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## Gifts from the Heart celebrates 20 years with big announcement

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

There are exciting things in store for Gifts from the Heart food bank in Coupeville.

An event Saturday celebrating the food bank's 20th anniversary was the perfect setting to make some big announcements concerning the organization's next 20 years.

"First, we are building our own food bank," said Molly Hughes, board president of Gifts from the Heart. "For years, the food bank has been stashing away pennies – and I do mean pennies – in a building fund. Ken Hofkamp, owner of the Red Apple Market, sold us the back parcel of a vacant lot between Frontier Building Supply and Terry Mobile Park at a really good price. It's the perfect location for us. It's walkable for a lot of our clients, it's low impact and it will be low maintenance, which is what a food bank should be."

The property has already been purchased and Hughes said the food bank has been working with John Roberts from Cascade Custom Homes on the design and floor plan.

This is big news for the 20-year-old food bank, but believe it or not, that's not the really big news, according to Hughes.

"Our new food bank will be about 2,000 square feet on the first floor, and on the second floor will be two, two-bedroom apartments designated for workforce housing," she said. "We're still working it all out, but we know our two apartments will be able to rent at below market rate."

There is no official date on when construction could begin on this project, but Hughes anticipates when it does, it will take a year or two to complete. When it does move to its new location, Gifts from the Heart will also switch to a new food distribution model.

"When we have our new building, we will move to a shopping model," she said. "Many food banks are doing that if they have the space. We can't do that currently because the Boys and Girls Club is also in our [current] building so we have to pack everything away following our distribution days."

"We're really excited for the shopping model," Hughes continued. "It's better for our clients, it's a better use of the food we get. For instance, if someone is on a low sodium diet, they might pick different foods than other clients. And for the ethnic foods we get from donations, we know not everybody will use them, so this way people can pick out what they'd like."

Cost for the new food bank building is estimated to be about \$950,000 for everything, including shelving, refrigeration and freezer units, as well as everything for the two apartments above the food bank. And this is where the final portion of the big announcement comes in, said Hughes.

"We have half of that [\$950,000] already," she said. "We had been saving, but prior to COVID, we got an unexpected donation. We asked if we could



Photo Courtesy of Gifts from the Heart

Plans to build a new Gifts From the Heart food bank in Coupeville were unveiled over cake at a 20 year anniversary party celebrating the nonprofit.

put it in our building fund. During COVID, everybody was so generous, but at the same time, we were getting a good supply of government food. Also during that time, we got five really large, unexpected donations. We asked if we could also use those for the building fund. That's why we have half the money already."

Hughes said the board is already working with a grant writer to identify and apply for other sources of funding for the project before going to the community.

"We want to see what we can generate on our own," she said. "I expect we will have to ask the community for help, but we're still trying to get as much as we can before that. This will not be starting from scratch."

Volunteers with Gifts from the Heart, which has served an average of between 85 and 100 clients during its two distribution days each month, know what it's like to start from scratch. The food bank literally started in a closet in the Jim Davis house at Greenbank Farm. It then moved to a non-operational walk-in freezer at Greenbank, which was used to store food. For several years, bags were packed at Greenbank Farm, then had to be hauled to Coupeville for distribution. Anything left was hauled back to Greenbank for storage until the next distribution day.

Gifts from the Heart moved into the old fire station in Coupeville more than a dozen years ago and has rented the building for its operations ever since, but it hasn't been alone.

"At exactly the same time as we rented the building from the fire district, the Boys and Girls Club was in the same position, they needed a place," Hughes explained. "We agreed to share the building for a year or two, and here we are 12-15 years later. In the meantime, the Catholic church bought the property, and it has honored the long-term lease we had with the fire district. But we both need to have a forever home."

Hughes said she is excited for what this next chapter holds for Gifts from the Heart, but said she knows it couldn't have happened without the Coupeville community.

"We would not have been here 20 years if we didn't have rock solid volunteers who are committed to working with our clients," she said. "And I want to say 'thank you' to our community. We have so many community members that religiously give us \$10 a month or \$25 a quarter. Every one of those donations is important."

In addition to funding the ongoing food distribution operation, those donations help fund another very important program at Gifts from the Heart. The Meals to Kids program started nine years ago and provides weekend food bags to youth at all three Coupeville schools (elementary, middle and high schools) who are experiencing food insecurity. A dedicated group of volunteers runs the program, bagging food up each week and delivering them to classrooms where teachers can slip the food bags into students' backpacks.

"It is a 100 percent referral program," Hughes explained, adding it has been a successful program. "We added it up – we have distributed close to 11,000 bags. We purposely kind of keep it under the radar, but starting this week we will be providing food bags to 50 kids between all three schools. The people at the schools know who needs help, so it's been a really good partnership."

As far as the new building, Hughes said the board will continue to work through the pre-application process and make final decisions as the

## Freeland group ends legal challenge over Harbor Inn purchase

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Freeland Concerned Citizens LLC has ended its legal challenge over the purchase of Harbor Inn in order to provide transitional and supportive housing.

The motel was sold to the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) in July, and the Freeland group had sought an injunction to stop the sale and the transfer of \$1.5 million from Island County to aid in LIHI's purchase. Island County, LIHI, the state Department of Commerce and former motel owner Lucky Bones were all named in the motion. Island County Superior Court Judge Carolynn Cliff denied the request for a preliminary injunction in August, but said she would

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Artist Rendering Courtesy of Gifts from the Heart

Gifts From the Heart food bank in Coupeville has announced plans to build a new facility, complete with two apartments on the second story to be used for workforce housing. The land has already been purchased and the nonprofit has already secured funding for half the project.

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As we move into the fall months, we will start to see more storms. Unfortunately, as we see more storms, boats will have more opportunities to break free from their anchors and moorings and end up adrift in our waterways. This is one of many ways boats become derelict or abandoned in our region. Another common reason is that the regular upkeep and maintenance of vessels can be difficult or too expensive to maintain. The task eventually becomes too much to manage, and these boats' conditions quickly degrade in the salty environment. The Island County Marine Resource Committee (MRC) wants to educate our community about options available for disposing of boats for free, as well as provide tools for reporting derelict vessels along our shorelines.

The issue of derelict vessels has floated to the top of the MRC's list of priorities. Over the last few months, we have been researching and connecting with local and state authorities to figure out how to best tackle this problem. It has proved to be a big puzzle, and we are working to fit the pieces together in a way that works best for our community. Whidbey and Camano Islands have over 200 miles of beautiful shoreline. Most of our shoreline is either owned privately, by the state, Island County, towns, or the Navy. Each of these ownership scenarios requires a different approach to removing derelict vessels. As we work through these hurdles, we are gaining a better understanding of the issue as a whole.

So, why do we care? That is an excellent question to ask. For starters, we think most can agree that run-down, derelict vessels are an eyesore on our beautiful shores. Additionally, they can be a navigational hazard to other boaters if they are sunk near shore or are free floating. The MRC has prioritized this issue largely because of the dangers posed to our marine habitats and species. Boats can carry a fair amount of chemicals including, but not limited to, gasoline and oil. As boats remain on the shore, they begin to break apart over time, creating debris. Much of our shoreline provides essential habitat for our forage fish species, which are a vital source of food for our salmon populations. Salmon, in turn,

feed humans and orcas. Derelict vessels interrupt this important marine habitat with debris and pollutants.

As the MRC works toward finding solutions, there are many ways our community can help prevent this issue and assist us in locating problem vessels. What we have learned thus far shows prevention is best. The Washington State Department of Natural Resources offers a Vessel Turn-In Program. This program is meant to serve those with financial hardship. You must be able to prove ownership of the vessel, and it must have little-to-no value or be in a state of disrepair. You can find more information about this program and its criteria at [www.dnr.wa.gov/dere-lict-vessels](http://www.dnr.wa.gov/dere-lict-vessels).

Our team needs you to report abandoned boats found on our beaches. The more information we have, the better we can help understand this issue and what we need to do to keep the number of derelict vessels along our shorelines to a minimum. Visit [www.mycoast.org/wa](http://www.mycoast.org/wa) or [www.dnr.wa.gov/vessel-reporting](http://www.dnr.wa.gov/vessel-reporting) to report derelict vessels you see on the shoreline.

This issue did not happen overnight; finding a solution will take time. Notification and removal are nuanced, complicated, and time-consuming. The best thing the public can do is report the boats they see and let others know about the Vessel Turn-In Program. In the last couple of years, more funding has been dedicated to this at the state level, allowing us to do more removals. We will continue to work closely with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources Derelict Vessel Removal Program and the Northwest Straits Foundation to launch a pilot project with the intention of getting these vessels off our beaches. Please help us by reporting these vessels and educating your neighbors about this issue so we can preserve our beaches for all to use, including the fish and wildlife who depend on a clean and healthy shoreline.

Report derelict vessels to: [www.mycoast.org/wa](http://www.mycoast.org/wa) or [www.dnr.wa.gov/vessel-reporting](http://www.dnr.wa.gov/vessel-reporting)

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# Bits & Pieces

## Letters to the Editor

### Editor,

In her letter to the *Whidbey Weekly*, Sept. 15, Stephanie Schriger claims Janet St. Clair's number one issue is to use tax money for broadband internet. I did not think this sounded right so I checked St. Clair's website. Broadband access is one of multiple issues she is concerned with, including supporting working families and preserving the rural character of Whidbey Island. There is nothing to indicate broadband access is her first priority. So how did Stephnie Schriger come up with her conclusion?

Steen Halling  
Greenbank, Wash.

### Whidbey Farm & Market Throws First Ever CORNFEST This Weekend Cornfest is part of Whidbey Island Cooperative's Eat Local Month

Oak Harbor-based Whidbey Farm & Market is hosting the first ever CORNFEST Saturday and Sunday from 11:00AM to 6:00PM to celebrate all things corn. This event is part of Whidbey Island Grown Cooperative's Eat Local Month. The market is located across from the Blue Fox Drive-In on Monroe Landing Road.

CORNFEST officially kicks off the market's fall festivities, which run until the end of October, and include the opening of a new corn maze, as well as the market's pumpkin patch.

"We are so excited to be bringing CORNFEST to our community and visitors to Whidbey Island," said Whidbey Farm & Market's owner, Shannon Hamilton. "This family-friendly event has been designed to showcase everything the season has to offer, including freshly grilled corn Elote." Hamilton says there is much for families to enjoy, including a giant hay pyramid, a bounce house, games and face painting, in addition to the corn maze. There may even be a sighting of the market Sasquatch!

CORNFEST also introduces the market's first ever cornhole tournament. Two-person teams are encouraged to register for the tournament by visiting the market's website. Teams are asked to check-in at 11:00AM Saturday and the tournament starts at 12:00PM.

CORNFEST will also feature a range of live music from regional artists and visitors between 11:00AM and 6:00PM.

Visitors will be able to shop for produce, pasture-raised beef and pork, local dairy products and a wide range of gift items. "We will, of course, be selling 32 flavors of Lopez Island Creamery ice cream and be brewing hot and cold coffee drinks using locally roasted JennyBean coffee," Hamilton added.

Learn more at [www.whidbeyfarmandmarket.com/](http://www.whidbeyfarmandmarket.com/).

[Submitted by Janinne Brunyee, Sugarbird Marketing]

### Tour the South Whidbey Tilth Campus

In celebration of Eat Local Month, South Whidbey Tilth is hosting a free self-guided farm tour of the Tilth campus. This is an opportunity for all locals and visitors to get

to know the Tilth. Find more details and download a brochure about this and all the farm stand tours on [Whidbeyatgoosefoot.org/eat-local-farm-stand-tour](http://Whidbeyatgoosefoot.org/eat-local-farm-stand-tour). Come Saturday, 10:00AM to 5:00PM, and Sunday, 11:00AM to 3:00PM, to 2812 Thompson Road in Langley. Settled on over 11 acres, South Whidbey Tilth invites visitors to tour the community gardens, stroll the woodland trail, investigate the seed library, enjoy lunch of pizza and more by OSM Eats, shop at the farm stand or Sunday Farmers Market, earn \$2 in Local Bux in the children's scavenger hunt Sunday, play around the sandbox or children's playhouse, watch the pumpkins grow, learn about soil building with worms or compost and more. For information contact [membership@southwhidbeytilth.org](mailto:membership@southwhidbeytilth.org).

[Submitted by Susan Prescott]

### Sportsmen Shoot for Food Bank

Central Whidbey Sportsmen's Association is holding a Charity Benefit Match Saturday, Oct. 1 for the Coupeville Food Bank. Information about how the match will be conducted and what to bring can be found online at [cwsaonline.org](http://cwsaonline.org). Turkeys will be given out to winners of each class and there are special classes for women and juniors age 14 and under. Pistols and ammunition will be provided for those who do not have a firearm. Food donations are encouraged for the food bank. Times are 9:00AM to 1:00PM. Match is open to the public and encouraged as the more money that is brought in is more money that can be turned over to the food bank.

Also on the same day, the club will be conducting a Sportsmen Show and Swap Meet, free and open to the public. Firearms, ammo, accessories, knives, hunting/outdoor gear plus more will be available. The club is located at 397 W Safari St. in Coupeville.

[Submitted by Al Lindell]

### Registration Open for Two-Day Boating Skills and Certification Course

#### Earn the Required Washington State Boater Education Card

Registration is now open for America's Boating Course, a two-day boating skills and certification course, to be held at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club Saturdays, Oct. 15 and 22, by America's Boating Club of Deception Pass. Successful completion of the course, conducted over the two Saturdays from 9:00AM to 5:00PM, will qualify individuals for the Washington State Boater Education Card, now required for most boaters.

The introductory boating class will include:

- Basic boat handling and docking
- Safety considerations
- Federal and state equipment and safety requirements
- Nautical rules of the road

The cost to register is \$40. For a spouse or partner sharing the course materials, it will cost an additional \$20.

Registration and payment can be done online at [www.deceptionpassailandpowersquadron.com/squarepayments.html](http://www.deceptionpassailandpowersquadron.com/squarepayments.html). Registration deadline is Oct. 8. For more information, contact Jerry Liggett at [jlgett4@hotmail.com](mailto:jlgett4@hotmail.com).

According to state law, most recreational boaters in Washington are required to complete a boating safety course and carry a Washington State Boater Education card. You are required to have a Boater Education card if you fit the following criteria:

- You operate a vessel with a 15-horsepower (or greater) motor.
- You were born after Jan. 1, 1955.
- You are 12 years of age or older.

According to instructor Jerry Liggett, this is the most comprehensive introductory boating course available, and will give novice boaters the skills needed to enjoy their time on the water and boat with confidence. The boating club offers free on-the-water training for participants, but it will be dependent on COVID restrictions.

America's Boating Club of Deception Pass is a 44-year-old nonprofit organization, with more than 75 members from Whidbey and Fidalgo islands. We are part of the United States Power Squadrons, a nonprofit boating organization dedicated to education and training of safe boating activities.

[Submitted by Jennifer Geller, America's Boating Club of Deception Pass]

### NAS Whidbey SAR Rescues Hikers in North Cascade Mountains and Olympic National Forest



Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Search and Rescue (SAR) crew members work with Whatcom County Sheriff's Office and Fire/Rescue crews to move a 73-year-old female patient with a broken ankle to the waiting SAR helicopter in the evening of September 19, 2022. The patient was injured on Yellow Aster Butte Trail northeast of Mount Baker and transported to St. Joseph's Hospital in Bellingham, Wash.

A Search and Rescue (SAR) team from Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island rescued a 73-year-old female hiker with a broken ankle on the Yellow Aster Butte Trail northeast of Mount Baker Sept. 19.

The SAR crew was alerted at a little before 6:00PM that a hoist rescue was required. The SAR crew launched at about 6:30PM after getting more refined information from the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office and fire rescue crews who had hiked in to the patient. When they arrived at the location, they found the winds and elevation were too dangerous for a hoist rescue so they landed approximately 60 yards upslope on the crest of a ridge.

With the help of the rescue personnel on the ground, the patient was carried up to the waiting aircraft. The patient was transported to St. Joseph Medical Center in Bellingham, Wash. where they arrived just before 7:30PM.

The day before, a Search and Rescue (SAR) team from Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island rescued a stranded hunter trapped on a cliff face near Mt. Constance in the Olympic National Forest.

The SAR crew received an alert about the hunter who had been stranded since the previous day and was suffering from fatigue and severe dehydration. Ground rescue personnel from the Jefferson County Search and Rescue (JSAR) unit were near the scene but were unable to reach the man due to the dangerous terrain.

After making an initial pass to survey the hazards in the immediate vicinity, the SAR crew decided to employ a direct deployment to reach the stranded hunter, who was located on a small confined ledge that was precariously close to a 70 foot drop to another cliff outcropping. A direct deployment involves a procedure where a Rescue Aircrewman remains on the hoist while a helicopter conducts its maneuvers.

The SAR pilot was able to get the rescue crewman into position next to the stranded hunter while it hovered about 80 feet above ground. After placing a rescue strap around the man they were able to hoist him aboard the helicopter where they began treating him for dehydration and fatigue. Prior to departing for the Olympic Medical Center (OMC) in Port Angeles, the crew picked up two JSAR members to extract them from the remote terrain. After dropping the rescued hunter at OMC just before 11:00AM the SAR crew flew the JSAR personnel to Jefferson County International Airport before returning to NAS Whidbey Island.

Naval Air Station Whidbey Island SAR has conducted 31 missions this calendar year, which include nine MEDEVACs, 17 rescues, and five searches.

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

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

## Local Business News

### Pacific Northwest Essayists at Kingfisher Bookstore, Sept. 30

Pacific Northwest authors Heather Durham and Iris Graville will read from and discuss their new essay collections at Coupeville's Kingfisher Bookstore, Sept. 30, 5:00 to 6:00PM. Admission is free, although seating is limited at the store, located at 16 Front St.

*Wolf Tree: An Ecopsychological Memoir in Essays* melds Durham's backgrounds in psychology and ecology to examine her relationships with resonant landscapes, animals, and human animals, and the myriad environmental, physiological, and cultural factors that inform those relationships. In lyric or more traditional personal essays, linear narratives or meandering musings, each exploration builds on the one before, quilting together a patchwork terrain of ruminations, insights, and ever more questions that comprise the examined life of an earthling.

Durham works behind the scenes at Wilderness Awareness School in the foothills of the Washington Cascades. When not working or writing, she's likely to be found outside with a journal, a field guide, and binoculars, hunting birdsong.

*In Writer in a Life Vest: Essays from the Salish Sea*, Graville uses a storyteller's hand to tackle complex interconnections and conflicts related to climate change. Drafted when Graville served as the first Writer-in-Residence for Washington State Ferries, her 36 lyric essays explore threats to Southern Resident killer whales, highlight the voices of climate activists and marine scientists, and relate the joys (and challenges) of ferry transport among the state's San Juan Islands.

An environmental activist and a retired nurse, Graville lives with her husband on Lopez Island. Both authors are graduates of the Whidbey Writers Workshop.

For more information, contact Kingfisher Bookstore at 360-678-8463.



## GUEST COLUMN

By David Parent DVM

### Information about Avian Flu

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) is a viral bird disease. It is quite rare in other species but, as we know with the new monkey pox scare, viruses can and do jump species. It has been detected in Washington State in backyard poultry flocks and in several species of sick and dead wild birds. The virus is endemic to Southeast Asia and is carried by migratory birds to other continents. Here in Island County, we had a scare when three dead pelicans were found in Deer Lagoon. Fortunately, these birds tested negative for the virus. The cause of death is still under investigation.

Here is a partial list of signs associated with HPAI:

- Bluish skin or legs
- Nasal and eye discharge
- Blood-tinged nasal or eye discharge
- Tilting head
- Lack of coordination
- Depressed/ruffled feathers
- Sudden death

As you can see, signs of HPAI vary widely and just about any sick bird is a suspect. It is impossible to separate HPAI from the other diseases found in wild birds without testing for the virus. At this time, the wildlife service at Useless Bay Animal Clinic will euthanize any bird displaying any neurological signs, except those showing signs of trauma.

Should you take down your feeders? My seed and nectar feeders are still up and running but I will take them down at the first sign of bird illness. I recommend NOT feeding wild birds if you have a backyard poultry flock or if you keep pet birds. The risk is just too great. If at all possible, try to keep wild birds out of poultry runs. I know this can be very difficult.

What should you do if you find a sick or dead bird? It is best to call PAWS Wildlife Rescue (425-412-4040) or Useless Bay Animal Clinic (360-331-3100) before taking action with any live bird. As always, do not attempt to capture any raptor or heron, as these birds can cause injury to you. If you must move a dead bird, wear gloves or pick it up with your hand in an inverted plastic bag. Seal the bag securely. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (360-902-2200) is the entity that makes the decision, along with the Health Department, to test the birds. At this time, testing priority is given to poultry. There is a backlog of wild birds waiting for testing. These decisions change frequently.

Much further information is available online through the Washington Department of Health and Department of Fish and Wildlife. Our wish is that the virus will run its course and disappear from North America for a long time.

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# Family Guide

By Amy Hannold

**Build a Scarecrow and Help Good Cheer, Too:** All of the materials and instructions to build, stuff and customize your scarecrow will be provided for \$10 and two cans of food (per scarecrow), Saturday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Whidbey Island Fairgrounds. Barbecue delights will be available by donation. whidbeyislandfair.com

**Skagit Valley Festival of Family Farms:** Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 1 and 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A weekend full of fun including corn and hay mazes, free samples, animal exhibits, pumpkin patches, hayrides, educational displays, and locally grown food. Free parking and admission. This is a self-guided tour of participating farms, maps at festivaloffamilyfarms.com.

**Community Safety Fair:** Meet your local health, safety and first-responder agencies at this free event, Saturday, Oct. 8, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Oak Harbor Home Depot. There will be exhibits, preparedness information, games, and a "Touch-a-Truck" vehicle display.

**Transition Resource Fair:** Island County Parent to Parent hosts this event, which brings together regional resource providers to assist families of middle school age students through adults, who experience disabilities. All Island County students with IEPs or 504 Plans, their families and the community are invited. Admission is free and includes dinner Tuesday, Oct. 11, 5 to 7:15 p.m., at Coupeville High School. 360-678-7883

**Burton's Halloween Fantasy:** The Whidbey Island Orchestra, with dancers and a narrator, perform stories from Tim Burton's films at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts Saturday, Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. and at Trinity Lutheran Church in Freeland, Sunday, Oct. 30, at 3 p.m. Films included are: "Nightmare Before Christmas," "Willy Wonka," "Edward Scissorhands," "Batman," "Alice in Wonderland," and "Beetlejuice." whidbeyorchestras.org

**Do an Act of Kindness, Help One Person Smile:** World Smile Day 2022 is Oct. 7. Harvey Ball, who created the iconic "smiley face" in 1963, became concerned decades later over the commercialization of the smiley face. He originally created it to inspire good will and good cheer across the planet. To revitalize the inspiration of kindness and doing something good for others, he created "World Smile Day" in 1999.

Across the nation and around the world, there are campaigns and gatherings on this day to remind us all how we individually can bring a smile to someone else. So, it's your turn to make someone smile. Small kindnesses create great waves. Wear a smile and look for opportunities to pass a bit of happiness onto others. worldsmileday.com

### **HALLOWEEN AND HARVEST EVENTS ON WHIDBEY 2022:**

**The Twisted Barn:** The Roller Barn is hosting its annual haunted house events, which will also include a laser-tag experience and

no-scare matinees. Tickets and schedule information at therollerbarn.com.

**The Haunting of Coupeville:** Coupeville hosts a variety of Halloween and harvest fun throughout Oct. for all ages, including the "Scarey-Crow Trail," a community pumpkin party and more. hauntingofcoupeville.com

**Octoberfest and Plant Sale:** As the gardens start flashing fabulous fall color, enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of Bavaria at Meerkerk Gardens in Greenbank, Saturday, Oct. 8, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Shifty Sailors and accordion player Lori Hansen will be performing on the gazebo stage. Enjoy a bratwurst and purchase a rhododendron at the plant sale. Attending the festival is included with your \$5 adult admission into the gardens. Children under 16 are free. Dogs on leash are welcome. meerkerkgardens.org

**South Whidbey Fire and Rescue:** All ages are invited for a Trunk-or-Treat Saturday, Oct. 22, 5:30 to 8 p.m., at the Bayview Station (5579 Bayview Road, Langley). Costumes are encouraged!

**North Whidbey Fire and Rescue:** A variety of local first responders will be at the Heller Road Fire Station (2720 Heller Road, Oak Harbor) for this event featuring a haunted house, food for purchase and a trunk-or-treat Saturday, Oct. 29, 5 to 7 p.m.

**The Haunted Fort:** Prepare to be scared the Saturdays and Sundays, Oct. 22-23 and 29-30 from 12 to 4 p.m., when Fort Casey State Park and the Keepers of Admiralty Head Lighthouse present "Haunted Fort Casey." The "Fright" portion of the event is suitable for those ages 12-years old and older. There will also be a family-fun area, with games, activities and fun challenges. This is a fundraiser for lighthouse restoration projects. Tickets will be sold on-site (cash or credit), \$5 per person for ages 4 and older. Discover Pass is required for park access. coupeville-chamber.com

**Homemade Fun Ideas:** Spend some time together, making memories with free printables and ideas for the following at playpartyplan.com/halloween-boo:

**"Boo a Neighbor"** – Treat your neighbors to a yummy surprise by leaving treats on their door and encouraging them to pass along an act of friendly Halloween spirit to others. Small buckets, bags or goodie boxes filled with something delicious are fun to create.

**"Cook a Special Treat"** – Whether it's pizza with olive spiders, caramel apples, a hot cocoa bar with lots of delicious toppings, popcorn balls, or a seasonal pie with ice cream, each member of your family can enjoy special "Halloween Food."

**"Play a Game"** – Gathering as a family to play games is a great way to have some laughs, learn something new about each other and have fun, off-screen. Games like Monster Match BINGO, candy/small gift scavenger hunts, and "Truth or Scare" are a Halloween twist on the usual.

**Fall's Fun Events and Cooler-Weather Activities:** "Click whidbeyisland.macaroni-kid.com for a daily calendar of activities and guides to local events, for all ages!"

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# What's Going On

## Shop Out/Dine Out for Coupeville Schools

Thursday, September 22  
Sunshine Drip and Madrona Blossom, Coupeville  
Enjoy a tasty beverage and/or snack at Sunshine Drip, 306 Main St., and then head on down to Madrona Blossom, 13 Front St., for some great gifts and clothing. Each location will donate a portion of the days' sales to the Coupeville Schools Foundation which provides an extra measure of support to students through teacher grants, college scholarships and the Promise Fund.

## Book Release Party

Friday, September 23, 5:00-6:00PM  
Kingfisher Books, Coupeville  
Catered book release party for Jessica Gigot, regional poet and memoirist. A *Little Bit of Land* is a moving memoir about falling in love with a place and all its inhabitants. It will be relished by readers interested in regenerative agriculture and anyone who is curious about what it means to care about the land. Jessica's second book of poems, *Feeding Hour*, won a Nautilus Award and was a finalist for the 2021 Washington State Book Award.

## Django Jam Ride with a Guide Bus Tour

Friday, September 24  
Hop on fare free Island Transit to learn about the life and music of Django Reinhardt at the Freeland Library. Django was a popular Gypsy jazz musician who lived in Paris during WWII. Stories of his fascinating life will be told while his music will be performed outside by Café Impromptu. Then take the bus to Langley and play Transit Trivia on the way. Relax at cafes and coffee shops and hear more Django jazz played by world class musicians in casual collaboration. To RSVP email [travel@islandtransit.org](mailto:travel@islandtransit.org) or call 360-678-9536.

## Whidbey Island Flea Market

Saturday, September 24, 9:00AM-1:00PM  
Greenbank Farm  
More information is available at [whidbeyislandmarkets.com](http://whidbeyislandmarkets.com).

## WAIF Fundraising Event

Saturday, September 24, 11:00AM-2:00PM  
WAIF Thrift Store, Freeland  
Protect your identity and securely dispose of sensitive documents with the professional shredding services of LeMay Mobile Shredding. Cost is \$5 per grocery bag (limit 4 per person) and \$10 per bankers box (limit 3 per person). Event proceeds will help WAIF shelter animals. The WAIF Thrift Store is located at 1660 Roberta Ave.

## Live Music: DuO

Friday, September 30, 7:00-9:00PM  
Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville  
Whidbey Island artists Shannon Kimball and Steven Hatcher (AKA Memphis TennesSteve) have teamed up to bring you their newest project, "DuO." Blending soulful harmonies with laid back, yet grooving guitar work, they have rearranged some classics, left some as they were and have some originals too! They will definitely take you somewhere else yet promise to bring you right back to where you were. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

## Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below  
Cost: Free:

## 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.

## Koala Storytime

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 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, Sept. 27, 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.

## Preschool Storytime with Jay

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 10:00-11:00 AM  
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.

## Walking the Camino: Two Routes Two Perspectives

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 6:00-7:30PM  
Coupeville Library

In 2015, two sisters walked 500 miles across Spain on the Camino de Santiago. This year, one of the sisters returned, this time on the Portuguese route to Santiago. Learn how to plan your journey, where to sleep, what to eat, how to prepare physically and what to bring with you. Through pictures, memories, and practical advice, we will share our experiences, compare the two routes, and perhaps inspire you to embark on a journey of your own!

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# Habitat fundraiser focuses on creative upcycling

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Beauty, it seems, lies not only in the eye of the beholder, but in the imagination as well.

Plenty of imagination has gone into the first ever UpCycle-It auction and luncheon for Habitat for Humanity of Island County. The event will be held Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Center, 51 SE Jerome St., in Oak Harbor. All proceeds from the event benefit the local nonprofit. Tickets are \$45 per person and include a box lunch and the opportunity to bid on the UpCycle-It projects completed for this fundraiser as well as other items. Visit [islandcountyhabitat.org/upcycle-it/](http://islandcountyhabitat.org/upcycle-it/) for tickets. Online voting is open through today, but those attending may also vote on their favorite upcycled item.

This is the first live fundraising event the nonprofit has been able to hold since before the pandemic, and organizers are excited to see it coming together.

"I kept seeing all these upcycling things [on social media] and I'd say, 'Wow, we have something like that in the store,'" said Kathy Blair, resource development director for Habitat of Island County. "So, I thought this was a great way to get the stores involved. People love shopping at our stores and I thought this would be a great way to engage the artistic community and share what Habitat does as well as raise money."

Blair said they started inviting people to participate in the UpCycle-It auction in June and the last day to purchase an item was Aug. 31. When people registered to do a project, they received



Photo Courtesy of Habitat for Humanity Island County

This vanity bench got an upscale makeover from Laura Moore for the UpCycle-It auction and luncheon to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Island County, to be held Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Center in Oak Harbor.



Photo Courtesy of Habitat for Humanity of Island County

The point of the UpCycle-It auction and luncheon is to raise money for Habitat for Humanity of Island County by taking items from one of the organizations two thrift stores and refurbishing them to sell at the auction Saturday. This dresser-turned-console table was upcycled by Greg and Lynn Goebel and is one of about 20 different items featured at this first ever event.

a 25 percent off coupon toward the purchase of the item they upcycled and then returned to Habitat for the auction. The whole thing has come down to participants' creativity.

"Everybody was really excited about it from the get-go," Blair said. "I was shooting for around 20 items and that's pretty close to what's been submitted and are up on the website. And there's a variety of items – some from people that do this type of thing regularly to people who were doing their first project. It runs the gamut.

"One gal turned a 1960s dining chair into a bright green jungle-themed chair that's just adorable," she continued. "One gal took a toy chest and turned it into a Winnie the Pooh theme. Another turned a bench into an under-the-sea theme. Someone used different color broom handles to create a tabletop. There's some really fun stuff and some really classy stuff."

Most of the items created will be part of a silent auction happening at the event, although Blair said they may pull the top vote-getters out and add them to the live auction. Those who created the items that get the most votes will get prizes and bragging rights.

The event itself will be casual, affording those attending the chance to look at the upcycled contributions up close. They will be able to bid in both the silent and live auctions, which includes several "experiences," rather than "stuff."

"There's a sailing experience for 12 on the Schooner SUVA, ziplining on Camano Island, a one-night stay package at Swinomish Casino, and Auntie Jackie from Zanini's Delicatessen will come to someone's home and cook dinner for six," described Blair. "There are quite a few other things as well, a lot of really cool experiences. We're excited about the unique items and experiences. It's different than anything else going on."

Perhaps the most important thing in the spotlight at Saturday's event is Habitat for Humanity's overriding mission to provide affordable housing to Island County residents. Blair said some of the people currently in Habitat's homebuyer program will also be volunteering and speaking at the UpCycle-It event.

"I think a lot of people don't understand this is not necessarily an easy program to get into," she said. "They have to apply, they have to qualify and if they're selected, then they have to do the work. There are classes such as financial management, fire safety, landscaping, plus 250 hours of sweat equity is required for each adult family member. And we have all different kinds of families – a large percentage are single moms but there are two-parent households as well. Quite a few of our families have family members with special needs."

According to Blair, Habitat for Humanity's connection to a home it has built doesn't end with its purchase.

"If a family moves on, we buy the home back from them and flip it," she said. "So it's not just affordable the first time, it stays permanently affordable. We also do critical repairs for low-income homeowners and we just finished accepting applications for a senior citizen home repair program. What we do is multi-faceted. We're actually doing work that is making a big impact."

Blair said she is most looking forward to the homebuyers sharing their stories with those who attend the UpCycle-It auction and luncheon and making that connection with the community.

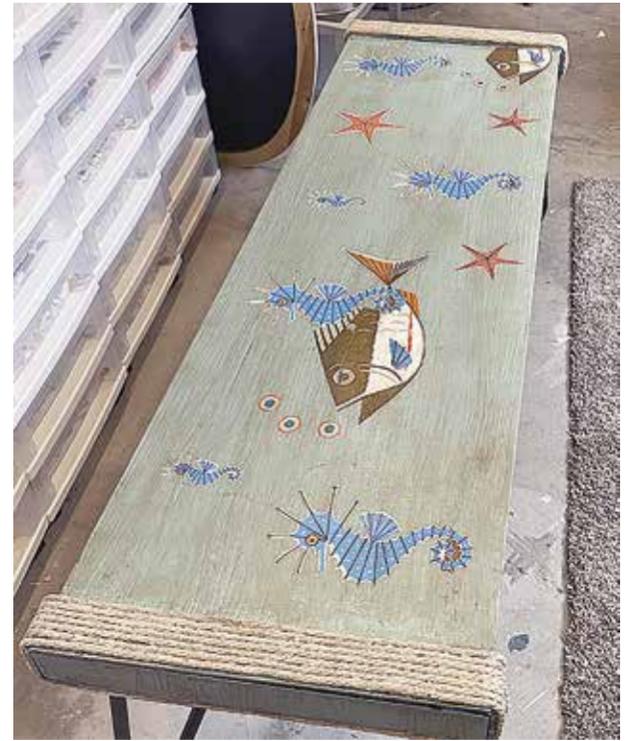


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What used to be a plain wooden bench is now bedecked with colorful sea creatures, thanks to the upcycling work of Sherri Robbins.

"I love for our donors and supporters and the community in general to meet the families," she said. "I hear so many of the families say they feel like maybe there is someone who deserves this more or who is in a worse situation. What is that? That is the most amazing thing to me."

This family-friendly event will include a box lunch from Hagen's and a take-home craft for kids of all ages. Those interested may go online to see the items that have been upcycled for this event, vote for their favorite project, make a donation to Habitat for Humanity of Island County or purchase tickets to the event at [islandcountyhabitat.org/upcycle-it/](http://islandcountyhabitat.org/upcycle-it/).

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permitting process moves forward. While the new location will come with some new expenses, rental income from the apartments will cover those costs. Hughes said Coupeville area residents can rest assured the all-volunteer organization will continue to be a good steward of the money it receives.

"We know we will still count really heavily on the community for food drives," she said. "We will still have that need, but we will also be able to say when someone gives us a dollar, that dollar is going to buy food. We've always worked on a shoestring. We will still be very good stewards of the money given to us.

"I'm excited we have thought of a way to be sustainable, to be able to pay our own way," Hughes continued. "We've come up with a way to have a nice building, give our clients a shopping model and we won't infringe on donors' dollars for food. It's such an exciting package. It's been slow and steady getting here. The community has always been so good to the food bank, and I'm really excited to share this with them and thank them for their support."

To learn more about Gifts from the Heart food bank, visit [giftsfromtheheartfoodbank.com](http://giftsfromtheheartfoodbank.com).

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be willing to listen to arguments concerning zoning at a hearing in September.

"The judge ruled against us; that's just the way that goes," said David Adams, managing partner in Freeland Concerned Citizens LLC. "But the judge did leave a door open. We looked at that and the time frame available in which we could narrow the original lawsuit, but we felt we couldn't do it in that time. So we requested a dismissal without prejudice. The judge granted the dismissal [Sept. 6] and the plaintiffs had 10 days to appeal the ruling and they didn't. So it's over."

But, Adams told *Whidbey Weekly* by phone, in a way it's not over.

"Our concern about LIHI, that's over," he said. "Our concern about the Island County Planning Department and the county commissioners, subsequently, still continues. Are they going to issue permits fairly and properly? If LIHI gets a permit, they get a permit. If Planning issued a permit that's not proper, that's not LIHI's fault, that's the county's fault."

"We're seeing how this moves forward," agreed Gary Wray, with Freeland Concerned Citizens. "We want to make sure laws are followed. The

contract has been signed. Money has changed hands. We can't undo that. But LIHI has a 40-year obligation to the county. If the property is ever not used for transitional housing, that \$1.5 million has to come back to the county."

Adams said while FCC will continue to watch out for zoning issues or other permitting issues, the quarrel with the deal has never been about how LIHI plans to use the former motel.

"From the beginning, this has never been about homeless people being there," he said. "It was about whoever was to be there needs to be there safely. Whatever changes there are to the structure need to be done properly, legally and within code. That has always been the concern from day one. It was nothing personal against LIHI, just, is this going to be done properly?"

Because the case was dismissed without prejudice, it means FCC could file motions in the future. Adams said they still have concerns over a couple of issues.

"Our biggest concern is the issuance of permits and a major concern is the septic system," he said. "There are also health and safety issues that have to be met. If you've got a motel, and I'm not saying it's different or less, but if they're

putting people there 24 hours a day, you've got to make sure the sprinkler system and electrical systems are up to date to handle that additional type of residency."

Adams told *Whidbey Weekly* many people felt county commissioners had rushed the deal through, despite concerns raised by residents.

"Clearly, the county could have done a much better job communicating it, in our opinion, and it gave the appearance of being rushed," he said.

Commissioner Melanie Bacon, however, met with members of the Freeland Chamber of Commerce and hosted a community information meeting about the proposal in addition to talking with people about it at her weekly public "Tea with Melanie" meetings. But in a letter to Freeland chamber members distributed last week, chamber president Chet Ross said while the chamber will not be involved in any litigation concerning Harbor Inn/LIHI, he still had concerns.

"This is a very complicated situation with many arms of nuance," he wrote. "There are issues of lack of public participation, and concerns about the buildings, the age of the buildings

as related to this change of Zoning Land Use, which also requires updating to current fire codes, water hookups/meters per unit, the condition of this approximately 40-year-old septic system, especially given the increase 24/7 occupancy of full time living with kitchens/laundry.

"Our main message, at this time, is that we feel process involving the public did not comply with the Open Public Meetings Act regulations, nor with Island County's Land Use Zoning Regulations, nor with substantial health and safety issues of fire codes and septic capacity and regulations," Ross concluded.

The letter did say the chamber may consider seeking donations from business members and the community in the future to cover attorney work, but nothing specific was mentioned.

Members of Freeland Concerned Citizens LLC plan to keep a close watch.

"We're going to watch our county officials, who are responsible to the taxpayers, to see what they do," Adams said. "It doesn't matter who it is, the question is whether that is going to be redeveloped properly and is it going to conform to the standards everyone else is required to meet?"





# Recipe of the Week

## SPICY CHICKEN FIRES UP DINNER TIME

Chicken is a versatile protein that can take center stage on any table. There are scores of ways to prepare chicken, and this recipe for "Pollo Harissa" is seasoned with a fiery, spicy mix that is truly aromatic. Enjoy it, courtesy of "España: Exploring the Flavors of Spain" (Gibbs Smith) by James Campbell Caruso.

### POLLO HARISSA (ROASTED HARISSA CHICKEN WITH COUSCOUS) Serves 4

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| 1 whole roasting chicken, rinsed | Salt                 |
| 1 lemon, cut into 4 pieces       | 2 cups couscous      |
| 6 cloves garlic                  | 3 cups chicken stock |
| Harissa (see below)              |                      |

Heat the oven to 375°F. Fill chicken cavity with lemon pieces and garlic. Rub the chicken generously with harissa. Sprinkle with salt.

Put the couscous and chicken stock in an oven-safe baking dish. Place the dressed chicken on top. Bake covered for 45 minutes. Remove the cover and bake for another 15 minutes, until chicken is cooked through. Serve with a tossed mix of cucumber, cilantro, lemon juice, and oil.

### HARISSA

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| 1 tablespoon coriander seed     | 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil              |
| 1 tablespoon caraway seed       | 1 tablespoon sugar                          |
| 1 teaspoon cumin seed           | 2 tablespoons crushed New Mexico red chiles |
| 4 large cloves garlic, unpeeled | Salt and pepper to taste                    |
| 4 large red bell peppers        |   |

Stir coriander, caraway and cumin in a small skillet over medium-high heat until aromatic, about 30 seconds. Transfer to a food processor. Cook garlic in the same skillet, covered, over medium-low heat until tender, about 10 minutes, turning occasionally. Let garlic cool, then peel it and add to processor. Char bell peppers over a gas flame or in a broiler until blackened on all sides. Enclose in a paper bag; let stand 10 minutes. Peel, seed, and coarsely chop peppers. Add peppers, oil, sugar, and crushed red pepper to processor. Puree. Season with salt and pepper.



## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

### ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Teaching what you know to others is a continuous theme for you this week, Aries. You want to impart wisdom any way that you can and you'll have the opportunity to do so.

### TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you'll finally gain greater control over your thoughts this week when someone close to you helps you see the bigger picture. Now you can focus on important things.

### GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Your love life may seem confusing this week, Gemini. It may wax and wane from fevered passion to apathy. Rough patches are not unusual and you need to see this through.

### CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, a change in routine is necessary. Lately you may have been feeling overwhelmed by responsibilities, so take time to figure out what you need to do.

### LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

A turning point in your love life may come this week, Leo. It may hit you in a most unexpected way. Even a relatively simple gesture may sway your feelings.

### VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, your social circle could open up this week and expand your prospects even further. Use the new connections to get out of the house more than ever before.

### LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

An unexpected financial windfall could come your way this week, Libra. While it could be tempting to spend all this extra money right away, save some for a rainy day.

### SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Your desire for excitement could lead you on a wild goose chase, Scorpio. You may find that it's not excitement you need, just a change of scenery. Book a trip.

### SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, this week you may find that one day you are calm and collected, and the next you are all riled up. Find a balance between them both to get through the days.

### CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, though making sudden changes in your life seems like a good idea, it's best to take some time mulling things over before you dive into any new situations.

### AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Even the best plans can use a little tweaking from time to time. Go with the flow, Aquarius. Enjoy this more laid back approach and consider taking it more often.

### PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, a professional change will happen soon. All that hard work you have been putting in is sure to pay off in the weeks ahead.



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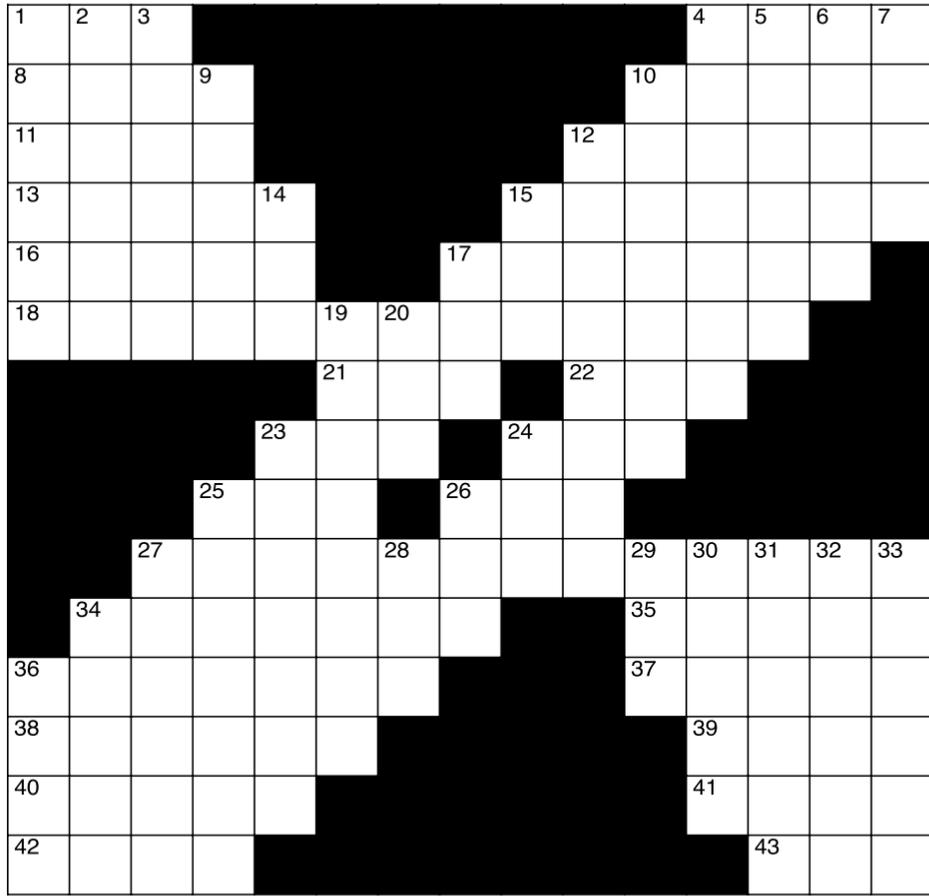
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# Crossword Puzzle



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Autonomic nervous system
- 4. Kids love it in summer
- 8. Dashes
- 10. Polynesian sarong
- 11. Chapter of the Koran
- 12. Evildoer
- 13. Japanese commercial city
- 15. A way of binding
- 16. Early Christianity French historian
- 17. Kids' term for bugs
- 18. Beloved family holiday activity
- 21. Work unit
- 22. Bundle
- 23. A number or amount not specified
- 24. Military official (abbr.)
- 25. Queens ballplayer
- 26. Type of gibbon
- 27. Norma Jean's stage name

34. Places

- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Argued publicly
- 37. Having the shape of a cube
- 38. They star at weddings
- 39. Indian god associated with reproduction
- 40. Ocean sunfishes
- 41. Slowly leak through
- 42. Plant part
- 43. Midway between south and southeast

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Accumulate on the surface of
- 2. Not a good feeling
- 3. Got smaller
- 4. Helped a golfer get around
- 5. Military forces
- 6. Partner to ways
- 7. Low, one-horse sleigh
- 9. Japanese seaport
- 10. Inclined to favor

12. Avid reader

- 14. Lead singer of Heart
- 15. Pigeon sound
- 17. Vital part
- 19. People who are not Jewish
- 20. Shed tears
- 23. Pokes holes in the ground
- 24. Beverage receptacle
- 25. Stone used to surface roads
- 26. French-Belgian river
- 27. Type of phone
- 28. Long-lasting light bulb
- 29. Type of medication (abbr.)
- 30. German city
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. They're in martinis
- 33. Get away from
- 34. Dormouse
- 36. Database management system

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# OUR Community

## An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Helen will be unavailable for a few weeks. Our Community will return at a later date.



**TUESDAY, AUG. 16**  
**1:12 am, SR 525**

Reporting party advising was sleeping in front of store and an animal attacked him; no medical, but needs a ride home. Subject is waiting at the four-way stop.

**4:57 pm, Vinton Ave.**

Caller advising vehicles gone through overnight; rifled through; not sure anything valuable is missing, just marijuana.

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17**

**4 am, Nubian Way**

Advising someone is flying a drone on reporting party's private property; caller is insulting to call-taker.

**9:46 am, Nubian Way**

Drones in the air, his vehicle was vandalized and he would like to indict call-taker; requesting response for a police report.

**11:53 am, Worthy Pl.**

Reporting party states someone is going onto their property and cutting their plants; states doesn't look like animals are doing it. No one there now, states it happens during the night.

**1:53 pm, Beachwood Dr.**

Reporting party advising a mobile home came by her house and it was rumbling; Re-calling, same thing; now advising there may be a tree in the road; couldn't get any further information as she was more concerned that we were using the "F word."

**4:10 pm, Columbia Beach Dr.**

Reporting party advising shooting off canon.

**9:30 pm, SR 525**

Reporting party is third party; states one male harassing another male; "I saw you earlier today with your dick in your hand in front of a little girl."

**THURSDAY, AUG. 18**

**9:10 pm, Ridgeview Dr.**

Caller states female is outside in roadway talking loudly on her cell phone; appears

strange; female has been walking up and down the road slowly.

**FRIDAY, AUG. 19**  
**8:23 am, Susana Dr.**

Reporting party states person trespassed on property and killed reporting party's trees. States property is past the road closed sign; go through the barrier and it is on the right. Noticed yesterday, but reporting party hasn't been there for two weeks.

**9:33 am, Goss Lake Rd.**

Reporting party states she is about to flip out. Persons are on meth and she is tired of their mouth; states law enforcement needs to make this stop. States it is the same problem she always reports that no one does anything about. Requesting it be handled today.

**10:13 pm, Thomas Ln.**

Caller states saw a strange, long string of lights in the sky; reporting party thinks it is a UFO and not the Northern Lights; states "I have not seen anything like this in my life."

**SATURDAY, AUG. 20**  
**2:46 pm, Carl Ave.**

Caller advising neighbor is out riding bike and yelling at people; "riding up drive-ways;" "yelling at people to get off his property while being on their property."

**5:30 pm, Hunt Rd.**

Advising "four large, clumsy pigs walking in middle of the road;" advising now walking down driveway at Hunt Road.

**SUNDAY, AUG. 21**  
**9:30 am, Jones Rd.**

Reporting party advising of male in their yard grabbing their chickens and yelling at them to stop moving; white male, balding, no weapons seen; male now "calling for back up."

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

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

Thurs, Sept. 22	Fri, Sept. 23	Sat, Sept. 24	Sun, Sept. 25	Mon, Sept. 26	Tues, Sept. 27	Wed, Sept. 28
North Isle H-67°/L-52° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-63°/L-50° Cloudy with AM Showers	North Isle H-60°/L-47° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-65°/L-52° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-67°/L-53° Sunny	North Isle H-65°/L-52° Mostly Sunny	North Isle H-64°/L-49° Clouds and Sunshine
South Isle H-67°/L-53° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-62°/L-50° Cloudy with AM Showers	South Isle H-64°/L-50° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-69°/L-52° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-72°/L-56° Sunny	South Isle H-69°/L-54° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-67°/L-50° Mostly Cloudy

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**GARAGE/ESTATE SALES**

**BARN Sale:** Saturday, Oct. 1 & Sunday, Oct. 2, 10am-4pm, 431 Parker Rd, Coupeville. Sold our house and we're moving. Barn filled to rafters. Everything must go: tools (hand and power), camping gear, dark room equipment, lathe, roll cabs, loads more! Bring your trailer. Please no early birds & no checks.

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