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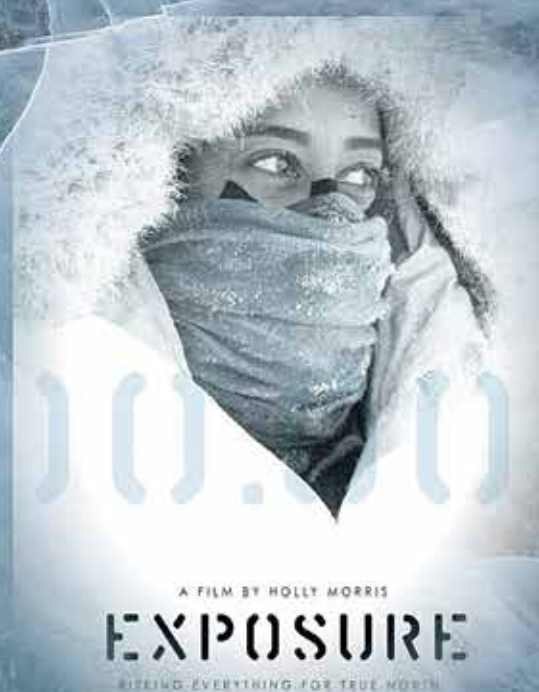
Rob Verchick, Author/Speaker
"The Octopus in the
Parking Garage"

Book Release and Conversation
June 9, 7:30 PM

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WICA highlights climate change and community conversations in June

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Leaders of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley have long held the belief that the arts are an integral part of the community. As WICA launches its "new works" month in June, the organization is delving deeper into broadening the presentation and scope of not only art and artistic works, but the conversations the Whidbey Island community can have about it all.

Believe it or not, this more introspective approach to programming is due in part to COVID.

"As Whidbey Island Center for the Arts has emerged from the pandemic, we've looked deeply at our commitment and relationship with our community. Part of that engagement is built on the idea that art is at the heart of Whidbey Island; inspiring, expanding and deepening a sense of belonging and our shared humanity," said Deana Duncan, WICA's executive artistic director.

"Our focus has really turned toward authentic and whole-hearted experiences powered by the strength of great story. With that in mind, our programming has branched out to include community conversations and create space to impact lives through powerful shared experiences in the arts," she continued. "June is our 'New Works' month, featuring introductions to award winning screenwriters, authors, filmmakers and musicians creating new work."

Much of WICA's programming this month focuses on various aspects of climate change. Kicking off the conversation Friday at 7:30 p.m. is the release of climate law scholar Rob Verchick's new book, "Octopus in the Parking Garage." According to Duncan, this opportunity has been a few years in the making.

"Rob and I started chatting about a climate change conversation based on his work at Loyola University back in 2019," she said. "We had picked a date and he was just writing his book and then COVID hit. Though we cancelled the event, Rob's conversations around engagement and accessibility for non-expert and concerned citizens made me realize how important this conversation could be. When he reached out to see if we could re-schedule, it was an easy yes."

Ticket prices for the book release range from \$20 to \$45 and those 18 and under are free. Learn more at www.wicaonline.org/events-calendar-view/2023/6/9/octopus-in-the-parking-garage-rob-verchick.

The book release event is the pre-cursor for an all-day climate change conference Saturday entitled, "Whidbey's Water Future in a Changing Climate," a collaboration between WICA and the Langley Climate Crisis Action Committee to bring scientists and water experts together for a public discussion.

"As I try to wrap more and stronger stories around programming, I wanted to create a climate change conference to hold all the local conversations that are happening," Duncan explained. "The Langley Climate Crisis Action Committee had been talking to me about a series of speakers, and it made sense to put this all together."

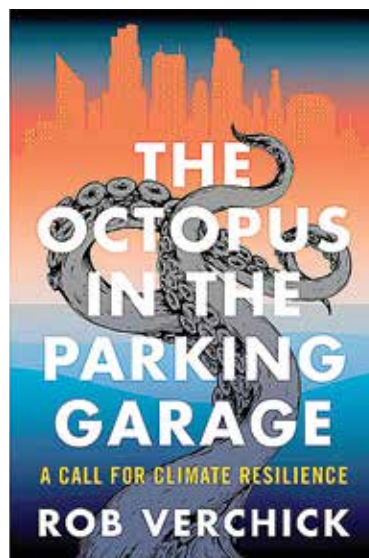


Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts
Filmmaker Holly Morris will screen her film, "Exposure," about an all-female expedition to the North Pole, Friday and Saturday, June 16 and 17 at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley. The screenings will be followed by a conversation with the filmmaker, part of WICA's "New Works June" programming.



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts

Author and climate law scholar, Rob Verchick, will discuss his new book, "Octopus in the Parking Garage," Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley. The book release event kicks off WICA's "New Works June," which will also feature a climate change conference Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and a screening of the film, "Exposure," the following weekend.



Some topics to be discussed include things like where Whidbey's water comes from, how climate change will affect the water supply and how sea level rise could impact wells. Featured speakers will include Dr. Richard Gammon, Dr. Paul Belanger, Penny Livingston, John Lovie, Brian Kerkvliet, Jake Stewart and more. The conference takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. All seats are \$20. Visit www.wicaonline.org/events-calendar-view/2023/6/10/water to learn more.

The focus on climate continues the following weekend, as WICA presents filmmaker Holly Morris' film, "Exposure," followed by a conversation with Morris. "Exposure" documents an expedition of all women to the North Pole. The film will be presented Friday, June 16 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, June 17 at 2 p.m. Standard tickets are \$18, WICA Star tickets are \$28 and those 18 and under are free. (www.wicaonline.org/events-calendar-view/2023/6/16/holly-morris-exposure-film-and-conversation)

"After watching the award-winning film premier at the Seattle International Film Festival, watching an interview with Holly on stage and getting to chat with her afterwards, I knew I wanted to bring this to Whidbey Island," Duncan said. "Holly told me that at the last moment they decided to use these VR cameras that captured the North Pole in a way that can now create a virtual experience of part of the planet that is melting and going away. Their work may be the only way some generations

ever get to experience the polar ice cap. I found that amazing."

Duncan said she felt it was important that WICA take part in the conversation about one of the biggest topics globally, to see how it matters locally and individually. She said she feels demand for this kind of programming is growing and participation is rising.

"Climate change is an important human topic and at the base of our work at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts is a desire to create space for powerful shared experiences in the arts," she said. "By bringing authors, filmmakers and historians to the stage to share and debate the existential crises of our time, we are trying to make the subject personal. It's only through our shared experiences that we will impact lives in powerful ways.

"Local participation is growing as audiences are ready to gather in shared space again," Duncan continued. "We are not alone in the landscape of strong arts programming locally, but I hope audiences will see that, as the only local year-round producer in music, theater, dance, visual arts and the humanities, that Whidbey Island Center for the Arts is partnering with the community in vital ways."

All WICA programming is open to the public and there are some ticket scholarships available for those who would like to participate but have financial difficulty doing so. Visit www.wicaonline.org to learn more.

"I hope this level of programming ties Whidbey Island Center for the Arts more strongly into the fabric of Whidbey Island and its visitors," said Duncan. "I am deeply moved every single time I hear a story about how what we do has impacted the lives of individuals and families in our region. The arts matter. If the work is relevant and entertaining and accessible, the effects can ripple through our lives, helping create positive change for everyone."

Civility First Discussion: How to disagree politically and stay friends

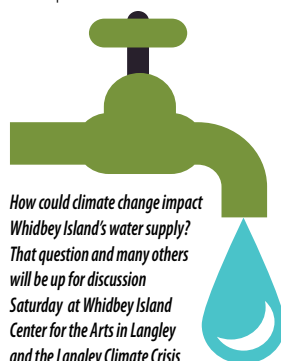
By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

It is possible to vehemently disagree with someone and still remain friends.

That is the point of a free public discussion Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Coupeville Recreation Hall, 901 NW Alexander Street. This event is presented by the nonprofit organization, Civility First, and will feature Washington's Lt. Gov. Denny Heck and state Sen. Ron Muzzall. The moderator will be retired communications director Kenneth Harvey.

"Lt. Gov. Heck and Sen. Muzzall are in a book club together," described Sandi Peterson, president of Civility First and a founding board member. "They're going to talk about how you can be impassioned about a subject or a piece of legislation but still remain polite, civil and listen to one another."

See CIVILITY continued on page 10



How could climate change impact Whidbey Island's water supply? That question and many others will be up for discussion Saturday at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley and the Langley Climate Crisis Action Committee present an all-day conference, "Whidbey's Water Future in a Changing Climate," from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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FRIDAY, MAY 26

10:49 am, SE Pioneer Way

Reporting party advising male in flatbed truck threatened to "gut him."

11 am, SW Erie St.

Advising elderly female in store appears confused; trying to take others' shopping bags.

11:33 am, NE Kettle St.

Reporting party advising subject made threatening comments about "why people are gunning down places."

3:16 pm, SR 20

Reporting party advising white male wearing black hat, red sunglasses, black jacket, black pants and black boots is yelling and threatening people.

10:33 pm, N Oak Harbor St.

Reporting party advising son left location to walk friend home and he is not back; reporting party not making a whole lot of sense; advising they were all walking together and reporting party told son and friend to "chase after grandpa's vehicle" and now cannot see them.

SATURDAY, MAY 27

1:06 am, NE 5th Ave.

Reporting party advising heard sounds like someone was on roof and messing with the fence; last heard at the time of the call.

2:11 am, SW 3rd Ave.

Advising male subject at apartment building on the corner is throwing things and making a mess and yelling.

7:15 am, SW 3rd Ave.

Reporting party advising of secondhand report referencing female throwing items off balcony.

8:05 am, SE Glencoe St.

Van parked; transient outside changing clothes; not really a parking area.

11:59 am, SE Pioneer Way

"Queen" threw something up over open roof of restaurant; unknown what she threw; already cleaned up; "causing a scene," yelling in the mall, getting attention of customers.

3:05 pm, N Oak Harbor St.

Advising male attempting to cook meat in the street on Whidbey Ave.

8:39 pm, SE Barrington Dr.

Caller states every night can hear racing down Hwy. 20, Goldie and O'Leary. She has counted it 22 nights in a row.

SUNDAY, MAY 28

2:01 pm, SW 3rd Ave.

Calling on behalf of tenant, who called Coachman Inn to report someone throwing rocks.

3 pm, S Oak Harbor St.

Reporting party states person put honey in her gas tank.

6:45 pm, SR 20

Customer requesting law enforcement; said wife was kidnapped; couldn't call themselves as they said their phone was dead. Wife found.

MONDAY, MAY 29

8:30 am, SW 3rd Ave.

Reporting party states female is throwing things from the balcony.

8:47 am, SW Erie St.

Advising male with beard, long hair, green hoodie and camouflage pants is walking around outside of location, punching air. No weapons seen.

11:33 am, Fort Nugent Rd.

Reporting party states male is driving a lawnmower and has shotgun in his hand.

11:46 am, SW 3rd Ave.

States female is throwing things off her balcony.

1:47 pm, SW Barlow St.

Advising female sitting with juvenile in front of location; child throwing a tantrum; mother is just staring "into space." Reporting party concerned for parenting style; "Perhaps she's old school."

3:25 pm, SW 3rd Ave.

Caller states lady on the corner is throwing all her stuff in the parking lot.

8:33 pm, SR 20

Reporting party is wondering if he can buy tobacco products if he does not have an ID; requesting call. Also saying he is being stalked, etc.; said he needs tobacco to "calm himself," said calm his heart.

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Bits & Pieces

Italian 17th-Century 3-Part Canzonas

The final Salish Sea Early Music Festival program in 2023, Italian 17th-Century 3-Part Canzonas, features Anna Marsh on dulcian (renaissance bassoon), John Lenti on theorbo and renaissance lute, and Jeffrey Cohan on renaissance transverse flute Thursday, 7:30PM, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Freeland.

This program offers an unusual and extensive exploration of the fabric of early 17th-century life in Italy (mostly) through the perspective of the dulcian, the theorbo and renaissance lute, the renaissance transverse flute and their players.

The program includes a solo lute Fantasia by Giovanni Battista Dalla Gostena (1540-1593), a Canzona (1636) by Giovanni Battista Buonamente (c1595-1642), a Sonata and Cantantibus organisi by Giovanni Paolo Cima (c1570-1630) from his Concerti Ecclesiastici (Milan 1610), five Canzonas by Tarquinio Merula (1594/5-1665) from his Opus 12 (1637) and Opus 17 (1651), a Fantasia for dulcian solo as well as divisions on Vestiva e colli for flute and dulcian, both published in 1638 by Bartolomé de Selma y Salaverde (~1595-1638), diminutions by Girolamo Dalla Casa on Petit Jacquet after the chanson by Jean Courtois for flute and lute, a Sonata Concertante by Dario Castello (1602-1631) from 1631, and two duos for flute and dulcian: Beaux yeux by Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621) and a 2-part setting of Le rossignol plaisant and gratieux by Didier le blanc.

Admission is by suggested donation (a free will offering) of \$20 or \$25. Those 18 and under are free. All are welcome regardless of donation. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation is located at 20103 SR 525. For additional information please see www.salishseafestival.org/whidbey.

[Submitted by Jeffrey Cohan]

Skagit Valley College's South Asian Club Hosts Experience India June 16

Experience India, a cultural event hosted by Skagit Valley College's South Asian Club will be Friday, June 16 and will be fundraising for student scholarships.

Washington Secretary of State Steve Hobbs will be attending and delivering opening remarks.

Experience India will begin at 5:00PM at the Ferndale Events Center in Ferndale. This free event is open to all community members. Cultural and formal clothing is encouraged but not required. Assistance with transportation is available upon request.

The evening will feature cultural performances and an Indian food buffet. The fundraiser will help support the SVC Guru Nanak Scholarship, which supports the education of South Asian students.

Students interested in getting involved with the South Asian Club can contact Dr. Farhana Loonat at Farhana.Loonat@skagit.edu.

For more information and tickets, visit skagit.edu/event/experience-india/. The Ferndale Events Center is located at 5715 Barrett Road, Ferndale.

[Submitted by Sofia Poulton, Skagit Valley College]

Miss Pioneer Way Registration Open

Registration is now open for the 2023 Miss Pioneer Way Pageant, which will be held July 1 at Windjammer Park in Oak Harbor. To be eligible, contestants must be age 0-14 on July 1 and have spent time on Pioneer Way in the last year.

"This pageant is a fun, one-day event that provides an opportunity for aspiring princesses to be mentored by high school royalty and potentially ride in the 4th of July parade with them," stated Pageant Director River Powers. Each age-group pageant throughout the day includes coaching in stage presence, personal introductions, and a dance to *You're a Grand Old Flag*.

Applications for the 2023 Miss Pioneer Way Pageant are available online at MissOakHarbor.com; registration deadline is Friday, June 16. The pageant is limited to the first 10 applicants in each age division (0-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14). The top two contestants in each age division will be crowned queen and princess and will get to ride on the float with the Miss Oak Harbor Royalty in the Oak Harbor 4th of July parade.

The Miss Pioneer Way Pageant is hosted by the 2023 Miss Oak Harbor Court as a fundraiser for its service project, Deception Pass Park Foundation. All net proceeds will be donated to the foundation, whose mission is to provide financial and volunteer support to promote education and preservation of Deception Pass State Park.

More information can be found at MissOakHarbor.com.

[Submitted by River Powers, Pageant Director]

All Together Now — Summer Reading Unites Readers

Sno-Isle Libraries Summer Reading fosters the love of reading in kids and teens across Island and Snohomish counties. Keep kids and teens entertained all summer long with books and fun, free events at the library.

Kids and teens who read (or are read to) for 10 hours will get a prize book and a sticker. All reading is encouraged, any language, and any device — audiobooks count. Summer Reading kicked off June 1 and readers have until Sept. 10 to collect their prizes.

Reading over the summer helps students maintain and improve reading skills gained during the school year. It also encourages a lifelong love for reading.

"Summer Reading gives us a chance to inspire a new generation of readers," said Sno-Isle Libraries Director of Community Libraries, Diane Lai. "Many of our customers recall summer reading programs as their first connection point with the library."

This year's Summer Reading theme is All Together Now, highlighting the power of libraries and reading to unite communities and people of all ages. Books give us a glimpse into other experiences and cultures, helping us to feel more connected and knowledgeable about the world.

In 2022, the Summer Reading program had 5,537 finishers, surpassing 2019 pre-pandemic participation. Together, participants logged close to 2.3 million minutes of reading. Across the library district, 3,457 kids and teens attended one of the 88 summer programs. Sno-Isle Libraries also has a longstanding partnership with the Boys and Girls Club, delivering a book for every enrolled child — in 2022, over 1,500 books were delivered.

To participate, visit a community library or go to sno-isle.org. Start reading today.

[Submitted by Katie Leone, Sno-Isle Libraries]

Regenerative Tourism Approach Calls to Embrace Whidbey and Camano Islands

Island County's tourism board unveils new brand, strategic direction and invitation to join in building a more flourishing and regenerative future

This spring, Island County's tourism board unveiled a new strategic direction that invites the community to join in building a regenerative tourism approach. Formerly known as Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism, a new name and brand, Embrace Whidbey and Camano Islands, reflects a shift to re-imagine tourism.

Guided by the experts at the Transformational Travel Council across an 18-month period, this new framework was created to preserve and improve the islands for residents and is an invitation to co-create richer experiences for visitors and to harness tourism's power as a force for good.

"Regenerative travel takes place when visitors travel with a mindset to leave a destination better than it was before they arrived, and experiences go beyond a traditional vacation," said Embrace Whidbey and Camano Islands Board President Jackie Henderson. "Embrace Whidbey and Camano Islands is an invitation to build a flourishing future for the destination, and to connect with the community in crafting the visitor experience."

The people of Whidbey and Camano Islands have been successful at preserving a sense of place by offering a slower pace and close-knit communities with a variety of activities and experiences that embrace the island lifestyle. These elements are attractive for residents and visitors alike, yet a host of challenges such as a lack of affordable housing, delicate environmental considerations, socio-economic imbalances, and several other factors, are realities. This shift to embrace the destination is an organizational mission to bridge this gap and create a holistic strategy that positions Whidbey and Camano Islands as a thriving place and community for many years to come.

Guided by a sense of place and the sensitivity of the natural environment, Embrace Whidbey and Camano Islands will continue its destination management work under the pillars of:

- **Healthy Nature:** community members nurture, respect, and value the marine and land ecosystems, we invite visitors to do the same.
- **Access:** cultivate a rich quality of life for all inhabitants, through equitable access to all resources within Island County.
- **Bridge Building:** unify all community members around a shared vision and goals, fostering collaboration through efficient communication systems.
- **Transformational Mindset:** create positive change in the distinct communities of our islands through mindful engagement, authentic participation and active learning.

More details about the plans and direction is available in the strategic plan "Embrace," available to download at <https://whidbeycamanoislands.com/transformational-travel>. It was developed by the Destination Regeneration steering committee comprised of Island County residents and small business owners in partnership with the Transformational Travel Council and creative team at Embrace Whidbey and Camano Islands.

[Erin Osborne, ON Public Relations]

Are your goals 'must have' or 'nice to have'?

Like everyone, you may have a lot of financial goals. But are they all of equal importance? Probably not. And do they share a similar timeline? Again, it's unlikely. So, your first step may be to prioritize your goals — and then follow a process that can help you achieve them.

This process should include the following steps:

• **Identify your goals as "must have" or "nice to have."** Making sure you can retire comfortably and won't outlive your resources is a "must have" goal. For this goal, you can't compromise — you need to be certain of achieving it, or at least as certain as possible. But if you want to someday own a vacation home by the beach, and you can't ever quite afford it, you might find an acceptable substitute, such as renting. So, it seems fair to say that achieving this goal would be "nice to have."

• **Prioritize your investment dollars.** Unless you have unlimited sums to invest — and very few of us have that luxury — you'll probably need to prioritize where your investment dollars are going. For your main "must have" goal — retirement — you'll be helped by the ability to automatically invest through your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you're on track toward this goal, and you budget carefully and potentially receive salary increases over the years, you may also find space to keep contributing toward the "nice to have" goals.

• **Put "price tags" on your goals.** You need to know what your goals will cost. Of course, you may need to estimate the costs for some goals based on different factors. For example, when you think about your goal of retiring comfortably without outliving your money, you'll need to consider some key questions, including these: When do you want to retire? What sort of retirement lifestyle do you envision? Do you see yourself downsizing your living arrangements? For other goals, though, such as purchasing a vacation home, you could get more specific on how much money you'll need.

• **Follow an appropriate strategy.** The nature of your goals, and their estimated cost, along with your appetite for risk, should drive your investment strategy — but another key factor is time. So, for a long-term goal like retirement, you'll likely need a reasonable amount of quality growth-oriented investments in your portfolio. While these investments — such as stocks and stock-based mutual funds — will fluctuate in value over shorter periods of time, your hope is that, over several decades, they will ultimately provide the growth you need to meet your retirement goal. However, to achieve a goal you want to meet in a year or so — perhaps you're paying for a wedding or planning a long vacation — you may want to consider more stable investments, such as certificates of deposit (CDs), short-term bonds or even cash or cash equivalents. They may not provide much in the way of growth, but you can essentially count on them to provide the amount you need when you need it. You'll need to regularly review the performance of your investment strategy for each goal to assess your progress.

Achieving any goals — whether they're "must have" or "nice to have" — can be challenging. But by identifying and prioritizing these goals, following an appropriate strategy to meet them, and consistently reviewing your approach, you can help yourself get to where you want to go.

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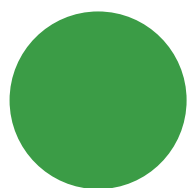
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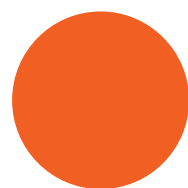
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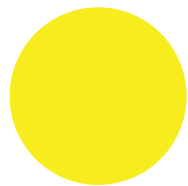
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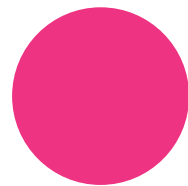
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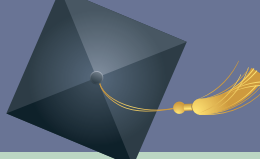

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CCAC Presents: Whidbey's Water Future In A Changing Climate

Saturday, June 10, 9:00AM-5:00PM
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Sports Physical Night

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Walk For A Vet 5K Walkathon

Saturday, June 17, 9:00AM-12:00PM
South Whidbey Community Center Track

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Thursday, June 8, 11:30AM
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge
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From 11:00-11:30AM is social time, followed by lunch and the meeting. Speaker Allen McPheeters: The Numbers of Island County Politics - 2022 Precinct Analysis.

Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers (WIGS)

Tuesday, June 20, 1:00PM
Zoom Meeting

Celia McNay will present "FamilySearch.org Research WIKI: A Genealogist's Secret Weapon." All are invited to attend. Non-members wishing to receive a Zoom invitation should send an email request to whidbeygenealogical@gmail.com by Sunday, June 18.

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Saturday, June 10, 6:00-8:00PM
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Invasive Weed Workshop: Tansy Ragwort

Friday, June 23, 10:00AM
Greenbank Farm

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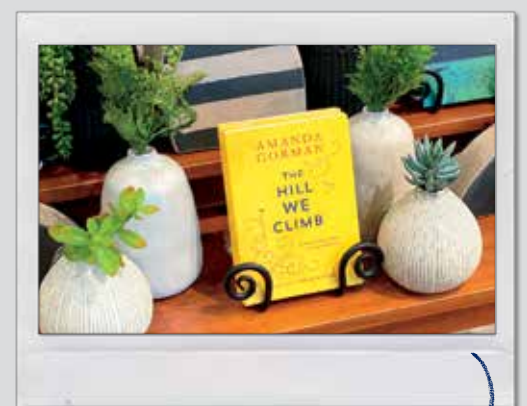
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As halibut and lingcod seasons race by, the migratory saltwater Chinook salmon season opener is less than 40 days away in the inner Puget Sound Marine Areas! This year's meager recreational catch quota (roughly 2,800 fish) for Marine Area 7 (San Juan area) is so small we are only slated to get THREE DAYS (July 13,14,15) to catch one hatchery Chinook per person, per day; after that, we may get a few more days to fish if there is any of the quota left. I can remember not too many years ago Marine Area 7 was open almost all year for Chinook fishing, and three-day events were primarily used for a wonderful salmon derby. Until hatchery production is fully optimized, the short seasons for Chinook will be here to stay. Why? Wild fish will never truly recover with current commercial and tribal gill netting practices.

Over the last couple of years, the Chinook bite has been very good, that is why the season is so short; the quota has been caught in just a few days. Let's be ready for the three-day opportunity - have the boat ready, have the salmon rods and reels ready, have the downriggers freshened up, and have the natural and artificial baits ready. The salmon bite is usually an early morning deal; they will bite throughout the day but before the sun breaks over the horizon is the time you want to be on the water.

Here is something to think about when it comes to us catching our quota of hatchery Chinooks. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) uses the term "salmon encounter" to manage the quota tracking process. I've not been able to find a solid definition of a "salmon encounter" from the WDFW folks at the boat ramp docks, or Fish and Wildlife law enforcement. But here is what I feel are the meat and potatoes of the term: If I catch a wild (uncropped) Chinook and release it, that is an encounter. If I catch a Chinook under the legal limit (less than 22 inches) and release it, that is an encounter. If I catch a salmon other than a Chinook and can't retain it (in accordance with the regulations) and release it, that is an encounter. Those three descriptions are pretty straight forward and clear, but here is the important part to remember for us recreational anglers. When we get back to the dock and are questioned by the WDFW staff (fish checkers) 20 to 40 percent of the released encounters we report and get recorded are included in our catch and keep quota. The policy makers believe that 20-40 percent of what we release will perish. Wait! Is that not why we are required to use barbless hooks, to avoid damaging released fish? Salmon strikes are what we all hope for and "salmon encounters" are going to be part of our day of fishing.

Cornet Bay, Washington State Parks, and the Keystone boat ramp (if completed) will be the three main launch sites for many salmon anglers during this short season, so prepare for the possibility of crowded boat docks and some launch and recovery wait times. Once on the water there is a good chance you will be there with 200 of your best friends, so keep a watchful eye on the other moving boats. Most boats will be trolling with the current (tide). There is a good reason for this; the majority of the salmon will be facing and feeding into the current, waiting for food, so we are simply bringing our offering to them.

The Fraser River is close enough to the San Juans that some of the large clipped hatchery Chinook (kings) could be caught. However, there will be retainable fish throughout the islands and around the off-shore banks. Chinooks are great hunters and are comfortable hunting in all levels of the water column. Herring and candle fish (sand lance) are two of their favorite food sources. There is a popular saying among salmon fishermen, "find the bait, find the fish." This is a true statement, however, blind strikes are just as common while trolling. Herring will be at all depths in the water column so the bait cloud will be mirrored on our fish finders. Candle fish will be on the bottom in the loose sand except during their winter spawn phase, when they will be near the shoreline.

Ninety to 120 feet is a good depth to start fishing. If you are trolling, check your gear every 15 minutes for debris, fouled lines, or a very small fish. When checking your gear, get in the habit of pulling your mainline out of the downrigger clip and setting the rod back into the rod holder and letting your gear slowly work its way to the surface. As it climbs you never know, you could get a take-down.

What to fish with? Herring is self-explanatory, get the spin (roll) right, and catch fish. A roll rate of (1 roll:1 sec) on a four-inch herring is best. Artificial baits like spoons, bucktail flies, Hoochies, etc., work well for Chinook; three-to four-inch lures are what I use with a dab of herring jelly. Troll at 1.5 to 2.5 MPH with the tide or better yet, use your downrigger cable/line blowback angle at 30 to 40 degrees. This keeps your terminal tackle working at optimal performance. Saltwater chinook season is what millions of dollars are spent on each year. It is sad the recreational anglers add so much revenue to the state of Washington and for now, get so little in return for our money. I have the fishing bug like so many other Puget Sound anglers, so I will be ready and fish hard for three days for the mighty king salmon!

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, despite your best efforts, you cannot seem to get much work done this week. Your head is in the clouds with matters of the heart. Soon enough your focus will return.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

This week you may tire from charging into battle and prefer others to do the fighting for you, mighty Taurus. You can use a rest from always putting yourself out there.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Adopt a more serious tone this week, Gemini. Your actions may be judged without your knowledge, so lay low. Put the most professional foot forward.

CANCER – June 22/July 22

People may respond much better to comforting words and gestures this week, Cancer. Carefully construct your approach to communicating to reach the widest audience.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23

You may soon discover that a person who you consider a friend really is your perfect match, Leo. When you look at this person, the realization may suddenly dawn on you.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, others around you are especially sensitive this week, so even the slightest criticism could be mistaken for an insult. Rather than ruffle feathers, hold your tongue.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

These next few days you could present an opportunity to break free from everyday life and the mundane, Libra. If you don't know how to proceed, follow your gut.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

You don't always need to be in pursuit of some sort of intellectual betterment, Scorpio. Get outside and take a walk or swim in a lake. Engage in trivial things that bring you joy.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you are capable of producing impressive results if you set your mind on a plan. This is the week to dabble in a new hobby that will bring forth your creativity.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Some debates may not come to a swift resolution, Capricorn. You may need to accept that you simply disagree with someone on a particular topic and let things lie.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you may have been a little worried about your work or studies lately. This week things will lighten up and you'll feel much more in control of your situation.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

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Local band PETE is one of seven bands selected to perform at this year's Bayview Corner Street Dances, which begin next week (June 14) and will take place, rain or shine, every two weeks through Sept. 6. PETE will play Aug. 9.

Bayview Corner Summer Street Dances: Super-sized summer fun kicks off next week

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

It's summer on Whidbey Island, which means the return of many events, but one of the most popular is about to resume on just the right note.

A new season of Bayview Corner Summer Street Dances gets underway from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 outside the Bayview Cash Store. These free, family-friendly evenings feature some of the hottest, most popular local groups and this year, there's even more to look forward to, according to organizers.

"We had such a hard time choosing bands this year that we ended up adding a seventh [dance]," said Sami Postma, events and education coordinator for Goosefoot Community Fund, which puts on the street dances. "While pretty established in their own right, new to playing with us are ROSSaCONN and Doctor Savage. They're both extremely talented local groups and we're so thrilled for the upcoming fun times."

For anyone who may never have experienced the groove of a Bayview Corner street dance, they are meant to be a fun opportunity to enjoy some great music, reconnect with old friends and make some new ones, even if only for one evening. There is some food and drink available for purchase, but those attending are encouraged to bring a picnic and some chairs or a blanket, and just enjoy.

"Goosefoot will have the bar in the parking lot as usual, serving up wines, beer, and we're adding a canned cider this year by popular demand," described Postma. "The only food option at the Corner that's open is the Taproom, which opens on the Wednesdays of the street dances on a special schedule. It can get very packed, very quickly (and we'd like to remind people that if they order drinks in the Taproom, they must remain in the Taproom), so we encourage people to either plan ahead and have patience, or bring a picnic dinner. We've seen families spread out on the picnic tables on the far side of the building, and birthday parties and friend groups arrive early to stake out the tables near the bar. It's so wonderful to see people enjoying themselves and even celebrating special moments with us."



Dennis Browne Photo Courtesy of Goosefoot
There's no age limit on who can enjoy a Wednesday evening at a Bayview Corner Street Dance. Dances are set to begin next week (June 14), and will happen every two weeks through Sept. 6.



Dennis Browne Photo Courtesy of Goosefoot
The Bayview Corner Street Dances, which begin next week, are a great place to get your groove on or just enjoy an evening of good music, good fun and good company. Dances start June 14 and will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. every two weeks through Sept. 6.

The street dances happen every two weeks during the summer, rain or shine. Postma said the fact they happen on Wednesday evenings is a good thing, since weekends in the summer are often filled with other activities, which makes it a fun way for anyone to enjoy a mid-week break.

"Goosefoot has a reputation for throwing a fun and friendly party," she said. "The dances are truly inclusive and welcoming, no matter your age, background, economic status, or dancing skills. They're free, though we encourage and appreciate everyone who tips the bands. Even the bar is pretty affordable, as we don't use it as a fundraiser and just try to provide fun options for everyone. We use local bands that stick to upbeat, fun music, which brings a different vibe than relaxing in a wine bar or slow dancing at a wedding."

And, for those who are new to Whidbey Island or are here visiting, the dances are a great way to discover what Bayview Corner has to offer.

"We certainly hope these events bring people back to the Corner even when a dance isn't happening," said Postma. "When folks come to the dances and they get to walk our beautiful grounds on their way from the parking lots, poke through the art show while waiting for the bathroom, get a blast of cooler air on really hot days or peek in the windows of the shops as they pass by, they will hopefully associate Bayview Corner with a fun, uplifting, and welcoming atmosphere."

"Those positive associations encourage them to come any time of the year to settle in and enjoy even the quieter moments, catch more live music at the Taproom, wander the grounds of Bayview Gardens when they're open, get relaxing wellness treatments that are advertised upstairs, or join in any number of the activities happening all around the Corner all year long," she continued.

Postma said Goosefoot has seen a steady rise in participation in the dances, especially post-pandemic, but said safety is always encouraged and anyone who wishes is welcome to wear a mask.

"At the end of the day, whatever people need to do, I hope we provide a safe and supportive environment for everyone to have fun," she said. "There's still more of the Bayview Corner grounds for people to spread out in if they start to feel too surrounded by other people. It's an outdoor event exclusively in the last couple years as we've tried to rely on that to help safety. Even in 2021, when there were threats of rain, most of our bands seemed to be on board for just tenting up the parking lot so we could keep the fun outside. I'm really keeping my fingers crossed our luck holds with the weather and we get another beautiful season."

A highly anticipated series each year, this season of street dances will kick off with a returning favorite, the Nathaniel Talbot Trio. No tickets are needed to attend as these events are family friendly and free. More information is available online at Goosefoot.org. The Bayview Cash Store is located at 5603 Bayview Road, in Langley.

"Local bands frequently cite it as their favorite event to play and community groups and clubs plan outings to gather together at the street dances," Postma said. "We're constantly working to improve community relations, reaching out to new groups, and making sure everyone feels welcome and included. If the number of people who keep coming back year after year and the huge smiles in all of the crowd photos can't persuade you to come back each year, I don't know what else I can say!"

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Peterson said Heck, a Democrat, and Muzzall, a Republican, are a great example of how it's alright to have differing opinions and still listen to another's viewpoint.

"From a Civility First perspective, this is so important," she said. "Because when people are calling other people names and pounding their fists, nobody listens. All they're doing is expressing. Where the real work happens is when people can sit down with curiosity and listen to the other person's point of view. That's where you can look for commonalities and hope the other person will listen to your point of view, because you've listened to theirs."

Civility First, which began five years ago, is no stranger to bringing people of differing opinions together. The organization holds "Bridging Our Differences" workshops the third Saturday of every month.

"We teach some basic skills and then open up the floor and ask people what they'd like help with," described Peterson. "People walk away telling us they've never thought of doing it that way, or have never taken the time to consider the other person's point of view before. People are really getting into it. They're walking away with a gift."

Each October, which is also known as Civility Month, the organization brings together a republican and a democrat to sit down and talk about how they can reach across the aisle to better work together. Saturday's event is a bonus one, and Peterson said she thinks these conversations are making an impact.

"I do see it more in Olympia, especially because Lt. Gov. Heck is the president of the senate and he makes sure people follow the rules," she said. "It's okay to disagree vehemently, but there's no name calling. It never hurts to watch people practice. It's an art. It's a skill."

Civility First is not aimed solely at learning how to address political differences. These are skills Peterson said can be used to help personal communication issues as well.

"It can be applied on a personal level every single day," she said. "You've got to know which conversations are worth having and which to put aside. We're not teaching people how to walk up to someone on the street who's sharing a different opinion. It's more about how to be okay with your neighbor, family member or fellow church member; it's okay to disagree and still be friends."

There are currently 600 people who have signed the Civility First pledge. Anyone interested in learning more or who would like to get involved can learn more at civilityfirst.org.

"I think everybody benefits from giving us a shot," said Peterson. "Let us know how we can help; we'll talk to anybody who wants us to. I love it. I think it's really important work. It brings hope that what we're doing will leave some sort of legacy."



Photo Courtesy Civility First
Washington's Lt. Gov. Denny Heck (D), top, and Sen. Ron Muzzall (R), are the guests of honor Saturday evening for a Civility First discussion of how to disagree and stay friends. The free event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Coupeville Rec Hall.

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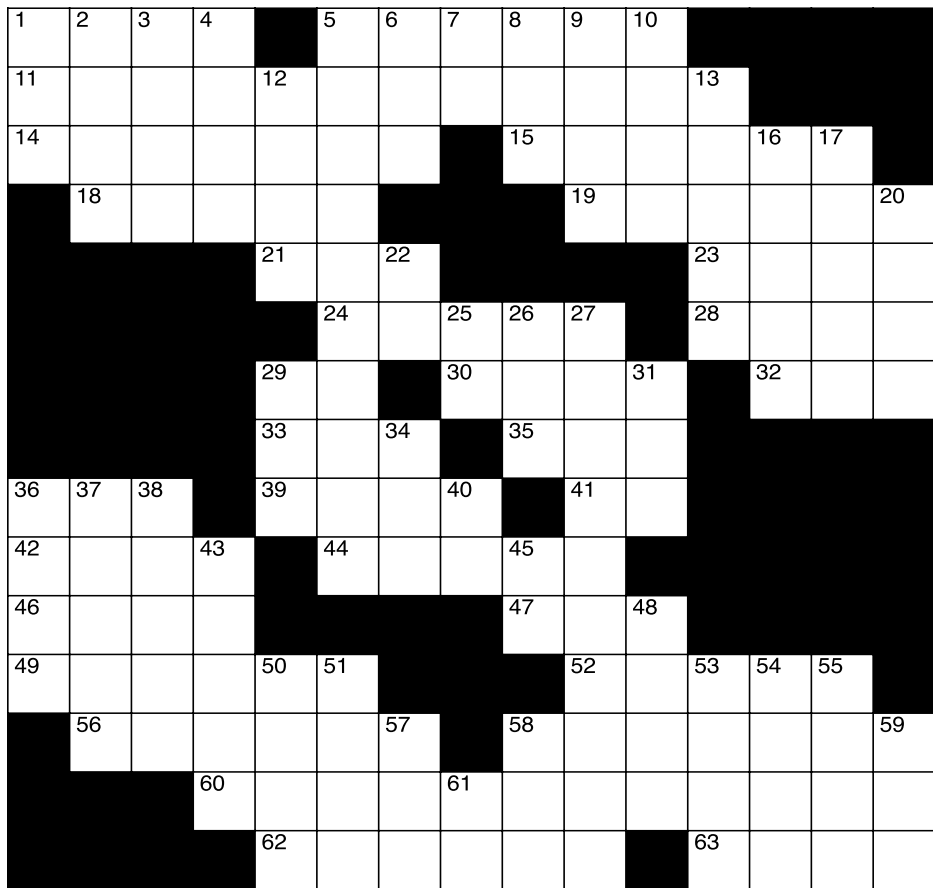


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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Commoner
- 5. Tea leaf
- 11. They save you a table
- 14. Submissions
- 15. Secretly revealed
- 18. Personification of the sea (Norse)
- 19. Unreal
- 21. No seats available
- 23. Bangladeshi currency
- 24. Leaders
- 28. Famed garden
- 29. Denotes past
- 30. Not living
- 32. Midway between south and southeast
- 33. Small island (British)
- 35. Woman (French)
- 36. Wife
- 39. Two-toed sloth
- 41. Blood group
- 42. Soaks
- 44. Biu-Mandara language of Cameroon
- 46. Japanese prefecture

- 47. Place to be during a rock concert
- 49. Fully grown humans
- 52. Emaciation
- 56. Sparkling
- 58. Fruits you peel
- 60. Derived from a noun
- 62. Popular items to grill
- 63. Port in Yemen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Before
- 2. Actress Dunham
- 3. This (Spanish)
- 4. Director Peter
- 5. Dominant
- 6. English artists' society (abbr.)
- 7. NY Giants legend
- 8. It's in the ground
- 9. No No No
- 10. Pesky insect
- 12. Danish-American muck-raking journalist
- 13. Kids love to do it
- 16. Good Gosh!
- 17. Fakes
- 20. A citizen of Denmark

- 22. Mystic syllable
- 25. Commercial
- 26. Letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 27. Helpers
- 29. Water (French)
- 31. Young woman
- 34. Red-brown sea bream
- 36. Messenger ribonucleic acid
- 37. Comprehends
- 38. Walk with confidence
- 40. Home of the Flyers
- 43. Appetizer
- 45. News organization
- 48. Source of the Nile
- 50. A way to march
- 51. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 53. Egyptian bull-god
- 54. Children's author Blyton
- 55. Baseball pitching stat
- 57. Rude young person
- 58. Table napkin
- 59. Monetary unit in Asia
- 61. One-time AL MVP Vaughn

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CAN DO SUDOKU!

On a scale from 1 to 10...6.7

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OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

As a volunteer at the Langley Whale Center, what is one experience that has given you joy?



Dina Blackstone, Coupeville

There's so many to pick from...it's great to see the adults get excited to learn something new, whether that's finding out about the Orca Network sightings group or feeling a sea otter pelt or hearing the story of the skulls on display. Watching their eyes and grins grow wide just like the kids.

Cynthia Scaring, Coupeville

Volunteering for the Welcome the Whales parade event in April in Langley! This parade event welcomes the Gray 'Sounders' whales back to the area. The whole community of Langley came together with kindness and support of the Langley Whale Center and Orca Network in this celebration. It was amazing and I can't wait for next year!



Abigail Bittle, Seattle

One of the many perks of volunteering with Orca Network is you get plugged in to the real time whale sightings around Puget Sound and Whidbey Island. I was volunteering at the center one day this past October when we received several reports of J pod resident orcas in Admiralty Inlet. By the time closing time rolled around, we received word that the orcas were heading north past Bush Point towards Fort Casey. My co-volunteer, Jeanne, and I immediately got in our cars and headed up to Fort Casey and sure enough, we were able to see J pod traveling north at sunset with the sky painted shades of purple and red in the background. It was an amazing day of interacting with the public at the center, complete with witnessing the breathtaking nature of orcas that we dedicate ourselves to by volunteering our time. It was a magical experience!

Jess Knudsen, Seattle

While there are countless moments to choose from, I have to go with seeing a gray whale feeding just off the Seawall Park viewpoint on my very first day volunteering! I had already been enjoying my day tremendously—I had never been to Whidbey Island, I had never taken the Mukilteo ferry, and I had never seen the Langley Whale Center, so it was a day of exciting firsts. Just as I sat down to take my lunch, Katie (the Whale Center Manager) popped her head around the corner and asked, "Wanna see a whale?" I forgot my hunger in that moment!



She informed me that when we have a whale sighting in the Saratoga passage, we temporarily close the Whale Center so that everyone in the area can enjoy watching together. Binoculars in hand, we headed down to Seawall Park and about 30 feet offshore was a feeding gray whale! You could see his pectoral fins as he rolled through the mud eating shrimp. He would "wave" at us for a bit, then head out to deeper water to "clean" his mouth, then return to his feeding spot. He did this for about an hour. I still remember hearing the blows!

Since I'm originally from Pennsylvania, I'm not exactly used to seeing whales in my "backyard." I also had never experienced a real "whale community." So seeing a whale up close, surrounded by so many people so enthusiastic and excited about these magnificent animals, was a truly magical experience for me.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Langley Whale Center, please contact Katie at katie@orcanetwork.org.

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South Isle H-70°/L-54° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-63°/L-54° Cloudy	South Isle H-63°/L-53° Cloudy	South Isle H-70°/L-52° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-71°/L-52° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-70°/L-51° Clouds and Sun	South Isle H-66°/L-51° Mostly Cloudy

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