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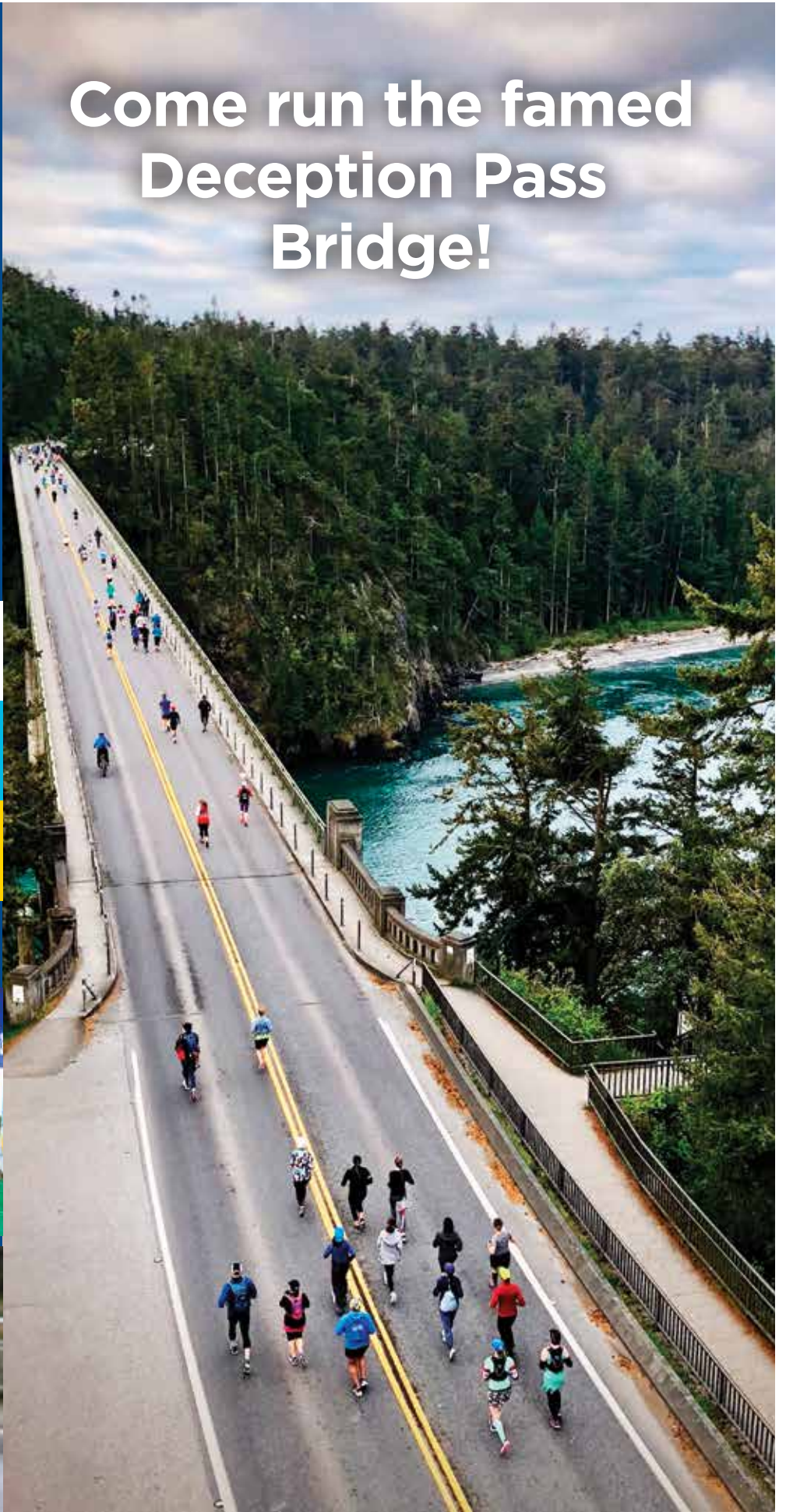
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## On your mark, get set for the Whidbey Island Marathon

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

It's time to start thinking about the Whidbey Island Marathon.

Registration is open and the Whidbey Island Marathon will be back April 23. Hundreds of runners will take part in either the full marathon, the half marathon, a 10K or a 5K race or even a kids 1K event. The marathon will once again shut down Deception Pass Bridge on State Route 20, as it gets underway from Bowman Bay at 7 a.m. that Sunday morning and follows its 26.2-mile route to Oak Harbor's Windjammer Park. All other races will begin and end at Windjammer Park.

"This year, we anticipate 1,500 participants," said Fizz Events' Jared Loranger, race director. "Registrations are up year over year and things finally feel like they're getting back to 'normal,' or a new normal anyway, and it feels like people are excited to come out for events again. This will also be the first year we're able to host Canadian participants again with travel restrictions being eased. We're excited!"

The Whidbey Island Marathon is a qualifier for the Boston Marathon and kicks off the Salish Sea Road Race Series, which includes the Capital City Marathon in May, the North Olympic Discovery Marathon in June, the Orca Half Marathon in September and the Royal Victoria Marathon in October. While all these events are unique in their own way, those who call Whidbey Island home know what makes the Whidbey Island Marathon special.

"This race is one of the most beautiful races you can participate in and the only race that closes the Deception Pass bridge," Loranger said. "You can't beat the views from all over the different courses."

It's an event runners come back for year after year, according to Loranger.

"They love the community feel," he said. "We have so many volunteers that come support the race along with the community cheering on participants that it feels like the community is behind all the runners."

In the past, people have traveled from all over the U.S. and even from other countries to participate. The pandemic years changed that a bit, but participants still make the trip to run the Whidbey Island Marathon.

"It's always neat to see how many people travel for the event and for a vacation to the Pacific Northwest," Loranger said. "Annually, over 65 percent of our participants are from off Whidbey Island, with the majority coming from Washington, but lots come from all over."

Another bonus of events like the Whidbey Island Marathon, said Loranger, is that it can encourage people to get involved in the sport of running, no matter what age they are or what stage they are at in their running journey.

"A marathon distance isn't for everyone and typically if you're getting into a run, it's not the distance you start at," he explained. "We promote offer-



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Marathon

The setting and views are part of what sets the Whidbey Island Marathon apart from other races. No matter what route runners choose, organizers say the views along the courses make it a popular event in which to participate.



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Marathon

Hundreds of runners will compete in the Whidbey Island Marathon next month. The full marathon will start at Bowman Bay and cross Deception Pass Bridge, finally finishing at Windjammer Park in Oak Harbor. There will also be a half marathon, 10K and 5K runs and a 1K kids run, which will all begin and end at the park.



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Marathon

There are events and distances for all ages at the Whidbey Island Marathon event, including a 1K fun run for kids.

ing a distance for everyone so the entire family can participate, all the way down to the little ones with the 1K kids run. It's a fun event that is truly an event for the whole family. And hopefully after you participate, you come back the next year and take on a longer distance!"

It's not unusual to see a lot of spectators, either, said Loranger.

"It takes a lot of time and investment to train for running races, so typically your family has been through those training days with you," he described. "It's not uncommon to see families lining the finish line waiting for their loved ones to come back. Kids make encouraging signs, people bring flowers to their finishers and everyone is there cheering on each of the finishers."

While the Whidbey Island Marathon just lasts a day (not counting the check in and expo the day before), there is a lot of work and planning that goes into putting an event like this together.

"Setting up and producing an event of this size is always challenging due to how many miles the races stretch throughout the island," said Loranger. "Working with so many different entities is challenging at times as well, but everyone is very used to the race at this point and looks forward to seeing all the different tourists that come to participate and visit the area. That makes it a fun challenge."

Registration is currently open for all races at [runwhidbey.org](http://runwhidbey.org), but those interested are able to sign up even as late as race day. The website also has details on pricing and route information to help answer runners' questions. Volunteers are also needed and registration for that is available on the website as well.

Loranger said he looks forward to Whidbey Island Marathon day every year.

"I enjoy seeing so many smiles as runners cross the finish line, no matter if it was their first time finishing a race or their 100th," he said. "It's always cool to see so many people realize their goals."

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# Family Guide

By Amy Hannold

## Spring Has Sprung! – Here Are Ideas for Spring Break Fun and Beyond:

**The Whidbey Island Scavenger Hunt** runs March 31 to April 11. Register online to take part in this island-wide digital scavenger hunt consisting of a variety of challenges suitable for all ages. Participants will learn about local nonprofits, fun places and events on the island. \$10 per scavenger, funds raised support Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Island County. [bbbsislandcounty.org/wish](http://bbbsislandcounty.org/wish)

**Sew a Nature Bag with Green Art Labs at the Coupeville Library:** Thursday, April 6, 10 a.m. -12 p.m. – Huge coffee bags will be re-purposed into smaller ones for your nature adventures. This is a great first sewing project for young ones, who will need help from patient adults or older siblings. For families with children of all ages. Learn more about Green Art Labs at [Greenartlabs.com](http://Greenartlabs.com).

**Ranger Hour: Bloom and Buds at the Oak Harbor Library:** Friday, April 7, 4-5 p.m. – Join park staff to learn about parks, wildlife, native plants, and more! Play games, be creative and discover the natural world in our own community. All ages are welcome. Adult caretakers must be present for the duration of the program.

**Garage Sale, Antiques & More at Skagit County Fairgrounds:** Vendors galore, live music, great food and treasures to discover, including hand-crafted items, antiques, collectibles, gardening items and more. Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8, 9 a.m. -4 p.m. Saturday features an egg hunt and draft horse carriage rides. \$5 admission, ages 12 and under are free. On-site parking is \$4. [Skagitcounty.net/garagesale](http://Skagitcounty.net/garagesale)

**See the Warbirds “Knock the Rust Off.”** The Heritage Flight Museum in Burlington begins its season of monthly “Fly Days” Saturday, April 15. Tour the museum and see the warbirds take to the skies. From a single-ship fighter to a formation of T-6’s, there’s always something exciting going on for these events. Aircraft from the museum’s own historic collection are joined on particular dates by aircraft from other local organizations. [Heritageflight.org](http://Heritageflight.org)

**Sanctuary Animal Stories and Pen Pals at the Coupeville Library:** Friday, April 14, 10-11 a.m. – Do you have a tender heart for animals? Are you concerned with ending animal cruelty? Join us for Sanctuary Stories with Pasado’s Safe Haven, a storytelling-based animal experience that brings real issues to life in a way that inspires empathy and compassion in children. Pasado’s Safe Haven is home to dogs, cats and farm animals who arrived as victims of cruelty or neglect. After learning about the charming animals that call Pasado’s Safe Haven home, you are invited to participate in Pasado’s Pen Pals program. Choose an animal resident and write them a letter or draw them a picture. Once the animals receive their letters, you will get something in return! All letter-writing materials will be provided. The Coupeville School District will be closed for parent-teacher conferences April 14.

**Autism Brings Us Together:** April is Autism Spectrum Disorder Month. Island County Parent to Parent is hosting a barbecue and costume party Saturday, April 15, 12-2 p.m., at Fort Nugent Park. The event features a barbecue lunch, scavenger hunt, goodie bags, and crafts to enjoy. Guests are invited to dress in costume as their favorite character, superhero, animal, princess, etc. This is an all-ages event for those affected by autism and their families, for a day with others that are on a similar journey. Visit [facebook.com/islandcountyparent2parent](http://facebook.com/islandcountyparent2parent) or call 360- 632-7539.

**The Reptile Lady at Coupeville Library:** Saturday, April 22, 10-11 a.m. – Snakes, alligators, and lizards – oh my! Come and interact with reptiles from all over the world in this educational and fun event with the Reptile Lady, April Jackson. For families with children of all ages.

**Discover your Washington State Parks:** In honor of Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, is a “Free Parks Day;” no Discover Pass is required. On Whidbey Island, we have five Washington State Parks 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).

**April is for Tulips in Skagit County:** Enjoy a month-long celebration featuring a variety of events and beautiful fields in bloom. There are four gardens to view this year; advance tickets are available. Visit [tulipfestival.org/garden-ticketing](http://tulipfestival.org/garden-ticketing) for tickets and details on each garden’s attractions.

### FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS:

**Beaks, Noses, and Bills:** A 4-H Club Petting Farm: Visit rabbits, chicks, goats, ponies, ducks and baby pigs. \$5 per person donations are appreciated. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., on Saturdays and Sundays in April. You will find the petting farm in the parking lot across from Conway Feed and alongside Conway Foods: 18700 Main Street, Conway.

**The 36th Annual Kiwanis Club of La Conner’s “Not So Impromptu Tulip Parade:”** Saturday, April 8, 2-3:30 p.m., in downtown La Conner.

**See The Big Rigs! PACCAR Technical Center Open House:** Saturday, April 15, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The public is invited once a year to this free, all-ages event at PACCAR’s 375-acre site, which provides test and development for PACCAR divisions, including Kenworth, Peterbilt, and DAF trucks. The tour highlights labs and trucks manufactured by PACCAR. 12479 Farm To Market Rd., Mount Vernon.

**Downtown Mount Vernon Street Fair:** Friday, April 21, through Sunday, April 23. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. Featuring juried arts and crafts vendors from throughout the United States, including painting and fine art, photography, jewelry, clothing, gourmet food stuffs, unique gifts, garden art, children’s toys and more.

**Holland Happening Parade and Heritage Festival:** Oak Harbor’s festival is April 30 and May 1. The parade is Saturday, at 11 a.m., beginning at the corner of Midway and Pioneer, proceeding down Bayshore, and back to Pioneer Way. Both days, the street fair and food will be on Pioneer Way, as well as the Art Walk, featuring student artwork posted in downtown storefront windows. Before the festival opens, stop by the Oak Harbor Chamber and pick up your wooden shoes for the Klompen Canal Races! What is a Klompen Race? Decorated wooden shoes will be raced down a canal and over a waterfall, made just for this event. The race commemorates our hardworking Dutch ancestors, who chose this type of shoe because they were inexpensive, waterproof, and comfortable for long days in the fields. When you purchase your shoes at the chamber before the festival, it is tradition to decorate them in preparation for the race. Waterproof paint and glues are best to use, and your creativity, to make your Klompen stand out as it races down the canal. Shoes and decorating materials will be available at the festival. [oakharborchamber.com](http://oakharborchamber.com)

Find local Easter egg hunts, Spring Break activities and all sorts of family fun at: [WhidbeyIsland.MacaroniKid.com](http://WhidbeyIsland.MacaroniKid.com) and “Whidbey Island Events and More,” on Facebook.

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# VETERANS BENEFITS FAIR

## FRIDAY, MARCH 24

### 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Whidbey Veterans Resource Center

WVRC is located at the South Whidbey Community Center, 723 Camano Avenue Building C, room 403 - Langley, WA call: 360-331-8081  
\* ADA access to the large parking lot on the backside of the campus (behind WICA)

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# Bits & Pieces

## Lions Serve



Project chairpersons Lori Leyto and Pam Taylor of the North Whidbey Lions Club presented emergency personal items to Nurse Jen Wuzke at Oak Harbor Intermediate School and to Kristie Tieger at North Whidbey Middle School March 15. The lions met some very engaging kids in each school and were impressed with their willingness to help locate the nurses.

[Submitted by Bonnie La Forest, North Whidbey Lions Club]

## Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra Presents Rhythms of Nature II - Whidbey Celebrates Earth and Ocean Month

Join the musicians of Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra in celebration of Whidbey's Earth and Ocean Month. Rhythms of Nature II will be presented Saturday, April 1, 3 p.m. at Langley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall and Sunday, April 2, 3 p.m. at Oak Harbor First United Methodist Church. The program features chamber music for percussion, winds and strings including *Minus Nine* by David Madiera, a musical representation of the beautiful and exotic world revealed during low tide on Puget Sound. Other works include, *In a Treeless place, only Snow*, composed by John Luther Adams, which refers to a type of stone marker the Inuit peoples use to orient themselves in Arctic spaces and *Earthscape* by David Marlatt, a lyrical piece inspired by the view of our planet from space. Members of The Four Voices will be on hand reading their poetry and prose throughout the program.

This program is sponsored by Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra and admission is by a suggested \$20 donation. For more information visit: [www.sowhidbey.com](http://www.sowhidbey.com) or call 360-929-3045.

[Submitted by Larry Heidel, Executive Director, Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra]

## Conservation Futures Fund Citizens' Advisory Board Public Meeting: Grant Application Presentations

April 6, a Conservation Futures Fund (CFF) Citizens' Advisory Board (CAB) meeting will be held in hybrid format from 3:00 to 5:00PM. Members of the public are invited

to attend in person on the Island County campus in Coupeville or via Zoom.

During the meeting, organizations that applied for Conservation Futures funding during the 2023 application cycle will present their land acquisition applications before the Citizens' Advisory Board and the public. Time for public comment will be allotted after each application presentation.

The Conservation Futures Program is funded by a local property tax. The Conservation Futures property tax is used for land protection and stewardship to preserve the irreplaceable character of unique, distinctive lands and to protect habitat. Attending the meeting will provide members of the public with a chance to learn where their property tax dollars are going and to discover the importance of the Conservation Futures program to the Island County community.

Please contact CFF Coordinator Michala Milewski at [m.milewski@islandcountywa.gov](mailto:m.milewski@islandcountywa.gov) for more information about attending the public meeting either virtually or in-person. Visit the Island County DNR Conservation Futures webpage for meeting minutes, agendas, Zoom links, and program information: [www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/DNR/Pages/cff.aspx](http://www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/DNR/Pages/cff.aspx).

[Submitted by Michala Milewski, Prevention Specialist/CFF Coordinator]

## Wings Over Whidbey Bird Festival Youth Photography Contest

Whidbey Island's youth, kindergarten through grade 12, are invited to participate in a bird photography contest hosted by the Whidbey Audubon Society. The contest has three age groups and two categories in each. Each participant may enter only one photo in the appropriate age group and category (cell phone or camera photo). Entries will be accepted until the close of day April 28. Each age group and category will be awarded a first, second and third place prize.

To enter, visit the Whidbey Audubon Society website and download the entry form and the rules, [www.whidbeyaudubonsociety.org/wings-over-whidbey-festival](http://www.whidbeyaudubonsociety.org/wings-over-whidbey-festival). Entry into this contest constitutes acceptance of the official rules. All participants under the age of 18 must have their parent or legal guardian's permission to enter. The contestant registration form will include the parent/legal guardian statement of permission to participate.

An award ceremony will be Thursday, May 18 from 4:00 to 5:30PM at the Coupeville Recreation Hall. If notified as a contest winner, the student agrees to attend the

awards ceremony. The Wings over Whidbey Bird Festival is a free event starting Thursday afternoon, May 18 through Saturday, May 20 and includes field trips, lectures, the Bird in the Hand specimen library and more. For questions or more information, please email [programs@whidbeyaudubonsociety.org](mailto:programs@whidbeyaudubonsociety.org) or call 360-320-7564.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, Whidbey Audubon Publicity Chair]

## Whidbey Island Dance Theatre Costume Coordinator Needed

Whidbey Island Dance Theatre (WIDT) is a 30-year-old gem of a nonprofit that was founded on the idea of creating a new and exciting opportunity for young people in its community; young creatives of all ages, who also loved dance, could learn the discipline to train in a variety of dance forms and find their place on stage with their peers.

The company holds two major performances per year: "The Nutcracker" and "Celebration of Dance" (April 28-29 at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts).

WIDT is in need of a new costume coordinator, who works closely with the artistic directors on their vision for each performance. Must have flexible hours on weekends and availability for all rehearsal and show dates. Additional duties include: measuring, sewing, costume fittings, ordering costumes and getting them organized and ready for the next show, organizing costume volunteers, and creating the timeline of when everything happens with the artistic directors' input.

This job provides a stipend for the fall/winter season and the spring/summer season.

If interested, please reach out via email at [whidbeyidt@gmail.com](mailto:whidbeyidt@gmail.com) with COSTUME COORDINATOR in the subject line.

Visit the WIDT website for more info about this company at [www.widtonline.org](http://www.widtonline.org).

[Submitted by Patricia Duff]

## Muzzall Garners Nearly \$30 Million for District Schools

The state senate unveiled its proposal for the 2023-25 Capital Budget earlier this week. Hailed by negotiators as a record investment for housing, state Sen. Ron Muzzall is proud to have secured nearly \$30 million for school districts who've struggled to get local resources for capital projects. Oak Harbor School District, whose local bond was recently rejected, is set to receive the lion's share of capital-related funds.

"Capital costs are significant burdens for our school districts and I'm proud to support these robust investments from the state," Muzzall said. "Oak Harbor has tried unsuccessfully with their local bonds, and I think taxpayers feel fatigued with those assessments. This mechanism of funding is a way to meet those needs without further burdening property owners in the district."

## Letters to the Editor

### Editor,

What a great community! It is with a heart filled with gratitude we thank those who showed up to support the Lummi House of Tears carvers. Your support enabled them to continue a great tradition. For 22 years, these Totem Pole Journeys have been visiting communities across this great nation touching hearts, raising awareness, bringing hope, solutions and solidarity to those in need. This year's journey is dedicated to supporting the San Carlos Apache, who are fighting to protect their sacred ceremonial grounds at Oak Flat, Ariz., from a proposed copper mine. This is the first year organizers lacked the funding to make the journey possible. That's when folks on Whidbey hosted healing ceremonies for them in Coupeville and Langley, which inspired others elsewhere to contribute as well. The money was raised to launch this year's journey dedicated to the protection of Oak Flat and sacred sites everywhere. In appreciation, March 11, they brought the pole to Whidbey for a blessings ceremony. Over 100 people from Whidbey, Port Townsend and elsewhere witnessed the event. It then continued on its way to Arizona and eventually Pasadena, Calif., for a court hearing. We want to thank the mayors of Coupeville and Langley, members of the Snohomish Tribe, the Blue Heron Canoe family and the owners of Callen's Restaurant for their support and participation. If you would like to support this worthwhile tradition, visit the TPJ website. Donations can be made through [CatskillMountainKeeper.org](http://CatskillMountainKeeper.org) house of tears carvers.

In Coast Salish we say Hys'que siem-thank-you for making this possible.

Gary & Dianna Deseck-Piazzon  
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\*Gary and Dianna are members of the Native Connections Initiative of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island (UUCWI)

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In the Senate's version of the state's construction budget, \$13.9 million would go toward the Oak Harbor Early Learning Center, which houses early learning programs for children ages 3-5 and other special education programs for the district's youngest learners. Another \$13.6 million is allocated to Crescent Harbor Elementary. Muzzall also fought to include funding for La Conner School District, which would receive just over \$1.5 million for its capital projects in the senate's proposal.

Muzzall points to the high level of funding as an opportunity for schools to receive further federal matching dollars to make capital improvements a reality. If the level of funding championed by Muzzall is maintained, the district could be eligible for an additional \$55.9 million for early learning and \$53.9 million for elementary schools.

"Thank you to Senator Muzzall for his continued efforts advocating on behalf

of our students. Through your leadership, we have an opportunity to capture critical Department of Defense federal matching dollars to rebuild two aging schools on military installations that currently house more than 800 students (pre school - 12th grade) every day," said Oak Harbor Public Schools Superintendent Michelle Kuss-Cybula. "By approving Senate Bill 5324, you are investing in our children and the future of our community. Thank you for being a champion for all of our students."

The final capital budget still needs to be negotiated with the house of representatives and approved by both chambers. The house is expected to release its proposal March 27. Muzzall is committed to working with his house counterparts to maintain the strong education spending during negotiations.

[Submitted by Laudan Espinoza, Senate Republican Caucus]

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# 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.

**Sea Shanty & Pub Songs with Johann**  
Friday, March 24, 7:00PM  
Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

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](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

**Salish Sea Early Music Festival**  
Sunday, March 26, 7:30PM  
Unitarian Universalist Church, Freeland

Obbligato Harpsichord and Flute (1720-1760) • with David Schrader (harpsichord, Chicago) and Jeffrey Cohan (baroque flute). Admission is by suggested donation of \$20 or \$25 (a free will offering), and those 18 and under are free. For additional information, please see [www.salishseafestival.org/whidbey](http://www.salishseafestival.org/whidbey). The church is located at 20103 SR 525.

**Guemes Island Bus Tour**  
Friday, April 14

Let's go island hopping by bus, bridge and boat to Fidalgo and Guemes Islands with Island and Skagit Transit. Play Transit Trivia and win prizes on the way. Have lunch at the General Store. Then visit old town Anacortes. To RSVP call 360-678-9536 or email [Travel@IslandTransit.org](mailto:Travel@IslandTransit.org).

**A Vintage Spring Market**  
Friday, April 14, 4:00PM-9:00PM  
Saturday, April 15, 10:00AM-4:00PM  
Coupeville Recreation Hall,  
901 NW Alexander St.  
Tickets: \$20

Enjoy shopping for antiques, collectable, great junk, and more. There will be raffles, food and beverages. Tickets available at Dina's Great Finds in Oak Harbor. Limited tickets available - presale only. For more information, email [dinasgreatfinds@gmail.com](mailto:dinasgreatfinds@gmail.com).

**Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events**  
See schedule below  
Cost: Free

**Sketching Nature**  
Saturday, March 25, 2:00PM  
Freeland Library

Deepen your connection with nature and learn to sketch and make art without fear with artist and teacher Alma Alonzo. All supplies provided. Registration required.

**The Buzz About Bees**  
Saturday, April 1, 2:00PM  
Clinton Community Hall

Discover beginning beekeeping, plants that extend the bee feeding season, and learn how to tell the difference between wasps and bees. The Clinton Community Hall is located at 6411 S. Central Ave.

**Sew a Nature Bag with Green Art Labs**  
Thursday, April 6, 10:00AM-12:00PM  
Coupeville Library

We'll re-purpose a huge coffee bean bag into smaller nature bags you can sew yourself and take home for your nature adventures. This is a great first sewing project for young ones, who will need help from patient adults or older siblings. For families with children of all ages.

**Bees, Honey & Our Shared Cultural Connections**  
Thursday, April 6, 4:00PM  
Oak Harbor Library

Jeremy Kyncl of Hierophant Meadery shares the many ways bees are ingrained

in our shared cultural experiences, particularly via mead.

**Sanctuary Animal Stories and Pen Pals**  
Friday, April 14, 10:00-11:00AM  
Coupeville Library

Join us for Sanctuary Stories with Pasado's Safe Haven, a storytelling-based animal experience that brings real issues to life in a way that inspires empathy and compassion in children. After learning about the charming animals that call Pasado's Safe Haven home, you are invited to participate in Pasado's Pen Pals program. Choose an animal resident and write them a letter or draw them a picture. Once the animals receive their letters, you will get something in return! All letter-writing materials will be provided.

## 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.

**Filipino Christian Fellowship**  
Sundays, 2:00PM  
Meets at Church on the Rock,  
1780 SE 4th Ave., Oak Harbor.  
[www.ohcfellowship.com](http://www.ohcfellowship.com)

**Healing Whidbey Healing Rooms**  
Every Thursday, 6:30-8:00PM  
5200 Honeymoon Bay Road, Freeland

The Healing Rooms are open to anyone desiring personal prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual needs. There is a team of Christians from several local churches that are dedicated to praying for healing the sick in our community. All ministry is private, confidential, and free. No appointment necessary, first-come, first-served basis. For more information, leave message for Ann at 425-263-2704 or email [info@healingwhidbey.com](mailto:info@healingwhidbey.com). You may also visit [healingwhidbey.com](http://healingwhidbey.com) or visit the International Association of Healing Rooms at [healingrooms.com](http://healingrooms.com).

**Concordia Lutheran Church**  
Sunday service, 9:30AM  
Bible Study & Sunday School, 10:45AM  
590 N Oak Harbor Street

For more information, visit [www.concordiaoakharbor.org](http://www.concordiaoakharbor.org) or call 360-675-2548.

**Teaching Through God's Word**  
Sundays, 9:00 & 11:00AM  
Calvary Chapel, 3821 French Road, Clinton  
For more information, visit [ccwhidbey.com](http://ccwhidbey.com).

**Unitarian Universalist Sunday Service**  
Sundays, 10:00AM  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Freeland  
All are welcome. Values-based children's religious exploration classes and childcare will be provided. Visit [www.uucwi.org](http://www.uucwi.org) for more information. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation building is located at 20103 Highway 525, two miles north of Freeland.

**Unity of Whidbey**  
Sundays, 10:00AM  
5671 Crawford Road, Langley

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

**Whidbey Quakers**  
Sundays, 4:00-5:00PM  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Freeland  
Whidbey Island Friends Meeting (also known as Quakers) meet in silent worship and community, with occasional spoken

messages, every Sunday at the Unitarian Universalist building. For more information, contact Tom Ewell at [tewell@whidbey.com](mailto:tewell@whidbey.com) or go to [www.whidbeyquakers.org](http://www.whidbeyquakers.org).

#### 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, Thursday,  
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

##### 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.

##### Divorce Care and DC4kids

Every Sunday, 5:00PM  
Living Word Church, Oak Harbor

A support group for people dealing with separation and divorce. For more information, call Larry at 360-969-0552 or Lisa - DC4kids at 360-672-4239. Living Word Church is located at 490 NW Crosby Ave.

##### Gamblers Anonymous

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

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

##### La Leche League of Oak Harbor

Second Tuesday, 6:45PM  
Oak Harbor Lutheran Church, Oak Harbor

Interested mothers and mothers-to-be are encouraged to attend and babies are welcome. For more information, please call Julie at 360-679-3562, Lisa at 360-679-0307, or Sue at 360-240-8604.

##### National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Whidbey Island

Fourth Thursday, 7:00PM-8:30PM  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland

NAMI is the largest grassroots organization dedicated to making life better for people with a mental illness and their friends and loved ones. The group is nonreligious but meets at Trinity Lutheran Church, 18341 State Route 525. It isn't necessary to preregister. Please contact Kathy Chiles, 206-218-6449 or [k.chiles22@live.com](mailto:k.chiles22@live.com) for more information.

##### NAR-ANON

Every Tuesday, 7:00PM-8:00PM  
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Clinton  
NAR-ANON family groups are worldwide for those affected by someone else's addiction. St. Peter's Lutheran Church is located at 6309 Wilson Place.

##### Overeaters Anonymous

Every Monday, 6:00PM-7:00PM  
Langley Fellowship Hall, Langley

Is food a problem for you? Do you eat when you're not hungry? Do you binge, purge or restrict? No dues and no fees! No weigh-ins, no diets, no judgments. Just caring support, hope and abstinence.

##### Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)

Second Mondays, 6:30-8:00PM  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
Whidbey Island, Freeland

For more information and support contact: [WhidbeyPFLAG@gmail.com](mailto:WhidbeyPFLAG@gmail.com); Chapter President, Sharon Kabler at 360-222-4028; or Chapter Secretary, Erick Westphal at 360-331-3393.

##### Parent Support for Miscarriage and Stillbirth

Last Wednesday, 7:00PM  
Freeland Library, Meeting Room, Freeland  
For details, call Jolene at 360-331-2113.

##### Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous (SLAA)

Every Wednesday, 7:00-8:00PM  
Every Sunday, 7:00-8:00PM  
Trinity Lutheran Church Annex, Freeland

SLAA is a 12-step fellowship for those who wish to stop living out a pattern of sex and love addiction. We offer relief for both those who suffer from a compulsive need for sex, and those with relationship-related compulsivity. We provide an environment free from shame and abuse where all can feel safe to share what they think and feel. You are not alone. For more information call 360-989-4248.

##### South Whidbey Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Second Tuesday, 10:00AM-12:00PM  
South Whidbey Senior Center, Langley

Expanded quarterly workshops TBA. The Caregiver Support Group, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, Western and Central Washington Chapter, provides emotional, educational, and social support for caregivers of those suffering from memory loss - in a confidential setting. For questions or additional information, contact Mel Watson at 360-321-1623 or [mel@islandeniorservices.org](mailto:mel@islandeniorservices.org).

##### TOPS® (Take Off Pounds Sensibly®)

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

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

#### Classes, Seminars and Workshops

##### Veterans Benefits Fair

Friday, March 24, 11:00AM-4:00PM  
Veterans Resource Center

Will include representatives from Veterans Affairs Healthcare and Benefits, VA Cemeteries and end of life benefits. Additionally, local resource representatives with Island County Veterans Services, Island Senior Services, DAV, Opportunity Council and Family Resource Centers and more. Please come to meet representatives, learn more about benefits, eligibility, and get help with questions and filling out forms. WVRC is located at the South Whidbey Community Center, 723 Camano Avenue Building C, room 403. Call 360-331-8081 for more information.

##### Lenten Movie Series

Tuesday, March 28, 12:00-2:00PM  
St. Augustine's-in-the-Woods, Freeland

With a lively mix of biblical criticism, Christianity, art history, film studies, and movie lore, the Rev. Jim Friedrich explores how we picture Jesus, what happens when sacred text is translated into popular image, and whether cinema brings something new to our understanding of Jesus. This four-week series concludes with a screening of the film *Son of Man*, which sets the Jesus story in a fictional 21st century African country. A compelling black Jesus, creative visual design, and powerful singing make this uniquely memorable film a standout. Bring a brown bag lunch and yourself. Beverages and cookies will be available. The church is located at 5217 S. HoneyMoon Bay Road.

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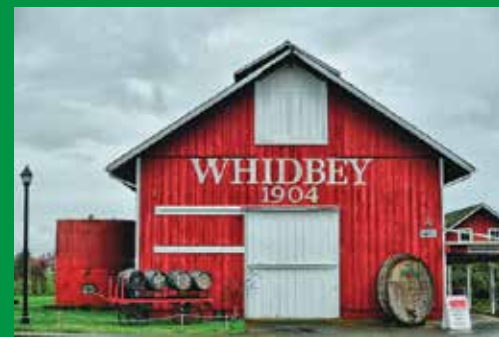


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More information at [WhidbeyIslandMarkets.com](http://WhidbeyIslandMarkets.com)

# Foliage-filled fashions to highlight unique runway show

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Now's the time to get tickets for the most unique fashion show to hit a runway on Whidbey Island since 2019.

The Center in Oak Harbor is holding its second Wearable Art Runway Show Saturday, April 22. Doors open at 6 p.m. at The Center, located at 51 SE Jerome Street. Tickets are \$60 per person and include the runway show and a catered dinner, and there will also be a "dessert dash." Proceeds benefit the Oak Harbor Senior Center Foundation, which provides support to maintain and grow programs at The Center. Tickets may be purchased online at [ohscfoundation.org/events](http://ohscfoundation.org/events) or in person or by phone at The Center.

The first Wearable Art Runway Show was held at The Center in 2019. According to organizers, it was a big success.

"We were looking for a signature event, something that wasn't already happening, to bring people together, give people the opportunity to be creative and have a good time," said Liz Lange, senior services administrator for the City of Oak Harbor. "Man, was it a hit! We sold out the first year and we can't wait to do it again."

Because it's been a bit since the first runway show, Lange said in many ways it feels as though organizers are starting over again.

"We've been able to rearrange things a bit so we can sell 80 tickets," she said. "That's a good size. We're both worried and hopeful we'll outgrow our space and we'll have to move to a bigger venue in the future."

This year's theme for the juried runway show is foliage or Earth Day, since that is the day upon which the event falls. Ensembles must include foliage, either real, fake or something that represents the "essence" of foliage. They must also include repurposed materials and some sort of headpiece, such as a hat, mask or crown. The goal is to get artists – experienced or not – to have fun and let their creativity inspire their look. Artists can choose to model their own ensemble or have someone else model it. Multiple models per entry are also permitted.

"We're happy to find models, if needed," said Lange. "We're looking forward to our 'celebrity' models this year – our Miss Oak Harbor royalty are participating as models and helpers and

[Oak Harbor city councilor] Tara Hizon has volunteered to be one of the models."

There are currently about 12 registered entries from all over Whidbey Island, but organizers said they are always open to more.

"We are open for additional entries," said Lange. "We've got a strong lineup of ensembles so far. We really just want people to be creative and playful and use art in any media that can be worn. What we really want to focus on is repurposed materials."

"Also what's really neat is that we have people participating who are artists and have been doing it for a long time and others who don't consider themselves artists at all," she continued. "They all come up with the most beautiful ensembles. So we really encourage beginners, novices and advanced artists; this is something anyone can participate in."

Lange shared a story about repurposed materials found during a crafter's swap held a few weeks ago at the Oak Harbor Sno-Isle Library.

"We got a big piece of plain, beige material," she described. "We took it to our Monday afternoon art group at The Center, ran it down the length of a few tables and everyone started painting. It turned out so lovely. It's the work of multiple artists and it's covered in flowers and leaves. They turned a boring piece of plain fabric into a piece of art that's going to wrap around a person as they walk down the runway."

Another group Lange said she would love to get more involved with the wearable art show in the future is students.

"We want this to be a fun community event that will give young artists the opportunity to showcase their talent," she said.

Whether an artist who has submitted a design or an audience member, Lange promises something truly unique for everyone.

"It's a unique opportunity to come and watch, because most people haven't heard of a wearable art show," she said. "Usually an artist's medium features a canvas on a stand, now they are creating something wearable. Most art shows are in a gallery with the art hung on walls – these art pieces are walking down the runway."



Photo Courtesy of The Center, Oak Harbor

The Wearable Art Runway Show to be held at The Center in Oak Harbor April 22 will feature one-of-a-kind wearable art creations, such as this feather ensemble from the first wearable art show in 2019. This year's theme calls for artists to go au naturel, using repurposed materials in a way that features foliage or Earth Day themes.

Those attending the runway show are encouraged to dress up in the spirit of the theme if they choose. They also get to vote for their favorite designs and prizes will be awarded in three categories – best use of the theme, most creative and best in show.

Lange said she is thankful for the community support the wearable art runway show has received so far, particularly from the OHSC Foundation board as well as from the city's arts commission. She said her hope is that events like this can help The Center reach out to the community even more.

"We have this vision of being a community without walls," she said. "I think a lot of times people think about us at The Center as just programs happening inside buildings, but we definitely extend beyond these walls. Especially now that the city has created a Parks and Recreation Department, it's kind of given us a broader ability to involve the community beyond our older adult age group. We want to let the community know we're excited and ready to provide opportunities for everyone in the community."

For tickets and information, visit [ohscfoundation.org](http://ohscfoundation.org) or call The Center at 360-279-4580.

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Photo Courtesy of The Center, Oak Harbor

Members of the Monday afternoon art group at The Center work on repurposing a plain piece of beige fabric, transforming it into material to be used on an entry in the Wearable Art Runway Show April 22.





Snack foods can be categorized as comfort foods — and potato chips (or “crisps” as they’re known across the pond) are no exception. Potato chips come in different flavors and cuts, including crinkle and kettle chips. While it’s easy to pick up a bag at the store, why not whip up a fresh batch right at home? You will have complete control over the ingredients and enjoy the freshest chips around. Try this recipe for “Homemade Potato Chips” courtesy of home cook, and country living blogger Kathy from Beyond the Chicken Coop.

**Homemade Potato Chips**

- 6 medium russet potatoes
- 2 tablespoons white vinegar
- Water

- Oil for frying (vegetable, canola or peanut oil)
- Salt

1. Peel potatoes and place potato in a bowl filled with water.
2. Slice potatoes to 1/16 inch thick. Use a mandolin to get an even, consistent size. Immediately place sliced potatoes in another bowl filled with cold water and 2 tablespoons of white vinegar. Allow potatoes to soak for at least 1 hour.
3. Drain potatoes and rinse with cold water. Leave potatoes in colander and allow all water to drain.
4. Place drained potatoes on a clean, dry kitchen towel. Pat lightly to remove any remaining water.
5. Fill pot with 2 inches of oil. Preheat oil to 380°F. Use a thermometer to test temperature of oil.
6. Test oil temperature. Ideal temperature will vary from 370° to 380°F. Fry one or two slices in the oil and cook until they are nicely browned. If the potatoes brown quicker than 3 minutes, lower the temperature by 5 degrees.
7. Place one handful of sliced potatoes in the oil. Stir gently to prevent potatoes from sticking to each other. Cook until golden; 3 minutes.
8. Scoop out and place on a baking sheet lined with a baking rack.
9. Sprinkle with salt immediately and repeat until all potatoes are cooked.
10. Tips: Soaking the potatoes helps remove excess starch and prevents the potatoes from sticking together. It also helps them fry up more crispy. Chips are best eaten the day they are made. Store in an airtight container for up to 2 days.



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**SHAZAM! FURY OF THE GODS (PG-13)**  
Friday – Tuesday: 1:15pm, 4:30pm & 7:15pm

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**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
It is very important that you do not count your chickens before they hatch, Aries. Something you suspected was a sure thing may not pan out this week.

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
You have a secret desire that you want to let out, Taurus. But you’re not sure of the timing. Stop letting your head dictate your heart and put plans into action.

**GEMINI – May 22/June 21**  
Friendships could falter due to your insecurities, Gemini. Others want to be around you for good reason. Try to see the value in relationships and make the effort to socialize.

**CANCER – June 22/July 22**  
Cancer, you could be defeating your own efforts this week. There may be something telling you that you’re not good enough to go for your goals. A pep talk can put you back on course.

**LEO – July 23/Aug 23**  
There’s a fresh development in your love life coming down the pike, Leo. Romantic feelings solidify and you might be in for some exciting adventures in the weeks to come.

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, the crowd around you may not be the support system you need right now. Making new friends can be tough, but it’s worthy pursuit at this point.

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, no matter how much you want to spend time with family or friends right now, work seems to draw you away. Focus on finding more balance.

**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**  
You might be feeling fed up with the pace of lessons being taught to you, Scorpio. If the teacher or mentor simply isn’t effective, then you might need to find a new educator.

**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, it might seem like having the utmost control sets you up for security, but that’s not always the case. Being too controlling may push others away.

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
This may be an emotional week for you, Capricorn. Your relationship will have to weather a few storms before things right themselves again.

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Poor habits can keep you from getting where you want to go, Aquarius. A friend or family member may need to step in to show you where you could be going wrong.

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Help a partner heal by being sensitive to his or her suffering. You may not know all the ins and outs, but being supportive can help greatly.

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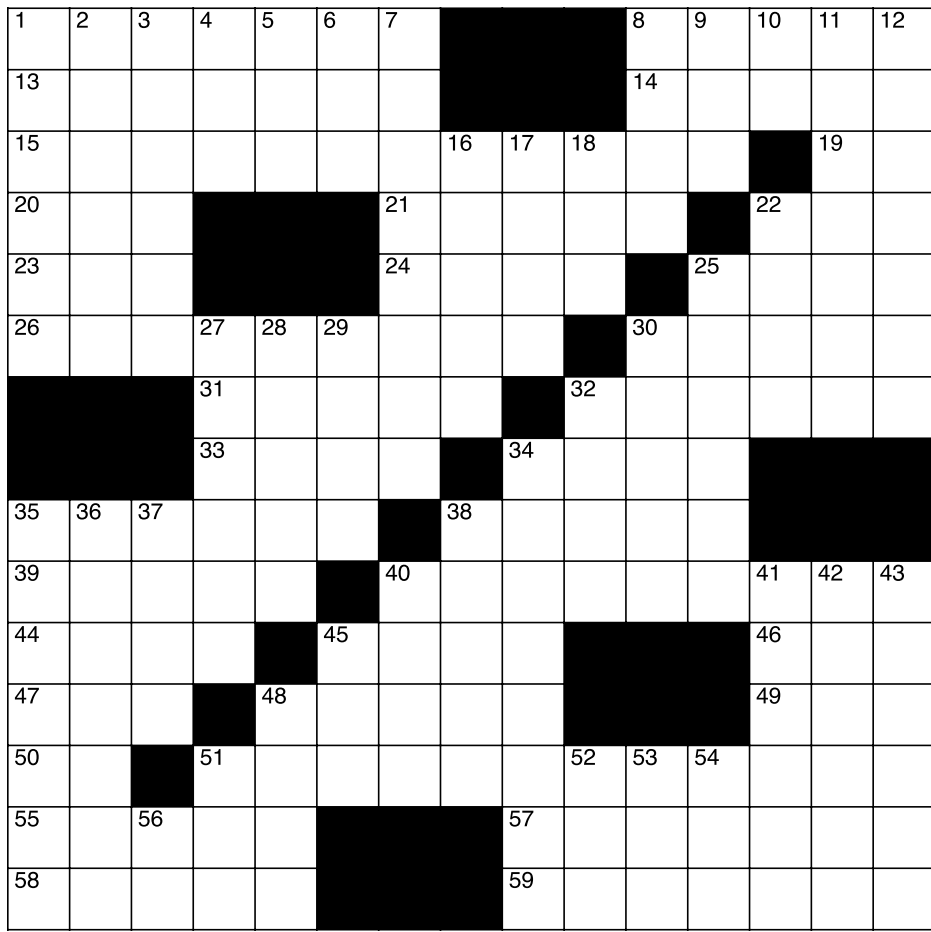
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# Crossword Puzzle



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Half-conscious states
- 8. Unnatural
- 13. Deep regret
- 14. Rogue
- 15. Taken without permission
- 19. An alternative
- 20. After B
- 21. Partner to flowed
- 22. Weekday
- 23. Body part
- 24. World's longest river
- 25. One of the Greats
- 26. Make clean
- 30. C. Canada indigenous peoples
- 31. Japanese seaport
- 32. Most unclothed
- 33. Small grouper fish
- 34. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 35. Distinguishing sound
- 38. French realist painter
- 39. Popular beer brand
- 40. Views
- 44. God depicted as a bull
- 45. Relieve
- 46. Residue after burning

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Clues
- 2. Do again
- 3. Current unit
- 4. Neither
- 5. Corporate exec (abbr.)
- 6. Second sight
- 7. The absence of mental stress
- 8. Supplemented with difficulty
- 9. Stop for good
- 10. College dorm worker
- 11. Bones
- 12. Most supernatural
- 16. Spanish island
- 17. Unlimited
- 18. Where golfers begin

- 22. No charge
- 25. Print errors
- 27. Professional drivers
- 28. Kiss box set
- 29. Short, fine fibers
- 30. Administers punishment
- 32. Czech city
- 34. Normal or sound powers of mind
- 35. The academic world
- 36. Crustacean
- 37. Currency
- 38. Pastoral people of Tanzania or Kenya
- 40. Cloth spread over a coffin
- 41. Grouped together
- 42. On land
- 43. Glistened
- 45. A type of extension
- 48. One who assists
- 51. College sports conference
- 52. Zero
- 53. Midway between northeast and east
- 54. Type of screen
- 56. The 13th letter of the Greek alphabet

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

<p>Thurs, March 23</p> <p>North Isle H-48°/L-37° Windy and Rainy</p> <p>South Isle H-46°/L-37° Windy and Rainy</p>	<p>Fri, March 24</p> <p>North Isle H-48°/L-37° Cloudy and Rainy</p> <p>South Isle H-45°/L-34° Windy and Rainy</p>	<p>Sat, March 25</p> <p>North Isle H-48°/L-38° Cloudy AM Showers</p> <p>South Isle H-47°/L-36° Cloudy AM Showers</p>	<p>Sun, March 26</p> <p>North Isle H-53°/L-36° Showers with Sunbreaks</p> <p>South Isle H-50°/L-35° Showers with Sunbreaks</p>	<p>Mon, March 27</p> <p>North Isle H-51°/L-40° Showers</p> <p>South Isle H-50°/L-36° Showers</p>	<p>Tues, March 28</p> <p>North Isle H-49°/L-39° Mostly Cloudy</p> <p>South Isle H-51°/L-39° Mostly Cloudy</p>	<p>Wed, March 29</p> <p>North Isle H-51°/L-39° Rain</p> <p>South Isle H-48°/L-37° Rain</p>
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## OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

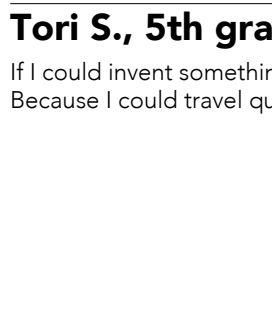
By Helen Mosbrooker

If you could invent something, what would it be, and why?



**Luke M., 5th grade, Oak Harbor**

I would invent a machine that cools your food down in a couple of seconds because everyone hates it when your food is too hot and it takes forever to cool it down by blowing on it.



**Tori S., 5th grade, Oak Harbor**

If I could invent something, it would be a teleport machine. Because I could travel quicker 'cause my family travels a lot.



**Zechy B., 5th grade, Oak Harbor**

If I could invent something in the future, I would like to invent a hoverboard that can actually hover and fly with an extremely strong strap for safety.



**Scarlett D., 5th grade, Oak Harbor**

I would invent a cheaper version of a tree planter made from reusable material. More trees are being cut down and not replaced; tree planters are currently very expensive at the moment, causing less people to be persuaded into planting trees. Sure, you can plant them manually, but that would take plenty of work. So a cheaper tree planter would persuade more people who do not want to get their hands dirty to buy one.



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# Community Bulletin Board

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**AUTO/PARTS FOR SALE**

**2007 Toyota Corolla CE, four door, automatic with overdrive, very clean, well maintained. Everything works - air, heat, overdrive. Never been smoked in. Clear title. \$3,200 OBO. 360-678-6149 or 360-914-1605. Can send pictures. (0)**

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**RV/TRAILERS**

**Metal RV/Vessel Shed, 40' long, 16' wide and 13.6' high. Manufactured and installed by HCI Steel Buildings (Arlington). Easy to enclose to make shop. Must be disassembled and reassembled - I know someone who can help. \$8,500 OBO. 360-678-6149 or 360-914-1605. Can send pictures. (0)**

**BOATS/PARTS FOR SALE**

Honda boat prop, part number: 58134-ZV4-008AH, \$60 OBO. Call Doug at 360-678-9319 (0)

**GARAGE/ESTATE SALES**

The Whidbey Island Monthly Flea Market is starting up again Saturday, March 25 from 10am-2pm at Greenbank Farm! No professional marketers selling imports - this is locals only selling everything from garage sale picks to vintage furniture to new arts and crafts! More information at [whidbeyislandmarkets.com](http://whidbeyislandmarkets.com) (1)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Coupeville Lions Club provides eyeglasses and hearing aids for free to those qualified and living in the Coupeville area. If you are in need of eyeglasses or hearing aids, please call 360-678-4105 and leave a message for Carol Parbs.

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)

**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.

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**

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.

**HEALTH/FITNESS**

ProForm 585 folding treadmill with adjustable speeds, inclines 0-10 percent, and running surface length and width is 52" by 18", \$120 OBO. Call Doug at 360-678-9319 (0)

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[rvoit@farmersagent.com](mailto:rvoit@farmersagent.com)



Sweat Stair Climber with VHS tape, \$55 OBO; SPRI folding fitness mat with stretching bands, 68" x 24" x 1.5" thick - four blocks, black vinyl, \$25 OBO. Call Jan at 360-678-9319 (0)

**HOME FURNISHINGS**

Full/queen adjustable metal bed frame with casters, \$40 OBO. Call Doug at 360-678-9319 (0)

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Firewood, approximately 14 13-foot logs, mixture of Hemlock and Alder. \$200 for all plus minimal delivery fee. 360-678-6149 or 360-914-1605. Can send pictures. (0)

**ANIMALS/SUPPLIES**

Good quality round bales for horses, \$80; also feeder quality bales, \$70. 360-321-16244

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

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