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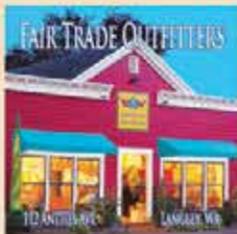
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## LANGLEY MYSTERY WEEKEND:

# The case of “The Herd Shot Around the World”

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

Buckle up! There has been another murder in Langley, and it is up to amateur sleuths of all ages to figure out “whodunit.”

The 38th annual Langley Mystery Weekend takes place Saturday and Sunday, bringing thousands of people to the village by the sea to participate in solving the murder. Tickets are available online at [visitlangley.com/store](http://visitlangley.com/store) or can be purchased at Mystery Weekend headquarters, also known as the Langley Chamber of Commerce’s visitor information center, at 208 Anthes Ave. Tickets and clue maps are \$15 for those age 11-64 or \$12 for senior citizens, military and youth under age 10.

This year’s story is entitled “The Herd Shot Around the World.” It brings a cast of 23 characters and/or suspects together, all of whom will either help or hinder visiting detectives in their quest to determine the identity of the killer.

As the story goes, a group of Whidbey Island students in the Rocketeers Club developed a navigation program three years ago. But one of the high school seniors in the group takes all the credit for developing the system when he applies to Texas Agriculture and Rocketry University.

“He and a professor worked with the Agriculture Department, which was developing a miniature cattle/sheep cross breed, and developed a rocket to transport the miniature cattle to remote countries with little grazing land,” described Loretta Martin, with the Langley Chamber of Commerce, which puts on Mystery Weekend. “The rocket will use the Rocketeer Club’s navigation system, but a course correction in its flight must be made from a location in Langley.

“Two countries want the cattle, so they gather to bid on the herd and the course correction will send the miniature cattle, already in orbit, to the winning country,” she continued. “During the auction, a fight breaks out and the student who took credit for the navigation system is murdered.”

This is where all the visiting detectives come in. Ranger Chase Catchem, from Texas, is taking over the investigation this year for Detective I.B. Fuzz, who has eloped with Mayor C.Z. Cash and is unavailable to track down the killer this year. Catchem can use some help solving the mystery and is hopeful the flood of investigators from around the world can help him crack the case.

“About a quarter [of our sleuths are] islanders and three-quarters are from off-island,” Martin said. “Visitors playing the game have come from as far away as England, Japan and Australia.”



Photo Courtesy of Langley Chamber of Commerce  
**Ranger Chase Catchem, who is investigating a murder during Langley’s Mystery Weekend Saturday and Sunday, is seen here searching for the original Cosmocattle, whose rocket crashed on Whidbey Island three years ago.**

Part of the appeal of Mystery Weekend, according to Martin is the funny, creative story-telling that makes it a great activity for amateur detectives of all ages.

“It is a fun, family-oriented event,” she said. “The story is always full of silly situations and names to please the kids (and the young at heart), as well as plot lines complex enough to challenge adult brains.”

Mystery Weekend is also a good way to showcase all Langley and Whidbey Island have to offer. As detectives visit stores and locations around town, they experience the community for an extended period and also get to see many Langley businesses. It’s a great way to draw visitors to Whidbey Island in the shoulder season. Businesses and other organizations, such as Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, pull out all the stops to host events that will appeal to people when they’re not trying to solve the mystery.

“Over the years, we have collaborated with WICA and other partners to expand their reach, and ours,” Martin acknowledged.

“We used to always do a murder mystery in February, Agatha Christie mostly,” said WICA Artistic Executive Director, Deana Duncan. WICA’s production of “The Woman in Black” coincides with Langley Mystery Weekend this year, and there will be evening performances Thursday through Saturday.

“It’s been a long time and we were due to ‘coordinate’ with the city and the chamber again,” Duncan continued. “It’s been great to work on co-marketing efforts and really think about how to create a community-wide event.”

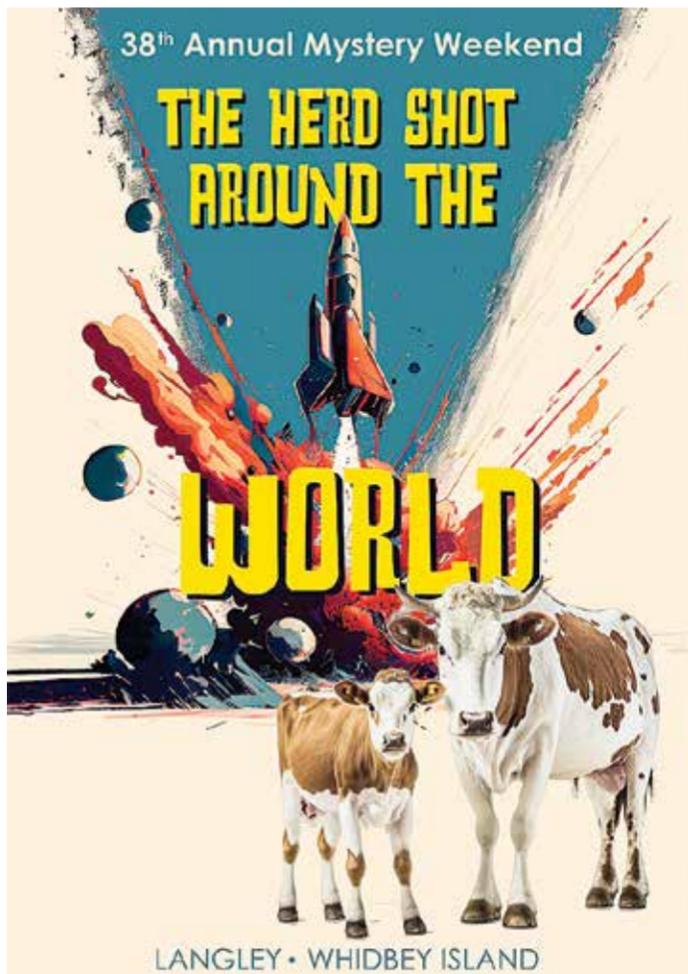
WICA will also be hosting a “clue room” in Zech Hall during the Murder Mystery weekend.

“Regardless of whether people have a ticket to the play, they can come up for a cup of hot chocolate and a cookie and sit somewhere warm to ‘sleuth’ through all their clues,” Duncan said, adding there is more information on the website, [wicaonline.org](http://wicaonline.org).

Solutions/guesses to the mystery must be turned in at mystery headquarters by 4 p.m. Sunday. Those who have solved the mystery correctly on their official ballot will be entered into a grand prize drawing. Those who participated but didn’t solve the case correctly, will be entered into a different prize drawing. The killer will be revealed Sunday at 5 p.m. at the pole barn at Whidbey Island Fairgrounds or on the [visitlangley.com](http://visitlangley.com) website at 8 p.m.

No matter what visitors to the island choose to do, solving the mystery of “The Herd Shot Around the World” should be an experience full of fun.

“Langley Mystery Weekend is the longest running event of its type in the U.S.,” said Martin. “It is funny and challenging and located in a beautiful but small historic town, so the clues are pretty easy to collect, and the town is full of unique shops, great restaurants, and art on every corner.”



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# Island 911

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**TUESDAY, JAN. 24**

**1:21pm, SR 20**

Reporting party advising he lives in the area and drives through the transient camp three to four times a day to "invade their privacy;" last night noticed they had a fire; requesting call from deputy regarding ongoing issue.

**7:52pm, McKinnon Dr.**

"Hey, we have a dead guy in our basement."

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25**

**9:59am, Donald Ave.**

Reporting party states she found a little girl someone was looking for the other day. States cats let her into her residence. Now stating little girl is under her house.

**12:05pm, Heggnes Rd.**

Caller states chased male off their property; states he has been "messaging with their horses" at their fence line; has previously been seen dancing near telephone pole.

**10:30pm, Ocean View Dr.**

Reporting party advising her ex-boyfriend brainwashed her; advising subject won't leave her house after brain washing her; have gotten "into it." Denying medical attention.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 26**

**10:42am, Maxwellton Rd.**

Advising the principal came into girls' restroom while reporting party's daughter was in there. Most recent incident was Monday (has happened more than once).

**2:18pm, Swantown Rd.**

Reporting goat wandering in the roadway.

**7:11pm, Appian Way.**

Requesting call; advising has been an ongoing issue with "spoof" calls and "spoofers" trying to scam him; advising he would like talk to a deputy about concerns and questions.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 28**

**6:14pm, Island Ct.**

Reporting party states had someone check on his residence and they found door unsecured and a subject in reporting party's bedroom. Subject is a coworker of reporting party and no one should be there.

**11:58pm, Deer Lake Rd.**

Reporting party advising single vehicle motor vehicle accident; '84 Corvette; was left at location and reporting party has walked home. Is going to handle vehicle in the morning.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 29**

**8:26pm, Rickover Dr.**

Caller thinks his wife is being held hostage by someone she has an order with. Received text messages from her that sounded strange.

**MONDAY, JAN. 30**

**2:04 am, Oak Harbor Rd.**

Advising neighbor is banging and making a lot of noises; reporting party recalling, advising law enforcement can cancel; person went to bed.

**3:45 pm, Mobius Loop**

Reporting party advising he would like to build a plexiglass tunnel between Whidbey and Camano Islands; it's ridiculous both are considered the same county when it takes two hours to drive between them; hoping to get a special pass system.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 31**

**1:45 am, NE Otis St.**

"Suspicious activity at the boat launch;" boat launched, and they have no lights on except an occasional flashlight, "Like they're doing something they don't want to be seen."

**3:23 am, NE Otis St.**

Pickup parked on the street in front of address; "I don't like it, it's not appropriate behavior;" slamming the car door. Requesting vehicle be moved along.

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1**

**8:49 am, McMaster Rd.**

Advising last night around 11 pm someone flew a drone over reporting party's house and took a picture.

**9:56 am, Olympic View Dr.**

Reporting party found a dog the "size of a fox, color of a fox, but he's not a fox." Is leaving for work, leaving dog in area.

**12:45 pm, Sandberg Ln.**

Reporting party states "community was created against my will;" continued to talk about UFOs.

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

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# Bits & Pieces

event has long been our main source for raising scholarships funds for graduating seniors at Coupeville High School. Seniors who seek further education are awarded scholarships based on need and education goals.

This year we've added a new auction item to our dinner and auction titled Passport Coupeville. This item showcases businesses in downtown Coupeville. The lucky bidder will receive everything Coupeville offers for a luxury vacation for two. It all starts with two nights for two people at our famous Coupeville Inn, and continues with food, meals and activities within walking distance of the inn. Participating in the passport experience are three restaurants, Front Street Grill, Gordon's and Toby's. There's also a behind-the-display-case tour and lesson in bread-making at the Little Red Hen bakery, wine tasting at Vail Wine Shop, cider tasting at Greenbank Cidery, a tour of the Penn Cove Gallery, a docent-led tour of our local museum, and sandwiches or a charcuterie platter at bayleaf. Penn Cove Shellfish will provide a VIP tour of its mussel farm, and Schooner Suva is including two tickets for one of its regular cruises of Penn Cove. There's even a discount card, honored at most of the merchants along Front Street.

The Coupeville Lions Club has a long history of supporting graduating seniors from our local high school. Members of our local Lions club know the value of these scholarships to students as they continue their studies. But it's not just the dollar amount. Knowing they have community support reminds students they are valued. Their stories are inspiring and we are proud that our Coupeville community has indeed touched the future of our graduates.

Additional information can be found on the web site of the Coupeville Lions Club, [www.coupevillelions.org](http://www.coupevillelions.org).

Bob Pettis  
Coupeville Lions Club

### Grow Your Rhododendron Knowledge

Meerkerk Gardens is offering two classes this month to grow your rhododendron knowledge and prepare your garden for spring.

Susie Reynolds, former longtime Meerkerk employee and current president of the Whidbey Island Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, will be teaching both classes Saturday at the Meerkerk house in Greenbank. Learn about the basic care and needs of rhododendrons, as well as some history, during the "Rhododendrons 101" class at 10:00AM. Or sign up for "Preparing Your Rhododendrons and Garden for Spring," at 1:00PM. In the after-

noon class, you'll get tips about general rhody and woodland garden care including fertilizing, tidying up the garden and transporting plants.

The cost for each class is \$10. Reserve a spot in one of these classes, or both, by emailing [classes@meerkerkgardens.org](mailto:classes@meerkerkgardens.org). Space is limited.

[Submitted by Ron Newberry, Meerkerk Gardens]

### WhidbeyHealth Board Passes Resolution to Appoint Next Chief Executive Officer

The Whidbey Island Public Hospital District (WhidbeyHealth) board of commissioners passed a motion Feb. 16, appointing Nathan S. Staggs to succeed interim CEO Mike Layfield as the district's chief executive officer. The board, medical staff and senior hospital leaders interviewed potential candidates recommended by the district's healthcare management company, HealthTechS3. Staggs' first day with the district will be March 22.

Staggs is a hospital CEO with more than 20 years of senior hospital and healthcare leadership experience, serving at hospitals in Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Texas. Staggs will transition for two weeks with Layfield, ensuring a successful transition of strategic goals and planning - continuing the financial and customer service recovery initiatives started in 2022.

The Whidbey Island Public Hospital District's board of commissioners is comprised of five elected officials, representing the whole of Whidbey Island. The board is responsible for strategic direction and financial oversight of the hospital district. They meet monthly and act as liaisons between the hospital and the community.

[Submitted by Conor O'Brien, Whidbey-Health]

### Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism Committee Elects Officers

The Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism Committee elected its 2023 officers at its regular meeting Feb. 2. Chair is Jackie Henderson, representing the Town of Coupeville; Vice chair is Inge Morasini, representing the Langley Chamber of Commerce; Secretary is Lynda Eccles, representing the Coupeville Chamber of Commerce; Recording/substitute secretary is Jessica McCreedy, representing the Camano Island Chamber of Commerce; and Treasurer is Mayor Scott Chaplin, representing the City of Langley.

Additional local residents serving on the 18-member committee are Island County Commissioner Melanie Bacon; Camano Island Lodging Alannah Johansen; City of Oak Harbor Jim Woessner; North Whidbey

Lodging Gregg Lanza; Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce Magi Aguilar; Central Whidbey Lodging Robyn Myers; Coupeville Lodging Maggie Bailey; Freeland Chamber of Commerce Chet Ross; South Whidbey Lodging Max Lindsay-Thorsen; Clinton Chamber of Commerce Katie Grindon and Christina Swan; and Langley Lodging Tom Felvey. The Economic Development Council of Island County's Executive Director Sharon Sappington also holds a non-voting position.

Representation is sought to fill the vacant seat for Oak Harbor Lodging. This position must be held by someone whose lodging business operates within the Oak Harbor city limits. If you are interested, please email [info@whidbeycamanoislands.com](mailto:info@whidbeycamanoislands.com). To learn more about Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism visit [www.whidbeycamanoislands.com](http://www.whidbeycamanoislands.com).

[Submitted by Sherrye Wyatt, Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism]

### Whidbey Community Foundation Conducts Nonprofit Needs Assessment

Whidbey Community Foundation is conducting an online nonprofit survey to evaluate the needs of local organizations while learning more about the work they do, the people they serve, and how to best support them. This survey is part of WCF's continuing effort to direct funding and support where it is most needed and will have the greatest impact.

"As the ways in which we invest in this community continue to evolve, we're very much aware that the hundreds of nonprofit organizations on our island are changing to respond to their constituent needs," states Jessie Gunn, executive director. "To inform the way we support our nonprofit partners, engagement such as this online survey will be enormously helpful as we build out future funding opportunities, webinars, and other supportive services that the nonprofit community can benefit from."

The deadline to complete the survey is Friday, March 3 by 5:00PM. Five randomly selected Whidbey nonprofits that respond to the survey will receive a \$100 award for their participation. The survey, at [www.whidbeyfoundation.org/nonprofitsurvey](http://www.whidbeyfoundation.org/nonprofitsurvey), asks organizations for their latest information about mission and vision, service area, organization contacts, priorities and other needs. Community Foundation staff and the Nonprofit Services Committee will analyze survey results, using the data to guide plans for general and targeted funding and services in 2023 and beyond. A survey report will be shared with nonprofit participants and the community in the coming months.

For questions about the survey, please contact Maureen Rice, [maureenr@whidbeyfoundation.org](mailto:maureenr@whidbeyfoundation.org).

[Submitted by Whidbey Community Foundation]

## Letters to the Editor

### Editor,

Consider this: Initial data from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) shows 745 people were killed on our state's roadways in 2022. This is the largest number of deaths since 1990.

"During 2017 through 2021, 32 percent of fatal crashes in Washington involved alcohol positive drivers.....Alcohol impairment, whether alone or in combination with other drugs, continues to be a leading risk factor in traffic fatalities." (Shelley Baldwin, Director for WTSC.)

This year, the Washington Legislature is considering Senate Bill 5002, which would lower the state's blood alcohol concentration (BAC) from .08 to .05. Only one other state, Utah, has the .05 BAC limit. More than 100 other countries use .05 BAC.

But what about bars, parties, festivals, wine tastings and the hospitality industries? Won't they suffer economic losses if less alcohol is consumed? Really? Separating alcohol and drivers is the objective. Drink as much as you want, but don't get behind the wheel. How inconvenient is it to use a taxi, an Uber, or a designated driver?

Over the years, I have heard scores of parents, teens, relatives, friends, police, paramedics, military personnel and others, publicly air their grief about the loss of life, limb, and loved ones as a result of an impaired driver. The consequences are keenly felt for years, often for a lifetime, by victims and offenders.

Step around the risk. Make a plan. Don't change your mind. Drive sober or don't drive.

Mike Diamanti  
Coupeville, Wash.

### Editor,

Those of us who live in the Coupeville area are so fortunate to have neighbors and local businesses who support additional education opportunities for graduates of Coupeville High School. After an absence of two years due to COVID, the Coupeville Lions Club is bringing back its Scholarship Dinner and Auction Saturday. This popular

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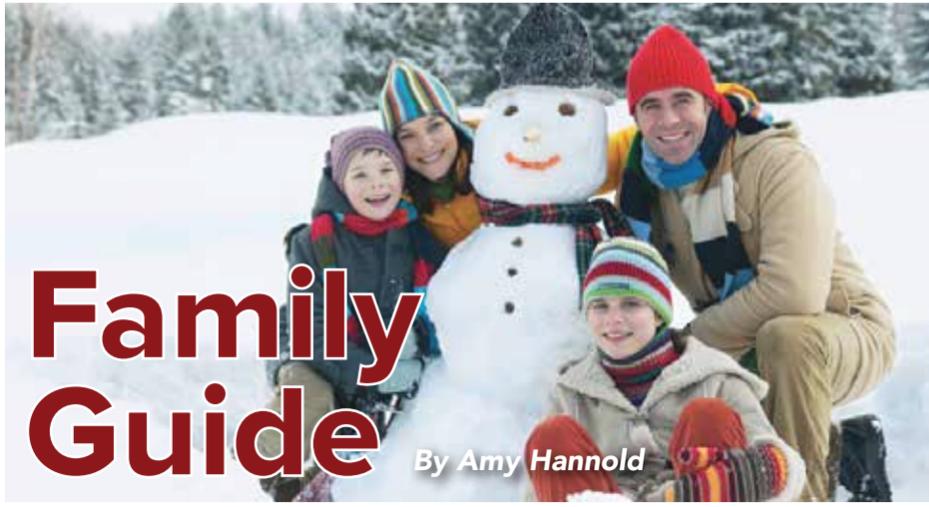
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# Family Guide

By Amy Hannold

March is nature's way of reminding us that spring is coming, but that we have a few more weeks of winter to enjoy.

We begin March with the Penn Cove Mussel Fest (March 4-5), Spring Forward for Daylight Savings Day (March 10), enjoy a walk in a Washington State Park (Free Parks Days March 9 and 19), dream of spring and home improvements at the SICBA Home and Garden Show (March 24-26) in Mount Vernon, and head to the Greenbank Farm for the monthly flea market the last Saturday of the month.

Here are more details on those events, and more fun dates to add to your March calendar:

**March Mammal Madness:** Join staff from Deception Pass State Park to learn about parks, wildlife, native plants, and more for the Ranger Hour at the Oak Harbor Library Friday, March 3, at 4 p.m. Use your wildlife detective skills to discover which mammals call Deception Pass State Park home. All ages are welcome. Adult caretakers must be present for the duration of the program.

**Mussel Fest!** Coupeville is the place to be, with local merchants, nonprofits, food vendors, an all-ages scavenger hunt, mermaids, kids fishing for a treasure off the pier, live music, children's crafts and more, Saturday and Sunday, March 4-5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mussel Farm Boat Tours,

with one free youth ticket per family while supplies last, will be available at the boat tour booth. For pre-sale tickets and the festival schedule, visit [CoupevilleHistoricWaterfront.com/musselFest2023](http://CoupevilleHistoricWaterfront.com/musselFest2023).

**Read an E-Book Week:** March 5-11 is National "Read an e-Book" Week. In addition to our local library, where you can find free e-books, a few of my favorite guides to free and discounted e-books are [Bookbub.com](http://Bookbub.com), [Smashword.com](http://Smashword.com) and [TheFussyLibrarian.com](http://TheFussyLibrarian.com). Every day, you will receive an email alerting you to discounted e-books from your choice of genres.

**Take a Walk in the Parks:** Thursday, March 9, for Native American environmental leader and treaty rights activist Billy Frank Junior's birthday and Sunday, March 19, to celebrate the State Park's 108th Birthday are "Free Parks Days" in Washington, no Discover Pass is required. There are five state parks on Whidbey Island to explore, and several more are within a short drive from the island. Get outdoors! Park events and information at [parks.state.wa.us](http://parks.state.wa.us).

**St. Patrick's Day Parade:** Wear your green and head to downtown Oak Harbor for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Pioneer Way, Friday, March 17, which will begin 30 minutes later this year, at 4:30 p.m. Afterwards,

there's a corned beef and cabbage dinner, with music and entertainment at the American Legion. Cost is \$15, kids are welcome. If you'd like to be in the parade, email [ohirishwildlifesociety@outlook.com](mailto:ohirishwildlifesociety@outlook.com) for a parade application. [Facebook.com/IrishWildlifeSociety](http://Facebook.com/IrishWildlifeSociety).

**New Reads for Spring:** Visit local libraries hosting book sales in March to find new-to-you reads:

**Freeland Library:** Saturday, March 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hundreds of books for all ages are available at great prices.

**Coupeville Library:** The Friends of the Coupeville Library will be holding a book sale during the Penn Cove Mussel Fest, March 4 and 5.

**Clinton Library:** The sale is located at the Clinton Community Hall (6411 S. Central Avenue), Saturday, March 25, 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Maker Space Technology Show:** Tony Balhazar, from SnoCo Makerspace, hosts a display of creative ideas made real by Maker Space members. The Snohomish County Makers are a group of hobbyists, entrepreneurs, artists, mad scientists, hackers, geeks and other technologically savvy people. Anyone age 9 and older is welcome at the Freeland Library Saturday, March 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to explore a display of cool tech gadgets you can build yourself, as well as learn how you can join in and build a whole range of devices.

**Poison Awareness:** National Poison Prevention Week is March 19-25. The Washington Poison Center offers a variety of free resources to assist those who care for children, in educating them to avoid poison incidents and harm. It's an annual reminder to have conversations with our children so they stay safe. As adults, it's good to know the WAPC is available in the event of an emergency and to have related questions answered. [wapc.org/resources/kid-sactivities](http://wapc.org/resources/kid-sactivities)

**See the Stars:** The Island County Astronomical Society invites you to its monthly Star Parties at Fort Nugent Park (2075 SW Fort Nugent Road) in Oak Harbor, Fridays, March 24 and April 28. Star Parties will begin at 7 p.m. unless the sky is not yet dark, in which case those Star Parties will begin approximately 30 minutes after

sunset. All dates and locations are subject to change and will be published at the website [icas-wa.org](http://icas-wa.org). Dress warmly for these events, no telescopes are needed and all ages are welcome. There are no star parties May-July, because it doesn't get dark until after 10 p.m. However, the group does have some special events planned later in the year. See the website for details!

**Flea Markets Begin:** The Greenbank Farm is home to the Whidbey Island Flea Markets, the last Saturday of the month. Book a space to sell your wares, or just get there and hunt for treasures. Flea markets in 2023 are last Saturdays from March 25 through Oct. 28. In March and October, the market is inside the barn and the hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In the summer months, the markets are outside from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. [whidbeyislandmarkets.com](http://whidbeyislandmarkets.com)

**SICBA's Home and Garden Show:** Interact with vendors featuring the latest in home and garden trends. The show features all things related to outdoor decor, lawn and garden care, home improvement and interior design. Exhibitors, food trucks, live music, LEGO building contest, kids' activities, make and take classes and more! March 24-26, at the Skagit County Fairgrounds. [sicba.org](http://sicba.org)

**Pickleball At the Roller Barn:** Do you love to play pickleball or, would you like to learn? During Open Play, drop in for some fun! Bring your own paddles or rent one of theirs. No matter what your experience is with pickleball, all are welcome. The current hours for pickleball are Monday nights, 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 8 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$10 per player for an hour of play, plus tax; paddle rental is an additional \$5. Tournaments and leagues are coming soon! Private court rentals and monthly memberships are also available. [therollerbarn.com](http://therollerbarn.com)

**Inspiring Fun This Spring:** Fill your calendar with fun to look forward to with a click to the Facebook group "Whidbey Island Events and More." You'll find upcoming events, festivals, youth activities, spring/summer break fun and more.

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Those who live on Whidbey Island have a strong connection to the sea. We catch glimpses of it on our drives to work. We hunt for agates among the gravel and watch our children run barefoot into the waves. We walk dogs, birdwatch, harvest shellfish, and take photos of the amazing creatures that live in tidepools. We smell the salty air as we go about our lives. We make important life decisions while the waves ebb and flow and enjoy time with our families while seagulls drop clams from high above. The shoreline is part of our DNA.

Our proximity to the sea allows us to understand the power of water and wind. We recently experienced record-breaking high tides and subsequent flooding. Many homes were affected, roads flooded, and we saw first-hand the effects of rising seas.

**Sea Level Rise**

According to the Island County Sea Level Rise Strategy Study from March 2020, one- to three-feet of sea level rise is projected as likely to occur for the coastal areas of Island County by the year 2100. Extreme flooding events typically happen as a result of combined severe winter weather and tidal surge. Private homes on the shoreline experience the fallout of these storms: bulkheads overtop, onsite septic systems fail, wells become inundated with sea water, homes flood, and land erodes. Looking into the future, we expect to have storms that are more powerful and more destructive more frequently.

While sea level rise is inevitable, there are programs and actions that coastal communities can take to become more resilient. Reading about them in the Island County Sea Level Rise Strategy Study can help shed some light on community action. You can find the document at [www.islandcountywa.gov/PlanningOld/Documents/D\\_2020/IC%20SLR%20STRATEGY%20FINAL.pdf](http://www.islandcountywa.gov/PlanningOld/Documents/D_2020/IC%20SLR%20STRATEGY%20FINAL.pdf).

**Shore Friendly**

The Island County Shore Friendly program is one of several Shore Friendly programs in the region. It is funded through the Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program and helps shoreline homeowners protect their properties while increasing habitat value for fish and wildlife. Coastal communities are projected to be especially vulnerable to sea level rise impacts, and the Shore Friendly program can help address these concerns. Since most of Puget Sound's shoreline is privately owned, our community depends on shoreline property owners to protect the nearshore environment.

If you are a shoreline property homeowner, you can sign up on the Shore Friendly website to receive a free, non-regulatory site visit with a technical expert. This expert will

be able to answer questions and provide resources that are specific to your property. They can help you address concerns such as erosion, land loss, vegetation management, drainage concerns, structure relocation, armor removal, and sea level rise resiliency. The Shore Friendly program helps individual property owners and can also host larger information sessions for entire communities.

In addition to the Site Visit Request Form, the Shore Friendly website has many resources. You can visit the website at [www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/DNR/Shore-Friendly/Pages/Home.aspx](http://www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/DNR/Shore-Friendly/Pages/Home.aspx), or contact Ann Prusha at [a.prusha@islandcountywa.gov](mailto:a.prusha@islandcountywa.gov) or 360-678-2347 for more information.

**Island County Marine Resources Committee**

The Island County Marine Resources Committee (MRC) is a community science organization comprised of volunteers. They advise our elected officials on marine issues, educate the community, take part in scientific monitoring activities, and help restore nearshore habitat. Their vision is to sustain and enhance a healthy, resilient marine environment where individuals are engaged, and strive to support life for all inhabitants of Island County. This includes helping to educate the public about sea level rise issues. They are a great resource and provide volunteer opportunities for community members to get involved. Visit [www.islandcountymrc.org](http://www.islandcountymrc.org) to learn more.

The MRC and Island County Shore Friendly are working together to create educational workshops about managing marine waterfront and resiliency in the face of sea level rise. Stay tuned for more information about these workshops!

**MyCoast**

Collecting data is critical to helping agencies and organizations steward our shoreline. MyCoast can be used as a website or a phone-based app. It empowers community members to help characterize beach change and the impact of nearshore hazards in order to enhance awareness among decision makers. You can help track things like beach change over time, large marine debris, king tides, abandoned vessels, creosote logs and storm surges. To learn more or to download the app, visit [www.mycoast.org/wa](http://www.mycoast.org/wa).

**Stay Hopeful!**

In the face of the uncertainty with sea level rise and climate change, it is easy to feel helpless. Please remember there are things you can do to help, large and small, as we learn, grow and adapt to the new challenges we are facing. Preparing and planning now will help us become more resilient into the future.



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# What's Going On

## Ride with a Guide Coffee Shop Tour Friday, February 24

Take fare-free Island Transit to visit unique, locally owned coffee shops in Coupeville, Bayview and Greenbank. Sample their tasty treats. Play Transit Trivia and win prizes on the way. To RSVP and get details email: [Travel@IslandTransit.org](mailto:Travel@IslandTransit.org) or call 360-678-9536.

## Star Party

Friday, February 24, 7:00PM  
Fort Nugent Park, Oak Harbor

Explore the night sky and view distant galaxies, planets and nebulas at this free public Star Party hosted by the Island County Astronomical Society (ICAS). No telescope is needed and people of all ages are welcome to attend. Be sure and dress warmly and note the event will be canceled if the weather is cloudy. For more information, contact Bob Scott at [ICAS\\_President@outlook.com](mailto:ICAS_President@outlook.com) or visit [www.icas-wa.org](http://www.icas-wa.org). Fort Nugent Park is located at 2075 SW Fort Nugent Rd.

## Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below  
Cost: Free

## Ways of the Wolf

Saturday, February 25, 11:00AM-12:00PM  
Coupeville Library

Learn how wolves survive their habitat by understanding the four main components of any creature's habitat and how wolves use their senses to help them. Through hands-on activities, see if you could survive the challenges of wolves in the wild. For children ages 5 and up and their caregivers. Presented by Faye Peebles, Education Coordinator at Wolf Haven International, a nationally recognized wolf sanctuary located in Tenino, Wash.

## Sugar, How Sweet is Too Sweet?

Monday, February 27, 1:30PM  
Coupeville Library

Line Goulet R.N. from WhidbeyHealth will be focusing on the effects of sugar, high fructose syrup, and foods that decrease inflammation. Goulet will also educate us about reading labels correctly, the effects of being overweight and inactive, and tips to make changes.

## Crafter's Swap

Saturday, March 4, 12:00-2:00PM  
Oak Harbor Library

Come swap materials with fellow crafters at this buy-nothing event. Brainstorm ideas for the upcoming Wearable Art event at The Center in Oak Harbor, where participants create ensembles made from reusable materials!

## Religious Services

### 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](http://Unityofwhidbey.org) even offers a Zoom link for attending online.

### First Church of Christ, Scientist

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

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

are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.

## Meetings & Organizations

### Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism Committee Monthly Meeting

Thursday, March 2, 11:00AM-1:00PM  
Fort Casey Inn & Casey Conference Center, Coupeville

The Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism Committee will hold its regular monthly meeting in Garrison Hall. A virtual option to attend this meeting is not available. Beverages are provided, but lunch is not. Attendees are asked to bring their own brown bag lunch. To learn more about Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism visit [www.whidbeycamanoislands.com](http://www.whidbeycamanoislands.com).

### Al-Anon

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

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

### Al-Anon Group

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

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

### Whidbey Irish Wildlife Society

Every Wednesday, 5:00PM  
Wicked Teuton Brewery, Oak Harbor

We are a community organization made up of party-minded people looking to create mischief and shenanigans. Service members are always welcome! Find us on Facebook or email [ohirishwildlifesociety@outlook.com](mailto:ohirishwildlifesociety@outlook.com).

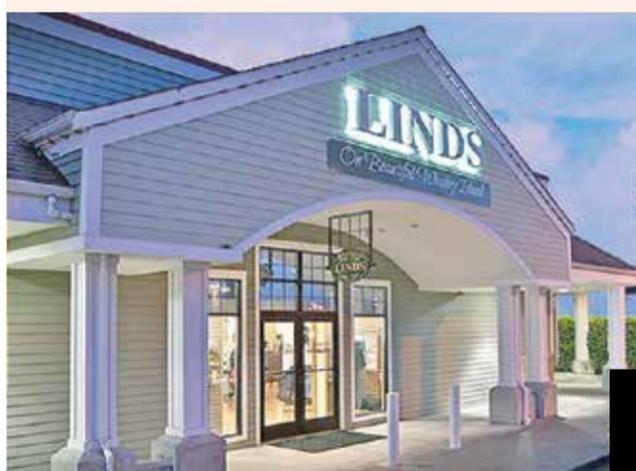
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# Oak Harbor grad brings home an Emmy

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

A graduate of Oak Harbor High School has won an Emmy Award and credits his time volunteering at the Whidbey Playhouse as a key step on his road to success.

Andrew Galbraith, who graduated from OHHS in 1999, was the lighting director for the creative team producing a sports promo for the Anaheim Ducks hockey team's 2021-2022 season. In his role as the lighting director, he was responsible for making the director's vision come to life, through collaboration with the camera director. The promo was filmed in the Ducks' practice facility in Irvine, Calif., and included 10 hours of setup at the location, 12 hours of filming and four hours of packing all the equipment up again.

"I was in charge of three different crews between set up crew, production crew, and tear down crew," Galbraith told *Whidbey Weekly* via email. "The spot was used in the arena during their games to introduce players and hype the crowd, along with introducing players on the broadcast feeds on the house televisions.

"It feels good to have my creative team recognized, as this project was overnight, long, cold and fun," he continued. "I have put in years of practice, so it was not an overnight victory for me or the team."

Following high school, Galbraith said he was a volunteer firefighter and EMT for North Whidbey Fire and Rescue and also worked on the ambulance for then-Whidbey General (now WhidbeyHealth Medical Center). He went on to get his bachelor's degree in theatrical lighting and lighting design from Washington State

University, then earned his master's degree in cinematography from Chapman University.

Today, Galbraith and his sister, Elizabeth (also an OHHS graduate and a graduate of Pacific Lutheran and Chapman Universities) started Bluff Entertainment Lighting, a lighting and grip rental business which provides equipment for television commercials, documentaries and feature films.

Galbraith, who grew up on Whidbey Island, said he credits his time volunteering at the Whidbey Playhouse under the supervision of longtime volunteer and technical guru, Jim Riney, for sparking his interest in lighting for stage and screen. Riney led a Theater Explorer Post at the Playhouse in the 90s, in which Galbraith participated.

"I got interested in the theater because I was hanging out at the theater while my sister, Elizabeth, was there doing rehearsals for plays," he described. "Jim Riney saw me there and introduced me to stage lighting and got me involved in helping him hang lights and also design shows. I spent hundreds of hours at the Playhouse working on lighting, designing and helping Jim film things around town, including local commercials."

Preparing for shows by installing set walls and pieces and learning how it all interacted with lighting is what he found most interesting.

"It is still true today as I design lighting set ups and looks for shows I work on now, such as the sports promo that won an Emmy," Galbraith said.

"Andrew was willing to climb ladders and actively participate in everything we got



Photo Courtesy of Bluff Entertainment Lighting

Oak Harbor High School alumnus, Andrew Galbraith, was recently awarded an Emmy for his work as lighting director on a promo for the Anaheim Ducks hockey team. Galbraith, who grew up in Oak Harbor, credits the Whidbey Playhouse and lighting/technical mentor, Jim Riney, with igniting his interest in lighting for television and film.

ourselves into, including videotaping community events with the Explorer Post," recalled Riney. "Setting lights and running sound always excited him, and that's pretty rare for us to find in volunteers – young or old. His talents and skills were evident at an early age, and I could rely on his abilities to get stuff done. I always enjoyed, and still do, talking tech with him!"

As indicated, the two men have kept in touch over the years, and Galbraith and his sister, Elizabeth, often stop by the Playhouse when they are in town visiting.

"It's nice to know when you have a positive influence on people at an early age, and that you know your involvement made a difference in their life," said Riney.

Galbraith said he is excited about upcoming projects their company is working on, including some new documentaries, as well as rentals for various shows and commercials. But he said he will never forget his roots.

"I love what I do and I owe it all to the fire that was ignited inside me at the Whidbey Playhouse," said Galbraith.

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# Recipe of the Week

## RICH HOT CHOCOLATE IN COOKIE FORM

Hot chocolate does a fine job of warming people up on cold winter days. This rich and creamy beverage is enjoyed many ways, with some people floating miniature marshmallows on top or adding a touch of liqueur for an adult treat. Of course, hot chocolate is equally delicious topped with whipped cream and a dusting of cinnamon.

What if you could replicate the taste of hot chocolate in a cookie? That's just what happens with this recipe for "Hot Chocolate Cookies" courtesy of creator Rachel Perry and American Lifestyle magazine. Enjoy them on their own, or paired with a mug of hot cocoa.

### HOT CHOCOLATE COOKIES (Makes 24)

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| 1/2 cup butter                           | 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour                                |
| 1 12-ounce bag semisweet chocolate chips | 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder                               |
| 1 1/4 cups light brown sugar             | 1/4 teaspoon salt   |
| 3 large eggs                             | 8 ounces semisweet baking chocolate, cut into 1-inch pieces |
| 2 teaspoons vanilla extract              | 12 large marshmallows, sliced in half                       |
| 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder         |   |

- Place the butter and chocolate chips in a microwave-safe bowl, and heat on high for 1 minute. Stir, and then heat for 30 seconds; repeat until chocolate is melted.
- Beat the brown sugar, eggs, and vanilla extract together on medium speed, and then blend in the chocolate mixture.
- Add the cocoa powder, flour, baking powder and salt, and mix on low until combined. Cover bowl with plastic wrap, and refrigerate for 2 hours.
- Preheat oven to 325°F. Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper. Scoop 12 tablespoons of dough onto each cookie sheet.
- Bake for 12 minutes, remove from oven, and top each cookie with 1 piece of chocolate and 1 piece of marshmallow. Bake for another 4 minutes, and let cool for 5 minutes before placing on wire racks to cool completely.



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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Opportunity awaits you, Aries. You just need to know where to look to get the best deal. Start chasing after your heart's desire because you could just get it this week.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

A financial windfall could be just over the horizon, Taurus. Stay the course over the next several days and wait and see what falls into your lap. You may be very surprised.

### GEMINI - May 22/June 21

People in your life want the best for you, Gemini. Accept their support and good wishes and use each as a guiding light when challenges arise.

### CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

The stars are all but shouting that you need some self-care right now, Cancer. Put aside all of the tasks you think you need to do and turn attention to tending to your own needs.

### LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, your love interest seems like he or she is keeping something from you, but avoid drawing any conclusions. A surprise may be in store for you.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, take it slow may be the advice that is coming your way, but that might be hard right now. Your time is in demand and many people are seeking your expertise. Take a breath.

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

You don't have to travel too far to find happiness this week, Libra. It's in all the small things around you. No extraordinary gestures are needed to make you smile.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, a potential love match could be on the horizon. Approach this with caution, but don't be afraid to share your thoughts and dreams with someone special.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Be careful when sharing your deepest desires and secrets, Sagittarius. There are many people you can trust, so make an effort to identify them before opening up.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, your dreams can take you far, but smarts and action need to factor into the equation as well. Start fleshing out your plan and get moving.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Your friends can be a great help when you need some relationship advice this week, Aquarius. Seek their input and factor it into any decision you make.

### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, if a friend or family member causes drama for you, don't let it get in your way. Offer to help but be ready for this person to seek their own path.

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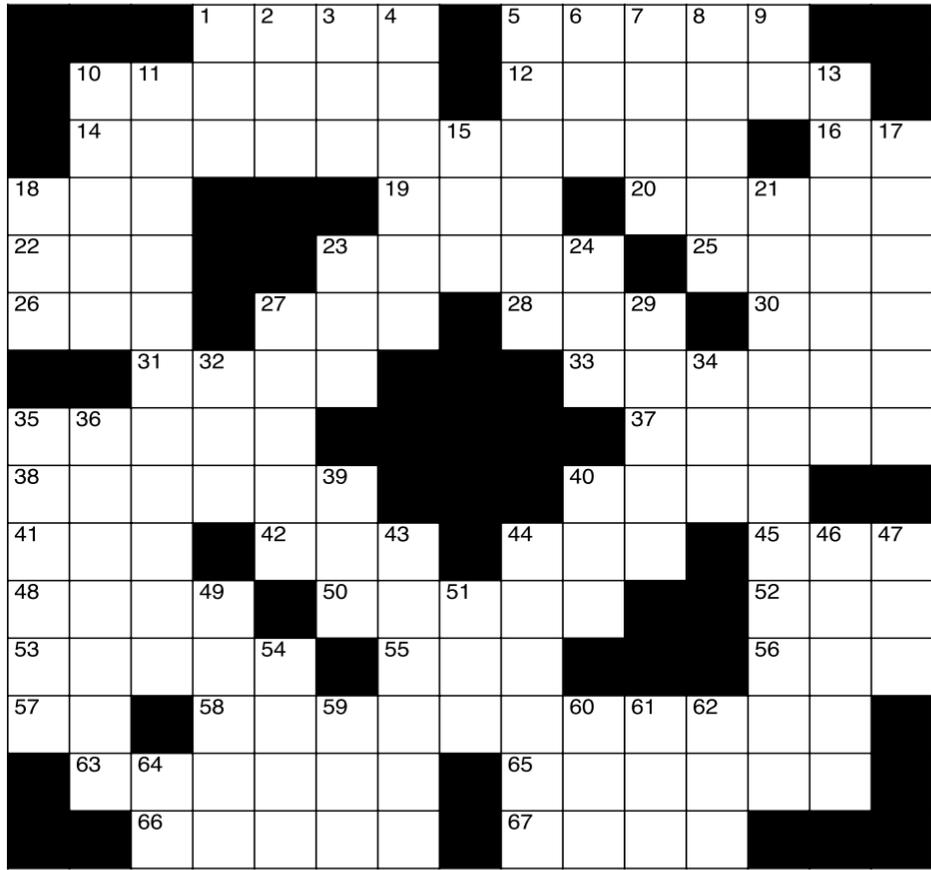
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# Crossword Puzzle



## CLUES ACROSS

1. Shed tears
5. Luxury jewelry designer
10. Goddess of wisdom
12. Convert into a particular form
14. Working-class people
16. It borders Canada (abbr.)
18. A princess can detect its presence
19. Red-brown sea bream
20. Defunct retail empire
22. Vase
23. Demeter's equivalent
25. Monetary unit of the Maldives
26. French and Belgian river
27. Small amount
28. High schoolers' test
30. Animal's foot
31. Some is red
33. Per \_\_\_: each
35. Swedish jazz pop duo
37. Plate for Eucharist
38. Train line
40. Russian pop duo
41. Stake
42. Plant by scattering
44. Female sibling
45. City of Angels hoopsters (abbr.)

48. Popular cookie brand
50. Group of Niger-Congo languages
52. A team's best pitcher
53. Vomits
55. 19th letter of Greek alphabet
56. Men's fashion accessory
57. Its capital is Pierre (abbr.)
58. Expensive cut of steak
63. Popular James Cameron film
65. A \_\_\_: relating to knowledge gleaned from deduction
66. Kids' snow toys
67. Flip side to yin

## CLUES DOWN

1. Global public health agency
2. Snake-like fish
3. Midway between northeast and east
4. Dabbed
5. TV show
6. Folk singer DiFranco
7. Canadian flyers
8. Of the dowry
9. Commercial
10. The act of imitating
11. Equipment used to broadcast radio or TV signals
13. Lands of an emir
15. Swiss river
17. Island
18. Monetary unit of Afghanistan
21. One who surrenders under agreed conditions
23. Garfield is one
24. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
27. Small boats used in the Black Sea
29. Small savory Spanish dishes
32. Body part
34. Touch lightly
35. Popular grilled foods on a stick
36. \_\_\_ Hess: oil company
39. Antelope with a reddish coat
40. Pharaoh of Lower Egypt
43. Pink Floyd's Roger
44. Short and thick
46. Small, sac-like cavities
47. Performer \_\_\_Lo
49. Entrails of animal used as food
51. \_\_\_ King Cole, musician
54. Where construction is done
59. Chap
60. Investment vehicle
61. Often mixed with tonic
62. Holiday beverage egg \_\_\_
64. Against

Answers on page 11

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# OUR Community

## An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

If you found a genie, what three wishes would you make?



**Claire B.**, 4th grade, Oak Harbor

I would wish for all animals to have a home as my first wish. My second wish would be for everyone to have a home and to be treated fairly. Lastly, my third and final wish would be, to set the genie free for fulfilling my wishes.

**Czarina B.**, 4th grade, Oak Harbor

1. A wish to reduce pollution.
2. A wish to save endangered species.
3. My final wish is for a pet panda.



**Oliver W.**, 3rd grade, Oak Harbor

1. I would ask to go camping with my family every weekend in our RV.
2. I would ask for peace in the world.
3. I would ask to become a superhero with my friends so that we could help save the world.

**Gerritt C.**, 4th grade, Oak Harbor

1. To have peace in the world!
2. For everyone to have good health!
3. For animals to live safe!



**Andrew S.**, 4th grade, Oak Harbor

I would wish for world peace, a cure for cancer and dry-erase markers for everyone!

## YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, Feb. 23	Fri, Feb. 24	Sat, Feb. 25	Sun, Feb. 26	Mon, Feb. 27	Tues, Feb. 28	Wed, March 1
North Isle H-38°/L-23° Partly Sunny and Cold	North Isle H-36°/L-27° Mostly Cloudy and Cold	North Isle H-44°/L-35° AM Snow, PM Sunbreaks	North Isle H-47°/L-37° Showers	North Isle H-48°/L-33° Showers	North Isle H-46°/L-33° Showers and Sunbreaks	North Isle H-46°/L-35° Showers
South Isle H-36°/L-22° Partly Sunny and Cold	South Isle H-37°/L-27° Partly Sunny and Cold	South Isle H-42°/L-32° AM Snow, Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-42°/L-35° Showers	South Isle H-47°/L-32° Showers	South Isle H-46°/L-31° Showers and Sunbreaks	South Isle H-45°/L-34° Showers

# Community Bulletin Board

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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](mailto: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](mailto:njlish@gmail.com). More info at our Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/NorthPugetSoundDragonBoatClub?ref=hl](http://www.facebook.com/NorthPugetSoundDragonBoatClub?ref=hl)

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

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Island Shakespeare Festival is seeking new members to join our board of directors. We're looking for people who are passionate about high-quality live classical theater and can devote time and energy to support the work of Island Shakespeare

Festival's important cultural, social, and fiscal position on Whidbey Island. Our current needs include individuals with backgrounds in the following areas: human resources, donor relations, finance, as well as other skills related to overseeing a performing arts organization. Board members are asked to provide input and feedback to the Board and staff of ISF, attend one full board meeting per month, serve actively on board committees, and attend activities and events sponsored by ISF. Women and persons of color strongly encouraged to apply. For more information, please contact [jeff.natter@island-shakespearefest.org](mailto:jeff.natter@island-shakespearefest.org).

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

## How'd you do?

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

College student? Student of history? History buff? Opportunities are available to spend constructive volunteer hours at the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum. Go to [www.pnwnam.org](http://www.pnwnam.org) and click on "Volunteer" or just stop by and introduce yourself.

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](mailto:wamothermentors@gmail.com) or call 360-321-1484.

## JOB MARKET

SOUTH WHIDBEY PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: SWPRD is seeking a director to lead the district into the next phase of development and operation. See the complete job announcement and description at [swparks.org/](http://swparks.org/)

employment. Status: Regular, full-time, exempt, salary range \$94,269 - \$123,000. Generous benefit package. Job description and application at [swparks.org/about/employment](http://swparks.org/about/employment). Job open until filled (1)

Whidbey Watershed Stewards seeks an enthusiastic individual to serve as our EDUCATION COORDINATOR. The education coordinator leads the operation, development and promotion of the environmental education program for Whidbey Watershed Stewards. The education coordinator is responsible for creating and teaching a curriculum that is supportive of the mission, goals and objectives of Whidbey Watershed Stewards.

Whidbey Watershed Stewards is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization located on south Whidbey Island. We work with the Island County community to promote environmental stewardship, habitat enhancement, and natural science based environmental education for all ages. We seek to inform and engage people to be a catalyst for positive actions in order to ensure the vitality of our land, watersheds, and nearshore for the people and environment of Puget Sound. One of our primary activities is to provide spring and fall outdoor education sessions at the Rene Neff (a.k.a. Maxwellton) Outdoor Classroom to K-5 classes from the South Whidbey School District and other nearby schools. Lessons focus on hands-on, natural science activities and are taught by volunteer instructors and the education coordinator.

The job type is part time/seasonal based on the school year and three weeks of summer day camp. Approximately 850 hours per year. Hourly rate is \$22 to \$25

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depending on applicant's experience. Interested candidates should review the position's job description on the WWS website: [www.whidbeywatersheds.org](http://www.whidbeywatersheds.org) - and submit a resume, cover letter and three references to [whidbeywatersheds@gmail.com](mailto:whidbeywatersheds@gmail.com) with subject line Education Coordinator Search. Candidates must also be able to pass a full police clearance with background check and provide proof of COVID vaccinations. For further information, please call Marie Bergstrom at 253-298-1362. The position will remain open until filled. It is anticipated the person selected will begin work ASAP and preferably no later than March 1. (0)

Island Transit is Hiring! If you are looking for a solid career with great pay and benefits including two retirement plans, we are hiring. Visit [www.islandtransit.org/employment](http://www.islandtransit.org/employment) to apply. Island Transit is a drug and alcohol free workplace and an equal employment opportunity employer.

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