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Whidbey welcomes back special guests





The Welcome the Whales parade, to be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Langley, is free to attend and anyone is welcome to don a costume representing their favorite marine animal and join the fun.



Photo Courtesy of Orca Networ

The Welcome the Whales parade Saturday will end at Seawall Park in Langley, where there will be a traditional bl

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

This weekend is the perfect time to dive in and celebrate the Orca Network's annual Welcome the Whales festival and parade.

After two years of virtual celebrations, there are festival activities planned both Saturday and Sunday in Langley, according to organizers.

"Saturday at 11 a.m., we will gather at the Langley United Methodist Church for costume making and displays from Orca Network and some of our partner groups," described Cindy Hansen, education, outreach and advocacy coordinator for Orca network. "At 1:30 p.m., our Welcome the Whales parade will take place through Langley, ending at Seawall Park for music and a blessing. Then we will gather back at the church for a hybrid, in-person/virtual presentation about gray whales from Cascadia Research Collective."

Sunday's activities include a beach cleanup at 10 a.m. Those who wish to participate will meet at Whale Bell Park. At 2 p.m., there will be a Gray Whales Cruise fundraiser with Puget Sound Express. Cost for the cruise is \$100 per person, and proceeds benefit Orca Network's Langley Whale Center.

Welcome the Whales festival marks the return of a group of about 20 gray whales called the "Sounders." Every year this group breaks off from the rest of the Eastern Pacific gray whale population during their migration northward from Baja, Calif., to feed on ghost shrimp in north Puget Sound.

"They all seem to have found this area during times of low food abundance when they otherwise may have become malnourished, and have continued coming back each year," Hansen said. "This is a testament to how resilient, adaptive and amazing they are. Photogrammetry research from Cascadia Research Collective and SR3 (Sealife Response, Rehab, Research) has shown that the Sounders gray whales dramatically improve their body condition when they are here, which underscores the importance of these ghost shrimp in their diet."

Hansen said two gray whales in particular, #21 Shackleton and #22 Earhart, seem to have a special bond.

"They were the first two Sounders observed by Cascadia Research in 1990 and they were traveling together at the time," she said. "Over 30 years later, they still spend time feeding and socializing with one another. When Shackleton arrived in north Puget Sound on March 26 this year, it seems he immediately went and found his old friend, as they were seen together later t that day and for many days afterward."

Another whale is being honored this year as well, although it is bittersweet.

"Patch (#49), was one of the original Sounders gray whales and was the most consistent, being seen each year since he first arrived in 1991," explained Hansen. "He was a local favorite and Casca-

dia Research describes him as 'one of our earliest identified, most photogenic and beloved whales.' Sadly, he has not been seen since 2020, so it seemed appropriate to dedicate this year's festival to him. Our big gray whale in the parade is named Patch and was created in his likeness."

A commemorative Patch T-shirt has been created by San Juan Island artist Jenn Rigg and will be available for purchase and there will also be buttons made by one of the whale center's volunteers.

"We hope festival attendees will also remember Patch and continue to tell his story," Hansen said. "Fundraising efforts such as the T-shirt and the gray whale cruise on Sunday help support our education and advocacy efforts around the Salish Sea, including our Langley Whale Center"

The Langley Whale Center, which opened nine years ago, is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Monday, and has become a popular stop to learn about not only whales, but other sea life.

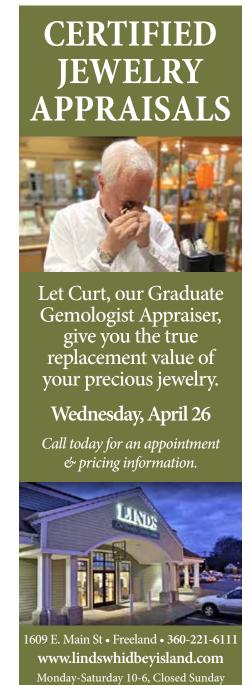
"Visitors to Whidbey Island love to come and learn about our local whales and locals often bring visiting family and friends," said Hansen. "The Whale Center also has some great, engaging kids' activities and a wonderful gift shop and the staff and volunteers regularly hold special events for all ages. Our goal is to teach visitors about Salish Sea whale species in a fun and engaging way that inspires them to take action to protect the habitat these whales rely on for their survival."

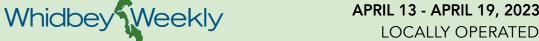
Hansen said attendance at the parade can range anywhere from 100 to 500 and said not knowing is part of what makes the event so much fun.

"It is so fun to see everyone dressing up as their favorite animal and gathering together to show their respect and love for our local gray whales," she said, adding it's not too late to participate. "The parade promotes a feeling of community and stewardship to protect these beautiful whales and the habitat they rely on. If people want to walk in the parade all they need to do is come with a costume (either one they already have, or they can make one at the church that morning) and meet us at the US Bank parking lot in Langley. Staging begins at 1 p.m."

The Welcome the Whales festival and parade is a truly unique Whidbey Island experience that aims to be fun and educational. Learn more about it at orcanetwork.org.

"There aren't many parades and festivals out there dedicated to one group of animals," Hansen said about what makes this event special. "It is heartwarming to see so many people show up in love and admiration of gray whales during this event. The Sounders are teaching us new things all the time, and they have made us rethink so many things we thought we knew about gray whales."







OAK HARBOR COHO **SALMON UPDATE**

The Oak Harbor Salmon, Steelhead Recovery and Enhancement Program is in full swing for the second year. The 30,000 juvenile coho salmon located at the Oak Harbor Marina are growing quickly and adapting well to their saltwater environment.

The salmon were delivered by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Marblemount Hatchery personnel Jan. 19, where they were carefully transferred from the stainless-steel tanker trucks into two 15- by 30-feet floating rearing pens. A predetermined feeding schedule accompanied the fish, along with enough tiny feeding pellets to get them through the four-and-a-half month acclimation

The fish are fed three times a week (Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday) around 9:30 in the morning. The food pellets are designed to be a three-level feed - meaning some of the pellets float, some suspend in the water column, and a portion slowly sinks towards the bottom. This three-tier action gives all of the fish a chance to attack food at all

The fish arrived at a length of three to four inches and very wary of the water's surface; so wary in fact, we started to wonder if the





Coho arrive at the Oak Harbor Marina



Release day for the Coho salmon

fish had escaped from an unknown tear in the net from a predator like an otter or harbor seal, because at feeding times there was no surface activity. This hideand-wait feeding action is proving to be a normal pattern for newly arrived fish. This season's lack of surface activity mirrors last year's. The fish seem to lay low, almost dormant for the first month, with the occasional fish breaking the surface; but by the second and third month they magically come alive. The fish are now six inches in length and aggressively attack the floating surface food, and appear under the surface as balls of bright chrome strips of confetti. We have had only six fish perish so far this season; last year we had a total loss of 12 to 15 salmon out of the 30,000 delivered. They do extremely well in the marina.

WDFW biologists are present on the release date; they take scale samples to catalog growth and health data. Community-involved feeding is encouraged. People of all ages, especially our young anglers, are welcome to come and feed the salmon or just observe the fish in the rearing pens. The salmon are scheduled to be released into the wild around the first week of May. Two sides of the containment netting will be lowered and small amounts of food will be cast out in the water to coax the fish out of the pens to begin their three- to four-year journey to adulthood. The salmon released last year in May will return as six- to 12-pound adults to the Oak Harbor marina and the surrounding waters in late September into November of 2025. Our goal is to raise and release coho and hopefully Chinook salmon each and every year that will provide both fishing opportunities for Island Anglers and increased feeding opportunities for our Southern resident orca whales. If you would like more information on feeding the salmon, please call the Oak Harbor Marina at 360-279-4575 or contact me at tlfishmonger@gmail.com.



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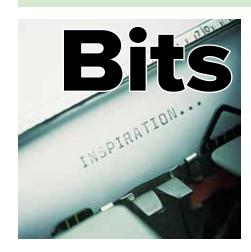
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Whidbeyhealth Launches Behavioral **Health Care**

Whidbey Island Public Hospital District (WhidbeyHealth), announces the addition of Behavioral Health care to the services available to Island County residents. Behavioral Health care is available in Oak Harbor and Freeland as of April 3, 2023.

WhidbeyHealth is excited to announce the addition of Behavioral Health care services in two locations to serve residents and visitors of Whidbey Island. The new practice will see patients from the Walk-In Clinic Oak Harbor (Goldie Rd.) and Primary Care Freeland (Harbor Ave.) offices.

"Whidbey Island has long been without adequate behavioral health care for those who need it," shared Dr. Garth Miller, Chief Operating Officer. "After years of work we are pleased to begin offering these services to our friends, neighbors, and community." Miller continues, "Behavioral Health is much more than treating a psychological state (mental illness), but diagnoses a patient's physical condition and supports strategic growth and progress for treating the holistic patient."

WhidbeyHealth believes everyone on Whidbey Island deserves local access to high-quality healthcare. WhidbeyHealth provides progressive, patient centric healthcare, a safety net when emergencies happen, and peace of mind knowing its team is standing by 24/7 to respond to the needs of Whidbey Island residents and visitors. WhidbeyHealth is comprised of the Medical Center in Coupeville, and ten (10) outpatient clinics across Whidbey

[Submitted by Conor O'Brien, Community Relations & Public Records Officer]

Councilmember Evans Resigns from City Council

City Councilmember Dan Evans (Position Number 4) resigned from his position on the Oak Harbor City Council effective immediately on Friday, April 7, 2023.

Mayor Bob Severns received a letter of resignation from Councilmember Evans. City Administrator Blaine Oborn notified the City Council and City Leadership Team about the resignation and the scheduled item on the April 18 City Council Meeting to discuss the vacancy. Councilmember Evans has served on the Oak Harbor City Council since January 2022. The current term for Position 4 is January 2022 to December 2025.

According to the Island County Elections Office, "since the effective date of the councilmember's resignation occurred before filing week, RCW 29A.24.171 and RCW 29A.52.240 designate the unexpired term of the elective office must be placed on the next general election ballot for the district (city), which will be November 7,

The City Council is required to select an individual to temporarily fill this seat until the certification of the November election, when the individual elected in the general ballot will take office. For more details, go to oakharbor.gov.

[Submitted by Sabrina Combs, Communications/IT Manager]

Jeffery Hogarth Earns Eagle Scout **Award**

Deteriorated, weather-beaten and rotten

Bits & Pieces

signs at Fort Casey's battle batteries called to Jeffery Hogarth. Hogarth is a typical high school kid, at least on the surface. He is currently enjoying his senior year at Oak Harbor High School, active in yearbook, band and friendships. You may also know him as a happy face at Little Caesars Pizza.

A member of Boy Scout Troop 4098 lead by Scout Leader Rex Nickerson, with Jim Salmons and Bill MacArthur as assistant scout leaders, Hogarth has completed all the requirements to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. This is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Scouts BSA program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Since its inception in 1911, only one in 20 Scouts earn this rank. Many Scouts begin the journey to Eagle Scout, but it is accomplished by few.

Becoming an Eagle Scout is an exceptionally difficult challenge, even for scouts who can complete merit badges and rank requirements quickly. Scouts must earn at least 21 merit badges to become Eagle Scouts, and 13 of those must come from the Eagle-required list. For the other eight merit badges, Scouts can choose from 124 options. Merit badges were earned at camp, scout outings, by oneself or with friends and family.

Through this project, the Eagle Scout candidate learns specialized skills, displays positive character traits, and proves they are capable leaders while performing a project for the benefit of his community.

Hogarth examined several ideas in his search for the right Eagle Project. He was looking for something different and a need in the community. He decided to redo the signs to identify the different bunkers at Fort Casey. He selected renewing the signs on one of many visits to the fort. His entire family has visited the fort many times, frequently for hiking, the beach, learning the local history, waiting for the ferry, and climbing up and down on the concrete batteries. Hogarth felt it was important to replace the weather worn signs identifying

Each battery is named after an outstanding military leader of the past. Hogarth said this Eagle Project to restore these signs is a way to show respect to those who have gone before us and show "we will never forget" their service to our country.

Hogarth states: "As an Eagle Scout, I wouldn't trade my Scouting adventures for anything! I gained confidence, built friendships, served my community, learned skills, values, and began developing into the person I am today."

Upon graduation, Hogarth plans to enlist in the United States Coast Guard in Force Protection. Successful completion of requirements for Eagle Scout makes recruits eligible to enlist at E-3. Following service to his country, he plans to go into a law enforcement career.

All area Eagle Scouts and friends are invited to Hogarth's Eagle Scout Court of Honor scheduled for April 23, 3:00 pm at the Oak Harbor Lutheran Church, 1253 NW 2nd Avenue, Oak Harbor. For questions, please contact Janet Hughes, 360-640-1401 or email at: tuffyhughes@gmail.com.

[Submitted by Janet Hughes]

Leap Over to WICA and Celebrate the Dance

Body, action, space, time, energy and music. These are the elements of a good dance performance, where it all comes together in a beautiful synergy of movement to tell a story, evoke emotion and take one's breath away. The dancers of Whidbey Island Dance Theatre Company (WIDT) bring all of it to their annual Celebration of Dance concert at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts at 7:00pm Friday, April 28 and at 2:00pm and 7:00pm Saturday, April 29.

For "Celebration of Dance" the company and its guest dancers will perform premiere works by both island and Seattle-area choreographers, including the vibrant modern piece "Confront/Connect" by Andrea Burr; and "Floralia," a fastpaced, dynamic piece by Lara Littlefield.

The company will also perform various works choreographed by locals Elliauna McLean and Megan Moore (WIDT's co-artistic directors), Beck Diamond, the founder of Meander Dance Collective, and a student work choreographed by WIDT principal dancer SWHS senior, Taryn Henny and award-winning dancer, SWHS senior Tay Pitts, who swept the Spotlight Dance Cup competition in January as a member of the Island Dance Competition Team.

Other treats on the program include choreo by Jamee Pitts, co-owner of Island Dance and coach of the Island Dance Competition Team, who has choreographed several pieces, including several award-winning solos by company

Exciting guest performances include the adult dancers of the Bellingham Repertory Dance Company and the Meander Dance

WIDT has been engaging community audiences with their dance for the past 30 (yes, 30!) years. Celebration of Dance has only three performances and provides one of only a few opportunities for young dancers to perform on stage in a semi-professional setting. The revenues garnered from these annual performances allow these young artists to train with acclaimed teachers and attend conferences on a regional and national level. These experiences prepare aspiring dancers for a potential career in the performing arts or simply give young people the opportunity to learn skills they will all use later in their adult lives: teamwork, discipline and an awareness of the art form's value to themselves and the

"Without the generous financial support of our community, we could not fulfill our mission and continue to give our dancers the production, festival, performance and educational opportunities that they must have to enter the pre-professional and professional world of dance," says Charlene Brown, the one who started it all 30 years ago and who continues to teach.

Tickets cost \$25 for adults and \$18 for seniors/youths for all shows. Order online wicaonline.org or call the box office at 360-221-8268.

[Submitted by Patricia Duff]

Whidbey 101

Whidbey 101 is a free event on Saturday, April 29, from 10:00am to 1:00pm, at the Trinity Lutheran Church (18341 SR 525, Freeland), which is also an Island Transit Park and Ride. Take the bus to the event and win a prize! It you must drive, there's plenty of parking and room for meeting your neighbors, both indoors and out, in a beautiful community gathering space. Have a beverage, a cookie, and meet the experts from over 40 organizations that can help you make a happy, healthy home on Whidbey Island.

For instance, you may not know that Island Transit provides a safe, friendly and fare free bus service all around the island. Learn about transit service, vanpools, and how to connect with other transit systems.

You can find out about the local parks and trails from State Park staff and the Friends of Whidbey Island Parks. Find out how to volunteer at any of the seven state parks

If you're a beach bum, or enjoy fishing, or crabbing, you might be interested in

Financial tips for blended **families**

Becoming part of a blended family can certainly be rewarding. Of course, as is the case in all families, there will be challenges, one of which is financial. A blended family must deal with some specific financial issues, so it's a good idea to become familiar with them. In particular, consider these areas:

• Separate or joint accounts? – Should your two family units combine all your finances or maintain separate accounts? There's no one correct answer for everyone, because this issue has emotional and psychological components to it, as well as financial considerations. But the nature of your new, blended family might guide you to a choice that makes sense for your situation. So, for example, if you are remarrying at a later stage in life, and you and your new spouse have adult children, you might think the best move is to keep separate accounts. But if you are joining households with a spouse or partner with younger children, you may want to merge accounts to pay for household expenses and work toward your new, shared financial objectives. And it doesn't have to be an "either-or" approach — you might decide to blend some accounts and keep others separate.

• Debts and credit ratings – It's likely that you and your new spouse or partner, and perhaps even some children, will bring debts into your blended family. As these debts can affect your family's finances in several ways, including your ability to borrow and your credit ratings, you will want to know what everyone owes, and the amount of monthly payments needed to meet these obligations. After that, you may be able to find ways to consolidate debts or find other ways to reduce or eliminate them.

 Legal issues – When you establish a blended family, you may want to review, and possibly update, the beneficiary designations on your life insurance policy and retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k). These designations can supersede instructions you may have left in your estate planning documents - including your last will and testament — so it's important to ensure they reflect your current wishes. And speaking of your estate plans, you may well need to revise them, too, in consultation with your attorney.

• Attitudes toward money – Attitudes toward money — yours and those of your new spouse or partner — should be addressed when starting a blended family. Is one of you more of a saver while the other spends more freely? As investors, does one of you favor taking more risk while the other is more conservative? It's important to reconcile these differences as best you can, especially if you plan on merging your finances. This means that you both may need to compromise somewhat, but you should strive to avoid having either of you feeling uncomfortable in your choices. In any case, open and honest communication is the first step in achieving a harmonious financial strategy.

These aren't the only financial considerations involved with blended families, but they should give you some things to think about — and the earlier you start thinking about them, the better

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the volunteer projects and educational programs offered through the Shore Stewards, Marine Resource Committee or Sound Waters Stewards. You could learn about the efforts of the Whidbey Camano Land Trust to preserve beaches, forests, and farms on the island. Or find out about the free expertise offered through the Whidbey Conservation District that can help you protect the habitat, soil, forest, pasture, water quality and quantity on your property. Learn how to landscape your yard to attract birds and wildlife and how to identify and remove noxious weeds before they take over your property.

WSU Waste Wise experts will show you what you can recycle on Whidbey and where. They can offer simple steps on how to set up an odor-free compost system for yard waste or make a rodent-proof worm bin for food waste. WSU Master Gardeners offer classes and advice on starting a garden, how to eliminate pests in your orchard, flowers, or vegetable gardens. WSU 4-H will give your kids opportunities to learn about animal care and other activ-

Talk with experts on Emergency Preparedness and be ready for upcoming windstorms that take out power lines and close roads, or King Tides that could flood your road or beach front home.

If you moved here from a more urban area where you were on a city sewer, you may not yet know how to live with and maintain a septic system. Though it's not a sexy subject, it is crucial to understand before you invite a lot of summer guests to avoid any deeply embarrassing, inconvenient and expensive incidents.

Bring your questions and get to know the community all at one Saturday event, Whidbey 101. And take the Route 1 Island Transit bus to win a prize! www.islandtransit.org For details email: Kacie.dominici@

[Submitted by Maribeth Crandell, Island

Larsen Invites Second District Students to Participate in 2023 **Congressional Art Competition**

Rep. Rick Larsen (WA-02) is inviting high school-aged students who live or attend school in Washington's Second Congressional District to showcase their artistic talents in the 2023 Congressional Art Competition.

Art submissions and forms are due to Larsen's office no later than Monday, May 1, at 5:00pm. All art entries must be original in concept, design and execution. Interested students can find details and a full list of contest rules on Larsen's website (https://larsen.house.gov/helping-you/2023-art-competition.htm).

"I am encouraging the many gifted young artists in Northwest Washington to submit their artwork to the 2023 Congressional Art Competition," said Larsen. "I am excited to see this year's submissions and highlight the talent Washington's Second Congressional District has to offer."

The U.S. House of Representatives holds the annual Congressional Art Competition to encourage and recognize artistic talent in each congressional district. Since 1982, hundreds of thousands of students nationwide have participated in the high school visual art competition. In 2022, Kamiak High School's Toko Kameda won the district-wide competition with her piece, "Double-layered," which has been on display in the U.S. Capitol for the past year.

How to Participate

The Congressional Art Competition is open to all high school-aged students (grades 9-12) who live or attend school in the Second District; students can verify whether they are Second District residents or attend school in the district online at www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative. Interested students can find details and a full list of

contest rules on Larsen's website.

Entry forms must accompany the submitted art piece and be signed by the student, a parent or guardian, and a school faculty member; the form can be accessed online at https://larsen.house.gov/uploadedfiles/2023_student_release_form_.pdf. Forms and art submissions are due by Monday, May 1, at 5:00pm. Forms can also be mailed or delivered with art pieces to Larsen's Everett office:

Office of Rep. Rick Larsen - Everett Re: Art Competition Wall Street Building 2930 Wetmore Avenue, Suite 9F Everett, WA 98201

For more information on the 2023 Congressional Art Competition, visit https://larsen.house.gov/helping-you/2023-art-competition.

[Submitted by Joseph Tutino, Rep. Rick Larsen's Office]

Local Business News

Whidbey Island Kayaking Moves Into **New Facilities to Provide Even More Experiences and Services** New Headquarters Introduces All-New Options for Tours, Classes, Rentals, Repairs and Paddlecraft Storage

With the goal of providing a greater range of outdoor experiences for area residents and guests along the Whidbey Island coastline, long-time local guided tour and full-service rental company Whidbey Island Kayaking this week announced the expansion of a new base of operations.

"We're excited to be able to take sea kayakers and beach hikers to the best of what our home island offers," explains co-owner Krista Loercher. "In addition to the loop tours and oceanside walks we've always done, we can now shuttle people to select put-in or take-out points to enjoy favorable tides and wind conditions. Our new centrally located headquarters in

Bayview also gives us more room so we can expand key services such as paddlecraft repair, consignment sales of used gear and kayak storage."

"Whidbey Island—and the entire Salish Sea—is a globally unique treasure much loved by those of us who live here yearround and visitors alike. This ecosystem is something to nurture, respect and hold in the highest value," Loercher continues. "We see a big part of our job as improving access and helping more people get closer to what makes this island and area unique. We're big on collaboration with other local businesses and community organizations, and by working together, we can use our collective insight and experiences to gain new insights into our everyday lives and the greater world around us."

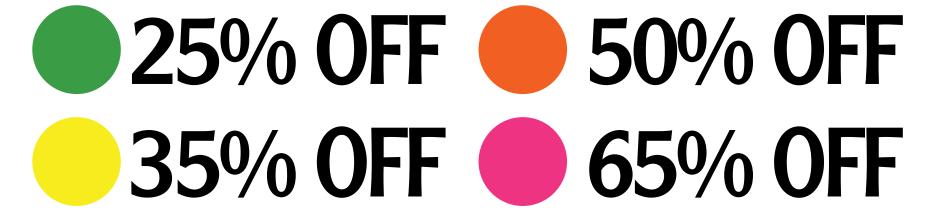
Guided tours available starting April 1, 2023 include loop adventures, point-topoint trips and seasonal or pop-up experiences. All ages are welcome, though for kayaking adventures children need to weigh 50 pounds or more to wear the required personal flotation devices (PFDs) provided by Whidbey Island Kayaking. Family-friendly beach walks are more suitable for younger children. Customized and private tours can also be arranged. Rental equipment is available.

In addition to new tours and services, hourly rentals return and are available from the Harbor of South Whidbey beginning in May along with classes on Goss Lake. Bioluminescent tours begin in June and run through September. Reservations are required for all and can be made on the website, www.whidbeyislandkayaking.com. Whidbey locals get a 10% discount during the months of May and September.



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Wednesday, April 19

OHHS Boys' Baseball @ Anacortes - 4pm

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Friday, April 21

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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.

Shop Out 4 Kids

Friday, April 14, 10:00AM-5:00PM Lavender Wind, Coupeville

You'll find everything Lavender at this unique store from baked goods to personal and household items. Lavender Wind, located at 15 NW Coveland Street, donates a portion of the day's sales to the Coupeville Schools Foundation. The Foundation provides an extra measure of support to teachers ands students through teacher grants, the Promise Fund and scholarships.

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, collectibles, great junque, 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.

Spring Fling

Saturday, April 15, 10:00AM-4:00PM Oak Harbor Elks Lodge

Stop by to find gifts galore! Presented by the Oak Harbor Emblem Club. The Elks Lodge is located at 155 NE Ernst St. For more information, call 360-929-0466 or email thomasm@whidbey.net.

Live Music: Erik Christensen Band Saturday, April 15, 7:00-9:00_{PM}

Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

Erik Christensen is a singer/songwriter from Coupeville. He plays a mix of folk/ rock/country/Americana, sharing songs and stories with whoever wants to listen. He often performs with the EC Band, consisting of Mark Strohschein on bass, Che Edoga on violin, and Charles McDonald on percussion. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www. penncovebrewing.com.

SeaNotes Big Band

Saturday, April 15, 7:00-9:30_{PM} Oak Harbor Elks Lodge Admission: \$10

An Elk's Club fundraiser - featuring a tribute to Frank Sinatra. Come dance to the songs you love. Open to all ages. The Elks Lodge is located at 155 NE Ernst St. For more information, email SNBigBand@ gmail.com.

Live Music: Local Secrets

Saturday, April 22, 7:00-9:00PM Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland

David Licastro and Alicia Elliott, the singer/ songwriting duo of Local Secrets, an Indie/ Folk/Rock band from Whidbey Island featuring original songs and fresh arrangements of select cover tunes. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below

Cost: Free

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

Coupeville Library

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Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers (WIGS) Tuesday, April 18, 1:00рм

Meetings & Organizations

Oak Harbor Lutheran Church

Marjorie Kott, historian and past president of WIGS, will speak about how she found her husband's family and their colorful heritage before she had a computer and before most online genealogy resources were available. All are invited to attend. For more information, contact whidbeygensearchers@gmail.com. The church is located at 1253 NW 2nd Ave.

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

Classes, Seminars and Workshops

Bridging Our Differences Workshop

Saturday, April 15, 1:00-2:30_{PM} Pacific Northwest Art School, Coupeville

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Whidbey 101: Everything one needs to know about living here

By Kathy Reed

It's never too late to learn something new. So, whether one is new to living on Whidbev Island or has lived here forever, Whidbey 101 offers everyone a chance to learn about this place we call home.

The event, put on by Washington State University Island County Extension, will be held Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church fellowship hall in Freeland, and its theme centers around resiliency

There will be all sorts of information available, from where to find the best trails to hike, to learning how to live with a septic system; from how to start a garden, to how to help neighbors facing unexpected medical costs. In all, nearly 50 community organizations and Island County services will be represented, with presentations and information tables on a variety of topics, such as public health and safety, emergency preparedness, volunteer opportunities, wellness and healthy living, and management and stewardship of natural resources. There will also be parking lot demonstrations featuring a transit bus, emergency vehicles and electric vehicles.

If someone needs information on resources available for senior citizens, Island Senior Resources will be there. Sno-Isle Libraries will be there to help those interested sign up for a library card or even check out a book. Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism will be on hand to share information on things to do and see on the islands. If one is interested in volunteer opportunities or local causes, swing by the Whidbey Community Foundation booth. Learn how to eat locally and support local agriculture from Whidbey Island Grown and South Whidbey Tilth or even learn about becoming an organic farmer from the Organic Farm School. One can even register to vote.

Of course, since Whidbey is an island, it makes sense organizations like Sound Water Stewards will be at Whidbey 101, with information to help people keep Whidbey and the surrounding waters

"Sound Water Stewards will be sharing information on which beaches on Whidbey are public, how to get to them, and what is available when you get to them," responded Jeanie McElwain to guestions from Whidbey Weekly. McElwain is a Sound Water Stewards board member as well as a Whidbey 101 organizer.

"We will also be sharing information on how to walk lightly on those beaches and how to appreciate the creatures that live on them, and referring people to the other agencies there that work to protect our water resources - including our streams, our groundwater, our wetlands, and our lake and seashores," she said.

According to McElwain, people who attend events like Whidbey 101 come with lots of questions.

"[They request information of] all kinds, depending on their particular needs and interests," she said. "Many are practical. And many are about where to go and what to do on this unique and beautiful place where they now live. All or almost all of these should be addressed by the many experienced groups being represented at Whidbey 101."

Another topic expected to be at the top of a lot of lists is emergency preparedness. Eric Brooks, director of emergency management for Island County and Kristi Kasper, emergency management coordinator, will be on hand to help answer some of the most frequently asked questions about living on an island.

"People almost always want to hear about the earthquakes," Brooks said in an email. "They want to know how bad the shaking will be and how they can 'make it through.' We love providing this information to people so that they can be confident in any situation, knowing that they will be able to take care of themselves, their families, and even their community.

"We have all kinds of resources including maps and education materials that will help residents make their emergency plans, build emergency kits, and stay informed during emergencies," he continued. "The information we provide is valuable to everyone. We have a very diverse community and our information is helpful for those just starting their preparedness journey and those that have been preparing for years. This also includes tourists, businesses, and responders as well as residents."

Brooks said the key to preparing for any potential emergency is to have a plan in place. Something that could help with that is the Island

"It's a wonderful tool that helps you build a customized emergency plan for you and your family," he said. "By adding a few pieces of information, the app will not only build a plan, but develop checklists and shopping lists for you. It also has several eGuides within the app for Earthquake Preparedness, Preparedness for Pet Owners, Helping Kids Through Disaster, and Winter Storm Preparedness."

Get to know Whidbey Island and check out Whidbey 101 on April 29. Learn more at extension.wsu.edu/island/island-county/whidbey-101/.

"Events such as this answer the many essential questions both newcomers and long-time residents never thought to ask," said McElwain. "For instance, many newcomers would think to go not to the county, but to WAIF, to get their dog registration tags at the beginning of each year. And how many established residents really know how much has changed in the last few years, both in what new services are now available and how many have been changed in some way? Mostly, events such as these allow us all to establish and expand our connections to those many great groups and agencies on Whidbey that are here to serve us or who would welcome them in serving others."





Scallops are a species of marine bivalve mollusk that come in "bay" and "sea" varieties. The large muscle inside of the scallop, which can sometimes be two inches in sea scallops, is cooked and eaten. Bay scallops, which are harvested from the shallow waters of East Coast estuaries and bays, are roughly one-third the size of sea scallops. Bay scallops tend to be more tender than sea scallops, but both can be delicious when prepared correctly. In certain instances, manufacturers will produce "faux" scallops, which actually are chunks cut from certain sharks and stingrays.

This recipe for "Seared Scallops with Snow Peas and Orange" from "Real Simple Dinner Tonight: Done!" (Time Home Entertainment) from the Real Simple Kitchen can be a tasty, unique meal when other fish dinners have already been tried.

SEARED SCALLOPS WITH SNOW PEAS AND ORANGE (Serves 4)

1 cup couscous

1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons olive oil 16 sea scallops (about 11/2 pounds)

Kosher salt and black pepper

Cook the couscous according to the package directions.

Meanwhile, heat 2 teaspoons of the oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Pat the scallops dry, season with 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper, and cook until opaque throughout, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate and cover to keep warm. Wipe out the skillet.

Heat the remaining tablespoon of oil in the skillet over medium-high heat. Add the orange zest, snow peas, and 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper and cook, tossing frequently, 4 strips orange zest (removed with a vegetable peeler), thinly sliced

1/4 pound snow peas, trimmed and halved lengthwise



until the snow peas are just tender, about 2 minutes. Serve with the scallops and couscous.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, your emotions may cloud your judgement in the days to come. It's better to seek the advice of a third party who can guide you without the added drama.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Messages from the universe could come across as confusing or vague, Taurus. You might need someone with cosmic intuition to help you sort out what is going on.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

A stagnant energy has been surrounding you lately, Gemini. Fortunately, you are able to brush that away soon enough and feel rejuvenated.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, if you haven't devoted enough time lately to taking care of yourself you might awaken this week with a foggy head. Take care of yourself.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Responsibilities could have you feeling overburdened, Leo. The trick is to ask others to lighten your load. There are bound to be several volunteers willing to lend a hand.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, try not to compare yourself to others this week. Everyone is unique, with his or her own strengths and weaknesses. An unfair comparison could dampen your spirits.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

You might find it challenging to articulate your feelings to a romantic partner, Libra. If you stumble over saying the words, why not write them down, instead?

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Sometimes your pragmatic side gets into a tussle with your optimism, Scorpio. Being a realist doesn't have to mean you give up hope. There are many things that can go your way.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, while you may feel like sleeping the week away, awaken to the possibilities before you. Numerous opportunities await, so answer the door when they knock.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

It is alright to feel uncertain about what the heart wants, Capricorn. Not everyone has things all figured out. Ponder your likes and dislikes to determine your path.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, messy work and small mistakes can sabotage all of your hard work thus far. Buckle down and focus on the details. Have someone check that everything is perfect.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

People around you may be more temperamental than usual, Pisces. Avoid offering any unsolicited advice until things quiet down.









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- 15. Flat-bottomed sailboats
- 16. Egyptian supreme
- 17. Advice
- 18. Mass of small, loose stones
- 19. Online learning services provider
- 20. "Lords" in Northwest Semitic languages
- 22. Of she
- 23. A place to relax
- 24. Critical and mocking
- 27. Consumed
- 30. You get one in summer
- 31. Bath
- 32. Luxury automaker
- 35. Spiders spin one
- 37. Guy (slang)
- 38. Greek personification of Earth
- 39. Large instruments
- 40. Domestic cattle genus
- 41. Appetizer
- 42. Oil group
- 43. Where to put groceries
- 44. Speak incessantly

- 45. Popular color
- 46. A place to sleep
- 47. Make fun of
- 48. Former CIA
- 49. Salts
- 52. Bleated
- 55. Never sleeps
- 56. Sword
- 60. Water (Spanish)
- 61. Cyprinids
- 63. "Dark Knight" actor Christian
- 64. Fictional demon
- 65. Old World lizard
- 66. The content of cog-
- 67. Makes a mistake
- 68. A way to make wet
- 69. Tide

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One-liner
- 2. Evergreen genus
- 3. College in Rome
- 4. Prevents from seeing
- 5. Cycles/second
- 6. Mischievous child
- 7. Less common
- 8. Honorably retired
- 9. Midway between south and southeast
- 10. A confusion of voices and other sounds
- 13. Egyptian cross

Sun, April 16

- 21. Satisfies
- 23. Founder of Babism
- 25. Bar bill
- 26. Chicago ballplayer
- 27. Performer
- 28. Hairpiece
- 29. Partner to flowed
- 32. Aircraft formation
- 33. You have 3 per day
- 34. Goes into
- 36. College athletic organization
- 37. Wet, muddy ground
- 38. Talk
- 40. Witty conversation
- 41. Gurus
- 43. "French Price of ___
- 44. Sports equipment
- 46. Try to get
- 47. Flower cluster
- 49. Sea dwellers
- 50. Palmlike subtropical plant
- 51. Polio vaccine developer
- 52. Baseball's Ruth
- 53. Gelatinous substance
- 54. Hungarian violinist Leopold
- 57. Offered
- 58. Ancient Greek City
- 59. A way to derive

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OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

Bv Helen Mosbrooker

With which historic figure would you like to have lunch?

Theresa Rumble, Oak Harbor



I would love and be honored to meet and talk with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He was a man of integrity and class. Having a dream that we can all share in and work toward. Loving people for the

content of their character and not the color of their skin. I would thank him for standing up for what is true and what is right.

Kim Tinuviel, Freeland

Sophie Scholl (1921-1943)

This question really made me think about what is most important to me. There are so many people I admire and would enjoy convers-



ing with. But I think I would have the most to learn from this particular woman. She was incredibly wise beyond her years, courageous and unwavering beyond belief, and willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for the good of society. Like most German children at that time, she was exposed to the Nazi's indoctrination programs for German youth but became disillusioned by the propaganda quite quickly. She began practicing passive resistance, and eventually became an anti-Nazi political activist within the White Rose (a non-violent resistance group). Ultimately, she and her brother, Hans, were caught distributing anti-war leaflets at the University of Munich. They were tried along with the author of the leaflet, and all three were convicted by the Nazis and sentenced to execution by guillotine.

Sophie's last words as she faced her execution were recalled by a fellow member of the resistance as follows:

"How can we expect righteousness to prevail when there is hardly anyone willing to give himself up individually to a righteous cause... It is such a splendid sunny day, and I have to go. But how many have to die on the battlefield in these days, how many young, promising

lives. What does my death matter if by our acts thousands are warned and alerted. Among the student body there will certainly be a revolt."

Anthony Stoneham,

Oak Harbor



My answer would be Jesus Christ.

I was born and raised in a Christian family and my parents often prayed before meals, before bed and during hard times growing

We often read some of Jesus' teachings and listened to encouraging worship or gospel

Jesus is a big role model of mine and I wish to learn more from Him and enjoy His wisdom plus what he has to offer.

Jackie C., Oak Harbor

Henry Ford (1863 to 1947)

I don't want to have lunch with Ford, I want to go on a factory tour in Michigan with him. My family roots and recreational activities are dominated by things that



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go vroom. Manufacturing is fascinating to see how things are made that we use. Henry Ford developed the moving assembly line technique of mass production. His factory could turn out one auto every 24 seconds. He built the Model T for the masses, the ordinary man. He succeeded and the Model T made up 50 percent of the auto output of the world at that time. Ford paid workers twice the minimum wage. He reduced the workday from nine hours to eight hours. The eight-hour shift was not only humanitarian but also allowed him to run three shifts a day. Ford humorously said, "You can buy a Model T in any color so long as it is black." (He only built it in one color.)
The movie "Ford vs Ferrari" brings the family's later generation to life.

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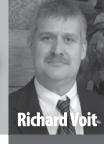
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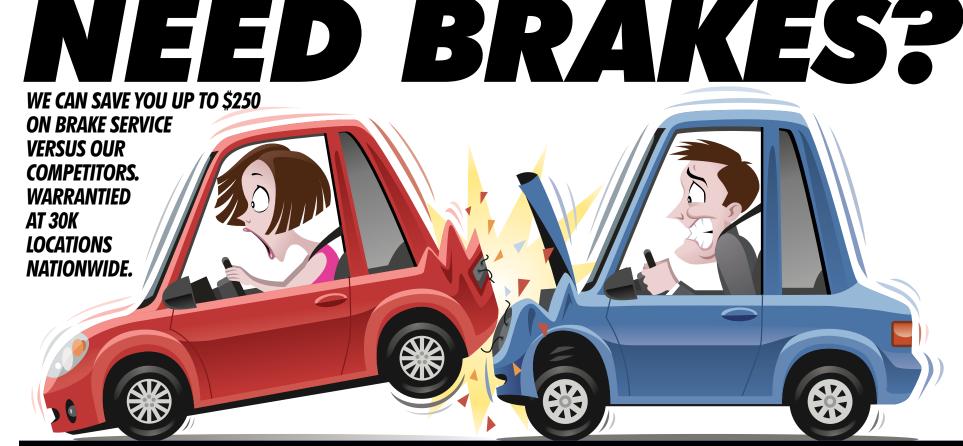
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