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- CARNIVAL OPENING DAY!
4PM - 10PM

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- CARNIVAL: 12PM - 10PM
- STREET FAIR: 10AM - 6PM
 - FOOD VENDORS
 - BEER GARDEN
- CAR SHOW: 12PM - 4PM
- LIVE MUSIC: 10AM - 4PM

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- MILITARY APPRECIATION CARNIVAL: 1PM - 10PM
- STREET FAIR: 12PM - 6PM
 - FOOD VENDORS
 - BEER GARDEN
- LIVE MUSIC: 10AM - 4PM

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- CARNIVAL: 4PM - 10PM
- WHIDBEY WAGS PET PARADE & FAIR:
4PM - 6PM

7/4

- CARNIVAL: 12PM - 10PM
- INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE: 11AM - 2PM
- FIREWORKS SHOW: 10PM

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Maribeth Crandell retires p. 10

CARNIVAL, FIREWORKS, PETS HEADLINE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

File Photo
The Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce is pleased to bring its annual 4th of July celebration to town this weekend, complete with its traditional parade, food and merchandise vendors, and a carnival.



By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

If you're not seeing stars and stripes yet, you will be soon, along with fireworks, parades, a street fair and much more.

The Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce has a huge Independence Day celebration planned this year, beginning with the return of a carnival, starting Friday at 4 p.m. off Bayshore Drive in downtown Oak Harbor.

"We are more than excited to bring back the long-awaited carnival so our community can come together and have fun this Independence Day," said Magi Aguilar, executive director of the Oak Harbor Chamber. "Over the years, the Independence Day Carnival has become one of Oak Harbor's most popular annual events for all ages, so I want to personally thank our community for participating in the 'bring the carnival back to Oak Harbor' petition campaign. When I started the petition, I wasn't sure how well it would do, but as signatures grew overnight, I knew I was going to work diligently day and night to make sure we secured the carnival!"

Pre-sale wristbands will be on sale for the carnival through 5 p.m. today (Thursday) and are available at the Chamber of Commerce, as well as Popsies, Whidbey Island Bank, Pamela's Legacy, and Toppins.

"We encourage people to get discounted wristbands ahead of time to save money," said Aguilar. "Wristbands are \$35 for one session, or there is a Mega Super Saver Bundle for \$150 for five wristbands (a savings of \$25)."

The carnival will open at 4 p.m. Friday and Monday, at noon Saturday and Tuesday and at 1 p.m. Sunday. The carnival closes each night at 10 p.m.

There will be plenty of other activities to enjoy over the long holiday weekend, including the Walk of Honor car show on SE Pioneer Way from Midway Blvd. to SE Pasak Street from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. There will also be a street fair along Pioneer Way Saturday and Sunday featuring arts and crafts booths, food trucks and a beer garden.

"The Street Fair is a highlight of the celebration with over 70 booths to visit - Pioneer Way businesses will be joining us for the first time on the

street, side by side with community informational booths, shopping booths, and 20 food options," said Cheryl Grehan, the chamber's new events and logistics manager. "Live music and a beer garden are the cherries on top."

"This year, I felt it was important to give our downtown merchants an opportunity to be a part of the festivities all weekend," added Aguilar. "Oak Harbor Main Street Association's Executive Director, Margaret Livermore, and I personally visited the downtown businesses and invited them to be part of the Independence Day festival by setting up a booth in front of their business. We're happy most businesses accepted the invitation and will have an opportunity to engage and nurture genuine connections with the community and tourists throughout the weekend."

Hours for the street fair and beer garden are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. The beer garden will be at the soon-to-open Kraken's Cove restaurant, located at 940 SE Pioneer Way.

The fun continues Monday, with a new addition

See **INDEPENDENCE** continued on page 10

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Maxwelton 4th of July Parade



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The 106th Maxwelton 4th of July Parade will begin at noon Tuesday. Registration is free and starts at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday morning at the corner of Swede Hill and Maxwelton Roads. The parade will make its way to Dave Mackie Park, where there will be games, food and fun for all ages.

The tradition continues on South Whidbey, as the community gathers Tuesday for the 106th Maxwelton 4th of July Parade.

Registration for the parade is free and will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the corner of Swede Hill and Maxwelton Roads. Participants are welcome to enter with floats or as individuals/groups.

The parade starts at noon and will begin with an honor guard and this year's grand marshals, longtime parade organizers B.J. and Dave Hoogerwerf.

At Dave Mackie Park following the parade, there will be a flag raising ceremony and Danny Ward will sing the National Anthem. Afternoon activities in the park will include an egg toss competition, sack races and other classic field games for the whole family, according to a press release.

Food, T-shirts and commemorative buttons will be available for purchase before and after the parade.

The Maxwelton 4th of July Parade is put on by community volunteers and sponsors and is organized by the nonprofit Maxwelton Community Club. Sponsors are welcome and all donations are tax deductible. Find more information at Maxwelton.org or find them on Facebook.



Island 911

Seriously, we do not make this stuff up!

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

12:45am, N Oak Harbor St.

Reporting party advising is filling out statement for another case; requesting an on-duty officer to bring her a statement confirmation form; ran out of room on the original form given.

12:06pm NE Easy St.

Reporting two days ago, male walked across reporting party's property and dropped something. Now advising approximately five minutes ago, white utility van pulled into reporting party's driveway, male got out and looked in area where the item was dropped.

2:53pm SW 6th Ave.

Reporting party advising she was told to call ICOM because an emotional support dog from a student tried to attack the school nurse's support dog and a student was scratched in the middle of the conflict.

4:40pm SW Mulberry Pl.

Requesting call about personal information he gave to a person. Advising he gave passport ID and drivers license.

5:31pm NE 7th Ave.

Reporting party advising her boyfriend took her car and bought wheels and tires with reporting party's credit card. Reporting party says her boyfriend has taken her car without permission and doesn't want to give her boyfriend's car back until her boyfriend gives her own car back.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

1:17am SR 20

Cashier threw reporting party's stuff at her, threw it on the ground.

11:56am SE Barrington Dr.

Caller states found bow and arrows and two swords next to the dumpster in the back. Swords are next to dumpster, bow and arrows are in dumpster.

7:25pm SE Pioneer Way

The "Queen" attempted to get in kitchen of China Harbor. States is trespassed.

10:24pm W Whidbey Ave.

Male ran by, broke her tail light.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

12:29am SR 20

Male is running in road on Whidbey. Heavy set male - belligerent and throwing things.

12:50am E Whidbey Ave.

Reporting male is in middle of the road. Another caller advising male jumped in front of reporting party in his car.

7:00am NW Heller St.

Raccoon "made a bad life choice."

9:20pm SR 20

Reporting naked man, wearing a blanket, is walking northbound on the sidewalk on the southbound side of road carrying two bags with him as well.

Monday, June 12

2:31pm NE Ernst St.

Advising subject put cameras up to surveillance him coming and going from his apartment.

5:58pm N Oak Harbor St.

Female laying face down and male next to her across from bike shop on Oak Harbor Road. Male is staring at female. Has been 10 min of this. Female still face down.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

7:02am SE 8th Ave.

Female at corner harassing vehicles and people are trying to get to the school. Parent told reporting party she had a water gun.

9:32am SW 4th Ave.

Neighbor's chickens and cats run around at large.

11:32am SW 8th Ave.

Caller states male threw a knife in reporting party's yard, now is whacking bushes in the alley behind location. Caller has asked him to stop. Would like him to leave. Has a hatchet to whack bushes.

5:48pm SE Barrington Dr.

Reporting party yelling into phone that this area is the biggest meth users and we aren't from the Netherlands. Also complaining about Okanogan County and Skagit County.

6:06pm SE Barrington Dr.

Caller recalling stating he didn't mean to yell he was just overwhelmed. States he doesn't need to say who he is. States the problem is the meth heads. And in all the businesses he goes to there are meth heads in the stores.

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



Free In-Person Regenerative Tourism Workshops

The Transformational Travel Council and Embrace Whidbey & Camano Islands are hosting in-person workshops on leading regenerative projects and groups.

Led by Jake Haupert, CEO of the Transformational Travel Council

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July 12

12 noon - 3 pm

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Whidbey Island

July 13

1pm - 4pm

Clinton

Community Hall

(Please RSVP separately for lunch)

Prior to the July 13 workshop, Embrace Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism Committee will be meeting at 11 AM, where Jake Haupert will be speaking, you are welcome to attend, followed by lunch from 12 Noon to 1 PM. Please RSVP to Vicki Graham at Wolfpack600@yahoo.com if you will be attending lunch



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while simultaneously fostering an inclusive and welcoming workforce and community. "We recognize that structural and systemic forms of oppression have and continue to reinforce harmful practices in our society. As we seek to acknowledge and dismantle these practices, we pledge to amplify the voices and provide opportunities to under-represented communities and those who were historically excluded by removing barriers that result from racial, gender and identity inequity, and social injustice.

"Our goal is for every employee and community member to feel they can thrive, are welcome, and belong. We strive to remove barriers and address the root causes of inequities. We focus on creating an inclusive environment by listening and engaging with our employees and diverse communities. We work to ensure that equity is a cornerstone of our policies, procedures, and practices. Island County's commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion is unwavering."

Addressing her colleagues and staff following the approval of the resolution, St. Clair said, "Congratulations, this is a big moment."

For more information, contact Island County Administrator Michael Jones at 360-240-5575.

[Submitted by Keven Graves, Island County Communications Manager]

An Island Adventure, a Scenic Ride and a PIE



Riders participate in the Sea, Trees & Pie Bike Ride near Ebey's Landing on Whidbey Island.

Buckle your chin strap and get ready to enjoy wonderful scenery, nature and delicious pie. Registration for the 8th annual Whidbey Camano Land Trust's Sea, Trees and Pie Bike Ride is underway.

The summer bike ride is a non-competitive event for riders of all ages and abilities. Join the Whidbey Camano Land Trust for the in-person ride July 8 or participate in the virtual ride on your own schedule anytime through Sept. 4. Both options still gets you a pie.

Those interested in participating in the in-person, kick-off ride must register by July 1 to reserve your pie, otherwise you'll be issued a voucher to collect your pie from 3 Sisters Market at another time. Day-of registrations will be permitted with credit card only.

Riders may choose from 5, 10 or 20-mile loop routes going through beautiful Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve. The five-mile loop has fairly-level terrain and is designed for both beginning and young bike riders.

The start and finish line for all routes is at the Fort Casey State Park birding platform across from Crockett Lake – look for the Whidbey Camano Land Trust sign. A Discover Pass is required to park there. After you register, you'll receive an email with more details and information.

The bike ride goes past dozens of properties permanently protected by the Land Trust. Whidbey's largest wetland system, Crockett Lake, is a prominent natural feature along all three routes. You'll also see Admiralty Inlet, the Olympic Mountains (if the sun is out), fertile farm fields, splendid views and so much more.

As you cycle, soak in the natural beauty of

Whidbey Island while supporting the Land Trust's conservation work. The cost is \$30 for a single rider and \$45 for families. Children 16 and under are free. All riders must wear helmets.

Learn more and register at www.wclt.org/get-involved/bikeride/.

[Submitted by Haley Viers, Whidbey Camano Land Trust]

WhidbeyHealth Launches Urology Care with Dr. Campbell Bryson

Whidbey Island Public Hospital District (WhidbeyHealth), announces the addition of urology care to the services available to Island County residents. Urology care is available in Coupeville as of June 26.

WhidbeyHealth is excited for the addition of urology care services to serve the residents and visitors of Whidbey Island and to announce Campbell Bryson, MD, FRCS, will be leading the practice. Bryson received his doctorate from Cornell University and completed his residency at Yale, along with his research being featured at national and international medical conferences. He will see patients from the Surgical and Orthopedic Care office located on South Main Street in Coupeville.

"For many on Whidbey Island, specialized health care needs often necessitate extended travel times to Seattle, Bellingham or other facilities along the I-5 corridor," reflects Dr. Garth Miller, chief operating officer. "Urological care becomes an increasingly important component of personal wellness as we age gracefully, making it ever so impactful that we can bring this service to our rural community."

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

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

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts Presents Award-Winning Actress Sharon Lawrence In "The Shot"

The Shot is a work of fiction drawn from the story of former *Washington Post* publisher Katharine Graham, and the part of her life that is hard to look at and understand.

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts is pleased to welcome to its main stage award-winning actress Sharon Lawrence in a production of *The Shot*. The American born actress has starred on both stage and screen for the past 25 years. Her television work includes multiple Emmy Award nominations and a SAG Award for her role as Sylvia Costas in the ABC drama series *NYPD Blue*.

The Shot, written by Robin Gerber and directed by Michelle Joyner, stars Sharon Lawrence as *The Washington Post's* former publisher, Katharine Graham. The fictional work looks at Graham's life, including her experiences of domestic abuse at the hands of her husband, who inherited the newspaper from Graham's father. Katharine Graham went on to become a political force, winning a Pulitzer Prize for revealing the Pentagon Papers, uncovering Nixon's abuse of power and crimes in the Watergate scandal, as well as becoming the first female CEO of a Fortune 500 company.

"*The Shot* is a story for this moment," says Gerber, a lawyer who previously worked in politics in Washington, D.C. and brings that to bear in her writing. "I hope it empowers women who suffer intimate

partner violence, and gives the rest of us a window into an abused woman's soul."

Gerber's play premiered at Great Barrington Public Theater in Massachusetts and was part of the 2022 United Solo Festival in New York City, where it won the Audience Choice Award.

The Shot: Friday, July 7, 7:30PM; Saturday, July 8, 7:30PM; Sunday, July 9, 2:00PM. There will be audience talkbacks after each performance.

Tickets are available online at www.wicaonline.org or by phone at 360-221-8268.

[Submitted by Whidbey Island Center for the Arts]

State Transportation Commission Issues Proposal for Ferry Fare Changes

The public can comment on proposed fare increases through July 30

The Washington State Transportation Commission has released its proposal to increase ferry fares over the next two years to meet revenue requirements set by the legislature. Ferry riders and members of the public are invited to weigh in and can submit their comments through July 30.

The proposed fare changes are informed by significant public input gathered through recent community meetings hosted by Washington State Ferries and an online survey hosted by the commission. The proposed fare increase must raise \$418.6 million in operating revenue between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2025, as required in the recently enacted two-year transportation budget for ferry operations.

The commission's proposal is based upon a recommendation from WSF leadership and supported by the Ferry Advisory Committee on Tariff.

The fare proposal would:

Raise passenger and vehicle fares by 4.25 percent Oct. 1, and again Oct. 1, 2024.

Increase the current discount for multi-use passes (available to passengers, vehicles and motorcycles) by one percent. This increase discount will sunset Sept. 30, 2025.

Comments about the commission's ferry fare proposal can be made through Friday, July 30, by email to transc@wstc.wa.gov or by visiting the Washington State Transportation Commission's feedback page.

The commission will hold its final hearing on this issue at 9:00AM Monday, Aug. 10, at the Puget Sound Regional Council's Board Room, 1011 Western Ave., Suite 500, Seattle. The commission is expected to vote on the final fare proposal at this hearing. Public comment will be accepted at the hearing, and virtual attendance will be available. To learn more about the ferry fare-setting process, visit the commission's website at wstc.wa.gov.

[Submitted by Reema Griffith, WSTC Executive Director]

Larsen Announces Winner of 2023 Congressional Art Competition



Rep. Rick Larsen (WA-02) announced Mattie Jones, a rising junior at Oak Harbor High School, as the second district winner of the 2023 Congressional Art Competition with her piece, "Lost in Creativity."

"The Congressional Art Competition continues to be an opportunity to recog-



nize and encourage artistic talent in the second district and across the country," said Larsen. "Congratulations to Mattie Jones for winning this year's competition with her outstanding piece, 'Lost in Creativity,' and to all the talented second district artists for submitting their artwork."

Jones acknowledged art's importance to her and expressed gratitude for the teachers who have encouraged her love of art.

"I find art to be a creative outlet for me to get lost in. I love being able to see a project develop over time with layers of brush strokes, pencil markings and color I add to it. I think it is so cool that creative processes in art can capture the essence and likeness of a person or object, these kinds of elements to pieces are so interesting as they invoke interest and emotion among my art.

"I am greatly thankful for my teachers who have helped me develop my skills and encouraged me throughout the years I've been doing art. Their encouragement has helped me get into new mediums, such as paints, that I would have never tried if I wasn't pushed to attempt them."

Kit Christopherson, Jones's art teacher at Oak Harbor High School, congratulated Jones for winning this year's competition.

"Mattie Jones has found a balance in creating work that is confident in brush-stroke and humanizing in subject, both energetic and thoughtful—a balance many painters spend a lifetime chasing. To me, her piece represents that spark of creative drive that we all start with but can sometimes lose. Arts education is the balance of creating space for that spark and it has been an absolute blessing this year to watch a hard and independent worker like Mattie progress and succeed."

This year, Larsen's office received 15 eligible artwork submissions from across the second district. In addition to Larsen, Raedle Alburn, art education director at the Schack Art Center; Mira Kamada, a

local fine artist and designer; Therese Kingsbury, president of Sculpture Northwest; and Diane Martindale, former president of the San Juan Islands Museum of Art, judged the pieces on their creativity, the execution of the artist's skill, and the way each piece tells a story or provokes a reaction.

Last year, Kamiak High School senior Toko Kameda won the competition with her piece, "Double-layered." Since 1982, the Congressional Art Competition has celebrated the artistic achievements of high school students across the United States. For more information about the annual Congressional Art Competition, visit www.congressionalinstitute.org/congressional-art-competition/.

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

Deer Lagoon Grange Celebrated National Grange Month in April with Month Long Festivities



Deer Lagoon Grange kicked off National Grange Month with an open house April 1. The open house invited the public to come to a luncheon and learn about the grange. There were also awards given for citizen of the year and law enforcement officer of the year.

The citizen of the year award recognizes an individual for their service to the community. This year, Deer Lagoon Grange

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GUEST COLUMN

By David Adams, Freeland Concerned Citizens

When is Enough, Enough?

When the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) of Seattle purchased the Harbor Inn Motel in Freeland more than a year and a half ago, a lot of promises were made. Unfortunately, very few of them have been kept.

After months and months of delays, mounting questions with no answers, and no homeless being served, the question must be asked of the Island County Commissioners who support this disappointment, "when is enough, enough?"

To date, LIHI has not:

- Solved the problems associated with the motel's septic system, which failed twice this month.
- Abated the asbestos problems LIHI themselves identified.
- Installed water meters for each room prior to occupancy, as required by the Freeland Water District.
- Obtained the required permits to complete the necessary renovations for occupancy.

LIHI has often said they want to be good neighbors but have held only two public meetings in 18 months to address the concerns of the community. The last meeting with LIHI was a complete disaster. The staff was ill-prepared, gave empty answers, and failed to address the issues citizens brought before them. Clearly, the local residents were not happy with this response and handed LIHI their "you know what."

Commissioner Bacon said she wrote a lengthy letter to LIHI expressing her dismay at their performance, and said not to have any additional meetings until they have answers. It has been more than six months since that meeting, and one would think they would have some answers to share by now. Apparently not!

Commissioner Bacon recently admitted the commission denied LIHI's request for more public money for this project. She said the reason was LIHI's failure to complete any part of the Harbor Inn project. The commissioners apparently have their own serious doubts about this project and have little faith in its successful completion.

The brief history of LIHI in Freeland is one of complete failure. So, when is enough, enough?

When confronted with these facts during their June 13 meeting, Commissioner Bacon suggested a letter be sent to LIHI requesting information about completion schedules. To her credit, Commissioner Johnson said such a letter should be discussed at their next work session after the county health department provides a detailed report about the viability of the inn's septic system. Maybe now, the truth will come out!

The contract between LIHI and Island County states that if LIHI is unable to complete the project, they are to return the \$1.5 million grant money back to the county. It's been about a year and a half with no progress.

Given the nearly insurmountable problems and no end in sight for completing this project, the county commissioners must accept the obvious and cancel the contract with LIHI.

They must answer the question, "When is Enough, Enough?"

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honored Ken Stange. Mr Stange owns Bailey's Corner, an institution on the south end of the island. Since December 2021, Stange has been donating earnings from Trivia Night Fund Raiser Events for Whidbey charities. Thus far, the quiz nights have raised \$13,701 and donations have been provided to Good Cheer, Rotary Club, Helping Hand, and Friends of Friends, to name a few. Mr. Stange also supports local musicians with a great venue for live events. A big thanks to Ken Stange and Bailey's Corner for creating a fun way to support our community.

Deer Lagoon Grange also recognized Sheriff Deputy Lane Campbell as law enforcement officer of the year. Campbell has served with the Island County Sheriff's office for 32 years. Today's law enforcement officers have many legal elements to navigate. They must keep themselves and the public safe and that is a big challenge we face across the country. Campbell believes in being an agent for positive change with a commitment to uphold the Constitution of the United States. Campbell has served as guild union president, mentors recent academy recruits as field

training officer; is a SWAT team leader; and the only officer certified in Island County for collision reconstruction and fatality accidents. Deer Lagoon Grange wholeheartedly thanks him for his years of service in our community.

Deer Lagoon Grange also partners with Project Dictionary to encourage reading and literacy in our schools. Through the Words for Thirds program, Deer Lagoon Grange distributed 400 dictionaries during the months of April and May to third and fourth graders attending public and private schools.

And to wrap up the celebrations, Deer Lagoon Grange held their 2nd annual spring fling tea party fundraiser. The hall was decorated with 12 tables, each table individually themed and designed by their host. Eighty attendees were treated to a delicious high tea experience. Deer Lagoon Grange was honored to donate 25 percent of the proceeds raised to Mother Mentors. The balance of the funds raised will be used to continue renovating and updating the hall.

[Submitted by Margaret King, Deer Lagoon Grange]

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Sunday, July 2, 9:00AM-12:00PM
Coupeville Elementary School

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Strawberry Social

Saturday, July 1, 10:00AM-2:00PM
Coupeville United Methodist Church

Strawberry waffle, shortcake or sundae. Beverage included. Takeout available. \$10 whole order, \$6 half order. Proceeds support mission work. The church is located at 608 N Main St.

Live Music: Four

Friday July 7, 7:00-9:00PM
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Live Music: ROSSaCONN

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Wednesday, July 12, 6:00-8:00PM
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Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below
Cost: Free

Native American Stories from Various First Nation Cultures

Thursday, June 29, 3:00PM
Oak Harbor Library

Retired professor and Vietnam veteran Louis LaBombard has been telling Native American stories all over Whidbey Island for over 30 years, and all over the world for over 60. Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) on his father's side and Dutch on his mother's, LaBombard has taught anthropology and

social sciences at several colleges, including the Whidbey Campus of Skagit Valley College and Diné College in Tsaile, Ariz.

Religious Services

Unity of Whidbey

Sundays, 10:00AM
5671 Crawford Road, Langley

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

First Church of Christ, Scientist

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

The church and Reading Room are located at 721 SW 20th Court at Scenic Heights Street, Oak Harbor. Call 360-675-0621 or visit cs-oh-wa.com for more information. Services and Sunday School are also held at 10:30AM on South Whidbey at 15910 Highway 525, just north of Bayview and across from Useless Bay Road; testimony meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.

Galleries & Art Shows

Willows Orchard Art Show

Saturday, July 8, 11:00AM-4:00PM
Sunday, July 9, 11:00AM-4:00PM
1306 Willow Pond Lane, Coupeville

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Meetings & Organizations

Al-Anon

Every Wednesday, 9:30-10:30AM
Online

If a friend or relative has a problem with alcohol, you can find solutions for yourself at Al-anon. For more information, visit <https://wa-al-anon.org>.

Al-Anon Group

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

Numerous locations
For a list of local meetings visit www.district46aawa.org or call 888-360-1564 for more information.

Blind Support Group

Fourth Tuesday, 2:00PM
Oak Harbor Senior Center

A support group for people with impaired vision. Learn and share techniques to be more mobile. For more information, call Paul Bovey at 360-544-2561 or 360-679-8293.

Conversations of War and Return

First & Third Fridays, 7:00-8:30PM
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Divorce Care and DC4kids

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

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

Gam-Anon Meetings

Every Tuesday, 6:30PM
Mount Vernon Senior Center
1401 Cleveland St.

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Gamblers Anonymous

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

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National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Whidbey Island

Third Wednesday, 7:00PM-8:30PM
Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland

NAMI is the largest grassroots organization dedicated to making life better for people with a mental illness and their friends and loved ones. The group is nonreligious but meets at Trinity Lutheran Church, 18341 State Route 525. It isn't necessary

to preregister. Please call 206-669-9338 or 509-429-8796 for more information.

NAR-ANON

Every Wednesday, 6:00-7:00PM
Langley United Methodist Church

NAR-ANON family groups are world-wide for those affected by someone else's addiction. The church is located at 301 Anthes Ave.

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

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

For more information and support contact: WhidbeyPFLAG@gmail.com; Chapter President, Sharon Kabler at 360-222-4028;

or Chapter Secretary, Erick Westphal at 360-331-3393.

Parent Support for Miscarriage and Stillbirth

Last Wednesday, 7:00PM
Freeland Library, Meeting Room, Freeland
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OAK HARBOR MAIN STREET

Maribeth Crandell reflects on her route to retirement

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Throughout a professional lifetime there can be many stops along the way, many different career paths to explore. Occasionally, people will travel multiple paths at the same time as they journey to a desired destination.

For Island Transit's Mobility Specialist, Maribeth Crandell, exploring new and better ways to help people get to their destination has been the focus of her job the past five years. But now, Crandell is looking at an unexplored path ahead of her – retirement.

She said it's not a matter of what she will do when she retires, but what she will do first.

"There's the domestic stuff," she wrote to *Whidbey Weekly* via email. "I have a barn, a garage and closets to clean out. That will take a few years. And the yard work! Mowing, gardening, weeding! I keep telling myself, 'I like yard work.' And soon, it won't all have to get done on a Saturday!

"There are the hobbies," she continued. "I've written a couple of books. After hiking it in 2006, I wrote *Flip Flop on the Appalachian Trail*. More recently I wrote *Hiking Close to Home, on Whidbey, Fidalgo and Guemes Islands* with Jack Hartt, after he retired as manager of Deception Pass State Park. We have a website where we post a Hike of the Week. We've done this for about five years so there's at least one for each of the 72 hikes in the book." (www.hikingclose-tohome.weebly.com)

Crandell said there could be another book in her future – and traveling, too.

"I have another book idea that's been percolating since 2020," she said. "When I was able to work from home instead of walking to the bus

each morning, I'd go birdwatching. My mind exploded with all the migrating birds I saw. That inspired a book idea and makes me want to travel to see more birds.

"Which brings us to traveling," Crandell continued. "My favorite vacation in the last 10 years was a bike trip from Pittsburgh to Harpers Ferry, W.Va. It was five days of biking through historic sites and natural areas separated from traffic on the GAP and the C&O Canal. Since then, I've done other bike trips and want to do more here, and in other countries, too."

Crandell, who spent the first half of her career as a naturalist and guide in parks and wilderness areas, didn't hike the Appalachian Trail until she was in her 40s. Then she decided it was time to get a job with benefits to help her prepare for retirement. She spent five years working as an environmental educator for the City of Oak Harbor, and another five years working at the Island County Environmental Health Department. She said she commuted by bus the whole time. So perhaps her route to her job at Island Transit was serendipity.

"I saw this position at Island Transit," Crandell described. "The job title, Mobility Specialist, meant little to me, but the description was about outreach and education. They already had someone who offered one-on-one travel training for people with mobility challenges. So, I took another tack.

"As an educator, I saw the bus as a classroom on wheels," she continued. "I know we have a lot of seniors in Island County. I wanted our seniors to consider the safe, free, accessible Island Transit bus as an alternative to driving as they got older. But if seniors haven't used public transit before, how could I entice them

onboard? My dear old dad didn't use public transit, but he'd go on bus tours with the senior center. So, I started offering monthly 'Ride with a Guide' bus tours on our regularly scheduled buses. I've led tours to libraries and bookstores, coffee shops, parks, wineries, thrift shops, festivals, and parades."

Rider safety has been another priority for Crandell over the past few years. She created the "Be Safe, Be Seen," campaign, which distributes reflective vests, wristbands and flashlights to riders who have to wait for buses in the dark. Crandell estimates Island Transit has given away thousands of vests – a program she hopes will continue after her retirement.

Co-workers at Island Transit said they will miss Crandell's creativity and passion.

"Maribeth does a great job engaging people in discussion and seamlessly teaches people about bus services and safety," said Selene Muldowney-Stratton, marketing and communications officer for Island Transit. "Her monthly bus tours are booked – they are a great way to engage people and demystify taking the bus. The tours involve transferring from bus to bus, learning how to read the schedules, and knowing how to ask for help when needed. She is often called to assist a new or potential rider in learning how to catch the bus safely. Her focus on safety has really made an impact on how people better understand their role in being seen while walking on the dark sidewalks (sometimes no sidewalk is available) and when they are crossing the road or waiting for a bus."

Crandell has also been writing the "Why I Ride" and "Your Island Transit" columns – which have been published in *Whidbey Weekly* – for the last three years, according to Muldowney-Stratton.



Photo Courtesy of Maribeth Crandell
Island Transit Mobility Specialist, Maribeth Crandell, creator of programs like "Ride with a Guide," "Transit Trivia" and "Be Safe, Be Seen," is retiring. Her last day with the transit company is July 4.

As Crandell now looks forward to traveling a new path, she said she is pleased with the job she has done at Island Transit and is hopeful she's made a lasting impact for riders.

"Our Paratransit coordinator, Dee Wells, said she'd like to see seats at every bus stop for people who are marginally mobile," Crandell described. "More of her clients would use the fixed route buses if they didn't have to stand to wait. So, I've worked on multiple grants to fund bus stop seats and our crew have installed them where they're most needed. My parting gift to our bus riders are these 40 new blue bus stop seats. It's been my pleasure to work on behalf of our bus riders, with our wonderful bus drivers and with the staff here at Island Transit."



File Photo
A 4th of July celebration just wouldn't be complete without a fireworks show, and there will be a big one starting around 10 p.m. Tuesday evening in Windjammer Park in Oak Harbor.

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to the Independence Day festivities – the Whidbey Wags Pet Parade and Fair.

"We have a large population of pet owners on Whidbey, so I really wanted to create a fun event to cater to our four-legged family members," said Aguilar. "The response we have received from our community isn't surprising. Our community loves their pets!"

Only 100 dog and cat entries are being offered this year, so Aguilar encourages pet owners to sign up online at oakharborchamber.com/whidbey-wags.

"We are encouraging pet owners to dress up their pet(s) in red, white, and blue and enter the 'most patriotic contest.' Dr. Eric Anderson, owner of Best Friends Veterinary Center, and Laura Thompson, owner of Posh Puppies, will be judging the pets in two categories: most original and most creative. Each registered pet will receive a 's'wag' bag with goodies from sponsors and community businesses. They will also receive a customized pet bandana."

The pet parade starts at the west side kitchen in Windjammer Park and will end at Flintstone Park. Aguilar said presenting sponsor, Whidbey Coffee, will host a hydration station for pets and humans following Whidbey Wags, with doggie splash pools, pet games, treats, a professional pet photographer and more. The parade begins at 4 p.m. Monday and festivities will end at 6 p.m.

That, of course, brings us to the big event – the 4th of July.

The traditional parade will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday, following

a ceremonial fly over by Naval Air Station Whidbey Island. It will start at Midway Blvd. and SE Pioneer Way and then wind its way down Bayshore Drive to City Beach Street and back onto SE Pioneer Way. The grand marshal for this year's parade is Oak Harbor Mayor, Bob Severns.

Because people like to stake out fireworks-viewing spots at Windjammer Park early, there will be additional fun and games in the park – literally. On Our Own Arts will coordinate the games.

Finally, the grand finale fireworks show will light up the skies above Windjammer Park starting around 10 p.m. Tuesday. There is a firework fallout zone that will be cordoned off for safety, and people are asked to avoid that area.

Overall, Aguilar said she knows the community will enjoy this year's Independence Day celebration, in part because of its long tradition and history in Oak Harbor.

"I feel our community enjoys Independence Day because it's an event where they can come together and share their memories and stories," she said. "It was important for us to re-create these events by securing a carnival and planning fun things throughout the long weekend for people of all ages."

"The Independence Day Celebration has something for everyone, from the carnival and games in the park to a beer garden and car show," Grehan encouraged. "It is a great opportunity to be out and about in the community, meet up with friends and make new ones. Come on out and enjoy an old-fashioned 4th of July."

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Recipe of the Week

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The Fourth of July may not be governed by official rules mandating celebrants attend a backyard barbecue before being awed by a nighttime fireworks display, but each of those things features prominently in many Independence Day celebrations. Fireworks are best left to the professionals, but anyone can master the art of grilling delicious burgers and hot dogs.

Traditional burgers are made with ground beef. However, curious grillmasters can explore the many ways to experiment with burgers without sacrificing flavor. This recipe for "Venison Burgers" from "Texas Favorites," (Gibbs Smith) by Jon Bonnell, utilizes venison and pork in lieu of beef. The result is a mouthwatering burger worthy of inclusion in any Fourth of July festivities.

Venison Burgers (Serves 8)

- 2 pounds venison meat
- 1/2 pound pork shoulder
- 1/2 pound slab bacon
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- Pinch of cayenne pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons hot sauce
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Optional toppings:
Bacon, Cheddar cheese, Guacamole



Clean the venison well and remove any fat or connective tissue. Cut the venison, pork shoulder and bacon into large chunks. Combine all ingredients together in a large mixing bowl and let marinate for 1 hour in the refrigerator. Grind everything together using the small plate on your grinder. Form into burger patties by hand, and grill or pan-sear. Cook to medium (135 F internal temperature), then remove from the grill and top with your favorite cheese or burger toppings.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

This week you are surrounded by a heightened sense of romance. It could be from reading a favorite book or watching a beloved movie, Aries. Use it to spice up your love life.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, something you desperately need seems to be missing from your life right now. It's more than a misplaced item. Focus your attention this week on figuring out what it is.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Try not to listen to any gossip this week, Gemini. It will only frustrate you and could put you further out of sorts. Avoid people who love to talk about others for the time being.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Is there a luxury you have been craving lately, Cancer? You could be very tempted to give in and make a purchase this week, even if your finances may not be on solid ground. Be careful.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, your emotions will be all over the place the next couple of days. This turmoil may compromise your usual objectivity as well as your good sense. Try to talk your feelings through.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, your imagination knows no bounds this week. If you're ready to delve into a creative project, do so now when you have a lot of ideas and outside inspiration.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

You could have doubts about a friend you thought was close to you. Has this person promised to do you a favor and didn't deliver, Libra? Be patient before you draw conclusions.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Feelings of confusion may get in the way of your ability to make sound decisions this week, Scorpio. You might need to lighten your load, since you often take on too much.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, do not get into an argument with someone who has a different opinion from your own. Ask to get more information about why he or she sees things in a particular way.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

A bothersome feeling may persist for much of the week, Capricorn. It's almost as if you've forgotten to do something but do not know what. All will be revealed in due time.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, be prepared to be a listening ear to a friend or loved one who needs to work through a few issues. You are able to give trusted advice in this matter.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Listen carefully and take notes when someone at work provides directions for an upcoming task, Pisces. You don't want to make any mistakes as it could delay the project.

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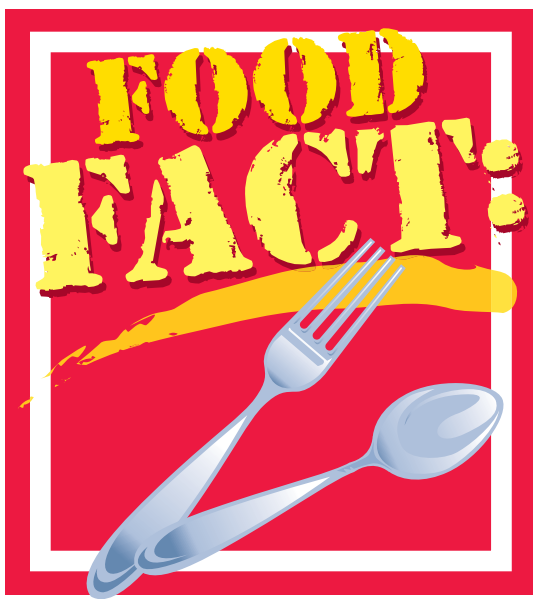
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THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1928: SLICED BREAD IS SOLD FOR THE FIRST TIME.
- 1958: PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SIGNS THE ALASKA STATEHOOD ACT INTO LAW.
- 2003: NASA OPPORTUNITY ROVER, MER-B OR MARS EXPLORATION ROVER-B, IS LAUNCHED INTO SPACE ABOARD A DELTA II ROCKET.



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ANSWER: FRIED CHICKEN

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

C P C I I N M T E I

Answer: Picnic Time



COZY

giving a feeling of comfort

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Egg

SPANISH: Huevo

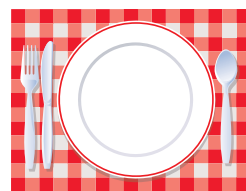
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Life Tributes



Marcia Ann Stillwell



Marcia Ann Stillwell, born June 16, 1942 in Sidney, Ohio, passed away May 25, 2023 in Oak Harbor. She was a much loved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great grandmother, teacher, world traveler, and lover of flower gardens.

She is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, Rex Stillwell; two children, Annette Kay Stillwell Ennis of Oak Harbor, and Shannon Colleen Temple of San Antonio, Texas; sister Sara Jo Johnson and brother John Ross Whited, both of California; two grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and four great-step-grandchildren.

Born in Sidney, Ohio in 1942 to Sarah and John Whited, and the fourth of five children, Marcia moved with her family to Hermosa Beach, Calif., in 1956, where she met her life-long best friend and future husband, Rex Stillwell. They attended Mira Costa High School in Manhattan Beach and dated until graduation, when Rex enlisted in the U.S. Navy and Marcia went on to become one of the few women in the business department at what was then Pepperdine College. There she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree and she later earned a teaching certificate from Long Beach State.

August 15, 1964, Marcia married Rex Stillwell, who had separated from the military, and they resided in St. Charles, Mo., Manhattan Beach, Calif., and Waverly, Ill., and started their family of two girls.

In 1974, Rex rejoined the U.S. Navy in and Marcia began her adventure as a navy wife. The military took them to Yokohama, Japan in 1974, where she taught English to Japanese nursing students and learned the art of Japanese flower arranging/Ikebana.

Rota, Spain, became her home in 1978 where she started teaching in the Department of Defense (DOD) School System, taught night classes for the University of Chicago, dabbled in English-style horseback riding, and experimented with square dancing. In 1982, orders took them to Yokosuka, Japan, where she continued working in the DOD system, at Nile C. Kinnick High School.

After many adventures abroad in Japan, China, Hong Kong, Spain, Portugal, and Great Britain, Marcia and the family returned to the U.S. in 1986 and made their home on beautiful Whidbey Island. She taught at Oak Harbor High School and then worked briefly for Chapman University before settling into retirement as a full-time wife, gardener, and active church member in the early 2000s.

Marcia is remembered as a tomboy by her brother and as having the most beautiful smile by her sister. A gracious and kind host, her home was always filled with plants and flowers, and she made a mean batch of oatmeal squares. Marcia's family will celebrate her life privately and thanks friends and family for your prayers and well wishes.

Anne Gordon



Anne Gordon died peacefully June 9, 2023, at the age of 86 in Oak Harbor, Wash. Anne was born in Lithuania and moved to Philadelphia with her family when she was 12. She attended schools in Philadelphia and later married Robert Gordon. Robert joined the military and together they traveled throughout the country, ending up in Oak Harbor. Anne was a beloved mother, sister and grandmother to many. Anne is survived by her children, Joe, Rita, Dana, Maria and Mark, and their families. Anne was preceded in death by her parents, Ursule and Robertas, her brother, Bronius, and her husband, Robert.

Anne was a lovely, friendly person who lived and participated in the Oak Harbor and St. Augustine Catholic Church communities for many years. She enjoyed reading, doing puzzles, knitting, eating out at favorite restaurants, and spending time with her family and friends.

Anne will be deeply missed by all of her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Charles Duane Picken



Charles Duane Picken was born May 5, 1979, in Monroe, Wash., to his parents, Charles Orville Picken and Judith Alma Malme.

At the age of 4, Charles and his family moved to Everett, Wash. In his early years he was coddled and spoiled by his older sisters then he was joined at the hip to his older brother, Kenny, for the rest of his life. He loved playing baseball and camping.

Charles was a jack of all trades. He was a skilled and excellent carpenter/builder who genuinely loved what he did. He was forever proud and excited to pass on his knowledge and skills, especially to his nephew Karl. Chuck owned his own business for several years, Picken Floating Floor Systems, and enjoyed traveling for work.

Charles was married twice. He met his second wife and the mother of his only child at the Buzz Inn across from his family home in North Everett, in 1988, at the age of 29. His daughter, Katie, was born in 1990. In 2001, he moved to Whidbey Island to be close to her. They spent the older portion of her life as best friends.

Charles is preceded in death by his two black cats, Little Foot and Lucky. He is survived by his three remaining siblings, Kenny, Toni and Patti; his grandkids, Brody, Kahlan, Zephyr, and Oliver Register. He will be greatly missed by the many lives he touched, including his best friend Debbie, his sister-in-law Pam, and his many nieces and neph-

ews who all loved him and were loved by him very, very much.

A memorial service/Celebration of Life was held Monday, June 12, at his favorite campground at Mt. Baker, where he took his family every year.

Charles was a kind thoughtful man with a heart of pure gold. His family was the most important thing to him in the entire world. He loved to take adventures and see the world, taking every moment as it came, especially with his best friend. He traveled to almost every state in the U.S. and loved to drive. His best friend, Debbie, lit him up like no one else could. His time with his brother, daughter and grandchildren was what he most enjoyed. The birth of his grandson, Oliver, was a pivotal moment in his life in 2020. In his last years he built a beautiful garden for his daughter, complete with a kids clubhouse. His ashes will be separated to all the people who loved him most, along with being spread on our garden and his favorite camping spots.

Charles was a blessing to all who knew him. He was kind to a fault, sharing all he had with everyone who needed it. He will be sorely missed by all who were blessed enough to know him and will hold a place in our hearts forever.

In lieu of flowers, please direct any kindness/help to the GoFundMe account created to help with his final expenses.

Thank you to all who send positive vibes, love, donations, and prayers.

John D VanNieuwenhuise



John was born Feb. 26, 1944 at the family home in Oak Harbor, Wash. He grew up in Oak Harbor and graduated from Oak Harbor High School in 1962.

After graduation, he married his sweetheart and joined the ASA division of the U.S. Army. He attended basic training at Fort Ord, Calif., and his first duty station was at Fort Devens, Mass., near Boston. He was then sent overseas to Sinop, Turkey and Peshawar, Pakistan for one year. After returning to the United States, he was sent to Fort Campbell, Ky., for a brief time. From there, he was stationed at Two Rock Ranch Station near Petaluma, Calif. There he spent the rest of his military life.

After retiring from the service, he went to work for the 3M Corp. in San Francisco, Calif. In 1970, he moved his family back to Oak Harbor, where he went to work for Bledsoe TV, which was a very small repair shop. With John's help, it built up into a much larger sales and repair shop. During that period, he sold the majority of the TVs on the Island. After the owner passed away, his wife gave John half ownership of the business. The business was sold within a few years. John then went to work for the Aritron Ratings Corp. in Calif. After a couple of years, he moved his family to central Florida, where we spent six years, and moved back to the Island in 2002.

In 2004, he retired completely and enjoyed taking trips to Yellowstone National Park and Nevada. The last few years, he loved driving around the island looking for deer and eagles.

He is preceded in death by his youngest son, John Kenneth (Feb. 16, 1966 – March 18, 2022), his father, Harry, mother, Viola Ammondson, and sisters, JoAnn Murcay, Janice Traylor and Lorraine Weatherby. He is survived by his wife, Martha Juanita, son, Darryl VanNieuwenhuise, daughter, Beverly VanNieuwenhuise, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He will forever be in our hearts and will be dearly missed. Family and friends are encouraged to share memories and condolences at www.whidbeyweekly.com.

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Pam's Prayer Corner

In honor of my late mother-in-law, Pamela Kaye Young, this column is a place where believers can share their prayer requests for others to help lift them up in faith. The prayers can be for you, a family member, or anything weighing on your soul. Email info@whidbeyweekly.com or call 360-682-2341 to share your prayer requests.

A PRAYER BY GEORGE WASHINGTON

Almighty God: We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow-citizens of the United States at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

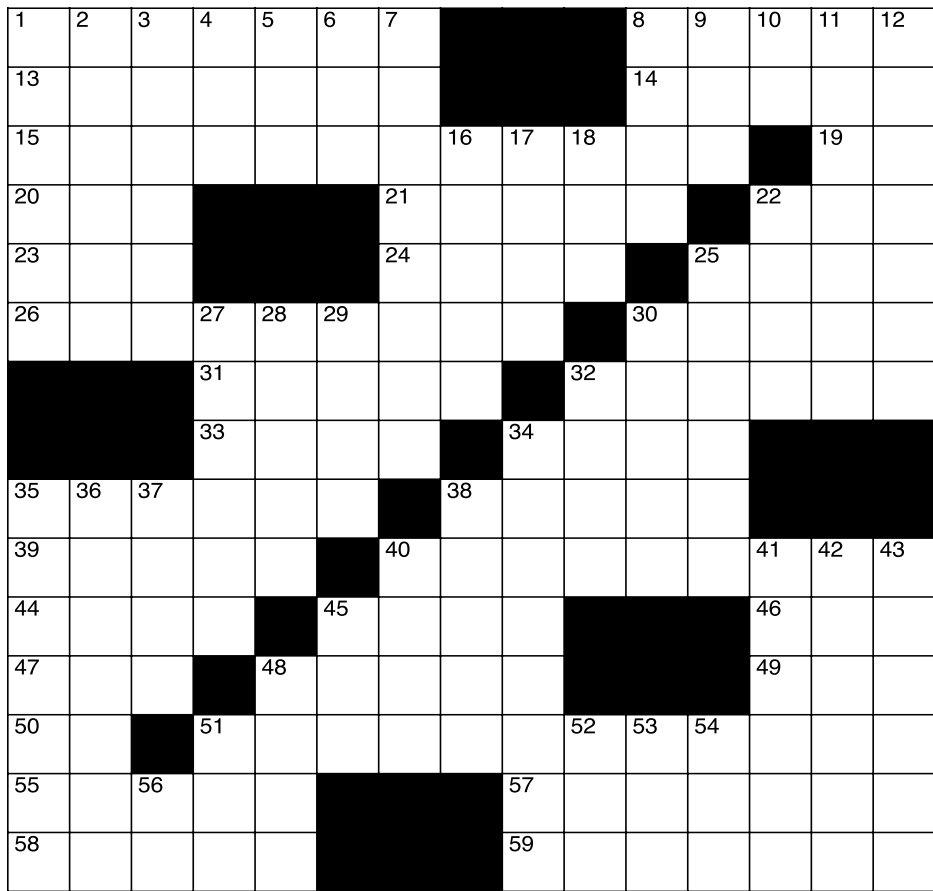
* This prayer is used regularly at "The President's Chapel" of the George Washington University, and voices the aspirations of the University for the fulfillment of civic duties and the promotion of national welfare.

Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the
Lord is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17



Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Excited movements
- 8. Soap opera actress Patsy
- 13. Unknowing
- 14. Dangerous mosquitos
- 15. Exaggerated and sensationalized
- 19. Military policeman
- 20. Touch softly
- 21. Wrap
- 22. A story of one's life
- 23. Midway between east and southeast
- 24. Toward the mouth or oral region
- 25. A list of dishes available at a restaurant
- 26. Changes the meaning of
- 30. Semitic Sun god
- 31. Sneaker parts
- 32. Capital of Zimbabwe
- 33. Breezed through
- 34. Partner to pedi
- 35. Becomes less intense
- 38. Bottoms
- 39. Tested
- 40. Vistas
- 44. Take care of

- 45. Traditional rhythmic pattern
- 46. S. African political party
- 47. Cologne
- 48. Men
- 49. The Science Guy
- 50. Gospel author (abbr.)
- 51. Act of signing up
- 55. Human feet
- 57. A very short time
- 58. Streetcars
- 59. Cuplike cavities

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A type of pool
- 2. Malaise
- 3. Seasoned
- 4. A pair
- 5. Young male
- 6. Make a mistake
- 7. Experienced
- 8. It often accompanies injury
- 9. Old world, new
- 10. Commercial
- 11. Course of lectures
- 12. Promote
- 16. Female horses
- 17. Greek mythological figure
- 18. Small amount

- 22. Orthodox church altar
- 25. Actress Tomei
- 27. Excited
- 28. Looked directly at
- 29. Popular cold deserts
- 30. More reasonable
- 32. Disk above the head of a saint
- 34. Devoted to the extreme
- 35. Make an effort
- 36. It's in the surf
- 37. Member of aboriginal people of Japan
- 38. Discounts
- 40. Cliff in Hawaii
- 41. Extremely wild person
- 42. All persons
- 43. Aromas
- 45. Popular kids' game
- 48. A difficult situation
- 51. Popular Georgia rockers
- 52. It's in all living cells
- 53. Unspoken language
- 54. 'Talk to you' abbreviation
- 56. Influential lawyer

Answers on page 15

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, June 29	Fri, June 30	Sat, July 1	Sun, July 2	Mon, July 3	Tues, July 4	Wed, July 5
North Isle H-63°/L-54° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-68°/L-53° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-69°/L-54° Mostly Sunny Increasing Clouds	North Isle H-68°/L-53° Clouds and Sun	North Isle H-67°/L-54° Clouds and Sun	North Isle H-67°/L-53° Clouds and Sun	North Isle H-66°/L-54° Cloudy
South Isle H-73°/L-55° Party Sunny	South Isle H-70°/L-53° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-73°/L-54° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-72°/L-55° AM Clouds PM Sun	South Isle H-71°/L-55° Clouds and Sun	South Isle H-72°/L-53° Clouds and Sun	South Isle H-72°/L-54° Cloudy



Tayden S., 3rd grade, Oak Harbor



Kaelyn C., 3rd grade, Oak Harbor

We celebrate the 4th of July because it represents the American's independence from Great Britain. On July 2nd, when the American colonies wanted freedom and to be free from Great Britain, they took a vote and two days later on 4th of July, the Continental Congress was revised and signed. That's one reason we celebrate the 4th of July.

Another reason why we celebrate the 4th of July is because it was also when the French people gave the U.S. the Statue of Liberty in 350 broken pieces to make as a gift and honor of friendship between that country and state. That all started in the year 1,876 AKA 1876. Way in the old times. That was like 147 years apart from what year it is now.

But there's more reasons why we celebrate the 4th of July. Today, when we celebrate the 4th of July it all usually comes from the old traditions, with more fun things to do! Like, it always included gatherings to the public where people

OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

Why do we celebrate the 4th of July?

participate to celebrate their hard work and hard-fought independence with ringing bells like the old times and lighting fireworks. Even firing cannons! They also include bands, festivals, and my favorite on celebrations... BARBECUE!

Rodlee H., 3rd grade, Oak Harbor



We celebrate the 4th of July because it commemorates the passage of the Declaration of Independence. The 4th of July is also known as Independence Day.

The American colonies wanted freedom from Great Britain, then on July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted for that independence. The declaration help unify the states so that they all fought together instead of trying to make separate peace agreements with Great Britain.

Long live America...

Ezra V., 3rd grade, Oak Harbor

The 4th of July is the day we celebrate the United States of America's independence from Great Britain.



Hannah T., 3rd grade, Oak Harbor



We celebrate the 4th of July because we beat the British in the war. It is America's birthday. To celebrate, we pop fireworks, have a party, and wear red, white, and blue because it

represents America's flag.

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On a scale from 1 to 10...4.8

Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order
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Answers on page 15

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the Tent/Help with scenic
painting, props, or costumes
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Sept./Or partial summer •
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