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The Velocity of Autumn opens p. 10



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly

The cast of the Whidbey Playhouse production of "Grease" invites the community to enjoy a trip into the world of Rydell High. The musical opens Friday in Oak Harbor and runs through Oct. 2.

Navy League's 20th annual picnic celebrates military, veterans

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

All active-duty military personnel, veterans and their families on Whidbey Island are invited to enjoy a special "thank you" from the community Saturday.

The 20th annual Military Appreciation Picnic will be held from noon to 4 p.m. next to the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce along State Route 20 in Oak Harbor. The event is put on by the Oak Harbor Area Council of the Navy League of the United States and the Chamber of Commerce.

All are invited to enjoy free barbecue, hotdogs, various side dishes and drinks plus live music, kids' games and good ole' family fun.

"The main thing is to show community appreciation for the military – veterans, active-duty and their families," said Dave Johnson, planning committee chair for the event. "We've done it for 20 years, except for the last two, due to the pandemic."

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PLAYHOUSE KICKS OFF NEW SEASON WITH FAMILIAR CLASSIC

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

The Whidbey Playhouse in Oak Harbor has a gift for the community that is sure to lift spirits, prompt laughs and promote some serious toe-tapping.

Its production of the classic musical, "Grease," by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey, opens Friday and runs through Oct. 2. Under the direction of Eric George and Allenda Jenkins, this will be the Playhouse's first musical production since the pandemic, and cast and crew feel this is the perfect way to kick off the new season.

"There was an excitement amongst everyone on the [play selection] committee when 'Grease' was mentioned," George said. "We wanted a show that would attract people, had name recognition, and 'Grease' was the perfect show to open with for our new season after coming out of the pandemic."

This is also the 50th anniversary year of the original stage production of "Grease," but audiences who love the 1978 film starring John Travolta and the late Olivia Newton-John (to whom the production is dedicated)

will not be disappointed. There are several songs featured from the stage production but there is a good mix to satisfy fans of the film and stage versions alike.

"We tried to be as faithful as we could with nods to the movie, but bring our own ideas to this production," said George. "I don't want to give them all away, but I can confirm that you will see costumes, choreography, dialogue from the movie, but also some new stuff that you haven't seen before. This cast is amazing and have dedicated themselves to making these characters we love so much come alive."

Audiences will find a production that is well cast, well costumed and well choreographed. The music, as in both film and stage versions, is infectious. It is clear the cast members are enjoying themselves, which only adds to the overall sense of fun and there are several stand-out performances. The set is colorful as well as functional, and the use of technology adds to the overall staging.

Perhaps the best prop is one of the main stars of the show – the convertible known as "Greased Lightning," which has been cleverly engineered for the production, according to George.

"Trying to come up with a design, how that design would fit on the stage, and be able to move, spin, and store it backstage [was challenging]," he said. "Luckily, our set builder, Bobby Hendrix, came up with an idea for a car that would be able to do all the things we needed it to do, and it looks really cool."

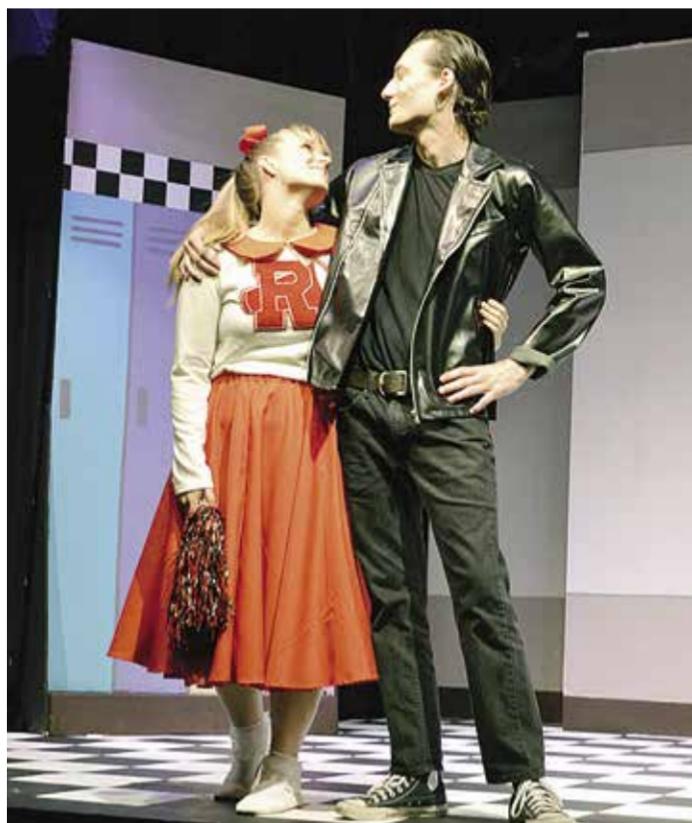
As to whether cast and crew have a preference between the stage or screen version, responses received via email by *Whidbey Weekly* were split fairly evenly. And when asked whether it was intimidating to tackle such an iconic production, responses also varied. Some cast members said they felt the pressure, but haven't let that stand in the way of making their characters their own.

"I was thrilled to be cast as Sandy — she's a character that I really relate to, so it's exciting to have her be my first role in such a long time," said Karina Andrew, who is making her debut with the Whidbey Playhouse. "But the movie is so well-known that Sandy is pretty much synonymous with Olivia Newton-John, to the point that when I told people I was going to be in the show, I had several people ask me if I was going to play 'Olivia.' She was such a lovely and talented person, and so loved as Sandy, and I really want to honor and pay tribute to her with my performance."

"There are the 'stereotypical' ideas about each character but it's fun to add our own bit of flair," said Playhouse "regular" Andrew Huggins, who plays Roger and Teen Angel in the show. He was also made honorary co-musical director for all his time and effort helping with vocals and dance numbers.

"For playing Roger, as the 'oldest teenager in the show' (48-year-old playing an 18-year-old), [it's been fun] being able to portray those teenage qualities that are completely opposite of what I was like as a teen," he said. "I've always loved 'Beauty School Dropout,' so singing that song as the Teen Angel was a dream come true."

See **GREASE** continued on page 7



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The overriding question in the musical "Grease" is whether Sandy (Karina Andrew) and Danny (Chris King) will ever get together. Check out the Whidbey Playhouse production to find out.

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Island 911

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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3 7:54 am, East Harbor Rd.

Advising there is a rock on road blocking the lane on East Harbor; states from post office to 25 MPH sign; when asked which road it is on, reporting party started yelling, "I don't know, they will know."

10:14 am, SR 525

Advising of maroon four-door broken down, non-blocking; male driver appears to be having a mental health crisis. No weapons seen; male subject told reporting party he thinks people are taking pictures of him and messing around with his car.

5:56 pm, Strawberry Point Rd.

Reporting party was out for a walk and noticed strange male walking behind her, then hiding from her along the way. White male, six feet tall, brown, longish hair.

9:03 pm, Humphrey Rd.

Caller states "There was a guy with a sword," states "I don't know I just saw him not doing really anything, running around." Has no good location.

9:58 pm, Whitney Dr.

Reporting party states girlfriend was involved in high speed chase yesterday "with this dude;" law enforcement was pursuing them. Reporting party now advising sees vehicle male was driving on Whitney Drive.

THURSDAY, AUG. 4

3:38 pm, Dorothys Ln.

Advising reporting party lost very large tortoise; walked away from property. Okay to give out reporting party's number if anyone finds it.

FRIDAY, AUG. 5

12:15 am, North Bluff Rd.

Caller states she saw a strange, tall man wearing a clown costume with a flashlight, had a sign saying he wanted her money; never spoke to her; states he disappeared.

3:36 am, North Bluff Rd.

Caller states has information about previous incident reported tonight; states her boyfriend reminded her of someone who did gardening work for her recently that matches "general body size and shape."

9:15 am, Halsey Dr.

Advising of dead parrot in back yard.

11:22 am, Cozy Pl.

Reporting party came back to location and gun is missing from bedside drawer; advising a different gun was left. Door leading to stairs, advising it's now off its hinges, leaning against the wall.

1:37 pm, Shoreview Dr.

Advising chihuahua running loose; door to house where it appears to belong is standing wide open; now cat is escaping from house.

7:50 pm, Terrace Dr.

Advising subject is in his yard with his pants and underwear down; advising this is not the first time it has happened. Advising subject said "I'm asking for a spanking." Male subject, blonde hair.

SATURDAY, AUG. 6

7:33 am, Carl Ave.

Male caller keeps asking what time it is, then yelling. No comprehension, then "Hurry, I died in the 70s," then yell-

ing "end the call" and saying random numbers. "Radioactive," laughing again, saying random numbers.

2:07 pm, Carl Ave.

"This is America; it's America. What is my internet address?"

5:10 pm, Goss Lake Rd.

Caller advising they have a billion tons of drugs; said they are going to shoot owner of caller's property in his Japanese bus.

8:55 pm, Burma Rd.

Reporting party advising juvenile is trying to burn down a home.

SUNDAY, AUG. 7

11:12 am, Langley Rd.

Reporting party was away at a memorial for the last few days and came back to find dishes in the sink that looked like they had been used; bedroom was torn apart and drawers were opened.

11:51 am, Ocean View Dr.

Reporting party states years ago that her signature was forged on paperwork.

6:57 pm, S Main St.

Advising bought a vehicle from someone they met on Facebook; vehicle broke down shortly after taking possession of vehicle; person reporting party bought vehicle from is no longer responding to reporting party; reporting party is trying to return vehicle and get his money back.

MONDAY, AUG. 8

12:15 am, East Harbor Rd.

Reporting party advising just after post office, there is a group of people wearing shorts, no shirts and ski masks.

12:57 am, Jewett Rd.

Reporting party advising just heard an explosion and now power is out; possibly south of location, toward the water.

TUESDAY, AUG. 9

11:25 am, SR 525

Advising female "pretending" to jump out in front of cars on SR 525 just south of Double Bluff; white female, blonde, carrying backpack. Reporting party can't remember clothing.

11:56 am, Main St.

Advising female in parking lot is spitting on cars and people; now on bench in front of store. Black female, 25 years old, last seen wearing puffy ponytail, flannel shirt, backpack.

4:02 pm, Park Ave.

Advising vehicles illegally parking at location; caller wants sign placed to not do that; caller wants to be anonymous.

4:07 pm, Main St.

Caller advising driver almost struck pedestrian; got out, started yelling at female; older, teal Ford Focus, no plate.

7:09 pm, Ferry Ave.

Reporting party advising wife violated a no contact order and wife's adult child stole his identity and hacked his television and took his account off of it.

8:13 pm, Fircrest Ave.

Reporting party advising combative woman is trying to steal mulch from a neighbor; neighbor is trying to stop her.

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Bits & Pieces

Splash Park Hours Extended Through September 25

The City of Oak Harbor is extending the Shipwreck Shores Splash Park hours through Sunday, Sept. 25. The new hours are: Monday - Friday between 3:00 and 8:00PM, Saturday and Sunday between 10:00AM and 8:00PM.

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

Eat Local Month Celebrates Whidbey Island's Bounty

Enjoy Food and Farm Events Throughout the Month

Throughout September, Whidbey Island Grown Cooperative (WIGC) showcases the abundance of Whidbey's farms and producers with its "Eat Local Month" celebration. Special events include a wide variety of fun – and delicious – activities such as farmstand tours, harvest festivals, local food and beverage tastings, farm-to-table meals, special farmers market activities for youth and more.

For the complete list of Eat Local Month events, please visit the WIGC website: www.whidbeyislandgrown.com/eat-local-month.

Eat Local Month celebrates local food grown, raised and processed on Whidbey Island. It also gives consumers an opportunity to learn more about our local food system.

Any time of year, the WIGC Food Hub makes it easy for people to buy local using the convenient one-stop-shop order system: www.whidbeyislandgrown.com/food-hub. WIGC's Food Hub is comprised of all local producers and features seasonal eating with Friday pick up in four locations on the island.

Also available on the website are resources and information about what the Food Hub is, including why it's important, how we can strengthen the local food system, and what's being done across the island to make it more resilient and self-sufficient.

Follow the Whidbey Island Grown Cooperative on Facebook and Instagram @whidbeyislandgrown for news and highlights of Eat Local Month. Tag it along the way with Eat Local Month adventures using the hashtags #whidbeyislandgrown and #eatlocalmonthwhidbey.

Help support Eat Local Month – posters and postcards for Eat Local Month are available for any business on the island to help distribute. Please email susanlaarman@gmail.com if you can help spread the word.

About Whidbey Island Grown Cooperative

WIGC is a multi-stakeholder cooperative made up of producers, buyers and community members on Whidbey Island. Its mission is to support a viable agricultural economy, to increase the production and sales of agricultural products on Whidbey, and to build a resilient, healthy and sustainable community.

[Submitted by Susan Laarman, WIGC]

Three More Families Set To Break Ground On Their Habitat Homes

Thursday at 2:00PM, three more families will break ground on their Habitat homes. Located at 984 SE Ely Street, each home will have three bedrooms and one-and-a-

half baths. The project will consist of two townhomes and one stand-alone unit, maximizing the use of space for the lot size.

"Having a home of our own means my daughter and I can live together again and I can provide the care she needs," says homebuyer Lisa, whose adult daughter has special needs. "It will provide a life-long home for us and will ensure she has a home in the future."

Bob and Misty are looking forward to having more space for their teenage sons and the security homeownership brings. "We've been homeless in the past. I don't want my kids to ever have to worry about that again," shares Misty.

"We are grateful to the sponsors, community partners, donors and volunteers that make what we do possible," says Orin Kolaitis, chief executive officer of Island County Habitat. "In particular, Bill and Kathy Massey, Home Depot, Frontier Building Supply, Island Associates, Island Thrift, North Puget Sound Association of Realtors and Puget Sound Energy, whose financial and in-kind donations help us continue to increase the number of homes we build each year."

Currently, 13 homes on Whidbey Island are in some stage of pre-development, development or construction. Over the next 12 to 18 months, seven families will complete their sweat equity and homebuyer education workshops as they work toward the day when they will purchase their new, permanent homes.

About Habitat for Humanity of Island County

Founded in 1998 by community members who recognized the need for affordable housing, Habitat for Humanity of Island County has grown from a small community affiliate, to a county-wide organization serving dozens of families. With the support of community partnerships with businesses, local churches, civic organizations, and military service members, Habitat for Humanity has provided decent, affordable homeownership to more than 70 families and performed critical home repairs for additional members of our community.

[Submitted by Kathy Blair, Habitat for Humanity of Island County]

White Swans of Winter



Swans taking off; photo by Daniel Poleschook

Whidbey Audubon Society begins its free monthly program series Thursday. Martha Jordan, well-known swan biologist, will present a program about the native swans in the Pacific Northwest, Trumpeter and Tundra. She talks about their life history, biology and some swan identification tips. She will give updates about eastern Washington swans and how Washington's west and east sides are connected for swans, not only in Washington but along the entire flyway. Learn about the connection between swans and snow geese and their management connections. Jordan will shed some light on the problems and controversies these birds face on their

wintering grounds and what is needed to ensure their future. Get updated about the swan lead poisoning problem, winter habitat issues, avian influenza and more. Attendees will leave with resources to help identify swans in the field. Learn how to help Get the Lead Out of both shooting and fishing sporting activities. This is vital to the welfare of swans and all waterbirds.

Martha Jordan has a bachelor's of science degree in wildlife science from Oregon State University. Professionally, she has worked both in marine and terrestrial environments throughout Washington and parts of Alaska. In the late 1970s, while volunteering to observe snow geese and reading their collars in the Skagit Valley, she began to look at the small group of Trumpeter Swans in the same area. By 1984 she had expanded her survey efforts to all of western Washington and had contributed much information to both state and federal agencies about the status of Trumpeter Swans in Washington state. She wrote the state's first Trumpeter Swan management plan in 1985. She is still active in both field work and education related to Trumpeter and Tundra Swans throughout the region. She is currently the executive director of Northwest Swan Conservation Association, a regional nonprofit. The focus is on our native swans and their habitats throughout the north-west region.

The program is free and open to the public. It will be a hybrid meeting. To attend in person come to the Coupeville Recreation Hall at 901 Alexander Street. To attend via Zoom, one must register online, www.whidbeyaudubonsociety.org/events. The event begins at 7:00PM for socializing and a short meeting; the program begins at 7:30PM. The free monthly programs are the second Thursday of each month except December, July and August.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, Whidbey Audubon Publicity Chair]

Red Bluff Lighthouse Plaque Dedication



Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 1:30PM, there will be a dedication ceremony at the large boulder and attached brass plaque, which marks the site of the first Lighthouse on Admiralty Head, the Red Bluff Lighthouse. It is located on the bluff below Battery Kingsbury at Fort Casey Historical State Park. This event is co-sponsored by Washington State Parks and the Keepers of Admiralty Head Lighthouse, a friends and support group for the Admiralty Head Lighthouse (currently open everyday from 12:00-4:00PM) and its docent volunteers.

The Red Bluff Lighthouse had its name from the time of American explorer Charles Wilkes, who, during his exploration of 1838 to 1842, named the bluff "Red Bluff" due to its reddish tint. The wooden

lighthouse was a critical aid to navigation for many years. It first became operational in 1861. It was built on acreage the federal government purchased out of the Donation Act Land Claim of Dr. John Kellogg, whose claim with his wife encompassed most of Admiralty Head. When construction of Fort Casey began in 1897, it was moved to make way for the gun batteries, and the bluff on which it was located was taken down approximately 30 feet. A new lighthouse was then constructed. This new lighthouse became operational in 1903. The old Red Bluff Lighthouse was used by the Coastal Artillery Army for several years before it was razed. The lens in the old lighthouse was moved over to the new lighthouse and remained in operation until 1922.

The first keeper at the Red Bluff Lighthouse was a retired Victorian sea captain, William Robertson. He served from 1861 to 1864. He and his Irish wife, Mary Jane, lived on their Donation Act Land Claim farm on Admiralty Inlet named Lea Bluffs (this is the same farm the Whidbey-Camano Land Trust recently acquired and named Keystone Preserve). The second keeper was Daniel Pearson (whose wife was Susan) who served from 1864 to 1878. One of their daughters, Flora, as a young teenager, took over many of the keeper's duties when her father was ill. She married a pioneer farmer, William Engle, and became a famous Coupeville presence as Flora Augusta Pearson Engle. Both the Robertsons and the Pearsons are buried at Sunnyside Cemetery. Descendants of the Robertsons and the Pearsons have been invited to the dedication ceremony.

There will be transportation provided from the park's parking lot to the bluff site. To park at Fort Casey, a Washington State Discover Pass is needed.

[Submitted by Wayne G. Clark, President of the Keepers of Admiralty Head Lighthouse]

Helping Hands are Needed

Calling all volunteers to help tidy up the nature trails at Meerkerk Gardens.

If you enjoy working outdoors, fresh fall air and the company of community-minded friends, join staff at Meerkerk Gardens for a trail maintenance work party. It's happening Saturday from 10:00AM to 1:00PM.

Bring your favorite clippers and gloves. You'll join garden staff to help keep the woodland trails in tip-top shape for the fall hiking season. Some tools will be available, but please bring your favorite pruners or loppers, and don't forget gloves.

Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Meet in the visitor parking lot at 3531 Meerkerk Lane in Greenbank at 9:45AM. Questions? Please call 360-678-1912 or email gardeninfo@meerkerkgardens.org.

All volunteers will receive a free one-day guest pass for garden admission on any non-event day during the year.

[Submitted by Ron Newberry, Publicity, Outreach & Events Coordinator, Meerkerk Gardens]

SVC Invites the Community to Celebrate El Grito

Skagit Valley College (SVC) will host El Grito, a celebration of Mexico's independence, Thursday, Sept. 15 from 5:00 to 9:00PM on the Mount Vernon campus. El Grito will feature the Consulate of Mexico in Seattle, Héctor Iván Godoy Priske, Consul Titular, as a special guest.

The event will feature local food, vendors, a resource fair and performances from Mount Vernon High School Mariachi, Ballet Folkorico and a DJ. It is free and open to the public.

Mexico reclaimed its independence from the Spanish monarchy Sept. 16, 1810. El Grito is a traditional celebration of the independence held the day before, Sept. 15. Through this event, SVC hopes to foster a culture of belonging and to



provide a space for the community and students to celebrate and practice the tradition.

This day also marks the independence for many other Latin American countries: Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador and Costa Rica. This event will also celebrate these countries.

The event is sponsored by the SVC Office for Equity and Inclusion, SVC's Student Equity and Inclusion Services office, SVC Recruitment and Outreach office, and the SVC College Assistance Migrant Program.

The event will be held on SVC's Mount Vernon campus in Tollefson Plaza. For directions to campus, visit skagit.edu/campus.

For more information, contact Ana.CastilloLopez@skagit.edu or 360-416-7620.

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

NAS Whidbey Island to Display Aircraft at Open House

Aviation fans will get a chance to get up close and personal with the aircraft of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island during its annual open house for the public Saturday, Sept. 17, on Ault Field from 8:00AM to 3:00PM.

Aircraft static displays will include the EA-18G Growler, P-8A Poseidon, EP-3 Aries, and the MH-60 Knighthawk helicopter. Aircraft flyovers planned at this time include the EA-18G, P-8A and Search and Rescue helicopter.

The static displays on the flight line will be available for viewing at 9:00AM.

The Open House will also feature a 5K run starting at 8:00AM (registration for the run starts at 7:00AM) and the gate on N. Charles Porter Ave. will open at 7:00AM.

There will also be other visual displays, including K-9 Working Dog demonstrations, Explosive Ordnance Detachment

displays and a children's play area. Aviation memorabilia will also be available for purchase as well as a variety of food and beverages.

All visitors over the age of 18 will be required to have state or government issued identification for access to the base. Visitors under the age of 18, who are not accompanied by an adult, must have state or government issued identification for access to the base. Residents from foreign countries should email the public affairs office at WHDB_NASWI_PAO@navy.mil prior to the event to obtain the proper access.

Due to security measures, certain items are not allowed on the base, including alcohol, weapons, pocket knives, coolers and pets. Additionally, drugs or drug paraphernalia to include cannabis-based products are prohibited from the base. Items permitted will be strollers, diaper bags, small women's purses, wheelchairs, certified service dogs, bottled water, cameras and video recorders.

For more information, go to <https://cnrnw.cnic.navy.mil/Installations/NAS-Whidbey-Island/> or www.facebook.com/NASWhidbeyIsland.

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

SHRED-IT Fundraiser

Fall is around the corner, and it is the perfect time to clean out your file cabinets, desk drawers and boxes of unneeded documents. To ensure this task is completed with the confidence your information is securely destroyed, Soroptimist International of Oak Harbor, sponsored by Whidbey Island Bank, a division of Heritage Bank, is hosting a Shred-It Event. Soroptimist arranged for a highly reliable company to securely shred, on site, up to four bags of your documents, staples and all. Your donation for this service will help

support the Soroptimist mission providing women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. The Shred-It event is Saturday, Sept. 17 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at Whidbey Island Bank on the corner of Hwy 20 and Bayshore Drive in Oak Harbor. To facilitate easy traffic flow, participants are asked to come down Beeksma Drive off Hwy 20, turn right on Bayshore Drive and enter the first (south) driveway into Whidbey Island Bank's parking lot. If coming from the intersection of Bayshore and Hwy 20, drive past the west parking lot driveway then around the corner to the south driveway.

[Submitted by Sally Maylor, Soroptimist International of Oak Harbor]

Application Open for Valerie Sivinski Fund Historic Preservation Grants

The Valerie Sivinski Fund is an annual program of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation that provides grants of up to \$2,000 to organizations engaged in historic preservation around Washington State. The goal of the fund is to support historic preservation where it really happens: at the community level. The Washington Trust is pleased to announce that the application for the 2023 round of Sivinski Fund grants is now open. The deadline for submitting an application is Sunday, Oct. 16, by 11:59pm.

Established in 1997, the Sivinski Fund has awarded grants to 175 projects totaling over \$210,000 worth of funding and services to local historic preservation organizations and advocates engaged in the important work of preserving Washington's cultural heritage. Historic places not only represent our history but are part of our collective cultural identity. Preserving historic places allows communities to build a future on that meaningful identity and the valuable historic resources

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What's Going On

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Fundraiser for Music Scholarships

Friday, September 9, 5:30-6:30PM
Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor

Down on the Corner will perform at the pop up plaza on the corner of Pioneer Way and Dock St. in historic downtown Oak Harbor. All donations/tips will go to Click Music for scholarships for local band students.

Birding Field Trip

Saturday, September 10, 9:00AM
Fort Ebey State Park, Coupeville

Join Whidbey Audubon Society's Steve Ellis on a free field trip to Fort Ebey State Park to see both water and forest birds. The target species are Harlequin ducks and woodpeckers. Meet at the parking lot at the end of Libbey Road at Libbey Beach Park. From there attendees will carpool into the park. A Discover Pass per vehicle is required. Prepare for a little walking on this half day trip. Contact Steve with questions at sremse@comcast.net or 360-678-2264 (no texting).

5th Annual Whidbey Veterans Community Picnic

Sunday, September 11, 12:00-4:00PM
4632 Tompkins Road Langley

All are welcome - veterans and community. Rain or shine - climate friendly venue with covered areas. Parking and access for all abilities. Bring the whole family; no pets please. It's all free - burgers, brauts and veggie options provided, you are welcome to bring your own eats if you have special diet needs. Hosted by the Whidbey Veterans Resource Center. For more information, call 360-331-8081, email whidbeyvrc@gmail.com or visit www.whidbeyvrc.org.

Music on the Prairie

Saturday, September 17, 3:00PM
556 Ft Casey Rd, Coupeville

Come enjoy an enchanting afternoon of classical music to benefit the Coupeville Schools Foundation. Tickets are selling fast. For tickets and more information, please visit www.4coupevilleschools.org.

Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below
Cost: Free:

The Ever-Changing World of Whidbey Real Estate

Thursday, Sept. 8, 2:00-3:30PM
Freeland Library

Have you heard the real estate market on Whidbey is slowing? It is, sort of; but it isn't as simple as up versus down. Compare it to five years ago, or 10. We will do that. Come and see the data behind the stories and maybe share your stories, too.

Book Sale

Friday, Sept. 9, 10:00AM-5:00PM
Saturday, Sept. 10, 10:00AM-5:00PM
Oak Harbor Library, 1000 SE Regatta Dr.

Find your next read, a gift, or that favorite CD from your youth! All proceeds benefit the Oak Harbor Library. The Friends of the Oak Harbor Library is an organization dedicated to helping provide funds, volunteers and programs for Sno-Isle Libraries. For all ages.

The Aerialists: One Tough Way to Make a Living

Monday, Sept. 12, 5:30-7:00PM
Coupeville Library

Steven and Martha Ellis present the daunting challenges of the avian aerialists: swallows, swifts, nighthawks, flycatchers, accipiters and falcons.

Fun with Origami

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2:45-4:00PM
Coupeville Library

Explore your creative side with the ancient Japanese art form. Discover what you can create with a little paper and a few folds. All ages and skill levels welcome. Presented by Rabbitt Betzner. Registration required for each participant. Sign up at www.sno-isle.org/events.

Family Storytime

Thursday, Sept. 15, 9:30-10:15AM
Freeland Library

Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and creative activities together as a family to prepare for the wonder of reading. For children ages 18 months to 5 years and their caregivers. A play time or art activity may follow.

Freeland Fall Festival

Saturday, Sept. 17, 11:00AM-1:00PM
Freeland Library

Celebrate fall with live music from the Fiddle Chix, outdoor games, a fall-themed craft for kids, refreshments, a petting zoo with Ballydidean Farm Sanctuary, and more!

Koala Storytime

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 10:00-10:45AM
Freeland Library

Share stories, rhymes, and songs to prepare for the wonder of reading. This is a cozy storytime for younger children who enjoy a quiet snuggle on their caregiver's lap. A playtime or art activity will follow.

Kangaroo Storytime

Tuesday, September 20, 11:00AM-12:00PM
Freeland Library

Jump and bounce together into a world of stories, music and movements that nurture the desire to read. This is an active storytime for younger children who like an enthusiastic wiggle. A playtime or art activity will follow.

Library Walk with Whidbey Camano Land Trust

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2:00-4:00PM
Trillium Community Forest, Freeland

Join a Whidbey Camano Land Trust-guided tour of Trillium Community Forest. Learn about the origins and ecology of Trillium while strolling through quiet, meandering trails lined with ferns and soaring Douglas Fir trees. This walk will begin on the ADA-accessible Bounty Loop. After completing the Bounty Loop participants will have the choice of returning to the parking area or continuing the walk on a non-ADA-accessible path. Wear weather-appropriate clothing and footwear. No dogs, please.

Preschool Storytime with Jay

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 10:00-11:00AM
Freeland Library

Share fun books, songs, and creative activities with your preschooler to prepare young minds for the adventure of reading. A play time or art activity may follow.

Made By Hand: Come play in the mud!

Saturday, Sept. 24, 10:00AM-12:00PM
Freeland Library

Make a unique planter using hypertufa. It's porous, lighter than concrete, will survive frost and is easy to work with. Preregistration is required.

Religious Services

Unitarian Universalist Sunday Service

Sundays, 10:00AM
Unitarian Universalist Congregation,
Freeland

All are welcome. Values-based children's religious exploration classes and childcare will be provided. Visit www.uucwi.org for more information. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation building is located at 20103 Highway 525, two miles north of Freeland.

Unity of Whidbey

Sundays, 10:00AM
5671 Crawford Road, Langley

If you're one of the "spiritual but not religious" people who question their childhood faith or are looking for something more, Unity of Whidbey may feel like a homecoming. unityofwhidbey.org even offers a Zoom link for attending online.

Whidbey Quakers

Sundays, 4:00-5:00PM
Unitarian Universalist Congregation,
Freeland

Whidbey Islands Friends Meeting (also known as Quakers) meet in silent worship and community, with occasional spoken messages, every Sunday at the Unitarian Universalist building. For more information, contact Tom Ewell at tewell@whidbey.com or go to www.whidbeyquakers.org.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Worship, 10:00AM
Sunday School to age 20, 10:00AM
Wednesday Testimony Meeting, 2:30PM
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Tuesday & Wednesday, 11:00AM-2:00PM

The church and Reading Room are located at 721 SW 20th Court at Scenic Heights Street, Oak Harbor. Call 360-675-0621 or visit cs-oh-wa.com for more information. Services and Sunday School are also held at 10:30AM on South Whidbey at 15910 Highway 525, just north of Bayview and across from Useless Bay Road; testimony meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.

Meetings & Organizations

Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers (WIGS)

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1:00PM
Zoom meeting

Celia McNay will present an "Introduction To Family Search.org," an educational "how to" meeting for beginners. FamilySearch.org is a free website and Celia will show us how to access information on our ancestors and build a "tree." Non WIGS members: send email to whidbey-gensearchers@gmail.com by Sept. 19 to receive Zoom invitation. All are invited to join.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting

Every Monday, 7:00-8:00PM
Carole's Barbershop, Freeland

A meeting dedicated to dealing with the problem and solution for recovering from the effects of growing up in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional family. For more information, contact Clayton at 360-989-4248 or visit www.adultchildren.org.

Al-Anon

Every Wednesday, 9:30-10:30AM
432 2nd St., Langley

If a friend or relative has a problem with alcohol, you can find solutions for yourself at Alanon.

Al-Anon Group

Every Tuesday, 5:30-6:30PM
Oak Harbor Lutheran Church, 1253 NW
2nd Ave.

Are you troubled by someone's drinking? Al-Anon group can help. Call Randy at 360-914-8084 for meeting information.

Gam-Anon Meetings

Every Tuesday, 6:30PM
Mount Vernon Senior Center, 1401 Cleveland St.

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Gamblers Anonymous

Every Tuesday, 6:30PM
The Senior Center, Mount Vernon

All are welcome. The Senior Center is located at 1401 Cleveland Ave. For further information, please call Washington State Gamblers Anonymous at 1-800-222-5542.

NAR-ANON

Every Tuesday, 7:00PM-8:00PM
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Clinton

NAR-ANON family groups are world-wide for those affected by someone else's addiction. St. Peter's Lutheran Church is located at 6309 Wilson Place.

Parkinson's Support Group

First Friday, 1:00PM
Oak Harbor Senior Center, 51 Jerome St.

First Tuesday, 10:00AM
Trinity Lutheran Church, 18341 SR 525, Freeland

No one need struggle with Parkinson's alone. Gain new friends, get the facts. Call 360-675-9894.

TOPS® (Take Off Pounds Sensibly®)

Every Thursday, 9:30AM
Family Bible Church, Oak Harbor

TOPS® is the short name for TOPS Club, Inc., the original, nonprofit, noncommercial network of weight-loss support groups. TOPS® offers tools and programs for healthy living and weight management, with exceptional group fellowship and recognition. For more information, call 308-646-0422.

For a list of continuous Meetings and Organizations, visit www.whidbeyweekly.com

Classes, Seminars and Workshops

Lavender Wands Class

Saturday, September 17, 10:00AM-12:00PM
Tilth Campus, 2812 Thompson Road,
Langley
Cost: \$5 Members, \$15 Non-members

The making of lavender wands is an ancient craft dating back to Medieval times. Lavender was considered a precious herb and a source of healing. Please join instructor Jennifer Carlson in the South Whidbey Tilth meadow to learn how to make a lavender wand from fresh Provence lavender and satin ribbon. For questions and to RSVP, contact education@south-whidbeytilth.org.

Essential Life Planning

Wednesday, September 21, 10:30AM-12:00PM
and 12:30-2:00PM
The Center in Oak Harbor

What resources and services might we need as we age? What benefits are available? How do we apply? Join a panel of experts: Staff Attorney from Northwest Justice Project, DSHS Public Health Benefits Specialists, Safe Harbor Legal Services' Elder Law and Estate Planning Attorney, Island Senior Resources Case Management, and SHIBA (Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors). This is a tremendous opportunity to get your questions answered - including those you did not know to ask. The 90-minute presentation is being offered twice as part of the Oak Harbor Resource Fair for the 50+ Community. This free event offers important application information and assistance. The Center in Oak Harbor is located at 51 SE Jerome St.



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"Since it's so well-known, people are gonna have their own expectations and idea of how the show will go," said Marianne Campos, who plays Frenchy. "Being able to play Frenchy allows me to tap into my ditz side with the added cute factor. And the pink wig is an added bonus for sure!"

The cast is a good mix of familiar faces as well as those who are new to the Playhouse.

"This is my first play with the Playhouse," said Sara Hampton, who plays the role of Betty Rizzo. She said she's wanted to be in a production of "Grease" since she was the choreographer for her high school production of the musical.

"It was a bit intimidating at first," she shared. "It has been a challenge and a journey for me, but I have enjoyed the process. I have given this role my all! Rizzo is a fun role to play and it's an honor to be able to take on this character and bring her sass to our production of 'Grease.' My favorite part of being Rizzo is performing 'Look at me I'm Sandra Dee' - I love that song! My cast mates get to have fun with me while I perform that one; it makes the whole song."

It's the first time Cory Gregerson has been on stage in a Playhouse production as well, taking on the role of Kenickie.

"At first it was very challenging to do a Kenickie with a Cory twist," he said. "I couldn't get over the fact that I'm a flamboyant gay man playing the part of what is basically toxic masculinity. Though the more I watched videos of other actors playing the same part, I noticed how flamboyant Kenickie is himself. Once I found that common ground between me and Kenickie it clicked."

"The most fun part of playing Kenickie is definitely getting to perform 'Greased Lightning' with all the T-birds," Gregerson continued. "The song has been stuck in my head ever since I was practicing it before auditions. Anytime we get to sing the song and do the dance with all the T-birds on stage, I get an overwhelming sense of satisfaction."

"This is actually my first speaking role in any production so the whole process was new to me," said Jordon Spanovich, who plays Jan. "Jan is that goofy friend that rocks to the beat of her own drum but always wants her friends to laugh and get along. She's a jokester that loves to eat, but most of all has the biggest crush on Roger. Andrew Huggins plays the role of Roger and I am just so grateful to have him as my partner. He's helped make this first experience with the Playhouse so fun and enjoyable. Jan and Roger will make you laugh and satisfy your sweet tooth at the same time and have the best time doing it!"

Erin Tombaugh, who plays Marty, said she's enjoyed creating a character who has had a different high school experience than her own.

"Some roles actors take on play into their own personality and experience, while other roles allow us to dive into a character who is a complete escape from our own reality," she explained. "Playing Marty is the latter for me because she's silly and flirty, with a long list of boyfriends and a desire to be seen as older than she is. That was not my focus or experience in high school, so it has been fun to explore her characteristics and play around with being a flirt."

"There have been so many things about Doody I've enjoyed that it's hard to pick one," said Eclipse Garrett. "I really like his rock and roll aesthetic that he's got with the way he talks and sings. I've had fun just getting to portray a silly little 17-year-old that doesn't know how to compliment his 'steady.' I've decided to let him adopt some extra gung-ho inclinations and awkwardness. He's definitely one of the T-birds and deserves that stature, but some of the things he does earn him serious side-eyes from his peers."

Of course, not all the characters in the show can be a member of the Pink Ladies or the T-birds, but they are just as fun.

"Eugene's your stereotypical hardcore high school nerd taken to the extreme," said James Burke of his character. "It's fun to be playing him though, because he's so different from everyone else. I get to just really have fun and do

whatever I want with the character. Sure, I may not get to be a part of the T-birds or whatever, but I am the valedictorian of Rydell High."

For some of the cast, their reasons for participating in the show are very personal.

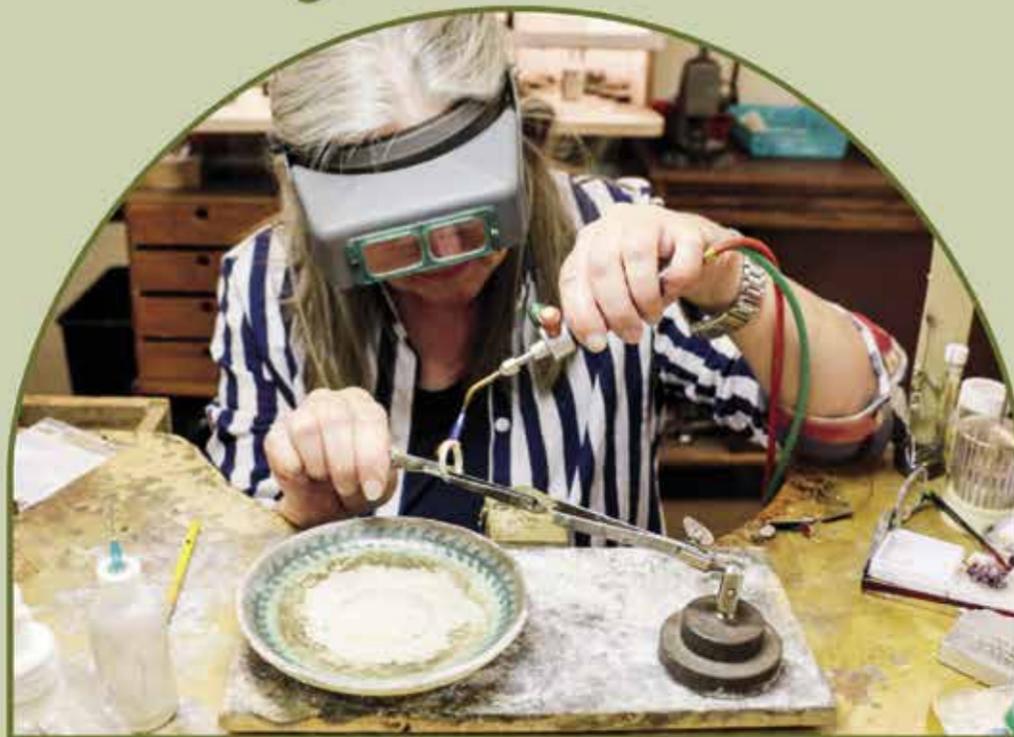
"When I was younger, I told my mom that if 'Grease' ever came to the Whidbey Playhouse I was going to audition," said Jamie Polubinski, who plays Blanche. "A couple of years ago she said to me, 'Are you still going to audition for 'Grease?' I said yes. My mom passed away in July of 2021 and so when I saw auditions for 'Grease' I decided to keep my word to my mom. I am also turning 50, so I figured 'What a fun thing to do.' This is why I auditioned and am doing it in my mom's memory."

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Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly
The T-birds are usually up to mischief of one kind or another in the Whidbey Playhouse production of "Grease." Pictured from left are Sonny (Dany Stahl), Roger (Andrew Huggins), Kenickie (Cory Gregerson) and Doody (Eclipse Garrett).

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“Historic preservation comes in many forms,” said Huy Pham, preservation programs director for the Washington Trust. “Through the Valerie Sivinski Fund, we are able to support a wide variety of preservation efforts whether they feature traditional bricks-and-mortar repairs, historic research towards landmark designation, designing interpretative panels, or even developing digital media or print materials towards a place-based cause.

We get excited every year to see how the grant program can enable local communities to start (or finish) their preservation projects in both strong and creative ways.”

Projects that include costs directly related to physical materials and preservation are preferred, but grant funds may also be used to hire preservation professionals or organize preservation advocacy efforts for a specific historic resource. Applications must be submitted by an organized group such as an incorporated nonprofit, an unincorporated citizens’ or advocacy group, a public agency or civic organization, or a religious organization. Applicants for Sivinski Fund grants are required to become members of the Washington Trust (at the nonprofit level or above) if they are not already current members.

The online application form, along with all program details, can be accessed at the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation’s website, preservewa.org/sivinski. The application process is entirely online, and must be submitted by midnight on the due date. Award recipients will be announced at the Washington Trust’s annual Sivinski Holiday Benefit in December.

Please contact Huy Pham at 206-462-2999 or via email at huy@preservewa.org for more information.

[Submitted by Huy Pham, Washington Trust for Historic Preservation]

Coupeville Festival Association Accepting Grant Applications

The Coupeville Festival Association raises funds to financially fulfill project grants submitted by local organizations. It is time to apply for these grants. The Coupeville Festival Association will accept applications now through Oct. 31. Grant recipients will be notified in November.

Grant applications must be completed online at www.coupevillefestival.com/community-project-grants/.

Grant parameters are as follows:

1. Applicant requests must be consistent with the purpose of the Coupeville Festival Association (CFA) and will support the promotion of at least one of the following goals within the 98239 community:
 - Promote Quality Handcrafts and the Arts
 - Ensure the cultural enrichment of 98239 residents
 - Beautify and preserve the unique historical qualities of Coupeville
2. Any individual or organization within the 98239 community may apply
3. Applications must be submitted online by midnight Oct. 31. No mailed applications accepted!
4. The CFA Board will complete its review in November. All applicants will be notified of the status of their grant request by U.S. Mail.

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

[Submitted by Janine Shelley, Secretary, Coupeville Festival Association]

Additional Trail and Camp Closures for Chilliwack Complex

Four lightning-caused fires remain active across North Cascades National Park Service Complex. The fires are in remote areas of the Stephen Mather Wilderness. Three fires (North Fork, Little Chill, and Copper Lake) are in proximity to the Copper Loop Trail system and one (Brush Creek Fire) is near the Brush Creek Trail in the Whatcom Pass area. The Chilliwack Complex is estimated at 3,700 acres.

Additional trail and camp closures due to fire activity include the portion of Little Beaver Trail between Stillwell and Perry Creek camps, the portion of Big Beaver Trail between Stillwell and Luna camps, and Beaver Pass Camp. All other trail and camp closures remain in effect. Firefighters are working in the Copper Lookout and adjacent areas protecting park infrastructure with protective fire wrap, hose lay and sprinklers.

In a joint delegation with the U.S. Forest Service, National Incident Management Organization (NIMO) Team 2 assumed command over the four fires, known as the Chilliwack Complex, located within the North Cascades National Park Service Complex, as well as five additional fires located on the adjacent Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Tuesday, Sept. 6.

A trough passage predicted for Wednesday could bring increased winds and low humidity to the area, which may see increased fire behavior.

Smoke from fires in the park may be visible. With active fires across the region, a haze over the general area is to be expected over the coming days. Take precautions when recreating outdoors when heavy smoke is present. Learn more at Real-Time Air Quality Map | PurpleAir, airnow.gov or visit <https://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>.

Visitors with backcountry reservations into the closure area should be aware that permits are canceled on a rolling basis based on fire activity and conditions. Cancellation notifications and refunds are through the recreation.gov system.

For updates and information, visit Inciweb at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/8394/>, the park website at www.nps.gov/noca, or Facebook at www.facebook.com/NorthCascadesNationalPark. Contact the Wilderness Information Center for trail and permit information at noca_wilderness@nps.gov.

[Submitted by Katy Hooper, North Cascades National Park Service Complex]

Whidbey SAR Crew Conducts Rescue in Olympic National Park

A Search and Rescue (SAR) team from Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island rescued a 68-year-old male hiker suffering from a medical condition in the Olympic National Park Wednesday, Aug. 31.

The SAR crew was called at just before 6:00PM Wednesday evening to rescue the hiker several miles up the Enchanted Valley Trail in the Olympic National Park. The SAR crew lifted off at approximately 6:25PM and, working in coordination with National Park Rangers, they found the patient and a park ranger in the valley as soon as they arrived on site at about 6:50PM.

Within 10 minutes the SAR crew had the patient on-board and delivered him to Olympic Medical Center in Port Angeles by 7:20PM.

Naval Air Station Whidbey Island SAR has conducted 25 missions this calendar year, which includes eight MEDEVACs, 14 rescues, and three 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 instal-

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Velocity 1 or 2:
Photo Courtesy of OutCast Productions
Gail Fleming and Ned Farley appear as Alexandra and her son Chris in "The Velocity of Autumn," by Eric Coble. The play opens Friday at OutCast's Black Box Theater in Langley and will run through Sept. 24.

OutCast brings "The Velocity of Autumn" to Langley

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

OutCast Productions in Langley is celebrating its 10th anniversary season with a Tony and Pulitzer Prize-nominated story.

"The Velocity of Autumn," by Eric Coble, opens Friday and will run through Sept. 24 at the Black Box Theater at the fairgrounds in Langley. The play is directed by Ned Farley with assistance from Jim Scullin. The two-character play features Gail Fleming and Ned Farley.

"I would call it a drama, except there are a lot of light, humorous moments," Farley described. "It feels very real to me. It's such a human story."

The story centers on 80-year-old Alexandra (Gail Fleming) and her estranged son, Chris (Ned Farley). Alexandra has locked herself in her apartment in Brooklyn, because she believes her adult children want to put her in a nursing home.

"She's barricaded herself, she has Molotov cocktails all around," Farley said. "She's convinced her children are going to call

the police and have her dragged out and taken to a nursing home. Her younger son, who has been gone for 20 years, crawls through the window because that was the only way he thought he could gain access. Everything unfolds from there. We find out about both characters and what the connection is between them. It's a beautifully told story with wonderfully humorous moments, wonderful revelations and moments of tension as the conversation unfolds."

Farley said the show is also unusual in that it runs about an hour, with no intermission. It is performed as one scene, as if it is happening in real time. He said the script captured him from the beginning.

"I went wild," he said. "It's a great script, great story. A lot of plays are great until the end, they don't have a good ending. I thought all the way through what an amazing story this was..."

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"The cast and crew have poured our hearts into the show and into each of our characters," said Dany Stahl, who plays Sonny. "I think when this is over, we're all going to miss not only our cast mates but the characters we play as well. I feel like Sonny is a part of me now."

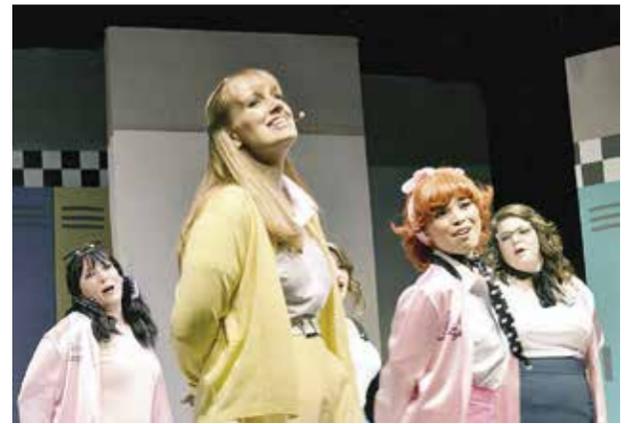
"Grease" opens Friday and will run through Oct. 2 at the Whidbey Playhouse, 730 SE Midway Blvd. in Oak Harbor. Show times are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Purchase tickets and find more information at whidbeyplayhouse.com.

"This show has been a labor of love for everyone involved," said Andrew. "All the actors have made a tremendous effort to really understand and develop their roles and to give a performance that brings something new to the character while still staying true to the original. It's the perfect blend of new and nostalgic, and I think audiences will really enjoy that."

"It's a great show and it marks the start of the 2022-23 season of love at the Whidbey Playhouse," said Tony Pooler, who plays Vince Fontaine. "The cast and crew have worked very hard to create something worth watching."

"I mean, it's 'Grease,'" said Roland Garrett, who is part of the student ensemble. "Everyone is going to love it! I think people will enjoy the classic songs from the movie and the amazing choreography we're bringing to the stage. Grease is the word!"

"Allenda and I set out to bring a production that was special, true to the original source material and paid respect to the movie that is so beloved," said George. "We can't wait to share our vision with the community and we hope they will embrace the show and just have a great time."



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly
Karina Andrew, center, plays Sandy Dumbrowski in the Whidbey Playhouse production of "Grease," opening Friday in Oak Harbor. Also pictured from left are some of the Pink Ladies, including Jordon Spanovich (Jan), Marianne Campos (Frenchy) and Erin Tombaugh (Marty).

New student mural shares positivity

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

A student literary grant has made a new piece of art possible in downtown Oak Harbor.

A new mural by 10th grade English students at HomeConnection was installed last week in the 800 block of SE Pioneer Way. The four-by-eight-foot mural was made possible by a Public Poetry and Art Grant from the Oak Harbor Education Foundation. Teacher Erika Jenkins applied for the grant in 2020 and is happy her students can now see the fruit of their labors on display.

Jenkins said she was inspired to apply for the grant following an experience she had on a Washington, D.C. subway.

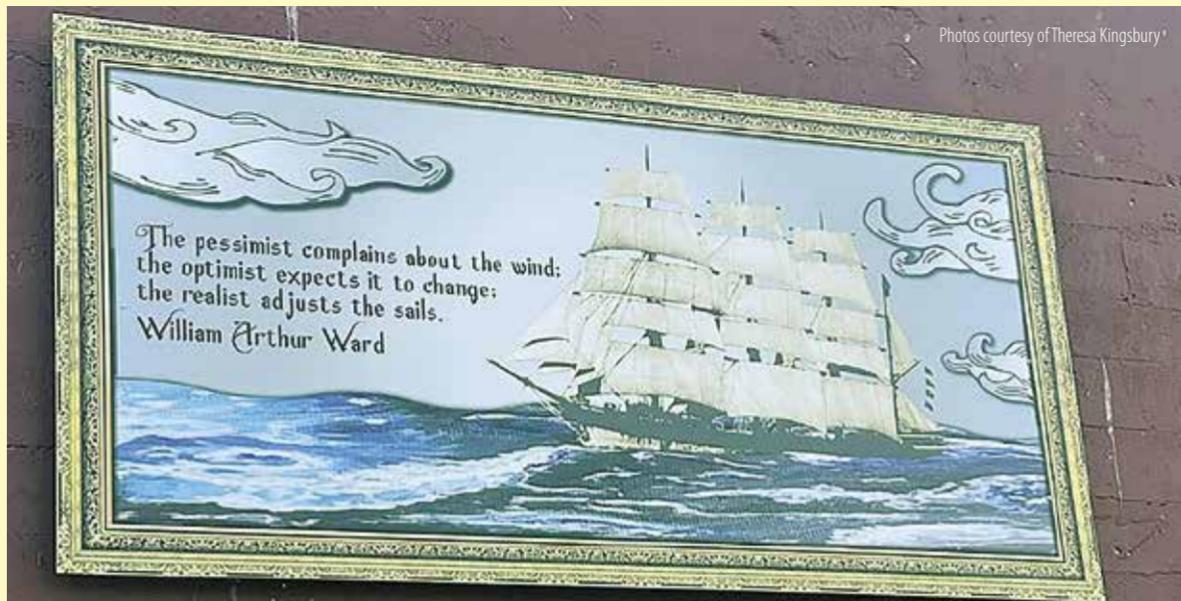
"I was on the subway, and they put out one of those safety alerts," she described. "I remember I was really nervous, then I looked up, and on the wall was poetry by Walt Whitman and Emily Dickenson. I felt myself relax. I wanted to let the kids experience doing something that could benefit the community."

Quotes and artwork were submitted as part of the project. The class selected the different elements and even found the ship that is featured through research at the Island County Historical Museum in Coupeville. The "Tarquina" was owned by Capt. William and Mary Jane Robertson and Sam Hancock. The ship sailed around Whidbey Island in the mid-1800s, carrying supplies and timber.

The mural was not part of the original plan for the \$2,400 grant. Initial plans were to create an awning over the bookstore downtown, but it wasn't stable enough. Jenkins said Therese Kingsbury of Rogue One Guerrilla Arts Network proposed doing the mural instead. In the end, with assistance from Kingsbury and Humphrey Sign Company, the student project was finished.

"I hope maybe this helps them feel a sense of community," Jenkins said. "I hope the quote resonates with people and maybe can give someone that same feeling of comfort I had on the subway."

There is still some money left from the grant. Jenkins said she and her students are hoping to create a wrap for one of the city's utility boxes – maybe even two.



Photos courtesy of Theresa Kingsbury





Recipe of the Week

A FAVORITE CHOCOLATE FLAVOR SHINES THROUGH

So many people love to indulge in rich chocolate every once in a while. It's certainly possible to tempt that sweet tooth by visiting a neighborhood candy shop. But it's just as easy to experiment in the kitchen with homemade confections.

This recipe for Force Noire Ganache from *Chocolate Obsession: Confections and Treats to Create and Savor* (Stewart, Tabori and Chang) by Michael Recchiuti and Fran Gage showcases the predominant taste of rich chocolate and not much more. It's certain to melt in the mouth.

FORCE NOIRE GANACHE (Makes about 50 dipped squares or round truffles)

- 1/2 cup (4 ounces) heavy whipping cream
- 3 tablespoons (1 1/2 ounces) unsalted butter with 82 percent butterfat, very soft (75 F)
- 1/4 cup plus 3 tablespoons (4 1/2 ounces by weight) invert sugar (stir before measuring)
- About 1/4 cup melted tempered 61 to 70 percent chocolate, if dipping squares, or unsweetened natural cocoa powder for rolling truffles
- 1 Tahitian vanilla bean, split horizontally
- 12 ounces 61 to 70 percent chocolate, finely chopped

Stir the cream and invert sugar together in a medium saucepan. Scrape the vanilla seeds from the bean into the pan and then add the bean. Bring to a boil over medium heat, remove from the heat, and cover the top of the pan with plastic wrap. When the cream has cooled to room temperature, transfer it to a bowl, cover and refrigerate overnight.

Line the bottom and sides of an 8-inch square baking pan with plastic wrap.

Put the chocolate in a medium stainless steel bowl and set the bowl over a pot of simmering water. Heat, stirring occasionally, until the chocolate melts and registers 115°F on an instant-read thermometer. Lift the bowl from the pot.

When the chocolate is almost at 115°F, remove the cream from the refrigerator. Strain it through a fine-mesh sieve into a small saucepan and heat it to 115°F, stirring occasionally.

Pour the chocolate and cream into a 1-quart clear vessel. Blend with an immersion blender using a stirring motion, making sure you reach the bottom of the vessel. The ganache will thicken, becoming slightly less shiny, and develop a pudding-like consistency. Add the butter and incorporate it with the immersion blender.

Pour the ganache into the lined pan. Spread it as evenly as possible with a small offset spatula. Allow the ganache to cool at room temperature until it has set, 2 to 4 hours. Cover the pan with plastic wrap and refrigerate until you are ready to dip squares or roll truffles.

Lift the square of ganache from the pan, turn it over onto a work surface, and remove the plastic wrap. If you are dipping squares, apply a thin coat of melted, untempered chocolate to one side of the ganache square with a small offset spatula. (If you are making truffles, don't apply the chocolate coating.) Let the chocolate harden. Turn the ganache square over and trim the edges. Cut the ganache into 1-inch squares with a knife dipped in hot water and wiped dry before each cut and wiped clean after each cut.

If you are dipping squares, temper the chocolate and then dip the squares. Store the dipped chocolates in a cool, dry place, not in the refrigerator.

If you are making truffles, dust your palms with cocoa powder, roll the ganache squares into balls, and then coat with cocoa powder. Place the truffles in a bowl or plastic bag that contains enough cocoa powder to keep them from sticking together. Store in the refrigerator, but remove them 30 minutes before serving.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

This week you may need to carve out some alone time to get yourself centered again, Aries. Too many things have been pulling you in different directions lately.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Don't feel the need to conform to what others expect from you, Taurus. You don't have to fit into a mold. Figure out what works for you and go with it.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, some heavy issues may be coming your way and you'll need to work through them. This may be something that requires collaboration with others.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Don't try to force your way into a situation, Cancer. If things don't happen organically, you'll have to try another way or accept things aren't meant to be.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, the novel approach you'll want to take regarding a situation this week may be met with some opposition. Don't let that deter you from trying something innovative.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, even though there have been some big changes in your life of late, there is room for more modification. You simply have to go with the flow for the time being.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

It's easy to get thrown for a loop when so many things are changing rapidly, Libra. Keep your eye on the prize and you will likely come through on the other side just fine.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, the way others see you isn't who you really are. Keep doing what you are doing if you are pleased, as you don't have to change your colors to appeal to others.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Reevaluate your priorities this week, Sagittarius. You don't need the best or the biggest to be happy. Focus on your health and the little things instead.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

This is the week to focus on nourishing your spiritual self, Capricorn. If you are religious, attend a service or volunteer for your house of worship; otherwise, meditate at home.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, a sense of nervousness may have you acting without thinking things through. Team up with someone you trust to thoroughly vet ideas before diving in.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, be careful what you say to others because you don't know what that person will repeat. Avoid gossip at all costs.



MOVIE SHOWTIMES:
9-9-2022 thru 9-13-2022:
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Fri, Mon & Tues: 4:15pm & 7:15pm
Sat & Sun: 1:15pm, 4:15pm & 7:15pm
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and it has a good ending. People can walk away feeling good, not walk away feeling torn apart. With some plays, that's important. But this is an interesting series of arcs that feel satisfying. I think people will walk away feeling like they've had a good meal."

While it was always Farley's intention to serve as the director for this play, he unexpectedly found himself taking on the role of Alexandra's son. Directing himself was not something he ever planned to do.

"I knew right off the bat Gail [Fleming] would be perfect. Then I went through a series of actors I thought would work, but they either weren't available or were out of the country," he said. "So I thought, here's a team I've worked with before. I know their work, I trust them as actors and as human beings. If I'm going to do something like this, this would be the play to do it.

"I did things as I would normally do them – I blocked the whole show, but I couldn't stand back and watch," Farley continued. "Jim [Scullin] has stepped into that role and has done an amazing job helping to be my eyes, making sure the blocking is working and giving feedback as an actor. It's been a pleasure. It's working for this and I don't feel the production has been compromised."

Farley, one of the founders of OutCast Productions, said he enjoys being on both sides of the stage, although not necessarily at the same time.

"My training is predominantly as an actor," he said. "By the time I was in high school, I knew this is what I wanted to do. I didn't really think about directing until I was farther down the road. I enjoy it. I feel actors who become directors bring a different eye to the work.

"I would have to say I'm tilted more on the director side these days, but I still enjoy diving into a character when it's something that really strikes me," continued Farley. "This one, I've got to admit it, this is a great role. It's been a real pleasure. It's one of the tastiest little morsels for an actor I've seen in a long time."

As the name itself implies, OutCast Productions is a theater company that does things a little differently. OutCast has technically been around for 12 years, but due to the pandemic, Farley said they are celebrating its 10th season, delayed. The goal from the beginning has been to create theater with intent, theater that makes people think.

"Our intention has been to choose vehicles that have a message of some sort, but that doesn't mean it can't be funny," Farley explained. "I feel like we've done that relatively well, but we're still learning. I'm excited about that."

That's one of the things that appealed to Farley about "The Velocity of Autumn." It's relatable and it will make people think. And he said this play is one of just a handful of plays he's read over the past 12 years with which he immediately fell in love.

"This play ticks the boxes on so many levels," he said. "It speaks to an issue that's very real for many people – dealing with aging parents or who are themselves aging. This is a real thing. I don't think there's anybody who can't understand that. I think it's something really powerful that strikes a chord for so many people. The optimist in me says people will really appreciate it because the storytelling is really well done."

Performances of "The Velocity of Autumn" open Friday and will continue through Sept. 24. Show times are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, with two additional performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22 and at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18. Tickets may be purchased online at outcastproductions.net or seats may be reserved and paid for at the door by emailing ocp@whidbey.com.

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Johnson said the picnic is all about the community showing appreciation for the military on Whidbey Island, and it takes help from the whole community to pull the event together.

"This event obviously centers around the picnic, which is provided by the community," he said. "There are lots of volunteers, too, from Daughters of the American Revolution, both local groups and from Clallam County; the Lions; and the Sea Cadets, who are a vital part of what we do each year. The NJROTC (Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) will have some involvement as well.

"Along with that, the community will have booths where they will share what it is they are about," Johnson continued. "Many of them are nonprofits. Many others may not have a booth, but are supporting the event in a variety of ways, such as through contributions of dollars or items for the picnic."

While a picnic is generally all about the food, Johnson said there will also be some special activities for kids.

"Home Depot will bring its kids' workshop to the event and some of the nonprofit groups will have activities for kids," he said. "Plus, some of the nonprofits that will be there, their clientele is young people, so it helps to show what the community has to offer as it relates to military families."

There will also be live music if the food and games aren't enough to please the crowd.

"We'll have live music from the Full Spectrum Band," said Johnson. "They do classic rock and roll."

While it may seem unusual in some parts of the country to have a community picnic in appreciation of the military, that is not the case in Oak Harbor, according to Johnson.

"One of the things in the past I have heard in talking to people in the community and on base, other bases don't have the same level of community support Oak Harbor offers," he said. "And one of the reasons I find it personally

fulfilling is being very impressed with what the military – the Navy, in this case – is doing. Letting people know what they are doing is vital, plus it's very meaningful."

In past years, attendance has hovered around 1,000 people for the Military Appreciation Picnic. Organizers are looking to increase that number substantially. Since there has not been a picnic for the past two years, Johnson said an extra effort is being made to get the word out to new active-duty personnel at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, in hopes of boosting this year's attendance.

"We certainly hope we can meet some of the past years in terms of participation," Johnson said. "We're doing extra PR out at the base and we're working with the Command Master Chief and the Skipper's wife to get the word out. I've been delivering information and posters to a variety of places in town. So we're hoping to get attendance back up to what it was, if not even better."

While this free community event is being held for active-duty, veterans and their families, in a community with so many veterans, Johnson said it's not surprising many of those working to put on this event are veterans themselves.

"I think it's important that many of the people helping to support the Military Appreciation Picnic are veterans," he said. "A lot of members of the Navy League are veterans, so they have a personal understanding of what it means to be part of the military and moving to different places. And the community appreciates the fact this is being done and is very receptive to the idea."

So not only does the 20th annual Military Appreciation Picnic give thanks to Whidbey's active-duty personnel and veterans, it also makes for a great way to say "Welcome to Oak Harbor."

Additional information is available by calling the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce at 360-675-3755 or visit oakharbornavyleague.org or oakharborchamber.com.

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[Submitted by Thomas Mills, NAS Whidbey Island]

Ferry Ridership Rises to 82 Percent of Pre-Pandemic Levels

Since the start of WSF's peak travel summer season June 19, the systemwide vehicle count is at 91 percent of pre-pandemic levels, with the Anacortes/San Juan Islands, Point Defiance/Tahlequah and Mukilteo/Clinton routes closest to 2019 numbers. Walk-on passengers have been slower to return and are at just 62 percent of this time three years ago. The total combined vehicle and walk-on summer season ridership through Aug. 28 is at 82 percent of pre-pandemic levels.

Ridership is expected to grow even closer to pre-pandemic levels as WSF restores service on a route-by-route basis outlined in its COVID-19 Service Restoration Plan.

"Unfortunately, our crewing levels are not at a point yet where we can begin adding full service back to our next route – the Edmonds/Kingston route – even on a trial basis," said Patty Rubstello, head of WSF. "Doing so would put our restored runs in jeopardy. Until then, we will continue to add a second vessel to that route daily as crewing allows."

Ferry travelers are encouraged to sign up for rider alerts to receive an update each night and morning on what sailing schedule is operating on each run. The alerts also provide updates if staff shortages lead to unexpected service reductions.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention still recommends people wear face masks in indoor public transportation settings, but they are no longer required.

Before heading to a terminal or boarding, people driving on board should check terminal conditions. Anacortes/San Juan Islands and Port Townsend/Coupeville routes also offer vehicle reservations.

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[Submitted by Justin Fujioka, WSDOT]

Local Business News

Artworks Gallery Featured Artists for September are Madrone Moulton and Ginny O'Neill

Artist Madrone Moulton enjoys craft work, and she has always been curious about how things come together. She has extensive experience in picture framing, so her artwork involves taking treasures and showcasing them to create exceptional, one-of-a-kind keepsakes filled with balance and harmony. Recently, Madrone was given four lovely slices of lapis. She was inspired to create a set of four shadowboxes.

Ginny O'Neill has been a watercolorist for 20 years. Although her work appears quite detailed, she's eager to follow the accidental patterns only watercolor can produce. Her subjects include the water and land of the Pacific Northwest and wildlife of the region. She recently started working on canvas and incorporating more color; the results are stimulating and exceptional.

September guest artist, Cheryl Weisz, is an award-winning illustrator. Her work is influenced by Impressionism and Photorealism but carries its own creatively emotional content. Cheryl says "I have been gifted a life-long happy career in making my Ideal Artist Lifestyle a reality. I was born to draw and did, in advertising agencies, publication houses and newspapers. Having illustrated my fill of products like hamburger bun packaging and furniture, I'm delighted to now paint the things I find around me in this island paradise."

Artworks Gallery is located in the courtyard on Second Street in Langley. Summer hours - Wednesday - Monday, 11:00AM to 5:00PM, and 11:00AM to 7:00PM on the first Saturday of each month. Closed Tuesdays.

Printmaking Exhibition by Whidbey Island Artist Opening at the Port Angeles Fine Arts Center

The Port Angeles Fine Art Center will host an opening reception for "Turning Point" Friday, Sept. 16 from 5:00 to 7:00PM. The newest exhibition by artist Hannah Klaus Hunter will be on display throughout the fall from Sept. 16 - Nov. 6, Thursdays-Sundays, 11:00AM to 5:00PM.

"Turning Point" is an exhibition of printmaking and collage that explores seasonal change and environmental shifts through light, temperature and local plant life – all elements deeply embedded in the artist's process. The collection covers five years of observation and art making.

Hannah Klaus Hunter holds a B.A. in Studio Art from the University of Iowa, an M.F.A. from the California College of the Arts in Textiles and Sculpture, and a Post-Master's Certificate in Art Therapy from the University of California at Berkeley. Originally from New York and then a resident of California, she currently lives and creates on Whidbey Island.

"We are thrilled to have Hannah Klaus Hunter exhibiting at the Port Angeles Fine Arts Center. In addition to having her artwork on display and an artist's presentation at the opening reception, we are excited that Hannah will also be instructing a gelli printmaking workshop right here in the gallery, which will be a very cool opportunity for people to learn directly from the artist whose work surrounds them," states Rachel Storck, Community Engagement Manager of the Fine Arts Center.

All community members are invited to the opening reception to view the new exhibit for the first time, meet the artist, and enjoy a beverage in the courtyard. There will be a presentation from the artist beginning at 5:30PM.

The opening reception is open to the public and as always it is free to attend the gallery.

The Gelli Printmaking Workshop will take place the following day, Saturday, Sept. 17 from 1:00 to 4:00PM in the Esther Webster Gallery. Gelli printing is an innovative way to create vibrant, one-of-a-kind prints called monoprints. Using gel plates, acrylic paints and paper, the Gelli printing process allows beginners and advanced art makers alike to produce striking and beautiful works. The workshop will take students through a series of different printing techniques and allow time to complete a finished print.

There are limited spots available for the workshop. Tickets are \$75 for PAFAC members and \$85 for general tickets and can be purchased at: <https://pafac.kindful.com/e/printmakingworkshop>. The gallery will remain open to the public during the workshop.

"Turning Point" will remain on display at the historic Esther Webster Gallery during regular gallery hours, 11:00AM to 5:00PM from Sept. 17 - Nov. 6.

The Port Angeles Fine Arts Center exists to honor the legacy of Esther Webster by connecting people to the arts and inspiring the artist within each person. Learn more about the organization by visiting www.pafac.org.



Math Blocks

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HISTORY

- 1630: THE CITY OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS IS FOUNDED.
- 1921: THE FIRST MISS AMERICA PAGEANT IS HELD IN ATLANTIC CITY, NJ.
- 2021: BITCOIN IS RECOGNIZED AS LEGAL TENDER IN EL SALVADOR.



WHAT IS A GROUP OF CATS CALLED?

ANSWER: CLOWDER

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

S A T C E W M O

Answer: Cat's Meow

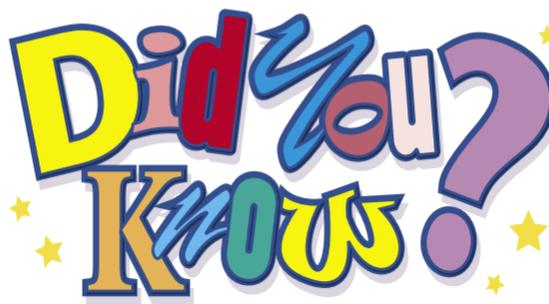


POUNCE

spring or swoop
suddenly on prey

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Claw
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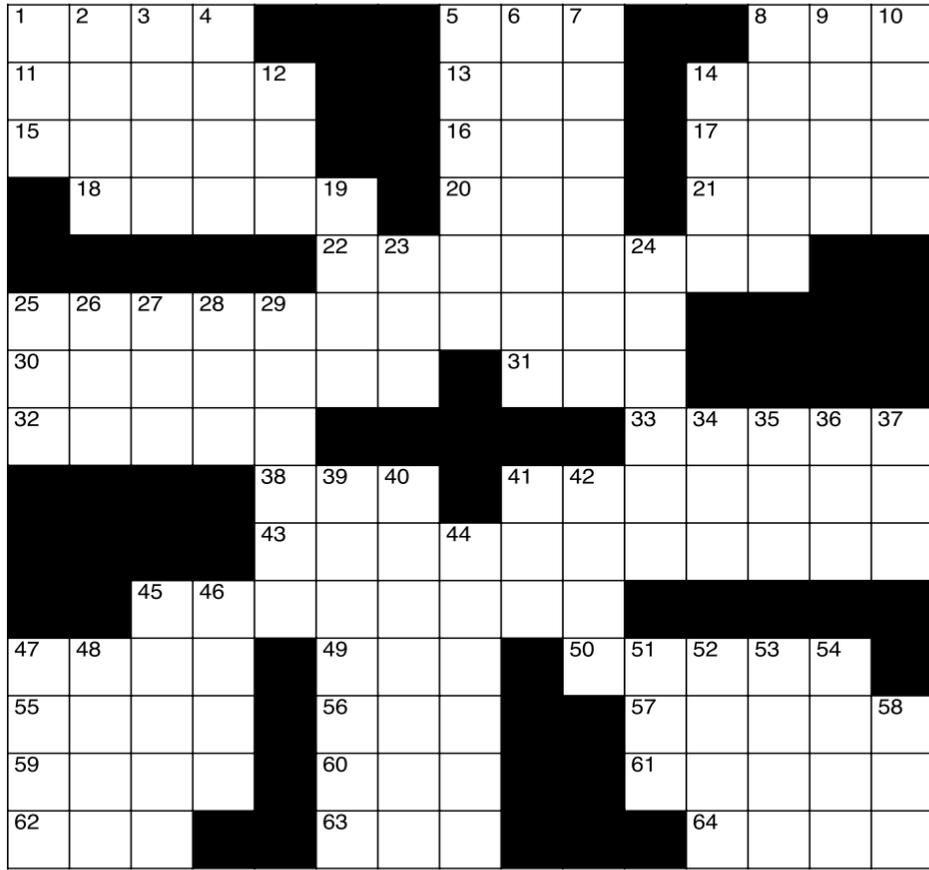
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Crossword Puzzle



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- 5. Gas usage measurement
- 8. Golf score
- 11. A superior grade of black tea
- 13. Wrath
- 14. Eating house
- 15. Delay leaving a place
- 16. People now inhabiting Myanmar
- 17. Canadian flyers
- 18. Walks back and forth
- 20. Frequently
- 21. Humans have two
- 22. Surrounds with armed forces
- 25. Made proper
- 30. Medical buildings
- 31. Patty Hearst's captors
- 32. Hits with a drop shot
- 33. Italy's PM 1919-20
- 38. Promotions
- 41. En __: incidentally
- 43. Queens baseball team
- 45. Commoner
- 47. Expenses in insurance world (abbr.)
- 49. Payroll firm
- 50. Broadway actress Daisy

CLUES DOWN

- 55. Skipper butterflies
- 56. Hint
- 57. Daniel __, French composer
- 59. English children's author Blyton
- 60. Midway between east and southeast
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. Patriotic women's group
- 63. The woman
- 64. Tall, slender-leaved plant

- 24. Industrial port in Poland
- 25. Type of screen
- 26. Peyton's little brother
- 27. Alcoholic beverage
- 28. Newspapers need it
- 29. Herbal tea
- 34. Distinctive practice
- 35. Exercise system __-bo
- 36. Explosive
- 37. Belonging to a thing
- 39. Presidential candidates engage in them
- 40. Of the Swedes
- 41. Meadow-grass
- 42. "Rule, Britannia" composer
- 44. Hooray!
- 45. Greek city
- 46. One way to do it by example
- 47. Imitated
- 48. "Game of Thrones" actress Headey
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Drought-resistant plant
- 53. A French abbot
- 54. One point east of northeast
- 58. Get free of

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, Sept. 8	Fri, Sept. 9	Sat, Sept. 10	Sun, Sept. 11	Mon, Sept. 12	Tues, Sept. 13	Wed, Sept. 14
North Isle H-66°/L-51° Mostly Sunny	North Isle H-70°/L-52° Plenty of Sunshine	North Isle H-69°/L-54° Sunny	North Isle H-72°/L-55° Mostly Sunny and pleasant	North Isle H-67°/L-52° Mostly Sunny	North Isle H-67°/L-50° Sunbreaks and Showers	North Isle H-65°/L-53° Mostly Cloudy Possible Showers
South Isle H-68°/L-55° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-71°/L-57° Plenty of Sunshine	South Isle H-75°/L-58° Sunny and Warm	South Isle H-77°/L-56° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-72°/L-56° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-70°/L-52° Sunbreaks and Showers	South Isle H-68°/L-54° Cloudy with Showers



OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What is a food bank? A food bank is a safe place where those who are in need of food can go and respectfully and confidentially receive food for themselves and their family. How can you help?



Molly Hughes, Coupeville

Gifts from the Heart needs food on the shelves! After missing two years of annual food drives, food shortages, higher prices and fewer personal and group donations all due to COVID, we need food! We need the basics of tomato products (not pasta), jam (not peanut butter), hearty soups, chili, stew, side dishes, canned fruit, canned meat, mac and cheese and cold cereal. Food sources are still limiting our case or quantity purchasing (even though our community has been very generous with monetary donations) so we need

the help of our community to actually donate food, one can at a time!

Jean Wieman, Help House, Oak Harbor

As we all know, price increases on everything from hamburger to eggs have hit all of us. Imagine having to buy groceries for your family of four with only \$250 for the entire month. That money sure doesn't go as far as it used to! How can you help? When you are out shopping and see a good bargain, if you are able, please consider picking up that extra can of soup or box of pasta and donate it to your local food bank. The number of people we are serving is increasing every month and your donations help keep the doors open for the most vulnerable in our community. Your generosity allows all the food banks to continue helping our neighbors in need. Thank you for your support.



Karen Korbelik, Langley

A food bank is where people come together with the purpose of creating a hunger-free community. There are many faces of hunger: hunger for health and nutrition, acceptance, connection, shelter and security, and economic sustainability.

The Good Cheer Food Bank finalized its new construction and is welcoming new and returning volunteers. If you are looking to join a fun and dynamic food bank team, sign up today.

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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 njlish@gmail.com. More info at our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/NorthPugetSoundDragonBoatClub?ref=hl

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

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

site at <http://victimsupport-services.org>

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.

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

contact admin@bbbsislandcounty.org for more information.

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

If you are looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity, look no further! When you volunteer at one of the Habitat for Humanity of Island County stores, you are helping local families attain decent, affordable housing. Income from the stores is vital to giving families a path to homeownership. We need people who can commit to help out in our Oak Harbor or Freeland store at least two-hours per week. Schedules are flexible. Our friendly volunteers provide customer service, help with receiving donated household items and furniture, and maintain the store. We also need drivers and driver helpers who will professionally represent Habitat as they pick up donated items using our trucks. Please call either store for more information. Oak Harbor: 360-675-8733, Freeland: 360-331-6272.

College student? Student of history? History buff? Opportunities are available to spend constructive volunteer hours at the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum. Go to www.pnwnam.org

and click on "Volunteer" or just stop by and introduce yourself.

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.

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

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