!



**Erick Harada, Coupeville**

The greatest accomplishment of my life, besides being a husband and dad of three, has been the ability to lead our company through a world pandemic while keeping our staff and community safe. I know of many companies, physical therapy and others, who have laid people off, reduced pay, or even closed their doors. Not only were we able to stay open but we kept our team of 20-plus employees together without resorting to any of the aforementioned approaches. We were able to do this through the selfless acts of my employees and the trust our community has in us. Thank you to everyone who has helped myself and the company out during the past few years!

**Bret Medbury, Oak Harbor**

I believe the greatest accomplishment of my life so far is my support of the engine/s that power our country's two premier spy planes, the U-2 and the SR-71 as the onsite factory customer liaison engineer. To be in a position to help insure that the dependable Pratt and Whitney power plant/s will still be running just fine and the crew will return unhurt when the mission is over, it is a pretty heady experience when you can continue that success over a huge number of years.



**Judy Lewis, Coupeville**

I have had a lot of experiences and come a long way from the high school graduate of Mary Walker High School in Springdale, Wash. I would say the greatest of them was to spend 34 years in service to the citizens of the State of Washington with the Washington State Patrol. I was first hired as a communications officer in 1973 and then in 1979, I became a commissioned trooper. I spent until 2007 patrolling the highways of Snohomish County and for the last five years, I was a certified breath test technician working in Island, Skagit, Whatcom and the San Juan counties, teaching officers proper DUI apprehension techniques and maintaining the breath testing instruments. I enjoyed every minute of it, with the exception of one snow day.

**Bryan Stuckey, Oak Harbor**

Through my funeral home, I am there for those in our community who have lost a loved one 24/7. Additionally, I serve on the board for our local food bank, am a past president of one of our local Rotary clubs, have volunteered to raise money for various local organizations, and serve Oak Harbor on our city council. The culmination of all this is the positive impact I have tried to leave on our community. That positive impact, I believe, is my greatest accomplishment.



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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Whidbey Island community is encouraged to try out the paddling sport of dragon boating with the Stayin' Alive team. Our team's mission is to promote the physical, social, and emotional benefits of dragon boating. It has been shown to be especially beneficial to cancer survivors. Practice with us for up to 3 times for free. Life-jackets and paddles provided. Saturdays at the Oak Harbor Marina, 8:45am. Contact [njlsh@gmail.com](mailto:njlsh@gmail.com). More info at our Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/NorthPugetSoundDragonBoatClub?ref=hl](http://www.facebook.com/NorthPugetSoundDragonBoatClub?ref=hl)

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

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

and persons of color strongly encouraged to apply. For more information, please contact [jeff.natter@island-shakespearefest.org](mailto:jeff.natter@island-shakespearefest.org). If you are looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity, look no further! When you volunteer at one of the Habitat for Humanity of Island County stores, you are helping local families attain decent, affordable housing. Income from the stores is vital to giving families a path to homeownership. We need people who can commit to help out in our Oak Harbor or Freeland store at least two-hours per week. Schedules are flexible. Our friendly volunteers provide customer service, help with receiving donated household items and furniture, and maintain the store. We also need drivers and driver helpers who will professionally represent Habitat as they pick up donated items using our trucks. Please call either store for more information. Oak Harbor: 360-675-8733, Freeland: 360-331-6272. College student? Student of history? History buff? Opportunities are available to spend constructive volunteer hours at the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum. Go to [www.pnwnam.org](http://www.pnwnam.org) and click on "Volunteer" or just stop by and introduce yourself.

**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 fundraising 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

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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](mailto:esther@whidbeymentors.org) (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](http://www.islandtransit.org/employment) to apply. Island Transit is a drug and alcohol free workplace and an equal

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