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Deception (1946) - The Art of Music
Saturday Jan 14, 1:00 PM

Concert **The Art of the Score**
Saturday Jan 14, 3:30 PM

An American in Paris (1951) - The Art of Dance
Saturday Jan 14, 7:00 PM

Big Night (1996) - The Art of Cooking
Sunday Jan 15, 1:00 PM

Pass Holder Event "**PRIMA does PRIMO**" - 3:15 PM

The Train (1965)
Sunday Jan 15, 7:00 PM

The Art of the Score

James Hinkley with Sheila Weidendorf and Gloria Ferry-Brennan



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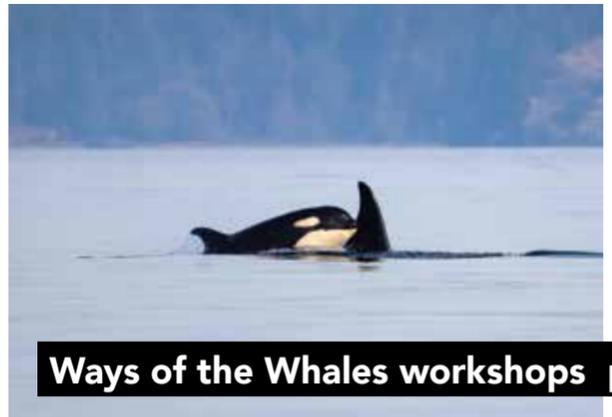
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Film festival examines the art of...

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

There is an art to filmmaking, yes, but films that examine the art of several different aspects of life have been brought together for the sixth annual Whidbey Island Film Festival, now underway at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley. The festival opened Wednesday and runs through Sunday, so there are plenty of classic films and events still to come. A few festival passes still remained as of press time, but tickets to individual movies and events are still available. (whidbeyislandfilmfestival.org)

From the art of burlesque to the art of cooking, this year's festival represents a unique collection of films that take a closer look at those aspects of life that may indeed represent art.

"This entire season of programming was centered on spotlighting the fact that art matters," explained Deana Duncan, WICA's executive artistic director. "As it became clear that the films were going to highlight varied forms of artistic expression, I jokingly said, 'Let's call the festival 'The Art of ...,' and we ended up really liking the theme."



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Film Festival
Organizers say the Whidbey Island Film Festival has one of its most varied lineup of films this year, all examining a particular artistic aspect of life. For instance, the film "Gypsy," shown Wednesday evening, highlights the art of burlesque.

"This theme speaks to something I really believe, there is art in and around everything, we just need to take the time to see it," she continued. "This theme created so many possible choices and, in the end, we have one of the most varied festivals in our history."

James Hinkley curated the list of movies for this year's festival, which he said was no easy feat.

"I think we had over a dozen different choices on the 'short' list, including painting, poetry, architecture, acting, etc.," he described. "Whittling it down to just seven was very difficult!"

The Whidbey Island Film Festival offers Whidbey audiences a unique opportunity. This year's collection of films spans 50 years, from 1946's "Deception," starring Bette Davis and Claude Rains to 1996's "Big Night," with Stanley Tucci and Tony Shalhoub.

"It's rare to see these films on the big screen and to share the experience with others," Duncan said. "It's a real joy to see these stellar artists – actors, directors, designers – work come to life again."

"I think the two main take-aways from the festival are the great diversity in the arts represented and also the way each film demonstrates the significant impact of art on all of our lives," said Hinkley. "WIFF's closing film, 'The Train,' is a testament to just how vital the arts are to people, and to what lengths they can go to in preserving and protecting it."

As always, there is more to the Whidbey Island Film Festival than watching movies – it's all about the experience.

"We try, in a small way, to give people a taste of what it might have been like to experience the thrill and hub-bub of a film premiere in the Golden Age of Hollywood," said Hinkley. "There will be a Red Carpet opening for pass holders and also a fun Oscar photo op for audience members to get their picture taken, just like a movie star."

"WICA is dedicated to creating experiences alongside the art; from fresh, hot, buttered popcorn, a red carpet and champagne opening reception, and conference panel discussions, you'll be immersed in Island County's only film festival," Duncan said.

Of course, part of seeing the films is learning more about them.



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Film Festival
This year's Whidbey Island Film Festival examines the art of several things, including the art of filmmaking, showcased in the movie "Cinema Paradiso," which will be shown Friday evening at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley.

"We are thrilled to announce that Washington State Film Commissioner Amy Lillard and Seattle International Film Festival Artistic Director Beth Barrett will be here on Friday night," Duncan shared. "They will be speaking about the importance of film and film festivals at 6:30 and then introducing the film that night, 'Cinema Paradiso.'"

chase passes or tickets, visit whidbeyislandfilmfestival.org or go to wicaonline.org.

"This is a high caliber and diverse line up of films," said Duncan. "Every day will be different and the more films you see, the more of a film expert you will become."



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Film Festival
"An American in Paris" is the perfect film to highlight the art of dance, as the sixth annual Whidbey Island Film Festival takes on "The Art of..." as its theme. The festival is currently underway at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley and runs through Sunday.

Another unique event this year fits perfectly with Saturday's film offerings, "Deception," which is all about the art of music and "An American in Paris," about the art of dance. Three local musicians will share "The Art of the Score."

"It is primarily a concert showcasing some of the music from each of the featured films and demonstrating just how integral a part of the art of filmmaking music has become," described Hinkley.

According to Duncan, Hinkley was the driving force behind the concert.

"This stunning idea came from local musician James Hinkley, who not only hired world class local artists Sheila Weidendorf and Gloria Ferry Brennan, but found the music, wrote/composed needed sections and has rehearsed and curated the entire concert," she said. "This will be a once-in-a-lifetime event."

There are a few notable changes to this year's festival. COVID restrictions the past couple of years reduced the length of WIFF from two weeks to just one, which organizers have stuck with for the time being. WICA is still choosing to stay at half capacity while COVID numbers fluctuate, according to Duncan.

There is also no film shorts category this year, but Duncan said they hope to bring it back for next year's festival. A student film showcase could still be coming later in the year as well.

To see a full film festival schedule or to pur-



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Film Festival
A special concert highlighting the "Art of the Score" is a Whidbey Island Film Festival highlight Saturday. Local musicians James Hinkley, Sheila Weidendorf and Gloria Ferry-Brennan will share works by Korngold, Chopin and Gershwin, to name a few.



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Dialing heard, then male came on line and said, "I was trying to dial 9 to call out;" disconnected when asked questions.

1:16 pm, Monroe Landing Rd.

Advising a random person just walked into yard and asked for cigarette then looked in mailboxes; shaggy brown hair, raggedy clothing – leather jacket, camouflage pants.

9:04 pm, East Harbor Rd.

Ongoing noise issue; a solar fence that beeps nonstop on Ander Park Road; caller advising people live there part time, doesn't know if they are there.

9:08 pm, Maxwelton Rd.

Reporting party advising daughter left her vehicle unlocked at school; when reporting party's kids got in the vehicle, there was feces on the passenger floorboard. Occurred at 2:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14

12:13 pm, S Main St.

Advising male subject "being belligerent;" made aggressive comments and cussed at employee. Subject is now walking north on Main Street.

5:23 pm, Dewey Dr.

Reporting party is a family member of subject; trying to get ahold of him to pass on a Christmas card from another family member. Requesting call.

11:32 pm, Coles Rd.

Pickup truck with canopy sped by and reporting party's vehicle windows are now smashed; thinks driver threw something. Reporting party drove out to try and see which direction vehicle left.

THURSDAY, DEC. 15

2:04 pm, Hideaway Ln.

Having issues with male who couch crashes at location; reporting party says when she is gone from house, subject goes through her stuff.

FRIDAY, DEC. 16

5:39 pm, Ridgewood Dr.

Advising porch light flickering like someone is intentionally doing this; requesting check. Concerned someone maybe inside and flashing it. Caller just keeps saying it's weird and she has a weird feeling.

8:15 pm, Little Acres Dr.

Reporting party advising just moved in; has been hearing scuffling downstairs while she is upstairs; fiancé came home and told her back door was wide open.

8:16 pm, Big Harvs Ln.

Female voice said "36, I can't hear you very well," then hung up. On redial, female states "Stop yelling at me," was told the call-taker was talking louder so the reporting party could hear the call-taker.

11:09 pm, Noisy Cir.

Reporting party advising there is a hostile neighbor; reporting party advising subject was walking his dog down private street and reporting party asked subject very politely if he lived on the street.

SATURDAY, DEC. 17

2:18 am, Nubian Way

Male on the line saying a lot of things very quickly; talking about washing his dog's private parts and someone stabbing

its eyes, then talking about pirate radio; talking about going to jail and being beaten; told ICOM they were not 9-1-1 and that "actually your granddaughter is getting dismembered."

12:23 pm, Maxwelton Rd.

"You're gonna think I'm crazy;" caller rambling about her husband bugging her phone and her house is "gonna explode;" "the technology at my house is gonna shut down;" "I've been narcissistically abused by him for years."

6:31 pm, Admirals Dr.

Requesting call; reporting party wants to take daughter's phone away and daughter says reporting party can't legally do that.

SUNDAY, DEC. 18

12:26 pm, N Main St.

Advising subject walked out of emergency room with IV still in; requesting he be returned to give equipment back; walked away about five minutes ago.

3:43 pm, Ault Field Rd.

Advising a hospital grade machine is draining reporting party's blood; advising it is happening now, a hospital grade radiation machine.

MONDAY, DEC. 19

1:54 pm, Sunset Dr.

Advising subjects are smoking in a non-smoking building; requesting phone call; reporting party has spoken to occupants and it has not stopped.

2:24 pm, SR 20

Reporting party advising someone unplugged light in well house and pump is now frozen; thinks it was intentional; fully unplugged. Occurred last night.

TUESDAY, DEC. 20

2:07 pm, Nubian Way

Male on the line swearing, talking about the devil and the Bible; a pirate felony with a premeditated murder.

3:39 pm, SR 20

Advising of ongoing issue with someone who vandalizes poultry nets; unknown suspect information; requesting call.

4:19 pm, Storkson Dr.

Reporting party advising employee at location is screaming at her and being an asshole.

7:15 pm, Aquila Dr.

Caller advising found pot bellied pig loose three hours ago; got her into house 30 minutes ago; says she is recently pregnant; posted on Facebook, tried to contact locals who might know; doesn't know what to do with it.

8:10 pm, Spyglass Dr.

Reporting party accidentally dialed; did not verify information because caller did not believe call-taker was a 9-1-1 dispatcher; ICOM advising caller could disconnect and recall 9-1-1 to have the call-taker answer again. Caller refused to acknowledge she had even called 9-1-1.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21

1:09 pm, Stoney Beach Ln.

Reporting party advising was approached by a neighbor while on a walk; was called a "f*** face;" advising this is an ongoing issue.

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

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Bits & Pieces

Ways of Whales Workshop Takes a Deep Dive on Southern Resident Orcas

The Ways of Whales Workshop returns to the Coupeville High School Performing Arts Center Saturday. Host organization Orca Network is excited to welcome participants back to an in-person event, with a virtual option for those who are unable to travel or prefer to attend online.

The event features keynote speaker Dr. John Ford, Research Scientist Emeritus of Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans Cetacean Research Program and one of the pioneers of orca research in the Pacific Northwest. Dr. Ford discovered and documented acoustic dialects in orcas of the west coast of British Columbia in the 1980s, and headed the Cetacean Research Program at the Pacific Biological Station from 2001-2017. Dr. Ford will speak about orca culture.

The latest Southern Resident orca research will be included in a panel of experts including Deborah Giles from Wild Orca, Monika Wieland Shields from Orca Behavior Institute, Michael Weiss from the Center for Whale Research, Joe Gaydos from the SeaDoc Society, Kim Parsons from NOAA Fisheries, and Linda Rhodes formerly from NOAA Fisheries. Panelists will cover orca genetics, habitat use, social interactions and prey sharing, and programs that use skin, breath and fecal samples to analyze the whales' health.

Additional topics include an update on efforts to return Lolita/Tokitae/Sk'aliCh'elhtenaut to the Salish Sea, with Howard Garrett of Orca Network and Ellie Kinley of the Lummi Nation; and a presentation about bowhead whales by Kate Stafford of Oregon State University.

In addition to great informational presentations, the event will include a gift shop pop-up from the Langley Whale Center, a Learning Lobby, where many of Orca Network's Pod Partners will host displays and activities, and the popular silent auction.

Registration is \$40, or \$30 for seniors and students. A delicious hot lunch from the Connected Food Program is available for an additional \$20. Registration and more information available at www.orcanetwork.org/events.

Teacher clock hours are available through The Heritage Institute. Limited scholarships are available to keep this event accessible and inclusive.

Please contact Orca Network with any questions at cindy@orcanetwork.org or 360-223-5666.

[Submitted by Stephanie Raymond, Orca Network]

The 2023 Ebey's Forever Grant Cycle is Now Open

The Ebey's Forever Grant is for historic structures located within the boundaries of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve and the Central Whidbey Historic District. Eligible work includes (but not limited to), repair and replacement of roofs, foundations, sills, walls, structural framework, chimneys, building systems (if tied to preservation need), trim, windows and doors; work that preserves or restores historic materials and character-defining features, and facilitates the continued use of the building.

Funding for the Ebey's Forever Grant program has been raised by the Friends of Ebey's. Over \$1.8 million has been granted and matched by owners of historic structures throughout the reserve. A total of 84 projects have received grants, including 18 in historic downtown Coupeville. Projects include barns and outbuildings, private historic homes, and historic storefronts along Front Street in Coupeville.

To help you with the application process, and to answer any question regarding the grant program, there will be an Ebey's Forever Grant Workshop Thursday, Jan. 19, 10:30AM, at the Coupeville Rec Hall.

Please contact the trust board office for more information and to schedule a site visit. Applications for the grant are due Feb. 28 by 5:00PM at the trust board office.

[Submitted by Trust Board of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve]

New Year New Workshops: Goosefoot Offers Hybrid Business Workshops

The new year is a great time to reevaluate your business, grow your skills, or finally get started on that new idea, and Goosefoot is here to support small businesses.

Goosefoot business workshops are free and open to all. Classes are offered simultaneously online from the safety of home and in person in the Front Room meeting space of the Bayview Cash Store.

"When it was time to create a website and a business plan, what I learned in [Goosefoot's workshops] put me far ahead of others," said workshop participant Shannon Walker. "The workshops have been a valuable resource for an older woman in a new and unfamiliar career phase."

All workshops are free and led by Sami Postma, education and events coordinator, Goosefoot, unless otherwise noted. Learn more and register at goosefoot.org/workshops.

[Submitted by Sami Postma, Education and Events Coordinator, Goosefoot]

Central Whidbey Hearts & Hammers 2023 Community Dinner

Finally, after a two-year pause, Central Whidbey Hearts & Hammers is delighted to host its annual Community Dinner, Friday, Jan. 27, from 5:30 to 7:30PM, at the Coupeville Rec Hall. Everyone in the community is invited – bring family and friends.

This dinner is an opportunity to meet your neighbors and share in central Whidbey's community spirit. Everyone is welcome for a delicious meal with the cost of the dinner covered by donations.

Central Whidbey Hearts & Hammers is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization with a mission to keep homeowners safe in their homes, "neighbors helping neighbors." Volunteers help homeowners within the Coupeville School District who own their own home and are physically or financially challenged with maintenance or repair projects that affect their health or safety. Although the organization prioritizes resolving health and safety issues, it accepts many types of maintenance and repair projects. Please refer to the homeowner page on the Central Whidbey Hearts & Hammers website (www.cwheartsandhammers.org) for more information and to make a request.

The annual workday, this year May 6, is a free, one-day work blitz, tackling all kinds of projects. If you know someone who would like to be a new volunteer, please have them go to the volunteer page of the website and sign up.

For more information, email cwheartsandhammers@gmail.com, visit www.cwheartsandhammers.org or call 360-720-2114.

[Submitted by Kathleen Jo Ryan, Board Member, CWH&H]

Coupeville Festival Association Grant Awards



Leslie Franzen and Sherry Southard receiving a check for the Coupeville Library Childrens Activities.

The Coupeville Festival Association held its annual meeting and grant awards Jan. 9 at the Pacific NorthWest Art School. This was the largest awards ceremony in the festival's history, totaling almost \$40,000 in

The Most Overlooked Birds in North America: Females



Joanna Wu

Female birds are typically more drab and more inconspicuous than males, leading over time to an unconscious bias towards male birds in birdwatching, photography and even in general ornithological knowledge. Whidbey Audubon Society is hosting researcher Joanna Wu for its monthly program meeting Thursday. Wu explores the history of male bird focus, female vocalizations, conservation implications of overlooking female birds and female bird identification tips.

Joanna Wu is a PhD student studying female birds in ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of California Los Angeles. She previously worked at National Audubon Society and is a member of the Galbatross Project, a group of birders, scientists, writers and conservationists who are passionate about spreading awareness about female birds.

Whidbey Audubon Society programs are free and open to all. The event is online and attendees must register on the Whidbey Audubon website at whidbeyaudubonsociety.org. A Zoom link will be sent to those who have registered. There is a brief meeting and socializing at 7:00PM and the program begins at 7:30PM.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, Whidbey Audubon Publicity Chair]



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The Coupeville Festival Association raises funds to financially fulfill project grants submitted by local organizations. Grant requests are evaluated on how well they meet CFA goals while enhancing the offerings of the requesting organization's programs, not for regular operational expenses (staff, rent, etc).

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For further information or to volunteer, please contact Deborah O'Brien at cfaboardpresident@gmail.com or 360-320-2284.

[Submitted by Deborah O'Brien, President, Coupeville Festival Association]

Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra Presents "Passions of Paris"

Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra presents *Passions of Paris*, a set of programs Jan. 28, 2:00PM at First Reformed Church in Oak Harbor and Jan. 29, 2:00PM at Island Church in Langley.

Music Director Anna Edwards and special guest, Tekla Cunningham, will lead the musicians of the orchestra in a program of French Baroque masters including Joseph Bologne, Jean-Baptiste Lully and one of this country's most prolific postmodern composers, Adolphus Hailstork.

Tekla Cunningham, baroque violinist and founder of Whidbey Island Music Festival, will perform Joseph Bologne's *Violin Concerto, Op. 7 No.1*. Joseph Bologne Chevalier de Saint-Georges was the son of an enslaved Senegalese woman and a French plantation owner. He was a contemporary of Mozart and Haydn, a champion fencer and music instructor of Marie Antoinette. In recent years, a revival of Bologne's music has sparked an interest in his incredible life story, including an upcoming theatrical film release, *Chevalier*, in April.

Jean-Baptiste Lully is often considered the master of French Baroque music and composer of many popular operas and music for ballet and theater. He may be most notably known as the conductor who died as the result of a workplace accident. If you would like to learn more about these composers and their music, Marta Zekan, Saratoga Orchestra's "storyteller-in-residence" and former classical radio host, will be weaving insightful commentary throughout the program.

General admission concert tickets are \$30/adult and \$25/seniors (65+) and military. Students 17 and under are admitted free. Tickets are available at Click Music in Oak Harbor, Bayleaf in Coupeville, and Moonraker Books and Blue Sound Music in Langley. Online tickets and further information at www.sowhidbey.com or 360-929-3045.

[Submitted by Larry Heidel, Executive Director, Saratoga Orchestra]

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Wednesday, January 18

SVC Women's Basketball @ Peninsula - 5pm

Wednesday, January 18

SVC Men's Basketball @ Peninsula - 7pm

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New Year Brings New Leadership to Civility First

As 2023 begins, Civility First... So We Can Work Together is pleased to welcome a new board [resident and two new board members.

Founding board member Sandi Peterson stepped up to fill the role of board president when Kate Bracy left the board to devote herself to her writing career.

Peterson is a former Oak Harbor Planning commissioner and the current chair of the Oak Harbor Civil Service Commission. She is also former chair of the Island County Republican Party and current president of the Republican Women of North Whidbey. "I grew up in a family of Democrats," she said. "Having spent a good part of my life having conversations with people of opposing views, I know full well civil discussions about policy are possible." She plans to focus on expanding the organization's outreach and fundraising.

The two new board members are Andy Cook, an audio engineer and executive at an electronic design firm, and State Senator Ron Muzzall (R, 10th Legislative District). Cook brings a range of technical and other expertise to the organization. "I believe honest engagement, true empathy and a willingness to understand are the most effective ways to foster a sense of community – even when ideologies are different. I'm excited to be part of this organization," said Cook.

Muzzall has worked with Civility First in the past, most recently in a discussion about civility in partisan politics. He is the ranking member on Agriculture and Natural Resources and the deputy ranking member of the state senate's Health and Long-Term Care Committee, where he works closely with his democratic colleague, State Sen. Annette Cleveland, who chairs the committee. "I believe civility is the antidote to the toxic divisions and tribalism we are currently seeing in our society. Civility First does an excellent job of training people to be good listeners and good speakers – skills we very much need right now," said Muzzall.

[Submitted by Celia Schorr, Civility First... So We Can Work Together]

ICRP Endorses Harmeet Dhillon for Republican National Committee Chair

The Island County Republican Party Central Committee voted unanimously Jan. 7, to endorse Harmeet Dhillon for the position of Republican National Committee Chair.

In addition, the Central Committee voted unanimously to put forth a resolution directing the Washington State Republican Party National Committee Members to vote for Harmeet Dhillon for the position of chair.

"After poor results in 2020 and 2022 elections, the Central Committee feels strongly it is time for a change at the top," said Timothy Hazelo, ICRP chair.

The ICRP will have three members of the executive board present at the upcoming Washington State Republican Party Committee meeting in Moses Lake, Jan. 21, where WSRP leadership will be voted on, which will ultimately impact the Republican National Committee elections.

[Submitted by Timothy S Hazelo, Chairman ICRP]

Whidbey Community Foundation Becomes Imagination Library Affiliate in Island County

Whidbey Community Foundation is excited to announce it is now a Dolly Parton's Imagination Library affiliate. All families with children ages 0-5 on Whidbey Island are now able to register and begin receiving a free book for their child every month, mailed directly to their home

until the child's fifth birthday. Families can enroll online by visiting www.whidbeyfoundation.org.

"Whidbey Community Foundation is thrilled to partner with The Dollywood Foundation to bring the Imagination Library to Whidbey Island! We are deeply committed to the well-being of young children and their families, and a program like this to bring free, high-quality books into the hands of all young children in our community is cause for celebration as we enter the new year. Thank you to our state legislators for your commitment to Washington's children and to the Imagination Library of Washington for your support in this expansion effort. Happy reading!" said Jessie Gunn, executive director of the Whidbey Community Foundation.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library mails high quality, age-appropriate books each month to children from birth to five years old, at no cost to the family. This early literacy program is proven to achieve equitable access to books, increase school readiness, foster a love of reading and books, and improve family engagement. Dolly's inspiration behind creating the Imagination Library in 1995 in her home state of Tennessee can be attributed to her father and his inability to read. Inspiring kids to love to read became her mission and to date, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has gifted over 195 million books to children in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia and the Republic of Ireland.

Whidbey Community Foundation joins current program affiliate, Stanwood-Camano Rotary Club, who is serving 750 children to date, in providing access to all children ages 0-5 in Island County. In total, over 4,600 children under the age of five are eligible for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Island County.

For more information, please visit www.imaginationlibrary.com or www.whidbeyfoundation.org.

[Submitted by Whidbey Community Foundation]

Local Business News

Cascadia Eye Hires New Optometrist

Cascadia Eye introduces Roy Gordon, OD, who will begin seeing patients in the Coupeville clinic starting in February.

Dr. Gordon joins Cascadia Eye with specialty training in ocular disease, post-operative care and contact lens fittings. He received his optometry degree from the University of Missouri St. Louis, and has affiliations with the Optometric Physicians of Washington and the American Optometric Association.

Dr. Gordon has been in private practice as an optometrist on Whidbey Island since 2012. He is passionate about providing great service to his patients and his community.

In his words, "I consider myself fortunate to belong to the Whidbey Island community and provide eye care to those who live and work here as well. Optometry is a dynamic profession that is constantly evolving, but it's the ability to support each patient in a primary healthcare setting I find the most invigorating."

Originally from Dayton, Ohio, Dr. Gordon enjoys running, camping and exploring the Pacific Northwest and Canada. He is married to his wife, Nicole, who is a native Whidbey Islander. Together they stay busy parenting their son and Bernedoodle.

Cascadia Eye is dedicated to providing the highest quality of personal eye care, the best proven technology, and the most comprehensive coverage for your vision. With award-winning doctors, a fully-accredited eye surgery center and five beautiful clinics, Cascadia Eye provides complete eye care for every aspect of your vision health. If you would like more information, or if you would like to schedule a consultation, please contact Cascadia Eye at www.cascadiaeye.com or 360-424-2020.



What's Going On

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

Live Music: Sea Shanty Pub Songs with Johann

Friday, January 13, 7:00PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland

Join us for Sea Shanty and Pub songs lead by Johann. Learn the tunes and belt away! No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Forest Walks

Saturdays, starting January 14, 1:00PM
2-miles roundtrip

Join park staff for a walk through Hoypus Forest's old growth forest! The walk is roughly two miles round trip with less than 300 feet elevation gain. Surface includes an old road and dirt trail. Expect the hike to take 1.5 hours with a 15-minute return walk. This hike is not ADA. Learn more and register now at <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/parks-Deception-PassTours@parks.wa.gov/bookings/s/EzxBAr9sske2Mmy9UsMhpA2>.

Live Music: Sea Shanty Pub Songs with Johann

Friday, January 20, 7:00PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Oak Harbor

Join us for Sea Shanty and Pub songs lead by Johann. Learn the tunes and belt away! No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

TAKE3 in Concert

Friday, January 20, 7:30PM
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley

Known for their infectious and down to earth onstage personalities, this group leaves their indelible mark on captivated crowds around the country, performing their arrangements of top pop hits, Americana, oldies, and everything in between. For tickets or more information, contact the Box Office at 360-221-8268 or wica@wicaonline.org.

Nancy Nolan in Concert

Saturday, January 21, 7:30PM
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley

International performing artist and island treasure, Nancy Nolan, in concert with brilliant improvisational jazz pianist/melodica, Steve Christofferson, accomplished versatile bassist, Keegan Harshman, and award winning, ultimate drummer/percussionist Mickey Grimm. For tickets or more information, contact the Box Office at 360-221-8268 or wica@wicaonline.org.

Book Lovers Bus Tour

Friday, January 27
Ride with a Guide on fare-free Island Transit to three libraries and three bookstores in Langley, Freeland and Coupeville. Meet a local author on the way. Take home books, music and movies. Play Transit Trivia and win prizes on the way. To get details and reserve your seat call 360-678-9536 or email Travel@IslandTransit.org.

3rd Annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner

Saturday January 28, see times below
Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge, Coupeville
The menu is lutefisk with your choice of topping (butter, white sauce and/or bacon bits), potatoes, meatballs in gravy, peas and carrots, coleslaw, pickled herring, lefse, and riskrem. The serving times are

noon, 2:00 and 4:00PM. Tickets for this event are available online at whidbeyislandnordiclodge.com and inquires may be made at whidbeyislandnordiclodge@gmail.com. Adult ticket prices are \$30 for members and \$33 for non-members. Prices are lower for those 15 and younger.

Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below
Cost: Free

Not Your Mama's Pie Making

Thursday, January 19, 4:00PM
Oak Harbor Library

Learn the history of Whidbey Pies and what it takes to produce over 2,000 pies each week. Owner Joe Gunn will share secrets for making a perfect pie!

Images from Early 21st Century Life on Whidbey Island with David Welton

Wednesday, January 25, 1:30PM
Coupeville Library

No registration needed.

Religious Services

Prayer Group

Every Tuesday, 3:00-4:00PM
St. Hubert Catholic Church, Langley

Charismatic Prayer and Praise group. Everyone welcome. For more information, call Jean Beers at 360-969-6422.

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.

Meetings & Organizations

Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers (WIGS)

Tuesday, January 17, 1:00PM
Zoom meeting

Jean Wilcox Hibben will present "Using Keywords to Unlock Genealogical Doors." Learn how to locate ancestors using database and search engine searching and browsing techniques employing the keyword function. Non WIGS members send email to whidbeygensearchers@gmail.com by Jan. 15 to receive Zoom invitation. All are invited to join.

Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum

Tuesday, January 24, 11:30AM
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St.
Admission is Free
Buffet Style Lunch is \$15

Dec. 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor wasn't the first American installation attacked by Japanese aircraft. It was actually NAS Kaneohe Bay, home of Patrol Wing One and 36 PBV-5 Catalinas. Come hear the story of the almost complete destruction of Patrol Wing One, and a fascinating new artifact connecting that morning and the PNW Naval Air Museum. For more information email, info@pnwnam.org or call 360-240-9500.

Classes, Seminars and Workshops

Ways of Whales Workshop

Saturday, January 14, 10:30AM-5:00PM
Coupeville High School

Featuring presentations on a wide variety of topics. Cost of the workshop is \$40 or \$30 for students/seniors. Pre-registration is highly recommended, as seating is limited. Further information and online registration are available at www.orcanetwork.org. Teacher clock hours are available through The Heritage Institute.

Visit The Skagit River Bald Eagle Interpretive Center



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Life Tributes

Lanny Kee



Lanny Kee, 84, passed away Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022.

Lanny was born Jan. 11, 1938, to Warren and Elise (Hild) Kee in Trafford, Pa. He was the oldest of three children.

After graduating from high school, Lanny joined the U.S. Navy. His first duty station was NAS Whidbey Island, where he met Sharon at a dance hall in Mount Vernon, Wash. They were married three weeks later and headed back to Pennsylvania. They embarked on 27 years to different duty stations with the Navy. From Argentina, Newfoundland, to Sanford, Fla., to San Diego, Calif., to Guam.

During the Vietnam War, Lanny and another mech were flown in country to fix an engine on an A3. The mechs were able to get the jet fixed even with the airfield being hit with incoming fire! The family from Guam headed back to NAS Whidbey Island in 1967. Lanny and Sharon, along with their three kids, Kim, Deborah, and Lanny, made their home on Whidbey. Lanny retired in August of 1981 as a Master Chief with 27 years.

After the Navy, Lanny worked at Hawley's Auto Parts while he attended Skagit Valley College, getting his AA degree. Lanny got a job with Island County as an assessor.

In 2001, Lanny lost Sharon to cancer; they had been married for 42-and-a-half years!

Lanny spent the winters in Yuma, Ariz. In 2002 he met Ruth, and they were married in 2003. They spent winters in Yuma and summers on Whidbey.

In 2007 Lanny and Ruth went to Ireland. They spent three weeks touring and researching for "Kee" relatives. It was a dream come true to visit the land that his grandparents had come from.

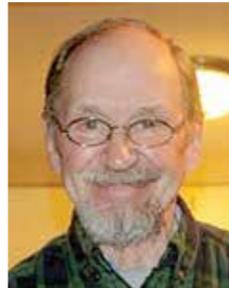
Lanny was a lifelong member of the Masonic Temple and Eastern Star Tula chapter in Coupeville. He also was a Shriner.

Lanny was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Sharon.

Lanny is survived by his wife, Ruth; his children, Kim (Russ) White, Deborah (David) Allen and Lanny (Beth) Kee; grandkids, Nichole (Shawn) Boyer, Jennifer (Craig) Kleffel, Kayley and Emma Allen, Michaela and Ryan Kee; great-grandchildren, Addisen, Calleigh, and Blake Boyer, Aiden and Jameson Kleffel, Madison Allen; and Lanny's brother, Gray (Kathy) Kee, and sister, Linda Hopkins.

Lanny will be laid to rest next to Sharon. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Ralph Ellesworth Engle



Ralph Ellesworth Engle - beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend - passed away due to congestive heart failure at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, Wash., Thursday, Dec. 22, 2022.

Ralph was born to Burton and Verna Engle in Coupeville, Wash., May 8, 1940. Growing up in an agricultural community, he was active in 4-H and raising cattle. He graduated from Coupeville High School in 1959 before enlisting into the U.S. Air Force in 1962. Ralph met his wife, Jacqueline, in Anchorage, Alaska in 1964. He pursued a diverse career

path working within several industries: security management and janitorial maintenance.

Ralph and Jackie married July 11, 1964, and two years later welcomed their first child, Maria. The family grew to four with the births of Philip, Jeremy and Mark. His children were the light of his life. Ralph's two youngest children passed on before their time: Mark in 1991 and Jeremy in 2016. Ralph never remarried and moved back to Coupeville in 2002 to enjoy his retirement and gardening his acreage.

Throughout the years, Ralph enjoyed playing basketball, watching the Sonics and the Seahawks, gardening, and spending time with his family. He loved visiting Hawaii and was a connoisseur of Spam and Pringles. One of the deep loves of his life was spending time with his grandchildren, Langston and Andrew.

Ralph is survived by his son and daughter, Philip and Maria; ex-wife, Jackie; his brothers, David and Daniel; and two grandchildren, Langston and Andrew.

A funeral service and memorial potluck were held at Living Hope Foursquare Church in Coupeville.

Raymond E. Wagner



Raymond E. Wagner, 87, of Freeland, Wash., died Jan. 3, 2023, at the WhidbeyHealth Medical Center in Coupeville, Wash. He was born in Cynthiana, Ky., Feb. 21, 1935, to the late Leslie Turner and Hattie Courtney Wagner, the fifth of 11 children.

Raymond was the first in his family to attend college, first at the University of Kentucky, where he received a B.S. in accounting, and later at Michigan State University, where he received his M.B.A. He joined the ROTC while attending the University of Kentucky and upon graduating, entered the

United States Air Force as a Second Lieutenant, where he served an honorable 21 years with the Air Force Audit Agency. His first assignment was to Upper Heyford, England, where he met and married his wife, Maida L. Gunzenhauser, in 1961. They had three children and many adventures all over the world, from Maine to California, Germany to the Philippine Islands, finally retiring in Fruit Heights, Utah, in 1979. He then worked for the next 20 years for Davis County as an auditor.

Raymond had a lifelong love of sports, and as a young man enjoyed playing baseball, softball, golf, and bowling. He continued watching sports throughout his life. In 2017 he moved to Whidbey Island with his daughter and son-in-law, and never looked back. He loved the peace and beauty of the Pacific Northwest, particularly the ocean and wildlife. He was a resident of Maple Ridge Assisted Living, where he had many friends and especially enjoyed the music program of concerts and singing.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Maida; six brothers, Woodrow, Roy, Todd, L.B., Harold, and Leonard; and one sister, Mary Sue. He is survived by two daughters, Jennifer (David) Stull of Richmond, Utah; Donna (Timothy) George of Langley, Wash.; one son, Andrew Wagner, of Richmond, Utah; two grandchildren, Connor George of Freeland and Camille George, of Langley; two sisters, Betty (James) Roland of Cynthiana, Ky., and Barbara (Ronald) Coyle of Richmond, Ky.; one brother, Phillip (Brenda) Wagner of Stockbridge, Ga.; and many nieces and nephews.

Raymond's family would like to thank everyone at Maple Ridge for the love and care they provided him these last five years. He was very happy living there.

We would also like to thank all of the tireless health care workers at Whidbey-Health for their professionalism and extraordinary kindness. We have angels among us.

A Celebration of Life honoring Raymond will be held today, Jan. 12, at 2 p.m. at Maple Ridge in Freeland. He will be laid to rest beside his wife in Kaysville, Utah, Jan. 18, surrounded by his loving family.

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A typical pantry contains a host of staples, including oatmeal. Oats long have been portrayed as simple comfort food that can feed a crowd for less. But there's nothing simple about the recipes that can be created when oats are in the mix.

Oats are packed with nutrition, and even in their various formulations sold at the store, such as rolled or steel cut, they are minimally processed and almost always in whole grain form. Oats are notable for their ability to lower bad cholesterol and control blood pressure. They contain beta-glucan, which is a soluble fiber not found in most other grains. It has been shown to suppress appetite and help promote gut health. In addition, oats have anti-inflammatory and anti-itching properties, which explains why oatmeal baths are popular for various skin conditions.

But oats are perhaps best utilized in the kitchen, as this assortment of uses for oatmeal in favorite dishes can attest.

- Oat flour power: Replace wheat flour with oat flour to deliver feelings of fullness with fewer calories. Ground oats or oat flour can be used to thicken soups, stews and dips.
- Meatloaf magic: When making meatloaf or meatballs, use oats as an alternative to bread crumbs for binding ground meats.
- Oatmeal latte: By cooking oatmeal with milk, thinning out the finished product with more milk, and adding sugar and spices, anyone can whip up a tasty beverage that seems tailor-made for the coffee house.
- Overnight oats: Oats, when combined with low-fat yogurt, fruit or other add-ins, and left overnight to meld, produce a thick and filling breakfast food that is the best mix of oatmeal and smoothie.

To start your oatmeal recipe journey, try this recipe for "Cardamom and Orange Overnight Oats" courtesy of Oldways Whole Grains Council.

CARDAMOM AND ORANGE OVERNIGHT OATS (Serves 2)

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| 1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt | 1 teaspoon orange zest |
| 1 cup rolled oats | 1/4 teaspoon cardamom |
| 1 cup unsweetened almond or coconut milk fortified with vitamin B-12 | 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon |
| 2 tablespoons chia seeds | 1 tablespoon pumpkin seeds for garnish |
| 1 tablespoon maple syrup | Orange slices for garnish |

1. In a mason jar, mix yogurt, oats, milk, chia seeds, maple syrup, orange zest, cardamom, and cinnamon. Place the lid on the mason jar and shake.
2. Leave in the fridge overnight.
3. Top with pumpkin seeds and orange slices or other fruit.



WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you are willing to take risks and never afraid to try new things. This benefits you as you seek new solutions regarding how to get things done.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, figure out a new goal to pursue and start to make a list of how to get to the finish line. You may need to recruit a few volunteers to help along the way.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Gemini, when a project at work lands on your desk, you may be ambivalent about it. You appreciate the challenge, but already have a long list of things to do.

CANCER – June 22/July 22
Could this be the right time to think about making a career move, Cancer? The new year marks a fresh start, and perhaps you have had your eyes on a new work opportunity.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23
There's more than meets the eye this week when someone from your past suddenly pops up on your radar again, Leo. Learn all of the facts before you make assumptions.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, try to stay in the loop around the office. Doing so might pay professional dividends that could open the door to new possibilities.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
You've been keeping quite busy, Libra, but don't forget to make time to touch base with friends and loved ones from time to time. Keep those lines of communication open.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Patience is a virtue of which you are in short supply recently, Scorpio. You have no control over the timeline on certain things and that can be frustrating. Wait it out.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
It's time to tackle all of those tasks you have been putting off since the end of last year, Sagittarius. If you need help getting organized, reach out to someone you trust.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Think about all the possibilities you have before you, Capricorn. When you consider all of the positives in your life, the negatives just may fade away.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Your name is on the lips of so many people. That is likely because you are affecting change wherever you go. Keep forging ahead because you are helping others.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Now that spending has ceased, take a closer look at how you can budget for the new year. Make your money work for you, Pisces.



MOVIE SHOWTIMES
1-13-2023 thru 1-17-2023

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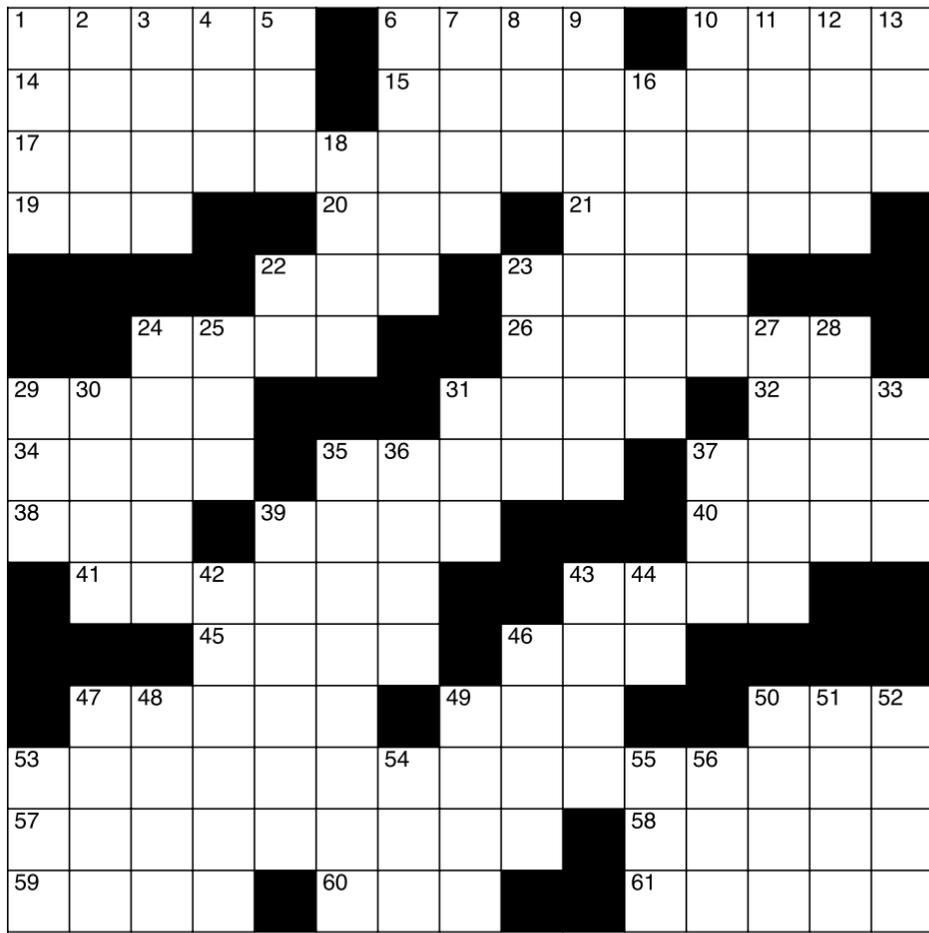
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Not invited
- 6. Whale ship captain
- 10. One point south of southwest
- 14. Small cavity in a rock
- 15. Recidivists
- 17. City of Angels hoopster
- 19. A way to mark with one's signature
- 20. OJ trial judge
- 21. Rice cooked in broth
- 22. One point east of due south
- 23. One point east of southeast
- 24. Complements an entree
- 26. Grouped by twos
- 29. Disfigure
- 31. Woods
- 32. Political action committee
- 34. Longer of 2 bones in the forearm
- 35. Kin groups
- 37. Philippine Island
- 38. Contrary to
- 39. Bluish-gray fur
- 40. Comprehend the written word
- 41. Natural depressions
- 43. Felines
- 45. Breathe noisily

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Green and yellow citrus fruit
- 2. A bright color
- 3. Thicket
- 4. Journalist Tarbell
- 5. A place to work or relax
- 6. Sharp mountain ridge
- 7. Helicopter
- 8. Mimic
- 9. Suggests
- 10. More musty
- 11. Large, flightless rail
- 12. Make beer
- 13. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 16. People who can account for you
- 18. Taunt
- 22. South Dakota
- 23. Cover the entirety of

- 24. Kids' favorite visitor
- 25. A way to save for retirement
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. C. China mountain range
- 29. Type of sandwich
- 30. Team
- 31. Paddle
- 33. Partly digested food
- 35. Most cagey
- 36. Shoppers make one
- 37. Cathode-ray tube
- 39. Food supplies
- 42. Backbones
- 43. Concern
- 44. Blood group
- 46. Broadway songwriter Sammy
- 47. Dutch colonist
- 48. Full-grown pike fish
- 49. Deity of a monotheistic cult
- 50. Type of bread
- 51. S. Nigerian people
- 52. Scottish tax
- 53. Young women's association
- 54. Brazilian city
- 55. Hide of a young animal
- 56. Midway between north and northeast

Answers on page 11

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

<p>Thurs, Jan. 12</p> <p>North Isle H-52°/L-49° Windy and Rainy</p> <p>South Isle H-50°/L-47° Breezy and Rainy</p>	<p>Fri, Jan. 13</p> <p>North Isle H-53°/L-50° Rain</p> <p>South Isle H-52°/L-47° Rain</p>	<p>Sat, Jan. 14</p> <p>North Isle H-51°/L-46° Showers</p> <p>South Isle H-51°/L-47° Showers</p>	<p>Sun, Jan. 15</p> <p>North Isle H-54°/L-47° Cloudy</p> <p>South Isle H-50°/L-44° Cloudy</p>	<p>Mon, Jan. 16</p> <p>North Isle H-50°/L-41° Showers</p> <p>South Isle H-48°/L-39° Showers</p>	<p>Tues, Jan. 17</p> <p>North Isle H-47°/L-40° Rain</p> <p>South Isle H-45°/L-38° Rain</p>	<p>Wed, Jan. 18</p> <p>North Isle H-48°/L-40° Showers</p> <p>South Isle H-45°/L-39° Showers</p>
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OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What was the best book you read all last year, and why?



Vicky Welfare, Langley

I read a number of great books in 2022. One that really stood out to me was "California Soul: An American Epic of Cooking and Survival," by Keith Corbin; a memoir both heart-wrenching and inspiring. With an absent father and drug-addicted mother, young Keith grew up in the crime-ridden streets of 1980s Watts, basically raising himself as he worked every angle to survive. Keith took great pride in the respect he received on the streets as "Fresh," known for his ferocity, influence, and ability to "cook" product like no other. But under that tough persona was another side that loved to learn and craved a better kind of success as he dodged the life-threatening dangers of his current situation and aimed to make it better. Soon enough, he transformed his innovative skills in the prison kitchen into a mastery of fine cooking, taking him down the road to better things.

Kait Hopkins, Coupeville

I've read a lot of books in the last year, and I've thought of various ones as the best for different reasons. One of the books that I really enjoyed was called "The Storyteller's Death," by Ann Dávila Cardinal. It is a wonderful book that focuses on family and how our familial stories connect us. It is also a mystery with a supernatural element to it. It draws you in with its passion and keeps you on your toes.



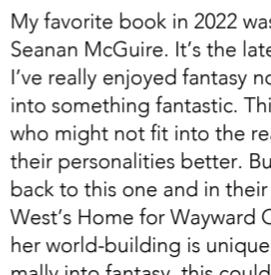
Peggy Whitford, Oak Harbor



This is a very hard question to answer as I have read many great books. I am going to share the one that I think many people would enjoy reading. "The Elephant Whisperer, My Life with the Herd in the African Wild," by Lawrence Anthony and Graham Spencer. This is a story about a man who dedicated his life to animal conservation. He took a herd of "rogue" elephants who had caused significant damage in other game reserves. He was their last chance; if he didn't take them, they would be killed. Through his work with the elephants, he developed a great bond and learned about life and loyalty.

I had the opportunity to visit a game reserve and see elephants in the wild. I learned so much about elephants from this book and it made me appreciate the unique experience I had. The book is funny, sad and informative. It is the first in a four-book series. I plan on reading them all.

Kaley Costello, Clinton



My favorite book in 2022 was "Where the Drowned Girls Go," by Seanan McGuire. It's the latest in her "Wayward Children" series. I've really enjoyed fantasy novels and their allowance of an escape into something fantastic. This series is based on the idea of children who might not fit into the real world, that escape into ones that fit their personalities better. But many accidentally end up coming back to this one and in their despair, they find themselves at Eleanor West's Home for Wayward Children. Seanan's writing is fast paced, her world-building is unique, fascinating, and fun. If you aren't normally into fantasy, this could still be a book for you. And if you are, then it's your lucky day and I've introduced you to something you will tear through quickly. Enjoy!

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Lions clubs are volunteers serving our community through various projects. Come and visit us at one of our meetings – both meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. North Whidbey Lions meet at noon at the VFW Post, 3037 Goldie Rd. in Oak Harbor. Oak Harbor Lions meet at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St. in Oak Harbor. LIONS motto is "WE SERVE." This is an opportunity to help your neighbors and have fun doing it.

Think you may be pregnant? Stop by Whidbey Island Women's Clinic for free pregnancy testing. We are also here to support our community with diapers, formula, baby clothes, and more. All our services are free. Open Tue and Thu, 10am-4pm, and Wed, noon-7pm. Located at 670 SE Midway Blvd in Oak Harbor.

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

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

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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

How'd you do?

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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

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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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