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Bells ring for Gifts from the Heart p. 10



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Funeral honors will be rendered in honor of those whose lives were lost in service to our country during the Memorial Day Service of Remembrance Monday at 10 a.m. at Maple Leaf Cemetery in Oak Harbor.

## Whidbey Island honors the fallen this Memorial Day

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Many may think of Memorial Day weekend as the unofficial beginning of summer, ushering in a season of vacation travel, trips to the beach, barbecues, picnics and all the other warm weather fun that goes with it. And while all that is true, Whidbey Island will pause this weekend to observe the holiday itself, which is meant to honor and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

### SATURDAY Coupeville Memorial Parade

Observances begin in Coupeville Saturday at 11 a.m. with the annual Memorial Parade. This long-standing tradition is one of the oldest Memorial Day parades in the state and always draws a good number of participants and observers alike. The focus, as always, is on veterans, but the entire community comes together for this event. In the past the parade has included fire engines, members of 4-H and antique car clubs along with community organizations and military representatives.



Photo Courtesy of Coupeville Chamber of Commerce  
Coupeville will hold its annual Memorial Parade Saturday at 11 a.m. The event will feature youth, recognize veterans and celebrate community.

This year's parade route will begin at North Main and 1st Street, then proceed to Front Street, ending at Town Park, where the community commemoration to those who paid the ultimate price in service to their country will continue with a traditional remembrance ceremony. All of that will be followed by a community picnic featuring free hot dogs, chips and ice cream, while supplies last. The event concludes with a concert featuring a variety of patriotic music.

The parade, put on by the Coupeville Chamber of Commerce, is a unique Coupeville tradition, according to Lynda Eccles, Coupeville Chamber's executive director, who in the past has said the town's "positive vibe" is part of what makes its Memorial Day celebration special.

"The world might be changing but we're carrying on, Coupeville strong," she said. "It's a time to reflect, a time to look to the future. It's a celebration of people who have fought for our country. We should acknowledge them and celebrate them. And celebrate the community."

### SATURDAY WVRC Community Gathering

Whidbey Veterans Resource Center will hold a community gathering Saturday, beginning with a Memorial Day remembrance ceremony at 11:30 a.m., followed with live music and a burger and brats barbecue from noon to 5 p.m. This family-friendly, alcohol-free event will take place at the WVRC at the South Whidbey Community Center, 723 Camano Ave., in Langley. The event is free to attend, but lunch will be served by donation - it is a fundraiser to help support WVRC's programming and operational expenses.

This first-time event will feature music from Steve DeHaven, the North Shore Ramblers, Fred Dente and Bobby and the Fat Daddies following the brief remembrance ceremony, which will feature a land acknowledgement and prayer plus a message from Scott Chaplin, Langley's mayor.

"We wanted to add this [Memorial Day event] as a way to gather community," said Dana Sawyers, WVRC program coordinator and benefits specialist. "While Memorial Day is a somber holiday meant to remember those who have lost their lives in service to country, we also want to recognize the importance of community and coming together."

"It's about community awareness, unity," agreed Nora Durand, WVR director of community outreach and fundraising. "We wanted to reach out and make sure everyone knows what we're doing here."

Island County has the highest number of veterans per capita in the state. Roughly 13 percent of the total population are veterans. Finding community, particularly within the Whidbey Veterans Resource Center, is one of its most important goals.

"Vets talks with other veterans," said Sawyers. "We're hoping a gathering will allow people to feel recognized for their service and enable them to make a connection to someone or something we offer. There are a lot of

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# Island 911

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## SUNDAY, MAY 14

### 5:54 am, NE Ernst St.

Advising neighbor came over last night, was intoxicated, accused reporting party of abandoning his children; reporting party believes neighbor had been drinking; does not remember neighbor's name.

### 4:54 pm, SR 20

Advising of dog in a white work truck parked at location; dog was panting heavily; reporting party states owner was upset that she was looking at his dog in the truck; caller advised she'd be moving on.

### 8:06 pm, NE Ernst St.

Caller states neighbor came to his door and said she would sue reporting party, referencing report from last night.

## MONDAY, MAY 15

### 5:30 pm, NW Redwing Dr.

Caller advising he is being blackmailed on Instagram; female is asking reporting party to send money or else she will distribute nude photos of him.

### 6:02 pm, SE City Beach St.

Reporting party states she is being "verbally assaulted" by multiple children and they are following her to her vehicle.

## Tuesday, May 16

### 8:22 am, SW Scenic Heights St.

Sedan pulled out in front of reporting party; occurred in area of location; vehicle pulled into some townhouses; reporting party continued driving; requesting call.

### 9:06 am, N Oak Harbor St.

Requesting phone call referencing someone making threats to harm reporting party by hitting her with his vehicle; threats were made via text to a third party and relayed to reporting party.

### 10:44 am, SE Fidalgo Ave.

Caller at location to do a job; advising decided to "pull the job" over a disagreement; subjects at location now have reporting party's tools inside business and refusing to let reporting party get them.

### 1:37 pm, SW 6th Ave.

Requesting to know if his boat was impounded? Was at location for a while, did not find any recent calls at this address.

## 7:49 pm, SR 20

Caller states little people are popping out everywhere; call put on hold to dispatch and caller hung up.

## Wednesday, May 17

### 12:55 am, SE Pioneer Way

Caller states she is at "Whidbey Inn" but insists she is on Pioneer; "Is this Martha bitch?" Rambling about her dad was mayor, rambling about neighbor being after her?

### 1:15 am, SE Pioneer Way

Recall - caller states "You have not come;" states there is a black truck with three lights; every time call-taker asks caller for her room number she replies, "You already have" or "The officers already have it."

## THURSDAY, MAY 18

### 7:25 am, SE Dock St.

Advising transient has water hose, spraying everything outside; caller is apprehensive about going into her business.

### 2:15 pm, SR 20

Reporting party advising transient male outside back door peed on the door and is refusing to leave.

### 3:22 pm, NW Redwing Dr.

Reporting party advising children, subjects, keep ringing reporting party's doorbell and leaving; possibly next door neighbor on north side.

### 3:41 pm, SE Midway Blvd.

Reporting party advising she received a call asking for money for police families.

### 4:35 pm, SE Jerome St.

Advising male is masturbating outside the pool.

## MONDAY, MAY 22

### 11:47 am, SE 9th Ave.

Reporting party was sent book in the mail by another party. States it was disturbing; is in Oak Harbor Police Dept. lobby for contact. Sender is out of Oregon.

### 4:01 pm, SR 20

Caller states person who was watching her dog is refusing to give her dog back; unknown where dog is now. Reporting party was living at Best Western at the time dog was handed over.

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

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# Bits & Pieces

## Here Comes the Sun... and the Crowds Aboard Ferries

Travel hacks to help avoid long waits for Memorial Day weekend sailings

Ridership aboard Washington State Ferries significantly increases as the weather gets warmer. As the busy travel season begins, there are several ways to avoid the potential long lines for vehicles.

**Hack #1:** Customers are encouraged to leave their cars at home, if possible, to save time when catching a ferry. There is plenty of walk-on capacity with minimal to no wait on all sailings. People who ride bicycles or motorcycles can also skip the vehicle line.

**Hack #2:** Travel off-peak. Early in the morning, later at night, or midweek sailings are usually less busy.

**Hack #3:** Make a vehicle reservation. The Anacortes/San Juan Islands and Port Townsend/Coupeville routes offer reservations, though they fill quickly during holiday weekends.

While some routes have returned to pre-pandemic service levels, others are operating on significantly reduced service. People boarding in a vehicle should plan for long waits across the system over Memorial Day weekend. Wait times are much shorter for early morning and late-night sailings.

Service is restored with 95 percent reliability on the Anacortes/San Juan Islands, Seattle/Bainbridge, Mukilteo/Clinton and Edmonds/Kingston routes. The Point Defiance/Tahlequah run was not downsized for COVID-19.

WSF is restoring service on a route-by-route basis outlined in its Service Restoration Plan (PDF 794KB). The latest plan Progress Report (PDF 597KB) provides details about restoration for the remaining runs: Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth, Seattle/Bremerton, Port Townsend/Coupeville and Anacortes/Friday Harbor/Sidney, British Columbia, Canada.

"Just like prior to the pandemic, expect some sailing cancellations due to crewing or vessel repairs on all routes, including those fully restored," said Patty Rubstello, head of WSF. "We recommend riders regularly check our online sailing schedules and sign up to receive our rider alerts for the latest service updates."

Before heading to a terminal or boarding, people driving on board should check terminal conditions.

### Busy travel times

Ferries are popular every holiday weekend and people boarding a ferry by vehicle should be prepared for long waits. The busiest sailings will be westbound (or onto an island) Thursday through Saturday, May 25-27, and eastbound (or off island) Saturday through Monday, May 27-29.

### Holiday schedules

Memorial Day, May 29, there will be a few holiday schedule changes for the Anacortes/San Juan Islands, Edmonds/Kingston, Mukilteo/Clinton, Point Defiance/Tahlequah and Port Townsend/Coupeville routes. The Seattle/Bainbridge Island run will operate a Saturday timetable and the Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth route will run a Sunday timetable. Holiday sailings are marked on the schedules for each route.

People using state highways to get to the ferry terminal should plan for potential holiday travel backups and delays. Real-time traffic information is available on the WSDOT traffic app for mobile devices or online using the updated WSDOT travel map feature.

WSF, a division of the Washington State Department of Transportation, is the largest ferry system in the U.S. and safely and efficiently carries tens of millions of people a year through some of the most majestic scenery in the world. For breaking news and the latest information, follow WSF on Twitter and Facebook.

[Submitted by Ian Sterling, WSDOT]

## The Bard's Boutique Artist Spotlight Presents: 'Just Pretend...' with Island Writers Stephanie Barbé Hammer and Deborah Nedelman

Let your imagination relax and lap up the poetry and prose of two artists, while they take you on a Sunday afternoon journey of possibility.

The public is invited upstairs in the Front Room Gallery at the Bayview Cash Store from 1:00 to 3:00PM Sunday for "Just Pretend..." featuring the writings of Stephanie Barbé Hammer and Deborah Nedelman. Both artists are represented at Island Shakespeare Festival Bard's Boutique, which is downstairs in the Cash Store and where attendees can browse their books and other local artists' wares after the reading. All proceeds support Island Shakespeare Fest.

Barbé Hammer is a seven-time Pushcart Prize nominee in fiction, nonfiction and poetry. She is the author of two novels, three poetry collections, one novelette, and a manual about how to write magical realism. Her mystery novella, "Journey to Merveilleux City" is expected later this year. Originally from Manhattan, Stephanie has lived and worked on the West Coast for most of her life. She currently lives on Whidbey Island where she continues her quest for a coffee shop and taco truck she can walk to.

Nedelman, PhD, MFA, a psychologist turned writer, is author of the novel, "What We Take for Truth," Adelaide Press, 2018, which won the 2019 May Sarton Award for Women's Fiction and was listed as one of the best books of 2019 by Kirkus Reviews. Deborah has published many works of flash fiction, poetry, short stories and has co-authored two books of nonfiction including "A Guide for Beginning Psychotherapists" and "Still Sexy After All These Years."

After retiring from a 25-year private psychology practice, Nedelman moved to Whidbey Island from Mukilteo in 2013 and immediately got involved in the literary scene, as a board member of ISF and as a writer and editor for *Whidbey Life Magazine*. These days she offers writing classes and workshops at Create Space in the South Whidbey Community Center and at Seattle's Hugo House online. Deborah believes stories have the power to connect us and to help us grow. As a writer of both fiction and nonfiction, she strives to create stories that tell emotional truths.

Come, listen and let these artists help you to sit back and... just pretend.

Just Pretend... is a pay-what-you-will donation event to support Island Shakespeare Festival, ([www.islandshakespearefest.org](http://www.islandshakespearefest.org)), which is also a pay-what-you-will season of classical outdoor theater happening July 21-Sept. 10.

The Bard's Boutique in the Bayview Cash Store is located at 5603 Bayview Road in Langley.

[Submitted by Patricia Duff, Island Shakespeare Festival Communications Assistant]

## Board of Fire Commissioners to Meet on Fire Levy Resolution; Community Invited to Learn More and Provide Comment

The Central Whidbey Island Fire and Rescue Board of Fire Commissioners will meet Thursday, June 8 to discuss a resolution to place a fire levy lid lift on the Nov. 7, 2023, general election ballot. The community is invited to attend the meeting at 5:00PM at Station 54, 3253 Day Road in Greenbank.

Call volumes have increased by 50 percent since 2012, but the district's staffing levels have not kept up with the community's growing demand for emergency services. Central Whidbey responded to an average of 1,700 calls in the last two years – of which 60 percent of all calls were for emergency medical service (EMS).

"This is a safety issue for our community," Fire Chief Jerry Helm said. "We are seeing longer response times that can seriously affect survival rates. We require additional personnel to keep up with higher call volumes and overlapping calls."

If approved by voters, the fire levy lid lift would fund four additional firefighters/EMTs to meet state requirements to allow for interior search and rescue operations to begin without having to wait for another fire engine to arrive on scene. The additional personnel will also allow the fire district to put both a fire engine and medic unit in service at the same time, which will reduce response times and improve service reliability across the district.

Central Whidbey Fire is asking voters to change the fire levy from \$0.86 per \$1,000 of assessed property value to \$1.18. The \$0.32 lid lift would cost an additional \$13.33 per month or \$160 per year for the owner of a \$500,000 home.

More information about Central Whidbey Island Fire and Rescue can be found at [www.cwfire.org](http://www.cwfire.org). Fire Chief Jerry Helm also welcomes your questions at [jhelm@cwfire.org](mailto:jhelm@cwfire.org) and 360-678-3602.

[Submitted by Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue]

## Toyota Lift Northwest Donates Forklift to the Skagit Valley College Diesel Program

Toyota Lift Northwest, a forklift dealership from Kent, Wash., has donated a \$30,000 8FBCU32 electric forklift with a 6,500-pound load capacity and a 208 three-phase charger to the Skagit Valley College Diesel Power Technology program.

This dealership's generosity and dedication to partnering with colleges in the northwest region will allow students in the SVC program to study electric forklifts and grants them access to a new domain of mechanics beyond what was previously available.

### About SVC's Diesel Program

SVC's Diesel Power Technology program is designed to prepare students for employment in the automotive industry. Diagnosis and repair of heavy trucks, industrial and agricultural machinery, transit, marine, and generator power sets are some of the career pathways graduates can take upon concluding the program. There are currently 19 students studying Diesel Power Technology.

Find out more about the SVC Diesel Power Technology program by visiting [skagit.edu/diesel-power-technology](http://skagit.edu/diesel-power-technology).

[Submitted by Sofie Poulton, SVC]

# Four ways to use cash wisely

There has been a lot of talk about a "cashless" society, but it's not here yet. In fact, cash can still be a valuable element of your overall financial picture – if you employ it wisely. But how? Consider these four key uses of cash:

- *Everyday spending* – Of course, you need sufficient cash on hand to pay for your cost of living – mortgage, debt payments, utilities, groceries, etc. You'll likely rely on your savings or checking accounts to pay for these needs.

- *Unexpected expenses and emergencies* – It's never a bad idea to establish a monthly budget. But, as you know, life is unpredictable – and sometimes you may encounter "budget-busting" expenses, such as a major home repair or a large medical bill. If you haven't planned for these costs, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments, such as your IRA and 401(k), which can result in taxes, penalties and less money for your retirement. A better alternative is to prepare in advance by building an emergency fund containing up to six months' worth of living expenses in cash, or at least in a highly liquid account, held separately from your regular checking or savings account so you won't inadvertently spend the money.

- *Short-term savings goal* – When you are investing for a long-term goal – especially retirement – you will likely need to own a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks and stock-based mutual funds. The value of these investments will fluctuate, so, if it's possible, you'll want to avoid selling them when their price is down – which may make them unsuitable for short-term goals. But if you're aiming for a goal that you want to achieve in a year or so – a wedding, a long vacation, and so on – you'll want to be sure a specific amount of money is there for you when you need it. Consequently, you'll want to put away cash for this type of goal, possibly in a short-term savings or investment vehicle that might pay somewhat higher interest than a regular checking/savings account.

- *Source of investment* – In regard to your longer-term investment strategy, cash can play two important roles. First, it can serve as its own asset class, alongside other classes, such as stocks and fixed-income vehicles. Unlike these other classes – especially stocks and stock-based mutual funds – cash won't fluctuate in value, so it can potentially help lessen the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. And second, having the cash available in your portfolio gives you the opportunity to quickly take advantage of other investment opportunities that may occur. And you may be able to use your existing investments to help replenish the cash in your portfolio. For example, if you choose to take stock dividends in cash, these dividends can be "swept" into your brokerage account and held there until you're ready to invest them. (However, depending on your comprehensive financial strategy, it may be a good move to simply reinvest the dividends into the same stocks or stock funds.) Keep in mind that you won't want your investment accounts to contain too much cash, as its purchasing power can erode due to inflation.

By managing your cash efficiently, and putting it to work in different ways, you can gain some key benefits – and you'll help yourself to keep moving toward your short- and long-term goals.

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**WHAT'S OPEN? WHAT'S BITING?**

With halibut, lingcod, shrimp, and seasonal trout lakes open this month, I swear the months of May and June only have 10 days in them! After being cooped up all winter, the warmer weather and greater fishing opportunities seem to make time just fly by. To be honest, from now until the end of November will pass in the wink of an eye.

**Halibut:** Opened April 6 with a yearly total weight quota of 73,636 pounds of fish available to the Puget Sound recreational anglers. As of May 7, 13,975 pounds of halibut have been recorded by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife personnel. The low total weight that has been caught so far could mean an extended season on the highly prized flatfish. Herring, squid, or octopus have been the most effective natural baits from the fishermen that I've spoken with; a 5-to-6-inch fluttering spoon has also seen a few bites while down near the bottom. Most of the successful fishermen have been holding one spot on anchor in a known fishy area, along with a chum-bag slid down on their anchor rope or lowered down on a heavy line downrigger. From what I've heard and seen, this year's halibut catches are on par with the last few years.

**Lingcod:** This season is something I and hundreds of other Puget Sound anglers eagerly await each year. I consider lings not overly abundant in the inner Puget Sound but there are definitely enough fish to go around, especially when the season is only open 45 days of the year for recreational anglers. With their mouth wide open, their beauty is something only a mother can love; however, with their mouth shut, they are sleek, fast, camouflaged hunting machines. The lingcod in the inner Marine Areas has a size slot limit from 26 inches to 36 inches in length; I put the fish into three size categories, "underlings," "keeperlings" and "overlings." I generally catch three underlings before I find one big enough (26 inches or more) for a family fish taco dinner. Before lingcod became full size camouflaged meat eaters, they were the unfortunate eaten, and so rocky crevices, sunken boulders, and other underwater structures were their safe rooms, along with other bottom fish such as rockfish and greenling. With that in mind, those are the places you need to search for when fishing for lingcod. Don't worry about always staying on top of the structure, it's not necessary. Lingcod will not always be tucked inside a hole or tunnel; adult lings will venture out a few feet from the structure and lie quietly on the bottom. This gives them the biggest observation space to wait for smaller fish to travel to and from the structure and prepare for an ambush. The lings that skirt the structure are the ones I like to find; hooking a fish is more common than snagging the bottom. Herring is on the top of the lingcod's choice for food, but they are opportunists – if a fish swims into the ambush zone, it's going to be eaten. Herring might be the lingcod's food of choice, but artificial baits catch

just as many lingcod as natural baits. Rubber curly tails, lead darts, and even homemade lead and copper jigs catch lingcod. Once their instinct to bite has been tripped, look out! If by chance you catch a lingcod with turquoise colored flesh don't be alarmed, I call them a "blueling." They are just as tasty and safe to eat as the white-fleshed lings. You will notice the second the blueling meat hits the heated pan or deep fryer, it turns white. Be sure to check the state regulations, but lingcod season normally ends June 15.

**Rainbow Trout:** Fishing opportunities broke wide open the last Saturday of April. Depending on what lake you fish, 1- to 3-pound rainbows are in the water. The state hatchery programs deliver good numbers of trout to many of the lakes in our area; the best way to find out where the state has delivered the trout is to go online to the WDFW website. Once there, click on "fishing and shellfishing;" next, click "fishing and stocking reports;" next, click on "fish stocking," then click on "catchable trout plant reports;" from here you can search by lake, county, or region to see what lake is nearest to you and when trout were planted into that lake. If you have access to a small boat, raft, or kayak, these floating devices will give you the greatest flexibility to reach the fish, due to the fact shoreline property around many small lakes is private property and public bank access can be limited. Whether you choose to troll or still fish, worms, yellow kernel corn, marshmallows, soft floating bait (Powerbait), spinners, small spoons, flies, and Velveeta cheese nuggets all work to get these fish to bite. After a light seasoning of your choice, pan fried, baked, or cooked over an open fire, the rainbow trout, when eaten with care to avoid bones, is a delicate, wonderful meal.

**Shrimp:** Spot shrimp season will soon be open and nothing beats a heaping handful of fresh shrimp to step-up a plate of halibut, cod and shrimp fettuccine. Considering you have good pots and enough lead-core line to reach the bottom with room to spare, probably the biggest factor to consider when shrimping is tidal movement and the co-efficiency (water speed) of the water at the bottom. You want your pot(s) to remain where you dropped them. Nothing is more disappointing and maddening than to go to retrieve your catch and your yellow buoy and pot is nowhere to be found. A good, readily available bait to use is Friskies canned cat food mixed with dry food in any seafood flavor. Since our shrimp pots will be down at 250- to 450-feet of water, you will need four of your strongest friends, a pot puller, or a large (pull away) buoy lift system on the boat to get the heavy pots back to the surface. Be sure to check the regulations for any and all special instructions about separating the heads from the bodies and bag limits.

Like I said, the months of May and June only have 10 days in them, so plan, pray for good weather, and most importantly, be safe out there! GOOD LUCK!



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# What's Going On

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## Memorial Day Remembrance

Saturday, May 27, 11:30AM  
Whidbey Veterans Resource Center, Langley

A family friendly, alcohol free event. The ceremony will be followed by a barbecue (vegetarian options available) and live music. Music by Steve DeHaven, North-Shore Ramblers, and Fred Dente. Lunch by donation. Whidbey Veterans Resource Center is located at 723 Camano Ave.

## Live Music: Eric Arnold

Saturday, May 27, 4:00-5:00PM  
Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland

Eric Burblesbelly Arnold writes and performs fun songs about Coupeville squirrels, Langley frogs, Whidbey tourists, northwest sea life, and, of course, Burble the cat. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

## Live Music: Wax Lips

Saturday, May 27, 5:30-6:30PM  
Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland

The Wax Lips are a five piece Psychedelic Rock Band playing original tunes with elements of funk, soul and blues. Featuring Asher Thorne on Lead Guitar, Isaac Ramos on Keys, Nick Simmons on drums and Jacob Breeden on Bass. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

## Live Music: General Mojo's

Saturday, May 27, 7:00-10:00PM  
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## Live Music: Solvi

Sunday, May 28, 2:00-3:00PM  
Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland

Solvi (Anja Bentsen, Leon Kohlhaas and Carl Kohlhaas) is a group of up-and-coming young South Whidbey students who are dedicated to their craft and have a serious future ahead of them. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

## Live Music: Sarungano

Sunday, May 28, 3:30-4:30PM  
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Sarungano is a four piece vocal/mbira ensemble which performs traditional and contemporary songs from Zimbabwe. A rich tapestry of call and response and rich vocal harmonies create a sound-scape that is hauntingly beautiful. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

## Live Music: Nathaniel Talbot Trio

Sunday, May 28, 5:00-7:00PM  
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## Memorial Day 2023: A Service of Remembrance

Monday, May 29, 10:00AM  
Maple Leaf Cemetery, Oak Harbor

With guest speakers and special presentations by Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, OHHS NJROTC Color Guard, Sons of American Revolution, Naval Sea Cadet Corps, and more. Maple Leaf Cemetery is located at 1961 NE 16th Ave. For more information, visit ohlions.org/memorialday.

## Community Garage Sale

Saturday, June 3, 8:00AM-2:00PM  
The Center, 51 SE Jerome St, Oak Harbor  
The Center in Oak Harbor hosts its annual indoor sale, featuring number of your neighbors, selling treasures for everyone. For more information, call 360-279-4580.

## Sports Physical Night

Wednesday, June 14, 5:00-7:00PM  
Oak Harbor High School Field House  
OH Wildcat Booster Club is holding it's annual Sports Physical Night. All proceeds benefit OHHS athletic programs. Local

physical therapists, nurses and family practitioners volunteer their time to work together to perform a comprehensive sport physical. The cost is \$40 each or \$80 per family, debit/credit accepted. Students must be accompanied by parent. Sports physicals are required for participation in school athletics for middle and high school.

## Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below  
Cost: Free  
**Sing Your Song with Harmonica Pocket**  
Thursday, June 8, 10:00-11:00AM  
Coupeville Library

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veterans who might not be aware of, or understand, their eligibilities. When veterans make connections to benefits and services, it's important.

"For anyone who has been in the armed services, they're going to be impacted by some factor during their service time," she continued. "Sometimes meeting up and having a chat or a laugh with other veterans is meaningful. People have pretty significant experiences during their service that they carry with them. Talking and making connections can be helpful."

The WVRC served over 600 individuals last year. The organization has grown from being open four to six hours a week to being open and having the phone answered Monday through Saturday. It provides a place for veterans and/or their families to drop-in. It provides peer support, no cost counseling services, transportation to the Veterans Administration, assistance accessing VA healthcare services and much more.

"We are now seeing a younger generation of veterans coming in," said Durand. "It's great to see the WVRC is here to help the next generation that's coming in and give them support. We have a very strong community and it's great to see folks get life-saving assistance and medicine. That's what we mean about community. It's people helping people."

Learn more about Saturday's community gathering and all the services the Whidbey Veterans Resource Center offers by visiting [wvrc.org](http://wvrc.org), by calling 360-331-8081 or by emailing [whidbeyvrc@gmail.com](mailto:whidbeyvrc@gmail.com).



Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Lions Club  
More than 400 people are expected to attend the fifth annual Memorial Day Service of Remembrance, to be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Maple Leaf Cemetery in Oak Harbor.

**MONDAY**  
**Service of Remembrance**

The Oak Harbor Lions Club and American Legion George Morris Post 129 will present the fifth annual Service of Remembrance Monday at 10 a.m. at Maple Leaf Cemetery in Oak Harbor. The service will also be livestreamed on <https://ohlions.org/Memorial-Day> as well as Oak Harbor cable channel 10 and YouTube.

The event will feature a prelude (starting at 9:30 a.m.) by a Navy Band Northwest brass quintet and colors will be carried by members of the Oak Harbor High School NJROTC, members of the Orion Squadron of Sea Cadets and Sons of the American Revolution George Washington Chapter. That is just the beginning of what is a traditional and reverent ceremony, which will include guests like U.S. Rep. Rick Larsen and state Sen. Ron Muzzall. This year's keynote speaker will be Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Commanding Officer, Capt. Eric Hanks.

"I am very happy Capt. Hanks will be able to join us this year, as I think our service provides NASWI leadership with a great opportunity to share what the holiday means personally," said Kelly Davidson, who organizes the service. "To know that leadership also grieves, that 'they can relate' to feelings of loss, and that they support us in remembering the holiday is critically important for our community to see, especially for the youth, who need to know why it is important for us to remember the holiday and respect the sacrifices made with traditional, solemn, and reverent ceremony."



Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Lions Club  
A traditional wreath laying ceremony by veteran service organizations will be part of the annual Memorial Day Service of Remembrance Monday at 10 a.m., put on by the Oak Harbor Lions Club and American Legion George Morris Post 129.



Photo Courtesy of Coupeville Chamber of Commerce  
Participants in the annual Coupeville Memorial Parade last year line up for the big event. This year's parade begins at 11 a.m. Saturday and will be followed by a remembrance ceremony, picnic and live music in Town Park.


Youth play an important role in several aspects of the Service of Remembrance, but just as critical are the roles played by local service organizations, specifically the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Fleet Reserve. The three organizations will participate in a traditional wreath laying ceremony.

Typically more than 400 people attend this service. Davidson said that says a lot about the Oak Harbor community.

"Not only does the Navy base draw new people to our community, but it is remarkable (to me at least) how many people 'return to Whidbey to retire' after having served at NASWI," she said, recounting she has often met people while traveling who have served at NAS Whidbey at some point. "Oak Harbor has a lot of pride in the community – and it shows. People genuinely care for each other, and this holiday is a perfect example of such. For us to have viewers from other countries (Europe and Canada) and from all over the United States watching, gives us a chance to really show the world how we value our brothers and sisters in arms and value the dedication to mission, even unto the ultimate sacrifice of life."

Monday's service will conclude at approximately 11 a.m. and will include a fly-over by NAS Whidbey Island Search and Rescue. A separate wreath-laying ceremony will be held at Sunnyside Cemetery in Coupeville at 1 p.m. and the whole event will conclude with an open house reception at 2 p.m. at the American Legion, 690 SE Barrington Dr., Oak Harbor.

"All attendees to our service (in-person and online), will leave our event feeling they have honored our great nation's veterans and our youth participating will learn the value and importance of honoring our heritage through traditional, reverent reflection and dedication to mission," said Davidson. "It is not often that we have the opportunity to hear from NASWI leadership and state- and county-level leaders in one event, and to have the youth presenting as well, is a really neat mix that people will appreciate. Please join us!"



On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who sacrificed their lives for "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who are grieving. May we, as Abraham Lincoln famously said, "highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain--that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom--and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."




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# Bells of Whidbey ring for Gifts from the Heart

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

The Bells of Whidbey handbell ensemble knows how to chime in for a good cause.

The English handbell group will present a concert entitled "On the Road Again," Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Coupeville Recreation Hall, 901 NW Alexander Street. The concert is a fundraiser for Gifts from the Heart food bank. Admission is by donation of either money or canned goods.

Organizers say this program will provide a variety of music for all ages to enjoy.

"With themes of welcoming summer and travel, real or imagined, The Bells of Whidbey present, 'On the Road Again,'" said Bells of Whidbey director, Cheryl Waide. "Featuring music from classics such as 'In the Good Old Summertime' to 'New York, New York,' the program will provide music for all ages. Music from Broadway musicals such as 'Oklahoma' and the 'Wizard of Oz' are included. 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight' will offer a tribute to the Central Whidbey and Coupeville Lions Clubs - the Lions who seldom sleep!"

While not strictly a Memorial Day concert, Waide said the group will ring a version of the song, "Shenandoah" as a tribute to those who have served.

"Since we follow the Coupeville Memorial Day parade and the picnic in the park with a band, which both feature patriotic music, we decided to take a different approach and provide contrasting music," she explained.

To aid in the group's endeavor to provide an interesting program, there will be other instrumentalists, vocalists and a narrator to add richness and depth.

"We are also featuring guest musicians, Jim Lightner, director of the Shifty Sailors, who will provide back-up with banjo, guitar, and vocals," Waide described. "Drummer Jim Neverman from Freeland will provide percussion, while Tim Kraft (a la Frank Sinatra) from Bellingham will add to the vocals. Harry Anderson [will serve as the] narrator. Extra 'visuals' will include a few local Coupeville 'celebrities.'"

The Bells of Whidbey is a relatively new group,



Jeff Neuberger Photo Courtesy of The Bells of Whidbey  
Just as The Bells of Whidbey's first concert last December raised money for a good cause (SPiN Café), the volunteer group is at it again at its concert Saturday at the Coupeville Rec Hall, which will raise money for Gifts from the Heart food bank.

having formed last year. Members are keen to be sure their group not only provides beautiful music, but also supports Whidbey Island community organizations.

"Our first concert was a successful benefit for SPiN Café in Oak Harbor and we thought another venue and organization on Whidbey would be appropriate, since after all, we are a community group," said Waide. "Our vision remains the same from our initial start-up, to help and give back to the community through our love of making music with English handbells."

Gifts from the Heart board president, Molly Hughes, said she was pleased and surprised by the offer for a fundraising concert.

"I just picked up the phone one day and they offered to make us their beneficiary," she said. "We are honored to partner with them and look forward to hearing their concert."

According to Hughes, those attending the con-

cert Saturday can choose to support Gifts from the Heart's ongoing mission to help those living within the boundaries of the Coupeville School District who struggle with food insecurity, or they can support the nonprofit organization's project to build a new forever home.

"The money raised can be donated to purchase food or to support our new building fund, or donors can leave it up to us to put it where the need is," she said. "People can also bring non-perishable food donations to the concert instead of a monetary donation. Both are needed and appreciated."

Gifts from the Heart is about to begin the permitting process which will enable the organization to build a new food bank building that includes two, two-bedroom, workforce housing apartments on the second floor. Construction could begin as early as this winter.

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Kathy Reed/File Photo  
The Bells of Whidbey are still ringing strong. Above, the group practices for its debut concert last December. The group is currently rehearsing for a summer kickoff concert to be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Coupeville Rec Hall. All proceeds will benefit Gifts from the Heart Food Bank.

Let us remember and mourn those we have lost and celebrate the sacrifices made so that we may enjoy freedom.

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# Family Guide

By Amy Hannold

## Welcome to June!

To help you plan a summer of adventures and exploration, here are some ideas:

### MAKE NEW FRIENDS:

**Dabble In New Opportunities (DINO)**, is open to ALL youth aged 6-24 in Island County. DINO is all about exciting youth activities without barriers; no fees, no new equipment, no uniforms! All experiences come fully furnished with the tools you need to be involved; including transportation for many events. DINO is a completely FREE program to provide fresh experiences, meet mentors, support mental health, and have fun! [bbbsislandcounty.org/dino](http://bbbsislandcounty.org/dino)

**The Moms Offering Moms Support of Whidbey Island (MOMS) Club** invites at-home moms and their kids for playdates, field trips, hikes, attending area events together, meet-ups and more. [momsclubofwhidbey.wixsite.com/momsclubofwhidbey](http://momsclubofwhidbey.wixsite.com/momsclubofwhidbey) and [Facebook.com/momsclubofwhidbey](https://www.facebook.com/momsclubofwhidbey)

**Navigating the Spectrum Together:** A support group for parents raising a teen or young adult living with autism spectrum disorder has begun meeting in Oak Harbor. Whidbey R.I.S.E.S. (Raising Individuals on the Spectrum with Encouragement and Support), offers a safe and supportive environment where parents can navigate similar issues and concerns while celebrating successes. For more information: [tinyjadeinspirations.org/supportgroup](http://tinyjadeinspirations.org/supportgroup)

### ENJOY READING THIS SUMMER:

**Summer Reading Events:** Sno-Isle Libraries has a full calendar of virtual and in-person events planned for kids, teens, and families beginning June 1. A jigsaw puzzle competition and swap, origami, live theater and entertainment performances, "Touch-a-Truck" fun, science, The Reptile Lady, origami, arts and crafts, Cosplay design, skateboard art, – and, more! [sno-isle.org](http://sno-isle.org).

### UPCOMING BOOK SALES INCLUDE:

**Farmer's Market Book Sales**, Saturdays through Oct. 14:

**Friends of the Coupeville Library Book Sale:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Farmers Market directly behind the Coupeville Library. There is no sale Aug. 12, during the Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival; note – rain does cancel sales.

**Friends of the Freeland Library Book Sale:** Book sales are held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month. Hundreds of books for all ages are available by donation, or fill a bag for \$20.

**Friends of the Clinton Library Book Sale:** Located at the Clinton Community Hall (6411 S. Central Avenue) Saturday, June 24, 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Early-bird sale is from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for Friends members who are up to date on membership.

### FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS:

**Whidbey Island Nourishes** provides a weekly delivery of healthy lunch groceries or sack lunches for South Whidbey youth in need June 22 – Aug. 31. Register at [Whidbeyislandnourishes.org](http://Whidbeyislandnourishes.org).

**Good Cheer Food Bank:** For children, teens, and others in need of healthy, ready-to-eat food, sack lunches are available upon request at the Good Cheer Food Bank.

**Oak Harbor:** Monday through Friday, June 18 through Aug. 18, lunch will be served in five locations throughout Oak Harbor, with an additional weekly meal pick-up location. Meals are served for all youth ages 18 and under, for roughly 30 minutes and need to be eaten on-site. No registration or sign-up is required. [Ohsd.net](http://Ohsd.net).

### ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS IN JUNE:

**Father's Day is Sunday, June 18.** Create something special, and a fun tradition, by making a gift for Dad. [Happinessishomemade.net/homemade-fathers-day-gifts-that-kids-can-make](http://Happinessishomemade.net/homemade-fathers-day-gifts-that-kids-can-make).

**Washington State Parks Free Days:** This summer's Free Parks Days are all in June. A Discover Pass will not be required for park access on these dates:

- June 10 — National Get Outdoors Day
- June 11 — Free Fishing Day
- June 19 — Juneteenth

**Community Garage Sale:** The Center in Oak Harbor hosts its annual indoor sale, featuring your neighbors selling new-to-you treasures, Saturday, June 3, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 51 SE Jerome Street. [oakharbor.org/sr-svcs](http://oakharbor.org/sr-svcs)

**Anacortes Waterfront Festival, June 3-4:** Release your inner sailor and embrace life on the water! A variety of waterfront activities, free kids boat building, crafts and marine vendors and live entertainment. [Anacortes.org](http://Anacortes.org)

**Oh Baby!** WhidbeyHealth Family Birthplace hosts a free "New Arrivals" Baby Resource Expo Sunday, June 4, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 40 vendors representing local, county, state and NASWI agencies, nonprofit organizations, and family-focused businesses will be there to greet expectant couples, "minted" parents with their new arrivals, grandparents, and extended family support members. [Whidbeyhealth.org](http://Whidbeyhealth.org)

**Salish Sea Day:** The Swinomish and Samish Canoe Families' annual celebration runs from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 11 at the Bowman Bay picnic area on the Fidalgo Island side of Deception Pass State Park. The family-friendly event includes free canoe rides, singing and storytelling. A salmon and frybread meal will be available for purchase. This event occurs on June 11, so there is no Discover Pass required to attend the event.

**Discovering the Tidal Zone:** Ever wonder what can live in the everchanging tidal areas of the beach? Join a Park Ranger at low tide to explore what emerges as the water recedes. Please dress for the weather and wet beach environment. This all-ages program takes place on Saturdays, at the following locations:

June 17 – Joseph Whidbey State Park, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The park will also be the site of a separate Junior Ranger "Nature Journaling and Seaweed" program, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

July 8 – Fort Casey State Park, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Aug. 5 – Keystone Spit (Part of Fort Casey State Park, at the boat launch near the ferry landing), 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

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Illustration Courtesy of Gifts from the Heart Food Bank  
Gifts from the Heart food bank in Coupeville is getting closer to its fundraising goal, which would allow the nonprofit organization to build a permanent food bank with two workforce housing apartments on the second floor.

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"The apartments will provide a sustainable income that will allow the food bank to pay all of our overheads and building maintenance," Hughes said. "This will allow us to have a forever home and to continue to use our donor dollars on food for our clients."

Hughes said Gifts from the Heart recently marked a fundraising milestone, hitting 80-percent of its \$990,000 goal, due in part to an appropriation from the state's capital budget, which was sponsored by District 10 Representatives Clyde Shavers and Dave Paul and Sen. Ron Muzzall.

"We had already saved \$550,000 and we received \$230,000 from the state. This leaves us with \$210,000 left to raise," Hughes explained. "We would like to get closer to our goal so we can start breaking ground. We have written several small grant applications, we are making personal asks to people and businesses, and we are working on a couple of fundraisers. We need all the help we can get to make it over the finish line."

Like other food banks on Whidbey Island, the number of people served dropped during the pandemic. Those numbers have now returned to pre-COVID levels at Gifts from the Heart.

"We help around 100 families every time we are open," said Hughes. "We help 50 students in the Coupeville School District meet their weekend food needs every single week with our Meals 2 Kids backpack program. We deliver to seniors who can't make it to the food bank and between five to 10 percent of our clients are homeless on any given distribution day. While we are focused on our capital campaign, we are also meeting our mission of respectfully

providing food to those in need.' We always appreciate food drives and donations of food at our local drop off boxes.

"I always want to take the opportunity to thank our community for their 21 years of generous support to Gifts from the Heart food bank," she continued. "We could not have served the thousands of food bank clients and hundreds of school kids we have over the years without the steadfast support of individuals, businesses, churches, nonprofits and service groups. We don't take it for granted and we appreciate every bit of help."

Waide and Hughes both agreed there are good reasons to spend some time in the heart of Whidbey Island Saturday.

"Come to support the Gifts from the Heart Food Bank and its new building program," Waide encouraged. "Molly Hughes will present information about this wonderful organization and its volunteers."

"It will be a fun way to spend Saturday afternoon in the Rec Hall," Hughes said. "Go to the Memorial Day parade at 11 a.m., attend the Remembrance Ceremony and picnic in Town Park, shop in town and enjoy the Bells of Whidbey concert at 3 p.m. Make a full day of it in Coupeville!"

Learn more about the Gifts from the Heart building plan by visiting giftsfromtheheartfoodbank.com. Anyone interested in becoming a ringer for The Bells of Whidbey or those who would like to provide the volunteer group financial support to help purchase music or to rent venues, contact Cheryl Waide at jcwaide@comcast.net.

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Fate of Whidbey Island  
Fair still up in the air

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

There is some progress, but there has been no agreement reached between the Island County Fair Association, which puts on the Whidbey Island Fair, and the Port of South Whidbey's Fairgrounds and Events Center on whether the fair will go on as scheduled this summer.

Talks between the two sides were held Monday and were mediated by officials from WSU Extension.

"We got our first steps done, but there is more work to do going forward," said Jason Kalk, president of the fair association.

At issue is the proposed lease agreement between the port and the fair association. The lease presented to the fair association March 31 did not include the use of the Malone or Burrier Buildings, which house 87 percent of the fair's community fair entries, such as sewing, quilts, baking, canning, etc. The fair association said the lease agreement was presented too late for organizers to come up with a solution for where to house those displays, and has not yet signed the proposed lease.

In the past, business owners who rented space at the fairgrounds did so with the understanding they would give up their space in July to accommodate the fair. The port has now offered year-round leases to businesses in the two buildings in question, with no stipulations to vacate for the fair.

With no signed lease agreement, the fair association has claimed there is a real possibility the Whidbey Island Fair could be cancelled this year.

"We really need to have something settled by the first of the month," Kalk told *Whidbey Weekly* Tuesday morning. "We're in a very short time frame as it is, so we need to make a decision quickly."

Kalk said he expects more conversations between the two parties will happen in the coming days and said he hopes the two sides will be able to come to terms.



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# Recipe of the Week

## SANDWICH IDEAL FOR PICNIC DINNERS

Opportunities for enjoying sunshine and fresh air abound in spring and summer. Who wants to be stuck indoors when the weather is pleasant? People engage in all sorts of activities while enjoying Mother Nature, including dining outside.

When it comes to picnics or meals enjoyed at the beach or on park benches, portability reigns supreme. This makes sandwiches the ultimate go-to. Sandwich ingredients do not need to be limited to cold cuts or tuna salad. This recipe for a "Roasted Vegetable Focaccia Sandwich" from "The Pampered Chef® Stoneware Inspirations" (The Pampered Chef®, Ltd.) by The Pampered Chef® Test Kitchens puts vegetables front and center.

### ROASTED VEGETABLE FOCACCIA SANDWICH (6 servings)

- |                                                  |                                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 1 medium eggplant                                | 2 balls fresh mozzarella cheese (8 ounces), sliced |
| 1 large zucchini                                 | 1 medium tomato, sliced                            |
| 1 tablespoon olive oil                           | 1 7 1/2-inch loaf focaccia bread (about 12 ounces) |
| 2 garlic cloves, pressed                         | 1/4 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise                     |
| Salt and coarsely ground black pepper (optional) | 1/2 cup loosely packed fresh basil leaves          |

1. Preheat oven to 450°F. Cut eggplant and zucchini crosswise into 1/4-inch-thick slices. Combine eggplant, zucchini and oil in a mixing bowl. Press garlic into mixing bowl using a garlic press; toss to coat. Season with salt and black pepper, if desired.
2. Arrange vegetables in a single layer on a stoneware bar pan. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until vegetables are tender and deep golden brown. Remove from oven to a cooling rack; cool slightly.
3. Meanwhile, cut mozzarella and tomato into 1/4-inch-thick slices. Cut bread in half horizontally. Spread mayonnaise on cut surfaces.
4. To assemble sandwich, arrange basil leaves, vegetables, tomato slices, and mozzarella slices over bottom half of bread. Top with top half of bread. Cut into slices and serve.



## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

### ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

You may struggle to get going this week, Aries. But once you do, it will be full speed ahead. In fact, you may need to slow things down to let others catch up.

### TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, if you are feeling a bit scattered as of late, take some time out of your schedule to meditate and reflect on what is most important to you. Then follow that path.

### GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, give yourself permission to move slowly this week. If you race through things, you're apt to make mistakes. Set your own pace and let things play out as they may.

### CANCER – June 22/July 22

Deadlines could make for a heated week, Cancer. It's best to remove yourself from any situations before they get out of hand. Offer advice when things cool down.

### LEO – July 23/Aug 23

Routines are boring you lately, Leo. You may need to shake things up. If you work a set schedule, see if you can go to flex time and look for ways to change.

### VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Do not let drama that doesn't involve you sneak into your orbit, Virgo. If you need to distance yourself from others for a while, then do so.

### LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, others feel you're giving off some high-strung vibes this week, and they wouldn't be wrong. Something is weighing on your shoulders. Figure out what it is and lighten the load.

### SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you're dishing out all sorts of sage advice but it may be frustrating if others don't want to take it. All you can do is offer and let others lead their lives.

### SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Things may be a little rough around the edges lately, and you'll need to figure out the ways to smooth things over, Sagittarius. Find a few friends who are in your corner.

### CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, emphasize a slow and methodical approach to a problem with an elusive solution. Slowing things down has a tendency to provide substantial clarity.

### AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Disagreements on how to move forward could bring tension at home or work this week, Aquarius. Everyone needs to put their ideas on the table and whittle down the best answer.

### PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Don't compare yourself to others, Pisces; otherwise, you may downplay all of your wonderful attributes. Be proud of who you are.

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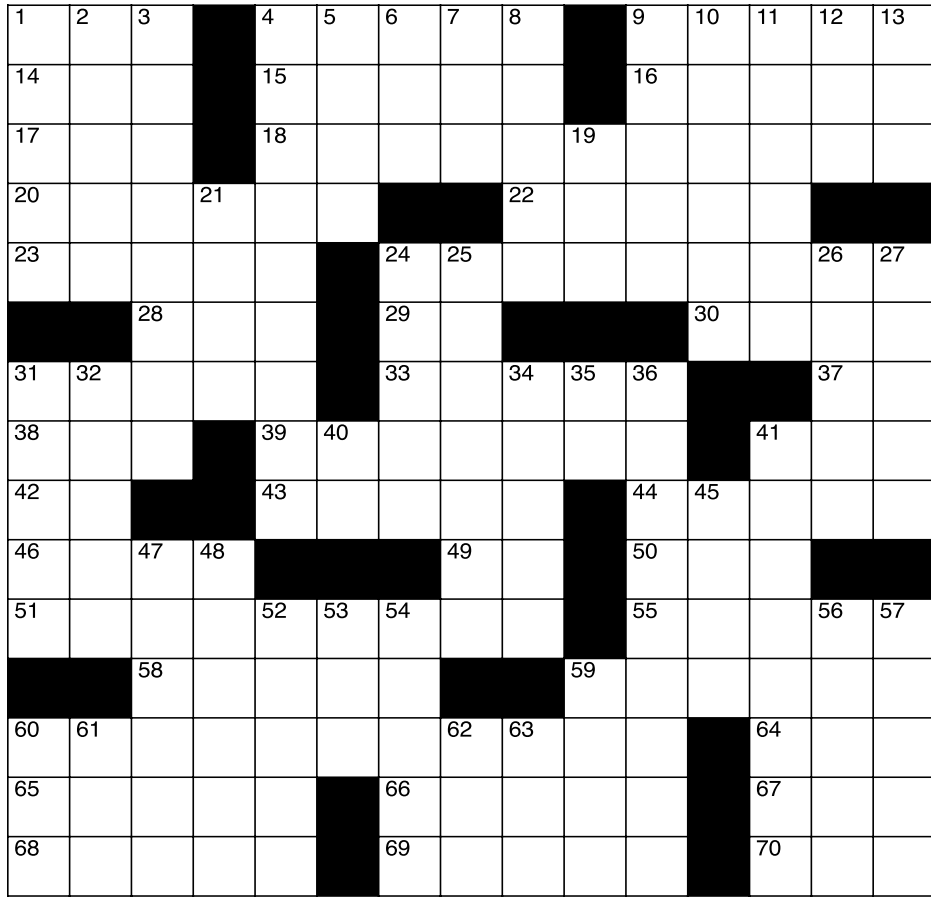
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# Crossword Puzzle



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Midway between south and southeast
- 4. Fathers
- 9. Wine grape
- 14. Al Bundy's wife
- 15. Organic compound
- 16. Venezuelan state
- 17. Interest term
- 18. Experts
- 20. Central cores of stems
- 22. Smooth and glossy
- 23. One-time S. Korean city
- 24. One from Damascus
- 28. Short message at the end of an email
- 29. It cools your home
- 30. Oh, God!
- 31. Intestinal pouches
- 33. Men
- 37. Popular English soccer team (abbr.)
- 38. Former CIA
- 39. Arrange in steps
- 41. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 42. The Great Lake State
- 43. Dog-\_\_: to mark a page
- 44. Stop moving
- 46. Ancient Dead Sea region
- 49. Of I
- 50. Clerical vestment

**CLUES DOWN**

- 15. Songs sung to a lover
- 19. Pie \_\_\_ mode
- 21. Nonclerical
- 24. Inspirational football player Hamlin
- 25. Learning environment
- 26. Khoikhoi peoples
- 27. Bring out or develop
- 31. Shows up
- 32. Theatrical device
- 34. Loads
- 35. Popular Hollywood alien
- 36. Distinguishes
- 40. College dorm worker
- 41. Secondary or explanatory title
- 45. Resembling wings
- 47. One who delivers a speech
- 48. In the middle
- 52. Loop with a running knot
- 53. Airborne (abbr.)
- 54. Beloveds
- 56. Ordain
- 57. Breed of small cattle
- 59. Very small period of time (abbr.)
- 60. Revolutions per minute
- 61. They \_\_\_
- 62. Longtime ESPN anchor Bob
- 63. A place to stay

- 51. Charges
- 58. Popular design program manufacturer
- 59. Where to park a boat
- 60. One who values reason
- 64. Slang for cigarette
- 65. Sailboats
- 66. Actress Zellweger
- 67. Screen material
- 68. Country music legend Haggard
- 69. Puts together in time
- 70. When you hope to arrive

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

<p>Thurs, May 25</p> <p>North Isle H-65°/L-51° Mostly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-69°/L-53° Mostly Sunny</p>	<p>Fri, May 26</p> <p>North Isle H-64°/L-53° Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-67°/L-52° Sunny</p>	<p>Sat, May 27</p> <p>North Isle H-63°/L-52° Showers</p> <p>South Isle H-66°/L-51° Showers</p>	<p>Sun, May 28</p> <p>North Isle H-65°/L-53° Rain</p> <p>South Isle H-68°/L-53° AM Showers PM Rain</p>	<p>Mon, May 29</p> <p>North Isle H-66°/L-54° AM Rain PM Drizzle</p> <p>South Isle H-68°/L-52° Rain</p>	<p>Tues, May 30</p> <p>North Isle H-68°/L-55° Partly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-69°/L-53° Showers</p>	<p>Wed, May 31</p> <p>North Isle H-68°/L-54° AM Clouds PM Sunbreaks</p> <p>South Isle H-71°/L-54° Mostly Sunny</p>
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## OUR Community

### An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What fond memory do you have of a loved one who sacrificed their all while in the service of our country?



**Rick Hannold, Oak Harbor**

I remember my brother Harry. We became family through an adoption, and although he was seven years older than I, he always treated me as one of his best friends, and we enjoyed many adventures together. He would even give me rides on the back of his motorcycle when Mom and Dad were out of sight.

After high school he joined the Marines and was shipped off to Vietnam. He was a door gunner on a helicopter and received a Purple Heart for injuries sustained in a firefight. He left the Marines not long after recovering from the

wounds and went on to live a somewhat normal life, with a wife and children of his own. Sadly, 40-odd years after leaving Southeast Asia, the war caught up with him and he passed after battling cancer attributed to the defoliant Agent Orange. Many of his missions involved the spraying of this chemical.

Remember my friends, there are many out there who suffer daily from war related injuries that do not show themselves immediately in battle. Harry, I remember your good humor, your impish smile, and your passion for life and love you had for your family. Rest in Peace Devil Dog, Semper Fi.

**Jim Siggins, Oak Harbor**



Fortunately, for all my friends and family, every service member going back for generations has come back alive and well; they contributed their time and efforts in the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, and Korea. They gave what was needed, but not their lives. I'm proud of all of them, but do not have a gold star. For that I am very thankful. I am also thankful for the many Americans who fought the good fight and did not return home.

God Bless them all.



**Howard Gulley, Fidalgo Island**

Memorial Day thoughts from a retired naval aviator: Most holidays are joyful celebrations of special defining events in our country's history. This day for me is a time for reflection and somber remembrance. Fifty-three years ago I was part of a Whidbey Island home based A-6 Intruder squadron deployed to the waters of Vietnam. I served in a number of squadrons and commands during my time in the Navy. But, VA-196 was extraordinary for the people I served with. There was a special camaraderie; a spirited and supporting professionalism that was not common for a large organization. The squadron deployed with 15 aircraft, 19 flight crews for a total of 44 officers and around 240 enlisted. Of the 38 flight crew members, we had all worked and flown together for over a year and we were like brothers.

But this is Vietnam and we are facing combat. VA-196, nick-named "The Main Battery," made seven Vietnam combat deployments (two with A-1 Skyraiders and five with the A-6), more than any other Navy attack squadron. The losses were also high, and this deployment was no different. Four of our aircraft were shot down. To our collective joy, three of our flight crewmen were rescued from enemy territory in heroic operations. Two requiring extended medical recovery. However, five were lost forever.

It is because of these men, my squadron mates, that Memorial Day has a special meaning. Two were bachelors and three were married with children. The first loss was a single aircraft night sortie into heavily defended territory. The aircraft checked in with monitoring authority but did not check out. To this day, the exact crash site is unknown and the bodies of Lt. Cmdr. Dick Collins and Lt. Mike Quinn have not been recovered. One day later, Lt. j.g. Dick Deuter ejected too late from a crippled aircraft and hit the ground before his one chute fully opened. The last losses occurred several months later when an aircraft in a daylight dive bombing run was hit and lost a wing. The pilot, Lt. Bruce Fryar, was killed during the ejection or while parachuting to the ground. His weapons system operator, Lt. j.g. Nick Brooks, evaded the enemy on the ground for over week before being captured and killed.

For most of our citizens, Memorial Day is a time set aside to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in service to the country. For those of us who have lost a fellow service member, this day has a more heartfelt and deeper meaning. After 12 years, Nick Brooks' remains were recovered. He had requested burial at sea, and by chance the carrier I was serving on as the weapons officer was selected. His remains were accompanied by his sister as the family representative. The evening before the ceremony I had the honor of spending a couple of hours with her, reminiscing about times Nick and I had spent together. I hope that meeting was as uplifting for the family as it was for me.

Each Memorial Day ceremony I attend is a special reminder for me of my fallen squadron mates. The unique times we had together and how precious and short life can be in service to this great country.

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### How'd you do?

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2	6	3	4	7	8	1	5	9
8	4	5	9	3	1	2	6	7
4	7	9	3	8	6	5	2	1
6	2	1	7	9	5	4	3	8
5	3	8	2	1	4	7	9	6
3	9	2	6	4	7	8	1	5
1	5	4	8	2	9	6	7	3
7	8	6	1	5	3	9	4	2

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S	S	E		D	A	D	A	S		G	A	M	A	Y			
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C	A	E	C	A			M	A	L	E	S			M	U		
O	S	S			G	R	A	D	A	T	E		S	A	C		
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