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JULY 6 - JULY 12, 2023



By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Love a good treasure hunt? Then the 19th annual Oak Harbor Kiwanis Club Bazaar is the place to be Saturday. The sale, formerly known as the Beachcombers Bazaar, will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of North Whidbey Middle School in Oak Harbor.

The Kiwanis Bazaar is a much-loved, highly anticipated event each year and is hailed by the Kiwanis Club as the ultimate antique, craft and yard sale. Everyone is welcome to be a vendor, from antique dealers to craft vendors, service clubs to businesses and people who just need to clear out some unwanted items from a spare bedroom or garage.

Held at Windjammer Park for years (hence the Beachcombers moniker), the event moved to its current location when the park was closed for construction. It has turned out to be a good move for the bazaar and one that is likely to stick.

"We decided to change the name this year to Oak Harbor Kiwanis Bazaar instead of Beachcombers Bazaar because we are no longer at Windjammer Park," said longtime Kiwanis Club member and bazaar organizer, Harry Turner. "The North Whidbey Middle School ball fields give us much better visibility than the park and we have much better traffic through the event since moving to the middle school. People see the event and stop as they travel Hwy 20." Anyone is welcome to be a vendor for the bazaar and there is even a little time left to sign up – registration is open through today (Thursday) at oakharborkiwanis.org. Turner said they usually have a good number of vendors and it appears this year will be no exception.

"The number of vendors fluctuates from the mid-40s to the mid-60s," he said. "This year is going well. We do not know until the last minute how many vendors will apply. In the past, people have commented on the variety of sale items and the festive atmosphere. The bazaar has vendors that have garage sale items, crafts, art items, some collectable things, clothing."

The Kiwanis Club also has a booth with items for sale by donation. All the proceeds from the club's booth plus money raised through the vendor spaces benefit Kiwanis Club projects.

"This is one of our primary fundraisers for the Kiwanis Club," Turner explained. "In Kiwanis, the main focus is on children. This event helps fund our service projects for the children of Oak Harbor. Locally we present awards to students in the elementary schools three times a year to recognize hard work and self-motivation. We present two scholarships to graduating seniors at Oak Harbor High School each year. In the fall, we give dictionaries to all third graders in Oak Harbor and Coupeville. On the last three days before Christmas break, we help Santa bring



Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Kiwanis Club The Oak Harbor Kiwanis Club has an offer shoppers may not be able to refuse, as the organization holds its 19th annual Kiwanis Club Bazaar (formerly known as the Beachcombers Bazaar) Saturday at North Whidbey Middle School.

oranges to kindergarten and first graders in the Oak Harbor School District as well as private preschools."

Sponsoring youth leadership programs at all learning levels is a major part of the Kiwanis Club's continuing community service. In the past the club has sponsored K-Kids at Crescent Harbor Elementary School and the Builders Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Kiwanis Club There could be all kinds of treasures just waiting to be found Saturday at the Oak Harbor Kiwanis Club's annual bazaar. Proceeds raised by the club will help fund its continuing youth leadership and other programs.

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Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Kiwanis Club The 19th annual Kiwanis Club Bazaar is happening Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of North Whidbey Middle School in Oak Harbor.

Club at Oak Harbor Intermediate School and North Whidbey Middle School.

"At Oak Harbor High School, the Key Club is our focus," said Turner. "In all these schools, we foster leadership skills and encourage community volunteerism in the students. Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, only the Key Club is in operation."

The Oak Harbor Kiwanis Club meets the second Wednesday of each month. Anyone interested in learning more should go to oakharborkiwanis.org or stop by the Kiwanis Club booth Saturday at the bazaar.

"Because of the location off Hwy 20, anything you want to sell has a broad appeal," encouraged Turner. "If you want to clean out your garage or a room in your house, here is your chance. But remember, anything that does not sell, you must take it back home. We do not dispose of left over items."



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 12:38pm, SE Pioneer Way

Reporting party advising female came to location and told reporting party if they don't get a Rubic's Cube "someone will hold up the branch today."

7:17pm, SE Midway Blvd.

Reporting party needs to get into bed.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15 7:25pm, S Beeksma Dr.

Advising black Camaro almost struck reporting party's vehicle; driver got out and threw a bottle at reporting party; left park towards SR 20 heading south.

8:50pm, SW Harrier Cir.

Reporting party advising mom isn't answering his phone calls; lives with reporting party. Reporting party is very upset at call taker asking questions; provided a very long name.

FRIDAY, June 16 7:40am, SE Midway Blvd.

Reporting party advising lives alone; came home and found a needle and other strange things in her apartment. Now advising is missing a pair of earrings.

8:12am, SE 4th Ave.

Advising female subject is lying in doorway undressed. Is talking and yelling at her dog, does have underwear on.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

4:57pm, SE Catalina Dr. Advising male is taking pictures of kids; refusing to delete them, says it is his first amendment right.

6:48pm, SE Pioneer Way

Reporting party advising vehicle's front tire just came off . He is concerned because "he might be DUI, I don't know." Advising he really doesn't care if anyone shows up - was upset with call taker for asking basic questions and said "it doesn't matter, I don't care."

SUNDAY, JUNE 18 11:36am, SE Bayshore Dr.

Caller states while feeding transients, one became escalated. Walking away now but keeps coming back.

9:43pm, SW Barlow St.

Reporting party advising transient male came to location with golf clubs. Advising

PHONE: 360-682-2341

there were people behind location stole his items. Advising subject sounded very aggressive and disgruntled - last seen walking towards DK Market.

11:02pm, SR20

Reporting party very upset about music; "send someone over there to tell them to shut up."

11:10pm SW Nienhuis St.

Female is calling reporting party; advising she has been drinking and has texted saying "I don't want to live anymore." Reporting party does not know address.

MONDAY, JUNE 19

5:48PM, SE Midway Blvd. Advising male is publicly urinating on sidewalk between apartments and Hilltop.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

2:05pm, NE Ernst St. Ring valued at \$7,000 was sent to a company in New York. Received a check for \$32 in return.

4:12pm, NW Oxford Pl.

States neighbor's two cats are often let out and use reporting party's yard for a litter box. Requesting call.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 10:26am, SE Barrington Dr. Reporting female outside hitting window

with a crutch. Unknown who female is. 1:04pm, SE Barrington Dr.

Advising transient female is walking around inside location, wearing a shirt and a trash bag only. No weapons seen.

2:20pm, SE Pioneer Way

Reporting party states "Queen Marie" is in front of Rustica in the outdoor seating. Has been throwing rocks at the building. No weapons.

2:53pm, SE Ely St.

Advising female is standing on the corner throwing items in the street; was looking in windows of building in area. Has a pile of items next to her

9:43pm E Whidbey Ave.

Male is very drunk. Advising he's been pissing himself. Also scaring the people onsite as well.

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

FAX: 360-675-2162

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

Camano Island	Whidbey Island
July 12	July 13
12 noon - 3 pm	1pm - 4pm
Kristoferson Farm	Clinton
(Lunch included	Community Hall
with registration)	(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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Outdoor Burning Ban In Island County Type I Burn Ban in Effect as of midnight, Sunday, July 2

No outdoor burning of natural debris even with a permit.

Recreational fires are allowed in approved fire pit.*

*The use of barbecue grills using propane or briquettes, or self-contained camp stoves are also allowed.

Proclamation and Public Notice

WHEREAS, by JULY 2, 2023, atmospheric conditions of reduced moisture levels, low humidity, and warmer weather have increased the risk of fire within the confines of Island County,

THEREFORE, in concurrence with the Fire Protection Districts of Whidbey and Camano Islands and the Northwest Clean Air Agency, I, Sheriff Rick Felici, serving as the Island County Fire Marshal, do hereby proclaim a BAN on ALL outdoor burning (except for recreational fires) within the entirety of Island County.

Report violations to 911.

This Ban will remain in effect until further notice

Outdoor Burning Information

For Island County call the health department at 360-679-7350. For Northwest Clean Air Agency, call 360-428-1617.

Sheriff Rick Felici Island County Fire Marshal

Island Transit Receives Grant for South Whidbey Transit Center

Island Transit has received a Low- and No-Emission and Bus and Bus Facilities Program award in the amount of \$7,526,400. The funding, through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), will be administered by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and matched by Island Transit. Funds will be used in design, engineering and construction of the South Whidbey Transit Center (SWTC), located in Island County.

This award is one of the nearly \$1.7 billion from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law supporting 130 projects for people and communities in 46 states and

territories. This funding invests in more

than 1,700 American-built buses that will be manufactured with American parts and labor.

The South Whidbey Transit Center will serve as a local and regional transit hub improving access to employment, medical and social services, education, and greater mobility options for under- and un-served members of the community. The new transit hub will include six bus bays, on-site electric vehicle charging and a park and ride, allowing the agency to expand zero emission bus service and connect residents to ferry services, trails and businesses on South Whidbey Island.

"The transit center will make it safer and easier for people to transfer between buses and other vehicles and make cross-sound trips on transit," said Todd Morrow, Island Transit executive director. "It will also serve as a convenient and efficient access point for tourists to visit the islands."

This project is part of Island Transit's six-year plan as the agency is transitioning its bus fleet from traditional diesel- and gas-powered vehicles to zero emission vehicles. It aligns with the agency's goals to create more accessible, convenient, safe, friendly and environmentally sustainable bus services. The Transit Center will improve transit access along main arterials, focus on connecting riders with other modes of public transportation, and expand first and last mile connectivity.

"The SWTC assists the agency and community members in decreasing carbon emissions and provides a safe location for bus drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians and ferry passengers to access the transit hub and other transportation options," states Beth Munns, board of directors president, and Oak Harbor council member.

Island Transit continues to support a sustainable, clean transportation future with renewable energy solutions.

To learn more about the Low- and No-Emission and Bus and Bus Facilities Program award, visit www.transit.dot.gov/ funding/grants/fy23-fta-bus-and-low-andno-emission-grant- awards.

To learn more about all Island Transit's projects, please visit www.islandtransit.org/ projects.

[Submitted by Selene Muldowney-Stratton, Island Transit]

The Program Year 2024 Island **County Two Percent Hotel-Motel Tourism Lodging Tax Application** Period: June 30 - July 31

The 2024 Island County two percent hotel-motel tax tourism promotions

application packet is available. Funding is generated from overnight lodging in the unincorporated areas of Island County. This program aims to support and promote the tourism economy and regenerative tourism in Island County.

Island County estimates \$730,000 of lodging tax revenue (including up to 50 percent of the total amount for one-time capital funding requests) for grant allocation to support tourism in 2024. Historically, the program has funded approximately 20-25 proposals for Whidbey and Camano Island events, visitor centers and tourism activities.

Lodging tax revenues may only be used as provided in RCW 67.28.1816(1). This section provides that lodging tax revenues "may be used, directly by any municipality or indirectly through a convention and visitors bureau or destination marketing organization" for:

(a) Tourism marketing;

(b) The marketing and operations of special events and festivals designed to attract tourists;

(c) Supporting the operations and capital expenditures of tourism-related facilities owned or operated by a municipality or a public facilities district created under chapters 35.57 and 36.100 RCW; or

(d) Supporting the operations of tourism-related facilities owned or operated by nonprofit organizations described under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3) and 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

The Island County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee will review all timely and complete applications received by July 31, then recommend funding to the board of Island County commissioners.

As established by state law, the review committee membership comprises representatives from entities that collect the lodging tax and organizations that are eligible to apply for the grant funds. For this reason, a conflict-of-interest policy has been added to ensure public confidence in the ethical allocation of these tax dollars

The proposal form is posted on the county's website at www.islandcountywa. gov/704/Lodging-Tax-Advisory-Committee and may also be requested by contacting Jennifer Roll at j.roll@islandcountywa.gov or 360-679-7385.

[Submitted by Jennifer Roll, Clerk of the Board

City Announces Completion for Repairs to the Marina Boat Ramp Launch

During the city council workshop June 28, Harbormaster Chris Sublet announced the City of Oak Harbor Marina Boat Ramp Launch Repair will be completed and ready for use Saturday, July 1. This is exciting news for the community and the beginning of the crabbing season July 1. The Marina closed the boat ramp launch April 4, 2022, after damage occurred to the float and pile. The damage happened after a large boat was tied to the launch during a windstorm. City staff worked to remove debris from the damage and identify a contractor for repairs. Mayor Severns said, "I want to thank City staff and our contractors from Moffat Nichol and American Construction for working to complete this project by July 1 for the crabbing season. I know the community appreciates your efforts." [Submitted by Sabrina Combs, City of Oak Harbor]

Can you build an estate plan like a house?

If you've ever been involved in building a house - or even if you've just heard about it - you know that there's a well-defined process to be followed. But here's something to think about: Some of the same steps connected to constructing a home are the same as those needed to build an estate plan.

What are those steps? Here are some to consider:

• Get the right "builder." Unless you're an experienced do-it-yourselfer, you'll probably have to hire someone to build a house for you. Of course, you'll make your wishes known about what you want your house to look like, but you'll be relying on the builder's expertise. And the same is true with estate planning — you'll want to share your goals and vision with a legal professional who's experienced in creating comprehensive estate plans.

• Build a strong foundation. "Every house needs a strong foundation" isn't just a metaphor it's true for every house that's built. And when you create an estate plan, you also need a foundation that includes whatever basic elements are appropriate for your situation - a will, a living trust, power of attorney and so on.

· Make the necessary additions. Even if you're pleased with your new house, you may eventually decide to make some changes, such as adding on a new bedroom or bathroom. And the structure of your estate plan may need to undergo some modifications, too. For example, if you drew up a will two decades ago, but haven't looked at it since, it may be out of date - especially if you've experienced changes in your life, such as new children or a divorce and remarriage. That's why it's a good idea to review your estate plans at least every few years.

• Protect your investment. Of course, when you build a new house, you'll have to insure it properly. And while there's no actual "insurance policy" for an estate plan, you do have ways to protect it. For one thing, you need to make sure beneficiary designations on retirement plans, investment accounts, insurance policies and other assets are correct. These designations are powerful and can even supersede the instructions in your estate-planning documents. So, as mentioned, if you've had significant life changes involving your family, you need to ensure your beneficiary designations are updated if you want to protect how insurance proceeds, investments and other assets are distributed.

• Watch for mistakes. It's unfortunate, but mistakes do happen in home construction. Water stains can indicate that water is seeping through cracks in the foundation. Or cracks in retaining walls and garage floors could be a sign that the concrete structures were installed improperly. Estate plans can also contain errors or bad choices. Some are inadvertent, such as failing to put intended assets into a trust, but others are done with the best of intentions, such as naming adult children as joint owners of your assets. Even if your children are quite responsible, this move could give their creditors access to your money. If you want your children to be able to step in as needed, you could find other methods, such as giving them power of attorney.

Following these "construction" techniques can help you create an estate plan that can last a lifetime and beyond.

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1st & 2nd place teams will win cash prizes. Contests include Long Drive, Closest to the Pin, and a putting contest. Lunch is included. • Cost is \$100 per player. Contact Don Kenney at don@rdmasonry.com, or call (360) 675-3412.

Sponsorship opportunities include: Hole Sponsorship \$200, includes signage. Closest to the pin \$200, includes signage. Longest Drive \$200, includes signage. Putting Contest \$200, includes signage. Beverage Cart Sponsorship (3) \$200.

Nine hole four person scramble, two tee shots required per player. Please note that this is a walking course. Pull carts are recommended (rentals available).

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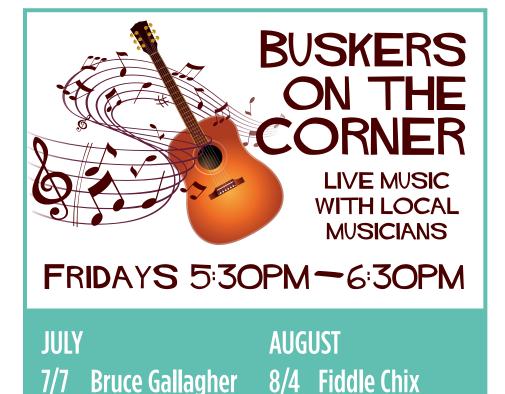
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TIME FOR CRAB AND PINK SALMON

I mentioned a couple articles ago how June felt like it only had 10 days in it. Halibut, lingcod and shrimping opportunities during the month made time fly. The month of July will feel very short as well. Shrimping will remain open in some marine areas and Dungeness crab season will open. There will be a three day Marine Area-7 Chinook salmon season, July 13-15, closely followed by pink salmon season, which fortunately gives us more than three days to fish.

Many island anglers look forward to crabbing season. There are quite a few accessible areas to crab around Whidbey Island, especially from a boat. Cornet Bay, Penn Cove and Crescent Harbor are popular areas on the north end of the island; Mutiny Bay, Bush Point, Green Bank and Possession Point are productive areas on the south end. Until the early 2000s, crabbing was open all year if you used crab rings. Then the laws changed to what we have now, a "summer" season, and generally we get a "winter" season, which usually begins around Thanksgiving, or whenever the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) announce/post the season on the emergency rule change section of their website. Crab pots are what the majority of crabbers use to trap the delicious crustaceans but crab rings are still allowed, they just require more attention during trapping.

Bait for attracting crabs can be almost anything. I use leftover lingcod, Cabazon, salmon or kelp greenling carcasses. All forms of meat that have been in the freezer too long. Cat food works well, and a few cracked-shell cockle clams mixed in really gets their attention. With the high price of seafood these days, we are blessed to have the opportunity to catch or own dinner. There is a fairly new crab in town that has gotten some attention in the last few years, the tanner (Bairdi) crab.

Similar to the commercially caught Opilio crab, the Bairdi crab is said to have a much sweeter flavor than the Opilio. If you crab in 30 to 90 feet of water, chances are you will not trap a tanner crab. Research shows they like deep water pockets near the 200 feet mark. They are being seen more and more often here in the Puget Sound, so they could eventually migrate and become accustomed to shallower water conditions. I have not found what keeps them in the deeper water, whether its water temp, water pressure, or a particular food source. Time will tell. Beginning the end of July, early migrating pink salmon will start to show up in our waters. After a few sightings, I usually contact the outfitter resorts out on the Olympic Peninsula for a "pink report." This phone call is a good indicator of how many fish are on their way to the inner sound. Pink salmon grow to maturity in two years, which is one reason we see them consistently in the odd years. There are evenyear spawning pink salmon but according to research, the even and odd-year pink salmon do not mingle. Research shows the reason for the odd-vs-even pink salmon runs is they were divided many years ago by geographical events. Basically we can separate them into a northern and a

southern region. The north sees the evenyear salmon, and the south sees the odd. Some researchers believe they even have slightly different DNA. Pinks are typically the most abundant of all the salmon species who return to the Puget Sound. This is why there is so much excitement in the air during odd year salmon seasons. When the peak of the pink season begins around the third week in August, they provide a wonderful opportunity to give young and new anglers the feeling of a saltwater-caught salmon on their line. Here's why:

- Pinks travel close to shore during their migration to their home rivers.
- Pinks will be within casting distance (5-50 feet) from shore during the peak of high or low tide (fishing is very productive one hour before and after the peak tides as well).
- Pinks like to jump as they travel, which gives away their location and direction of travel; cast in front of the fish and intercept them on the move.
- Catching pinks does not require a lot of special gear or experience. A 2.5 inch pink Buzz Bomb or Rotator lure, rigged with a single barbless hook, is all an angler needs to be successful.
- Cast out and retrieve at a random rate is the basic technique required to get a pink to strike the lure.
- DO NOT lift your lure out of the water too soon, reel it all the way to the beach. Pinks will follow it into extreme shallow water.
- Pinks will gang up on your lure; one of the excited fish is going to strike.

These are some of the major points that make pink fishing so much fun. A couple other things to remember, a landing net is not necessarily required, landing the fish from shore only requires gently but quickly pulling the fish on shore. Always check your leader/main line after you land a fish for chafing and fraying. Salmon have small but sharp teeth. If the line is questionable, it's always better to re-tie your rig versus losing your next hooked fish due to a nick in the line. Remember, pink salmon are not clipped (adipose fin removed) so if you catch a fish without the adipose fin, it is most likely a coho or Chinook salmon and may need to be released per regulations. Most important, be patient and keep casting. Even if you are not seeing any surface activity, it does not mean the fish are not there. Blind strikes are very common. July will be fast and furious so get ready and enjoy every minute! Be sure to brush up on the newly released regulations. Be safe and GOOD LUCK out there!

7/14 Doug Roraback 7/21 Harbor Lights 7/28 Kevin Fristad

8/11 Walk the Line 8/18 The Singer Tina 8/25 David Madeiros

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Typical Bairdi (Tanner) crab

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What's Going On



All entries are listed chronologically, unless there are multiple entries for the same venue or are connected to a specific organization (such as Sno-Isle Libraries) in which case all entries for that venue or organization are listed collectively in chronological order under one heading.

Live Music: Four

Friday July 7, 7:00-9:00рм Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

FOUR is a Whidbey Island combo who brings the music you like to listen and dance to...from low down blues and bossa novas to uptown boogie and swing dance tunes. Always a crowd pleaser! For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www. penncovebrewing.com.

South Whidbey Pride Parade and Celebration

Saturday, July 8, 12:00-3:00_{PM} South Whidbey Community Center, Langley

Come celebrate equity and inclusion and show your support for the LGBTQ+ community! This year's parade will begin and end at the South Whidbey Community Center, where you'll find speakers, food, music, and booths with information and giveaways. To register to participate or volunteer, visit bit.ly/2023langleypride.

Live Music: ROSSaCONN

Saturday, July 8, 7:00-9:00PM Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland

ROSSaCONN is an eclectic mix of danceable but tight sound and arrangements, blending funk, African, reggae rock and life influences. They're keeping it fun and letting the music be the guide. Band members are: Stephan Ross, bass, Eric Conn, guitar, and Rachman Ross, drums. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Bayview Corner Summer Street Dance Wednesday, July 12, 6:00-8:00PM

Bayview Cash Store, Langley

Rubatano Marimba offers heart-warming and dance-inducing Zimbabwean style marimba. Tanya Boyd, Paul Hayes, Kerry Holland, Dana Moffett, Micah Petrich, Leslie Breeden, Diana Chamrad, Dyanne Harshman, Warner Scheyer and Tillie Scruton will be joined by special guest musicians from Zimbabwe. Rain or shine! Beer, wine and soft drinks are available for purchase, and picnic dinners are welcome. For more information, contact Sami Postma at sami@goosefoot.org or 360-321-4246.

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

Learn about Summit Assistance Dogs *Tuesday, July 11, 2:00PM* Oak Harbor Library

Summit Assistance Dogs is a nonprofit

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

Free and open to the public, family friendly with plenty of parking. Stunning outdoor setting for attendees to enjoy the art, views and gardens. These artists will showcase and sell their beautiful work across a variety of art mediums including paintings, woodwork, sculpture, metal, glass, jewelry, etc. Details and list of amazing artists at willowsorchard.com/art-show.

Classes, Seminars and Workshops

Free In-Person Regenerative Tourism Workshops

Wednesday, July 12, 12:00-3:00PM Kristoferson Farm, Camano Island (Lunch included with registration) Thursday, July 13, 1:00-4:00PM Clinton Community Hall (Please RSVP separately for lunch)

The Transformational Travel Council and Embrace Whidbey and Camano Islands are hosting in person workshops about leading regenerative projects and groups. Led by Jake Haupert, CEO of the Transformational Travel Council. Prior to the July 13 workshop, Embrace Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism Committee will be meeting at 11:00AM, where Jake Haupert will be speaking. The public is welcome to attend, followed by lunch from noon to 1:00PM. Please RSVP to Vicki Graham at wolfpack600@yahoo.com if you will be attending lunch. Register for the workshops at WhidbeyCamanoIslands.com/transformational-travel.



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Religious Services

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

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Concert series celebrates American Roots

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

A much-loved tradition at Deception Pass State Park is back Saturday, as the 17th year of the American Roots concert series begins. The free concert gets underway at 7 p.m. at the park's North Beach Amphitheater and will feature the group Drómeno. This is the first in a series of eight concerts, presented by the Washington State Parks Folk and Traditional Arts Program and the Deception Pass Park Foundation. All concerts are free, but a Discover Pass is required for parking.

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"This is the longest running annual event organized by the Folk and Traditional Arts Program, a statewide arts and cultural heritage program that began at State Parks in 2004," said Makaela Kroin, the program's coordinator, who responded to questions from Whidbey Weekly via email. "In 2019, as a result of expanded support from park staff and the Deception Pass Park Foundation, the series doubled from four concerts in July to eight concerts spanning July and August."

The name of the series, "American Roots," was coined by an Americorps volunteer at Deception Pass State Park not long after the Folk and Traditional Arts Program began nearly 20 years ago. Kroin said the name is fitting because



Photo Courtesy of Washington State Parks

It takes all kinds of musical genres to make up the American Roots Concert Series at Deception Pass State Park. These weekly performances are free to attend (a Discover Pass is required for parking) and will begin at 7 p.m. each Saturday through August. Above, the Unexpected Brass Band performs in the North Beach Amphitheater in 2019.

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America is a land of many roots and traditions and musical styles.

"We have always interpreted the name 'American Roots' as inspiration to share not just musical forms born in the Americas but all of the rich musical traditions that people have brought with them to America," she explained. "That is evident in our annual lineups that feature everything from mariachi, old time, bluegrass to Balkan folk tunes, North African Andalusi music and Japanese hogaku."

Funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Folk and Traditional Arts Program is one of two public folklife organizations in the state. It is for that reason Kroin said they work with artists who share folk traditions passed down from generation to generation and reflect their culture and communities.

"We seek out musicians who can share the stories of their traditions, the meanings behind their songs, the significance of their costumes (when applicable), the dances that accompany the music and/or the names of unfamiliar instruments," she explained. "In learning about unfamiliar traditions and cultures, we come to a greater understanding of our shared humanity."

Kroin cites the support received from local volunteers and staff as key elements in terms of how easily the music series typically comes together each year. Plus, the location doesn't hurt either, so the series has earned a good reputation among performers.

"There is so much support from park staff, from the Deception Pass Park Foundation, and because it is a beautiful and well-loved venue," she said. "Performers frequently share that they enjoy the energy of our intergenerational audiences and the option to camp at the park on the weekend of their performance. Some musicians come from Bellingham, Anacortes and the surrounding areas. Some come from other parts of Washington and are visiting Deception Pass for the first time.

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The American Roots Concert Series kicks off this weekend at Deception Pass State Park. The concerts, which will take place every Saturday through August at 7 p.m., will be held at the North Beach Amphitheater, such as this concert in 2021, featuring Gretchen Yanover

"Park staff is highly supportive of the concert series, setting aside a campsite and allocating staff time to make sure everything runs smoothly," Kroin continued. "And the Deception Pass Park Foundation, in addition to funding the construction of the new amphitheater, provides matching funding to support our federal grant dollars. Their volunteers also staff the performances."

All the artists performing at the American Roots Concert Series are new this year, Kroin said, although fan favorites have been known to return by popular request.

"Occasionally, fan favorites also play the Waikiki Beach series at Cape Disappointment or Mountain Melodies at Lake Wenatchee, or they do single shows at other parks such as Cama Beach," she explained. "We're always scouting new groups and wider representation."

Performances at Deception Pass State Park are typically well attended, with between 350 to 450 people over the course of the concert series. Kroin said performances in August usually draw the biggest audiences. Of those, families often attend together, and youth routinely make up as much as a quarter of the audience. Organizers suggest arriving early and to consider bringing chairs and blankets for those who choose to spread out around the amphitheater.

No matter how people choose to enjoy the concert series, Kroin is not surprised by its popularity

"Enjoying good music outside in a relaxed setting is one of the great pleasures of life," she said. "There is an alchemy at play at the Deception Pass American Roots Concert Series. The natural setting is not only a beautiful backdrop, it provides calming fresh air; the sound of waves and children playing; and the smells of evergreen forest, sea and campfire.

"The performers are talented artists representing a myriad of traditions who engage the





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The American Roots Concert Series at Deception Pass State Park explores the musical roots and traditions of all Americans. In 2022, students from the Mount Vernon High School Mariachi and Folklorico program performed. Concerts start Saturday at 7 p.m. at the park and will continue each week through August

audience to learn, play and dance - not just passively observe," Kroin continued. "The attendees are locals who have been coming year after year and campers who stumble upon it and stay. We consistently hear from performers that our audiences are their favorite. We hear from audiences that they love the variety of musical traditions; the passion and knowledge shared by the artists we work with; and that there is no cost to attend. There is no greater feedback than learning that we have audience members who have been returning for over 10 years and it's become a tradition for their families. Where else can you hike, paddle, explore tidepools, enjoy an excellent interpretive program and catch a free concert in a place as beautiful as Deception Pass?"

The American Roots Concert Series begins Saturday and runs each week through Aug. 26. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. Check out the line up of performers at www.parks.wa.gov/1245/ American-Roots-2023-Concert-Series. To learn more about the Folk and Traditional Arts Program, its annual report is available at www. parks.wa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/20830/ Folk-and-Traditional-Arts-Program-Annual-Report-2022-Final.









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ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, there are tips and tricks to learn through observation of others, particularly if those people are doing something with style. Keep your eyes peeled for inspiration.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, let other people know what you are feeling by wearing your heart on your sleeve a little more often. You don't have to be stoic all of the time. It is alright to ask for help as well.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

It may seem like the days this week will trickle by at a snail's pace, Gemini. It is perfectly fine to enjoy some slow-moving days for a change to help you recharge.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, kick up your flirtatious nature, particularly if you have your eye on someone and are eager to start a relationship. Those who are attached can rekindle the passion.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, share your optimism and level-headedness with someone who could use your support right now. You have an uncanny way of making others feel relaxed just by being in your company.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

An interesting travel opportunity comes your way, Virgo. However, at first glance it might not seem like the type of trip you would normally take. Keep an open mind and be surprised.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, if you do not like the way things are going in one of your relationships, it is alright to speak up and encourage change. You are an equal partner and compromise is necessary.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you have to jump on every opportunity to get ahead that is presented to you, even if it may temporarily upset your schedule and life. The investment will be worth it.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Get involved with helping others as much as possible, Sagittarius. This way you will be in the unique position to help someone close to you who needs it soon enough.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, there is nothing that you cannot accomplish when you lay on the charm. Others will flock to you this week and want to hear what you have to say.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Enjoy every meeting of minds that you encounter, Aquarius. Each relationship and discussion can help broaden your horizons, and you can use that information wisely.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, no matter how good a partnership looks on paper, if you are not meshing with this individual then it is not a partnership worth pursuing. Focus your attention elsewhere.



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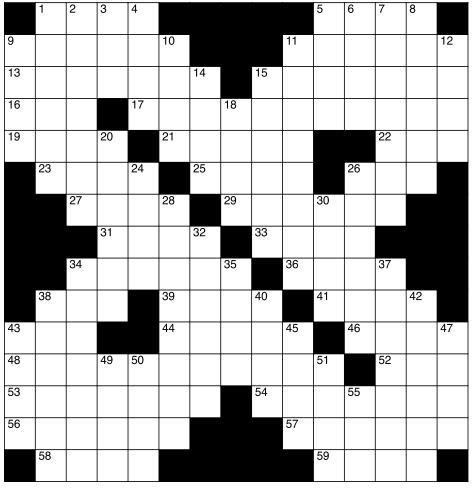


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- 11. Acclaimed
- 13. Undermine
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- 16. Irritate
- 17. The process of developing a theory
- 19. Ceramic jar
- 21. Not fresh
- 22. Dad's fashion accessory
- 23. Popular review site
- 25. New Mexico county
- 26. '__ death do us part
- 27. Fees
- 29. Takes with force
- 31. One-time Yankees rookie sensation

- 39. Mimics
- 41. Witnesses
- 43. They ___
- 44. Lasso
- 46. Runs down
- 48. In response to
- 52. Bird-like dinosaur
- 53. Metamorphic stages
- 54. Conditions of incapacity
- 56. Sodas are sold in these units
- 57. Break away from
- 58. Ethereal
- 59. Boggy

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mangled
- 2. Ruffled some feathers
- 3. Not young
- 4. Lakers legend
- 5. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 6. Direction (Scottish)
- 7. Intestinal inflamma

- 12. Force unit
- 14. Expired trade agreement
- 15. Went alone
- 18. Animal noises
- 20. Woman who graduated from a specific school
- 24. The very top
- 26. Organs in males
- 28. Earnings
- 30. Z Z Z
- 32. Reddish browns
- 34. A salt or ester of acetic acid
- 35. A place to get off your feet
- 37. More disreputable
- 38. Kidney condition
- 40. Cease moving
- 42. Quick
- 43. Extra seed covering
- 45. "Survivor: Panama" winner
- 47. Six
- 49. One who inspects lamps
 50. Small parrot
 51. Primordial matter of the universe



OUR Community An Upbeat Question of the week By Helen Mosbrooker

What is the best advice you have ever been given, and why?



Melissa Rowland, Oak Harbor

The best advice given to me has been to trust in God. As humans, we will perpetually disappoint each other, but not God. We can trust he is for us, and will never forsake us. He is truth. I trust his goodness for my life. I believe he has a greater plan for me than I can ever imagine even when nothing seems to make sense. I rest assured as He is in control of my life. I encourage you to trust in Jesus too, because he cares for you.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." $\sim\!$ Proverbs 3:5

John Love, Oak Harbor

The best advice I have ever been given was to go to college. I did and it worked out well, resulting in a good career in engineering and a good life.





Teresa Kossmann, Coupeville

The best advice I have ever been given was from my dear, sweet mom. She taught me to always choose happiness by having a smile on my face and doing acts of kindness for others. This advice has served me well throughout my life. Smiling makes your whole body and soul feel good, and it can brighten someone else's day. Acts of kindness, big or small, are the best way to bring joy to yourself and others. I am celebrating 40 years of marriage this year, and we have been blessed with four wonderful children and 10 amazing grandchildren. Our family has faced many hardships and heartbreaks over the years, but remembering to smile and

be kind has helped me through the challenging times. I am so grateful to pass this advice on to my children, and watch them pass it on to their children.

Ed Flitcroft, Oak Harbor

"It's all right to let go." These words were spoken to me in the early morning hours while I was in an ICU at Children's Hospital in Seattle.

It was time to make a decision in regards to my son, Parker, who was on life-saving ventilation.

I was comforted by these words my Savior whispered to me. That was 23 years ago. I continue to use these words and think of my son.



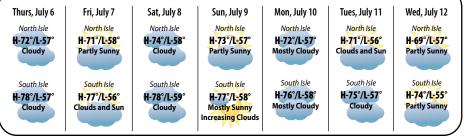
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Lions clubs are volunteers serving our community through various projects. Come and visit us at one of our meetings – both meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. North Whidbey Lions meet at noon at the VFW Post, 3037 Goldie Rd. in Oak Harbor. Oak Harbor Lions meet at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St. in Oak Harbor. LIONS motto is "WE SERVE." This is an opportunity to help your neighbors and have fun doing it.

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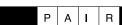
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