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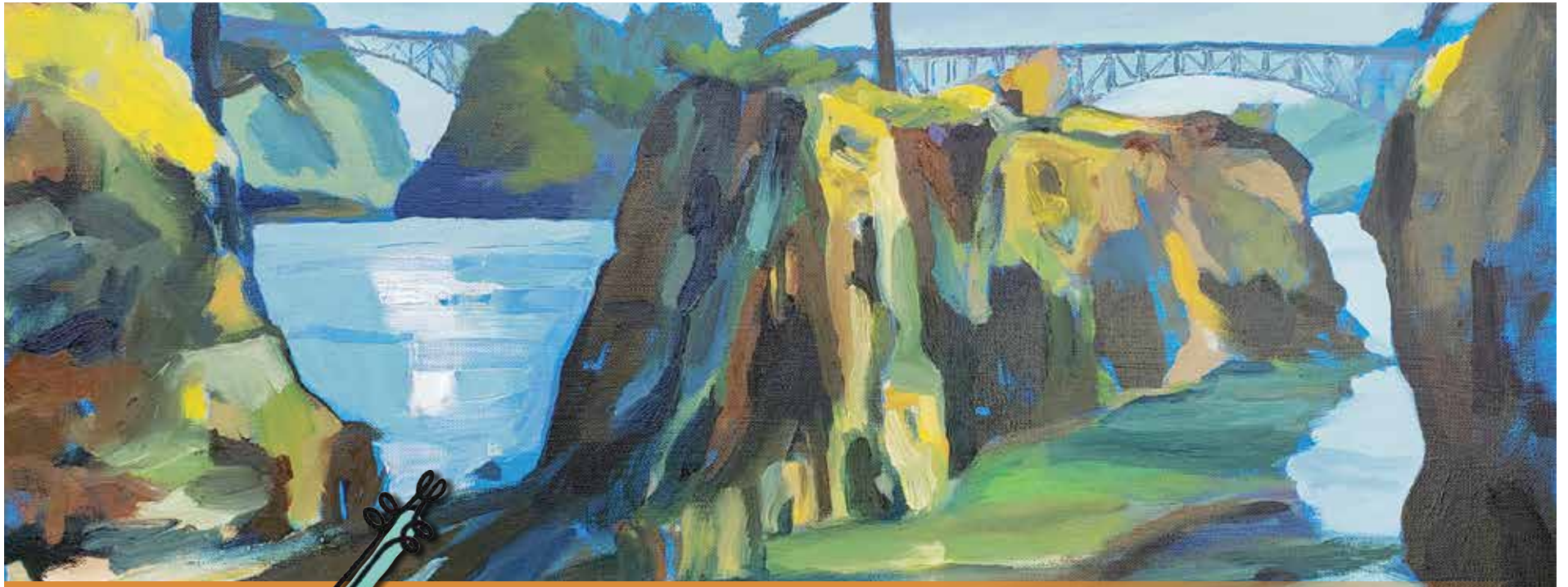
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 Sherezade Panthaki *soprano*
 Elisabeth Reed *baroque cello and viola da gamba*
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Whidbey Island Music Festival celebrates connections

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Perhaps the best way to summarize this year's Whidbey Island Music Festival, besides what it offers in terms of world-class baroque and classical music, would be its emphasis on connections and shared experiences.

The festival, which actually began in June with a program entitled "The Influencers" – European composers who influenced the work of Johann Sebastian Bach – picks up again this weekend with a couple of new offerings, including yoga. (See the complete festival lineup at whidbeyislandmusicfestival.org.)

"I have been interested in finding ways of combining music with events that include more active participation," said Whidbey Island Music Festival founder and director, Tekla Cunningham. "Some of the musicians this summer are trained as yoga and Feldenkrais™ teachers, and it seemed like a good moment to create events that combine movement with baroque music. For the yoga class, baroque harpist Maxine Eilander will create a beautiful sonic backdrop for a relaxing yoga class."

The Gentle Yoga class will take place Friday at 5 p.m. Directions will be provided upon registration. A second music and movement class to be held at 5 p.m. July 21 will explore the Feldenkrais Method™ with baroque cellist and Feldenkrais™ expert Elisabeth Reed.

This weekend also features performances with a particular flair.

"The next show coming up is called 'Spanish Nights' – a thrilling program of music that brings the sizzle of Spanish rhythms and catchy tunes," Cunningham said. "I'm so excited to welcome star soprano Sherezade Panthaki back to Whidbey Island for this program!"

The "Spanish Nights" program will be performed at 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Cultus Bay Gardens and St. Augustine's in-the-Woods, respectively.

But these concerts are just a part of several more concerts and events coming up in July and August, according to Cunningham.

"The Garden of Musical Delights' (July 22 and 23) takes a fresh look at Johann Pachelbel, one of the most famous classical composers of all time," she described. "Everyone knows Pachelbel's famous Canon, and I'm excited to introduce people to more of his music. Soprano Danielle Reutter-Harrah brings her luminous and soulful soprano to this wonderfully rich repertoire with two violins, two violas da gamba, theorbo and harpsichord. Cynthia Freivogel, who played in the very first concerts in 2006, is returning. We have a long history playing together dating back to our graduate school days and we share a special violin bond. It will be a joyful musical reunion!"

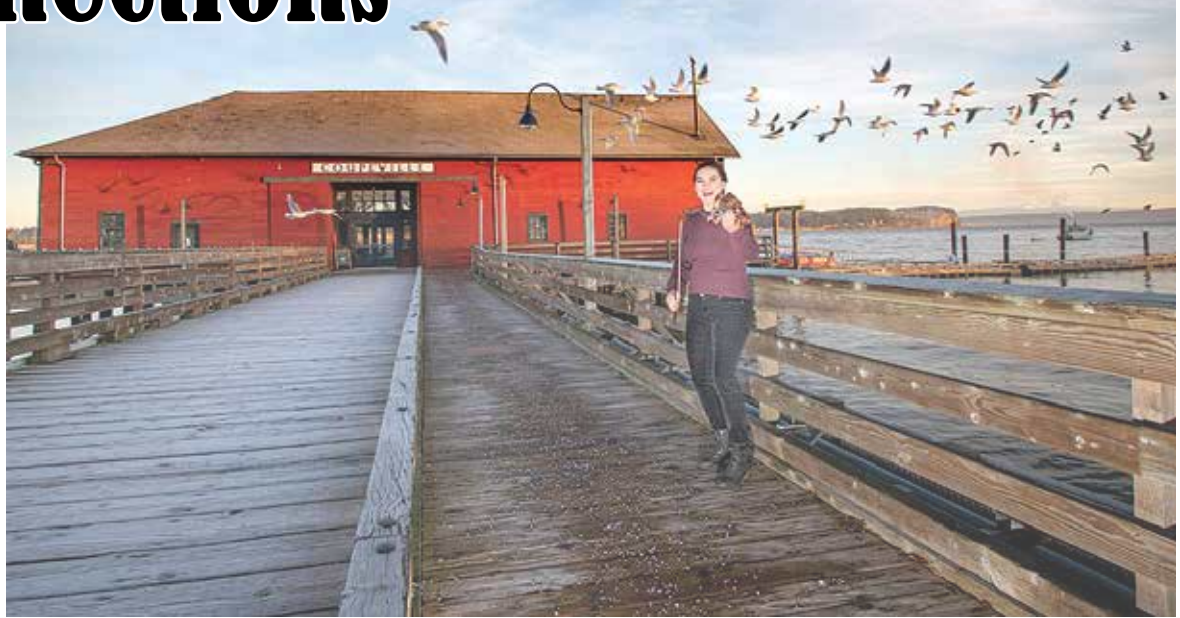


Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Music Festival

Founder and director of the Whidbey Island Music Festival, Tekla Cunningham, brings her considerable talent to several events during this year's festival, including two free appearances at Coupeville's Waterfront Wednesdays, July 19 and Aug. 9.

"August 6th, we will have the first organ recital ever at the festival featuring the Martin Pasi organ at St. Augustine's in-the-Woods in Freeland," Cunningham continued. "Organist Henry Lebedinsky, who is now the Missioner for Music at St. Augustine's, performs a selection of Bach's masterworks alongside compositions by some of the people who influenced him the most - including Pachelbel, Böhm, Buxtehude, and Marchand."

The last formal concerts of the festival season, scheduled for Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 13 at 3 p.m., feature Bach's Suites for solo cello.

"It is some of the most enduringly popular and appealing music in the classical repertoire," said Cunningham. "Cellist William Skeen is one of the leading baroque cellists in the U.S. and is a dear friend and colleague. Bill played in the very first Whidbey Island Music Festival concerts in 2006, and I cannot wait to welcome him back this summer for what promises to be an unforgettable event."

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Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Music Festival

Soprano Sherezade Panthaki headlines the "Spanish Nights" programs this weekend at the Whidbey Island Music Festival. Performances will take place at 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, at Cultus Bay Gardens in Clinton and St. Augustine's in-the-Woods in Freeland, respectively.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 23

9:02 am, SE Barrington Dr.

States sister is in Seattle at a friend's house but won't communicate with caller.

8:46 pm, SR 20

Lady is screaming and yelling because she was cut off at the bar.

9:10 pm, SW Heller St.

Reporting party advising son is being held at his grandparents and they are refusing to give him back to reporting party.

11:17 pm, SR 20

Requesting assistance in person because room is not clean and won't refund caller.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

9:48 am, SE Bayshore Dr.

Caller states male is hiding in the trees at the corner across from the transit bus stop.

11:06 am, SE Pioneer Way

Advising female is hitting reporting party's vehicle with a stick.

11:37 am, SE Barrington Dr.

Advising sister was arrested last night; had reporting party's service dog and reporting party does not know where dog and vehicle are now.

8:28 pm, NW Rigging St.

Caller advising brother came over to start and collect his car. Caller tried to ID him and asked if he had the title. Caller found it suspicious.

9:59 pm, N Oak Harbor St.

Reporting party advising location is having a party, that is not the issue. The issue is people are knocking on her door and ringing her door bell.

MONDAY, JUNE 26

5:51 pm, SE Pioneer Way

Caller wanting to report "a violent homeless woman" across from Perla's; female popped out of bushes and started running at caller like she wanted to attack caller; was yelling, "I'm gonna hurt you."

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

3:02 pm, SE Jensen St.

Reporting party states two males on skateboards flying down hill east of Whidbey Coffee and jetting across the sidewalk on Pioneer. Concerned they may be going too fast and taking on a lot of risk.

3:19 pm, SE Bayshore Dr.

Caller states female "looks hot" and is ranting and raving; wearing long-sleeved shirt and pants. Thinks she needs medical attention because of ranting and raving.

3:36 pm, SW Harrier St.

Reporting party states this morning a female harassed him for parking next door at his neighbor's house; neighbor has given permission to park there. Female showed up again and is now parked in front of reporting party's vehicle, blocking him, wanting to start a confrontation.

5:46 pm, SW Kimball Dr.

Caller states is receiving messages from unknown number saying there is a "murder order" against reporting party.

8:36 pm, N Oak Harbor St.

Advising male is acting like a lunatic; hit reporting party and mother; took 'shrooms and is acting like that's why he is crazy.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

1:50 pm, SE City Beach St.

Advising white male threatened reporting party because reporting party's and subject's dogs started barking at each other; subject was upset and threatened reporting party that "If I ever see you again you'd better watch out."

6:51 pm, SW McCrohan St.

Vehicle lockout, no extenuating circumstances; reporting party not at location; wife and cell phone in vehicle; given number for locksmith.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

10:25 am, SW Harrier St.

Reporting party is having issues with male who is parked in handicapped spot after covering sign on the ground with hearts.


11:52 am, SW Harrier St.

Reporting party advising female is "doing something to the side of the building."

7:21 pm, NE Midway Blvd.

Reporting party advising male subject is working the register at location; reporting party advising subject is not wearing a name tag or uniform and his pants are slung very low; reporting party advising it looks suspicious.

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



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[Submitted by Meg Massey, Oak Harbor Police Department]

Not ONE, But TWO New Babies in L Pod



The Center for Whale Research (CWR) can confirm two new calves in the endangered Southern Resident killer whale population: L126 (mother L119) and L127 (mother L94). CWR researchers encountered the two calves during a survey of a group of whales containing members of J pod and the L12 subgroup in the Strait of Georgia June 30.

L126 is L119's first calf, while L127 is L94's third. CWR estimates both calves to be at least two months old, and neither shows any immediate signs of illness or abnormality. Both calves were very active and social while being observed.

July 3, Center for Whale Research researchers obtained photos and drone footage confirming new calf L127 is female, and the next day obtained photos confirming L126 is male.

These are the first calves born in L pod since 2021 and the first calves born in the L12 subgroup since 2018. The first year is challenging for young whales, but CWR hopes both calves and their mothers can survive and thrive well into the future.

[Submitted by Center for Whale Research]

The Voter Interests Project Begins Candidate Interviews 2023 Series

The Voter Interests Project (VIP) has begun releasing video interviews in its Candidate Interviews 2023 series.

"The 2023 elections are local and nonpartisan. We invited 76 candidates, vying for 44 offices, to do interviews. These are candidates for mayor, city council, school boards, and various special districts around the county. We also have extensive coverage of these elections on our website: voterinterests.com," said Allen McPheeters, executive director of The Voter Interests Project.

VIP is prioritizing the five races that will appear on primary ballots. These include:

- Oak Harbor Mayor
- Oak Harbor City Council Positions 2 and 4
- Oak Harbor School District Director, Position 5
- Stanwood-Camano School Director-at-Large, Position 5

VIP will release all interviews in a race once each candidate has responded and expects to have all primary candidate interviews released by Friday – the day ballots arrive in voters' mailboxes.

"We feel it's important for voters to hear directly from the candidates," said McPheeters. "Each interview lasts about a half hour, long enough to discuss issues in depth."

Voters can watch the interviews on the Voter Interests Project website or its YouTube channel (<https://youtube.com/@voterinterests>).

About The Voter Interests Project

The Voter Interests Project is a non-partisan news aggregation and voter education project for the voters of Island County, Wash. Its mission is to provide information

voters need to make informed decisions about candidates and ballot measures. For more information, visit <https://voterinterests.com/about-vip>.

[Submitted by Allen McPheeters]

Heels and Confidence Fashion Show Be Bold, Be Beautiful, Be Confident!

The fourth annual Heels and Confidence fashion show and fundraiser will be held Saturday from 4:00 to 7:00PM at the Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St.

Admission is free, donations are welcome. Models are recent graduates of the Heels and Confidence mentorship program. The theme for 2023 is Fearfully and Wonderfully Made!

Heels and Confidence is a nonprofit, faith-based mentorship program that seeks to aid all women, regardless of age, to find their inner beauty and confidently overcome adversity with the Word of God. Heels are a symbol of confidence and are made to make the wearer stand out and exude elegance. In a spiritual sense, heels can also be seen as a way to give women the confidence to conquer any obstacle that comes their way.

For more information, visit www.heelsconfidence.org or contact Wismine D'Avilar at 757-995-6412 or heels.confidence@gmail.com.

[Submitted by Steve Vojtecky]

Ramallah Episcopal Priest to Speak about Conditions of Palestinian Christians

Friday, July 21 at 7:30PM, the Rev. Fadi Diab will make a short presentation about conditions in the Palestine Occupied Territory (West Bank) at St. Augustine's-in-the-Woods Episcopal Church in Freeland. His introductory presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.

The Rev. Diab was born and raised in the Palestine Occupied Territory. He is the Episcopal priest at St. Andrew's Church in Ramallah (Palestine Occupied Territory). He has presented workshops at the World Council of Churches about the theological understanding of the Palestine-Israel conflict.

St. Augustine's is honored to be among the churches he will be visiting in the Puget Sound region. About his visit, the Rev. Diab states, "The goal is to connect with your clergy and communities, to tell people about life and ministry in the Diocese of Jerusalem, and to raise awareness about the plight of the Palestinian community in general and the Palestinian Christian community in particular." His Puget Sound visit is sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia and the Freeland event is sponsored by the St. Augustine's Episcopal Peace Fellowship.

This is a community event. All are welcome. There is no admission fee.

St. Augustine's-in-the-Woods Episcopal Church is located at 5217 Honeymoon Bay Road, Freeland.

[Submitted by Kathryn Beaumont]

Concert Pianists to Perform in Freeland

The final two concerts of the 2023 UUCWI Concert Series, July 22 at 7:00PM and the Big Bonus Surprise Concert July 29 at 3:00PM, feature concert pianists at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island, 20103 State Route 525, Freeland. A suggested donation of \$25 at the door is appreciated but all are welcome.

"Saintly and Earthly"

Saturday, July 22 at 7:00PM, join Lino Rivera, concert pianist and music professor, to experience an evening of transcendent piano music. Lino was born in the Philip-

ines and is known for engaging his audiences by bringing the pieces he plays to life through sharing his knowledge and interacting with the audience, breaking the formality of the concert experience.

Lino has performed as a solo recitalist, concerto soloist, and accompanist on three continents. He has been featured on several radio and television broadcasts, notably live performances with the Manila Symphony Orchestra and the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra. Lino Rivera is a professor of music at Saint Mary's College (Moraga) and holds a Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Maryland. He now teaches piano, chamber music and music history at Saint Mary's.

The program will include selections from the following: three ethereal pieces by Liszt - *St. Dorothea*, *St. Francis of Paola Walking on the Waves*, and *Hymn to St. Cecelia*; the improvisatory and cerebral music of Bach (*Prelude and Fugue*); the emotional, humorous, and down-to-earth music of Beethoven (*Sonata Op. 31, No. 3*), Schubert (*Klavierstuecke*), and Filipino composer Bernardino Custodio (*Ritual Dance*).

"Love and Water"

Saturday, July 29 at 3:00PM, acclaimed pianist Katya Grineva joins the roster of distinguished artists who have shared their music during the 2023 Concert Series. Her concert, titled "Love & Water," will include a selection of romantic classics chosen to honor our island home surrounded by the waters of Salish Sea.

Known as a pianist of exceptional romantic and poetic expression, Grineva holds the distinction of having been invited to perform at Carnegie Hall more than any other solo female pianist in the organization's history. Her performance style has been described as "liquid... dreamlike" by the *New York Times*. Born in Moscow, she studied piano at the Moscow Music School, and then the School of Music at the Moscow Conservatory, where she studied with Professor Pavel Messner. She moved to New York in 1989 and received a scholarship to enter the Mannes School of Music graduate program, studying with Nina Svetlanova, followed by private coaching with Vladja Mashke, who played a key role in the young pianist's development.

The program will include: *Clair de Lune* - Claude Debussy; *Boat on the Ocean* - Maurice Ravel; *Poems of the Sea* - Ernest Bloch; *Barcarolle* - Pyotr Tchaikovsky; *Fantasia Impromptu* - Frédéric Chopin; *St. Francis de Paul Walking on the Waves* - Franz Liszt and more.

[Submitted by Jane Hayes]

Whidbey Island Youth Team Clinches Regional MATE ROV Championship with Remarkable Victory, Local Atlantis Steam Program has Stellar Year



The Whidbey Island youth team, known as the Sea Circuits, astounded the crowd by emerging as the champions of the regional MATE ROV competition, despite being the youngest team to compete. Held in Federal Way, the event attracted formidable teams from prestigious institutions such as Tesla and the University of Washington. Due to a regrettable clerical error,

the Whidbey Island team, all home-schoolers, was initially denied their rightful victory. However, upon further inspection, the error was rectified last week, revealing the Sea Circuits' exceptional performance and undeniable win.

The Sea Circuits are part of Atlantis Steam, a robotics program headed by Ash Bystrom on Whidbey island. The Sea Circuits' victory was accompanied by two additional and prestigious awards: Best Team Spirit, which was awarded across all classes in the competition and recognizes their outstanding camaraderie and support for fellow participants, and Best Marketing Presentation, highlighting their impressive ability to communicate and showcase innovative ideas that merge science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM).

Competing in the scout class division of the MATE ROV competition, participants were tasked with a series of challenging missions designed to simulate real-world scenarios and promote environmental stewardship. These missions required the teams to build their ROV from scratch before undertaking underwater exploration, data collection and equipment manipulation, highlighting the importance of utilizing robotics for environmental preservation. The team joined the ROV program because they felt a deep connection, and responsibility, to the waters surrounding their island, and the creatures that call the waters home.

Despite encountering several obstacles during the competition, the Sea Circuits displayed unwavering determination, exemplary teamwork and exceptional problem-solving skills. Moments before their first mission, a seemingly impossible tether issue threatened their performance, forcing the team to rectify the problem independently before being able to get their ROV into the pool. Spectators, mentors and parents were forced to watch from the sidelines, on edge, as the young

team members had to come together and find a solution. With the clock ticking, the young team showcased outstanding maturity and perseverance as they overcame the obstacle, albeit with only a few minutes remaining to complete their tasks. Although the first mission resulted in a major setback, their resolve remained unshaken.

During the second mission, the Sea Circuits faced another setback with a propeller failure. Despite the ROV's inability to fly underwater in its previously graceful manner, the team's remarkable collaboration and unity inspired the spectators who were now all cheering for the team.

Finally, on the third and final mission, all obstacles were overcome, and their ROV, named Medusa, was finally back in working order. Even though this third mission was their least challenging, each mission of the day provided a unique learning experience for the team. Each of the three missions also provided a showcase for their exceptional team skills, proving that points in the pool were not the main goal of the day, instead supporting each other and problem solving engineering issues were.

However, during the prize-giving ceremony, the Sea Circuits were not initially placed despite their outstanding performance. This surprising turn of events prompted Atlantis STEM Director, Ash Bystrom, to reexamine the scores and verify their final placement. Discovering a significant error in the calculations, Bystrom diligently pursued the matter, reaching out to the chair of the MATE ROV competition. Recognizing the mistake, the chair conducted an investigation, subsequently intervening and officially declaring the Sea Circuits as the championship winners, much to the delight of the entire community.

In a special ceremony, Fritz Stahr, chair of MATE ROV, personally awarded the Sea

Circuits with the championship trophy, acknowledging their exceptional accomplishments and unwavering dedication.

The success of the Sea Circuits was largely due to the head of Atlantis Steam, Ash Bystrom, and her unwavering support of local youth. Atlantis Steam is a family, with all teams supporting each other throughout the season. The victory would not have been possible without the guidance and support of their dedicated mentors, Stephanie Andrews and Elyse Macartney, as well as the other team parents. Stephanie and Elyse's unwavering commitment and tireless efforts have played a crucial role in nurturing the team's skills, fostering their passion for robotics, and instilling a sense of resilience and determination. Their guidance and mentorship have been invaluable in shaping the Sea Circuits into the remarkable young innovators they are today.

Team Members, ages, and positions:

Finn Macartney, 8, Captain
Fawn Andrews, 8, Pilot
Tula Monroe, 8, Media Specialist
Charlotte Whitridge, 7, Pilot
Nova Olson, 7 Manipulator and Tether Operator
Skye Macartney, 6 Tether Operator (Youngest competitor in the whole competition, having only just turned 6)

In addition to this victory, Atlantis Steam just welcomed home the Cyncance Team from the MATE ROV World Championships in Colorado. The team got to meet and learn from young robot engineers from around the world, even having the opportunity to work alongside college level teams. This further highlights what an outstanding year the Atlantis Steam program is having. All while providing the youth of Whidbey golden opportunities in engineering.

Outside of competition robotics, Atlantis Steam offers summer STEAM camps that can be found in parks and rec. The camps

are ideal for those wanting to explore the world of robotics.

[Submitted by Alastair Macartney]

Miss Pioneer Way Royalty Announced



Miss Pioneer Way: Kailey Blackburn

The Miss Pioneer Way Pageant was held July 1 at Windjammer Park in Oak Harbor for contestants ages 0-14. To be eligible, the one requirement was they had to have spent time on Pioneer Way in the last year.

"This pageant is a fun, one-day event that provides an opportunity for aspiring princesses to be mentored by high school royalty. They compete for the opportunity to be crowned royalty themselves and ride in the 4th of July parade with the Miss Oak Harbor Court," stated Pageant Director River Powers. Each age-group pageant throughout the day included coaching in stage presence, personal introductions, and a dance to *You're a Grand Old Flag*. Thirty-one contestants participated, with a couple of them hailing from as far as California.

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The top two contestants in each age division (0-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14) were crowned queen and princess and rode on the float with the Miss Oak Harbor Royalty in the Oak Harbor 4th of July parade.

Congratulations to the 2023 Miss Pioneer Way Royalty:

Miss Pioneer Way: Kailey Blackburn
Junior Miss Pioneer Way: Violette Harris
Junior Princess: Charlianne Eller

Young Miss Pioneer Way: Harper Horrobin
Young Princess: Aolani Joubert

Little Miss Pioneer Way: Maggie Chastain
Little Princess: Addison Horrobin

Mini Miss Pioneer Way: Addison Chapman
Mini Princess: Ryleigh Blackburn

Tiny Miss Pioneer Way: Braylee Thiele
Tiny Princess: Teagan Graves

Baby Miss Pioneer Way: Taytum Graves
Baby Princess: Cora Belle Butler

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

The Miss Oak Harbor Royalty extends a warm thank-you to the sponsors who supported this event: Mad Batter, Toppins Frozen Yogurt, Triple C Construction Services, The Greenhouse Florist and Nursery, Vindico Printing and Design, Edward Jones – River Powers, and Kate Hauter – Windermere. More information can be found at MissOakHarbor.com.

[Submitted by River Powers]

Whidbey SAR Conducts Rescues Over Holiday Weekend



A Search and Rescue (SAR) team from Naval Air Station Whidbey Island performed two rescues over the Independence Day holiday weekend.

The rescues included a hiker who had fallen down a slope on Silver Star Mountain, and a search and subsequent rescue of a speed-flyer who had disappeared near Church Mountain 48 hours earlier.

Sunday morning, July 2, the SAR team was called to rescue a 35-year-old woman who had fallen down a slope and was injured on Silver Star Mountain northwest of Winthrop, Wash. The SAR team launched at 9:35am and arrived on scene about 10:10AM.

After a search of the area, the SAR team found the party of hikers with the injured hiker and inserted two SAR team members via hoist. The injured hiker was soon hoisted onto the SAR helicopter and delivered to St. Joseph Hospital in Bellingham, Wash. by approximately 11:20AM.

The next morning, July 3, a SAR team was called to search for a speed-flyer who had gone missing at some point July 1 near the peak of Church Mountain, northeast of Glacier, Wash.

Speed-flying is a form of paragliding where the speed-flyer launches with a chute from a slope and glides down, relatively close to the ground and at fairly high speeds, rather than soaring like a paraglider.

The SAR team launched at 5:10AM July 3 to conduct the search in the area where the paraglider was suspected to have been flying.

After an initial sweep the SAR team conducted a low-level, slow search and eventually found a chute of the same description as the paraglider's chute. A SAR team member was inserted to the spot to search for the paraglider where he found footprints heading off into the bush away from the chute. A SAR team member in the aircraft noticed an off-colored patch of green about 80 meters away in a small creek amongst fallen trees and, using binoculars, saw the paraglider waving one arm trying to signal the helicopter.

With the paraglider located, the SAR team member on the ground was recovered, then two SAR team members were inserted to the patient's location via hoist. By 6:35am the patient was hoisted aboard the SAR helicopter with significant injuries and was flown to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle where he was dropped off just after 7:00AM.

Naval Air Station Whidbey Island SAR has conducted 18 missions this calendar year, which includes one MEDEVAC, three searches and 14 rescues.

The Navy SAR unit operates three MH-60S helicopters from NAS Whidbey Island as search and rescue/medical evacuation (SAR/MEDEVAC) platforms for the EA-18G aircraft as well as other squadrons and personnel assigned to the installation. Pursuant to the National SAR Plan of the United States, the unit may also be used for civil SAR/MEDEVAC needs to the fullest extent practicable on a non-interference basis with primary military duties according to applicable national directives, plans, guidelines and agreements; specifically, the unit may launch in response to tasking by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (based on a Washington State Memorandum of Understanding) for inland missions, and/or tasking by the United States Coast Guard for all other aeronautical and maritime regions, when other assets are unavailable.

[Submitted by Mike Welding, NAS Whidbey Island]

Coupeville Festival Association Releases Video Celebrating \$1.2 Million Given to Community and 59 Years of Service

The Coupeville Festival Association (CFA), the all-volunteer organization responsible for the Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival, has released a new nine minute video. The video introduces everyone to the 59th year of the Festival, celebrates the variety of artisan vendors—some that have been attending for a decade or two—and showcases how the CFA has contributed over \$1.2 million in grants and scholarships to the Whidbey community.

You can view the video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8uFOxwcyuA.

The Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival is located in seaside Coupeville on the second full weekend of August. Starting in 1964, the festival was a way for the residents and building owners to breathe life back into a struggling community. Over the years, the festival has grown and improved with the town. All proceeds after the cost of running the festival are put back into the community in scholarships for volunteers and grants to nonprofits.

"What people need to understand is, this isn't just a once-a-year, weekend festival," said Deborah O'Brien, CFA board president. "The impact on the town is immeasurable. We commissioned this video because in this visual-centric time, we wanted an engaging way to show just some of the impact the festival has on Coupeville and Whidbey at large."

The video is available in full at the YouTube link above. Organizations wishing to share all or part of the original video can reach out to Sami Postma, video creator, for source files or additional information.

[Submitted by Sami Postma]

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What's Going On

American Roots Music Series

Saturday, July 15, 7:00-8:00PM
Deception Pass State Park, North Beach Amphitheater

With deep roots in traditions spanning Latin America, Los Flacos seamlessly weave harp, violin, a spectrum of Andean flutes, many forms of percussion and regional stringed instruments to create an ever-changing sound. The concert is free to attend, though a Discover Pass or Day Pass is required for parking. Bench seating is available, but feel free to bring your own folding chair. To read more about each group, visit the Deception Pass Park Foundation's website: <https://deception-passfoundation.org/park-programs/american-roots/>.

Mayoral Candidate Forum

Monday, July 17, 10:00-11:00AM
Regency on Whidbey, Oak Harbor

This forum will introduce residents and families to the candidates running for City of Oak Harbor Mayor: Nick Green, Shane Hoffmire, Craig Nurvic and Ronnie Wright. Regency on Whidbey is located at 1040 SW Kimball Dr. For more information, call 360-279-0933 or email tmendiola@regency-pacific.com.

Live Music: Mike Hopkins

Friday, July 21, 7:00-9:00PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

Mike Hopkins is a solo, live-looping musician playing cover songs from the 60s-present. He started performing in front of live audiences in early 2022 and has since dived deep into the live music scene. Mike loves to establish a connection with the crowd through song and storytelling and even the occasional request or guest singer. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

American Roots Music Series

Saturday, July 22, 7:00-8:00PM
Deception Pass State Park, North Beach Amphitheater

Emerging from the American string band tradition, Quickdraw String Band plays a repertoire of old-time, early bluegrass, country blues, and ragtime, including some of their own originals. The concert is free to attend, though a Discover Pass or Day Pass is required for parking. Bench seating is available, but feel free to bring your own folding chair. To read more about each group, visit the Deception Pass Park Foundation's website: <https://deception-passfoundation.org/park-programs/american-roots/>.

Live Music: Woodbae and Treestar

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

Woodbae and TreeStar (Nicole Ledgerwood and Jona Moreno) came together in 2017 to form a dynamic hiphop duo, blending their influences of punk, rock, blues, folk and 90s hiphop. Their independent history of songwriting inspires them to blend a multitude of genres, setting them apart from your typical hiphop duo. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below
Cost: Free

Art Explorers: Surrealism

Wednesday, July 19, 10:00-11:30AM
Coupeville Library

Enter the fantastic world of surrealist artists. With a variety of projects and mediums, we'll explore imagination and dreams. Bring your creativity and come dressed for art. For kids ages 5-11 and

their caregivers. Please register kids only at www.sno-isle.org.

Meet Life Flight Network and Their Helicopter

Tuesday, July 25, 2:00PM
Oak Harbor Library

Join Flight Nurse Lora York to learn about Life Flight Network, the helicopter medical service that supports lifesaving critical care transportation for Whidbey Island. Life Flight will land their helicopter in the library parking lot so you can get a close-up look!

Juggling Funny Stories!

Wednesday, July 26, 10:00-11:00AM
Coupeville Library

Nationally-known family entertainer Chris Fascione brings children's stories to life with his high-spirited and innovative performances. Full of energy, humor and imagination, Chris creates colorful characters through his unique combination of acting, storytelling, comedy and juggling. A Storytelling World Award winner, Chris brings out the kid in everyone, as adults and children alike have fun participating in the show. Find out more at www.Juggling-FunnyStories.com.

Religious Services

SummerSing

Thursday, July 13, 5:30PM
St. Augustine's-in-the-Woods, Freeland
Missing the experience of singing with others? SummerSing is an opportunity to come together with old friends and meet new ones for a one-week choir experience that includes an evening of food, community and musical fun. Join our Missioner of Music, Henry Lebedinsky, in the parish hall for a potluck supper followed by a one-hour-long rehearsal; then return Sunday and sing at the 10:30AM worship service. Questions? Email staugs@whidbey.com or call 360-331-4887. You do not need to be a member of St Augustine's-in-the-Woods or its choir to join in. All are welcome! The church is located at 5217 Honeymoon Bay Rd.

Meetings & Organizations

Memory Cafe

Tuesday, July 18, 12:30PM
Oak Harbor First United Methodist Church
This is a monthly gathering for people with memory loss and their family to enjoy a time of conversation, music and fun in a dementia-friendly group. This month's meeting features camp songs with Sharon and Mary Ann. The church is located at 1050 SE Ireland St. For more information, email WhidbeyMomentia@gmail.com.

Classes, Seminars and Workshops

Free In-Person Regenerative Tourism Workshops

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 Hauptert, CEO of the Transformational Travel Council. Prior to the workshop, Embrace Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism Committee will be meeting at 11:00AM, where Jake Hauptert 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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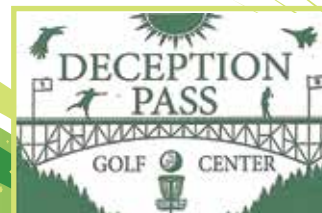
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It's not too late to follow the Chairity Trail

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

It's never too late to contribute to a good cause and Whidbey Islanders are in luck!

The Chairity Trail and Auction fundraiser for Whidbey Island Nourishes is going on through 6 p.m. Saturday for anyone interested in bidding on a one-of-a-kind Adirondak chair painted by a Whidbey Island artist. The chairs themselves will remain on display through Saturday at various businesses on South Whidbey in case bidders would like to take a sneak peek in person, but photos and artist information, along with directions on how to participate in this online fundraising auction, can be found at whidbeyislandnourishes.org or at chairity-trail.com.

This year there are 15 hand painted chairs, completed by 16 local artists, up for auction. It is the second year of the Chairity Trail auction fundraiser, which proved to be a huge success last year, raising \$40,000 for WIN, a volunteer organization which provides supplemental food support to hundreds of children on South Whidbey.

"Every donation has a direct impact on our program and \$40,000 was a wonderful surprise," said WIN board president Pam LeLoup, who responded to questions from *Whidbey Weekly* via email. "As we all know, grocery prices have increased a great deal. Everything we provide to kids and families is totally free. At the end of the school year, we were delivering healthy weekend meals for 196 children and taking a healthy snack into each K-6 classroom daily. That's healthy snacks for 600 kids, and that's just two of the ways we feed kids. We couldn't do

what we do without the strong support of our community."

Artists on the Chairity Trail this year were selected by WIN's events committee after submitting an application and sample of their work. While there was no set theme the artists were asked to follow, organizers did provide some motivation by telling them who would be viewing – and hopefully buying – the chairs, and why the funds were being raised. The result is 15 unique works of art ranging from sweet and colorful florals to birds, animals, fish, landscapes and a little devilish fun.

"It is so exciting to have 15 local artists, two who are high school students, donating their time and talents for children in need," said LeLoup. "The day that all of the chairs arrived at the Community Center wood shop, it took my breath away. The colors and creativity are wonderful."

Well known mixed media and musical performance artist Kristi O'Donnell is one of this year's featured Chairity Trail artists. A longtime volunteer with WIN, O'Donnell said she saw last year's creations and couldn't wait to be a part of the fundraiser this year.

"We are fortunate on Whidbey Island to have a population of community-minded people who want to help our 'neighbors in need,'" she said via email. "Much of this population also loves artists here and are art collectors. When a person purchases a chair from the WIN Chairity Auction, it brings in dollars to feed our youth with nourishing foods. The owner of the WIN Chair has a beautiful, original, one-of-a-kind piece of artwork that one of us 16 artists dreamt



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Nourishes
Sixteen talented Whidbey Island artists painted all the bits and pieces of 15 Adirondak chairs and put them together into a unique creation, like Lynn Kohlwe's chair, "Tranquility – Where Mountains Meet the Sea," on display through Saturday at the Thirsty Crab Brewery.



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Nourishes
The Whidbey Island Nourishes Chairity Trail and Auction fundraiser offers people the chance to purchase a finely crafted piece of art by a local artist, like this Adirondak chair, "Whidbey Zen," created by Heather Forrest. Her creation is on display at Useless Bay Golf and Country Club.



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Nourishes
Whidbey Island artist Kristi O'Donnell created this one-of-a-kind Adirondak chair entitled "Pacific Northwest Majesty" for the second annual Whidbey Island Nourishes Chairity Trail Auction fundraiser, which is taking bids on 15 unique chairs through 6 p.m. Saturday. You can see this chair at Greyhorse Mercantile in Langley.



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Nourishes
Two South Whidbey high school students are among the 16 artists who have created 15 hand-painted Adirondak chairs like this one, "Off the Hook," by Sean Carr and her mother, Leneen. Their chair is on display at Whidbey Donuts through Saturday and is part of the Chairity Trail Auction fundraiser for Whidbey Island Nourishes.

about, designed and painted. They will be able to talk about it when their friends visit, which will help spread the word about WIN's mission. People will respect them for supporting such a great cause!

"My chair, 'Pacific Northwest Majesty,' represents our place on Earth – a planet that sustains life," she continued. "In parallel fashion, WIN sustains life through nourishment for our community, via food, creativity and connection. I have to say that the dreaming of the chair and painting it was soulful for me. I painted mountains, verdant valleys, life-abundant seas and star filled galaxies. This chair will be an energy booster for anyone who sits in it or who gets lost in the beauty of it, as I have infused it with love and the vision of good will for all."

According to LeLoup, one doesn't necessarily have to bid on a chair to make a difference.

"Just make a donation and help us stock our pantry," she said, describing how that helps WIN and the rest of the community. "Since 2007, Whidbey Island Nourishes has been an important part of the robust network of organizations supporting those in need on South

Whidbey. We work closely with the South Whidbey School [District] staff, the School Farm, Readiness to Learn, and Good Cheer Food Bank to make sure no child slips through the cracks. Keeping lines of communication open between WIN and all South Whidbey organizations that work with children and teens means we are just a phone call or text away from adding a family to our distribution list or from increasing the amount of food in a child's bag because Mom just lost her job."

The WIN Chairity Trail Auction continues through 6 p.m. Saturday. Learn more about the organization and its fundraising effort at whidbeyislandnourishes.org. For those who'd like to follow the chair trail, see photos of this year's chairs and the artists who created them or to participate in the auction, go to chairity-trail.com.

"It's all about the children," said LeLoup. "A third of the children in our school district are on the free lunch program. These are our neighbors and the future leaders of our community. Join over 75 WIN volunteers as we help ensure that no child goes hungry."

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Music lovers might be feeling satisfied by these robust offerings, but there is even more to this year's festival. In addition to the formal concerts and the music and movement events, there are several chances for everyone of all ages to get a taste of the Whidbey Island Music Festival. Look for free performances July 19 and Aug. 9 at Coupeville's Waterfront Wednesdays, a lute recital at 6 p.m. July 18 at Skein and Tipple in Clinton, as well as a free pop-up concert at Whidbey Farm and Market at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12.



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Music Festival
Cellist William Skeen will close out the Whidbey Island Music Festival this year with performances of Bach's Suites for solo cello Aug. 12 and 13.

"We're trying a few free events this year to open up to new audiences, particularly families with kids who might not want to take them to a more formal concert," explained Cunningham. "We haven't done a lot of events in Coupeville (which is where I live) and I wanted to provide opportunities for people on the north end to connect with our music. It's a great way to grab a coffee or ice cream cone and hear some music in a relaxed atmosphere."

After 18 years of organizing the Whidbey Island Music Festival, Cunningham said she loves to keep things new and fresh by exploring new musical venues and partnerships. But it is her love of music and performance that continues to drive her passion for this unique Whidbey Island celebration.

"There is so much that goes into the planning and preparation for the festival," she said. "Each musician brings years of passion and practice of their craft. There is nothing like the moment when the artists and audience have gathered for the concert and the first sounds fill the space."

"I love the opportunity to create a shared experience between the music, the audience and the performer," Cunningham continued. "There is something spellbinding about having a crowd of people sharing the experience of music performed live. There's a wonderful term for this kind of magic – 'collective effervescence.' It's a powerful and uplifting experience and I love being able to create and offer that."

For tickets and a complete list of concerts, artist profiles, music and movement opportunities, and free events, go to whidbeyislandmusicfestival.org.



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Music Festival
A new addition to Whidbey Island Music Festival this year are two music and movement events. The first, a Gentle Yoga class, will be held Friday at 5 p.m. and features baroque harpist, Maxine Eilander.



Recipe of the Week

BOUNTIFUL BLUEBERRIES MAKE TREATS EVEN BETTER

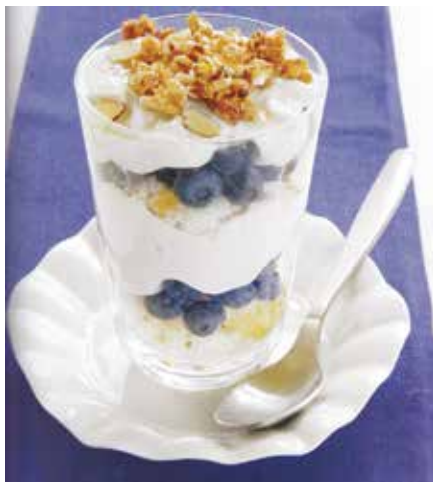
There are so many reasons to include blueberries in recipes. Not only are they plentiful in supermarkets and at fruit stands, blueberries often perfectly balance the sweet with the tart in flavor. These little berries also are one of the most antioxidant-rich fruits you can find, plus they are very high in fiber. That makes eating blueberries — whether they're nestled in pancakes or served atop a slice of cheesecake — a little less indulgent.

Blueberries are right at home in many different dishes. Blueberries can make salads sing and desserts light up. They're equally delightful in breakfasts and snacks. "Honey-Laced Blueberry Parfaits" can be enjoyed any time of day. Made with tasty layers of blueberries, yogurt and angel food cake, these parfaits are light, flavorful and refreshing. To tailor them for patriotic celebrations, add a few red berries, such as raspberries or strawberries, to embrace a red, white and blue theme.

Enjoy this recipe, courtesy of "Cooking Light® Fresh Food Superfast" (Oxmoor House) by The Cooking Light Editors.

HONEY-LACED BLUEBERRY PARFAITS (Yield: 4 servings)

- 1 6-ounce carton French vanilla low-fat yogurt
- 1 6-ounce carton blueberry low-fat yogurt
- 1 1/2 cups frozen fat-free whipped topping, thawed
- 3 cups 1-inch cubed angel food cake
- 2 cups blueberries
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/2 cup honey-almond flax cereal, coarsely crushed



1. Combine yogurts in a bowl; gently fold in whipped topping.
2. Layer about 1/3 cup angel food cake, 1/4 cup blueberries and 1/3 cup yogurt mixture in each of four dessert glasses. Repeat procedure once. Drizzle honey evenly over parfaits. Top evenly with cereal. Serve immediately.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Sometimes you feel a need to be in charge to prove that you are capable, Aries. This week take a back seat and fall in line with the established modus operandi.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

You may get into the habit of focusing on past mistakes, Taurus. This week, instead of falling into old habits, think about how you can grow and learn from your mistakes.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, it's time to be sociable and put out feelers for different adventures. Make sure you share on social media channels that you're available and ready to have fun.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, keep track of your mood this week, as it is easy to swing from glad to glum in no time at all. Friends can help keep you on a more even keel for the time being.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, a refreshing sense of energy comes your way, and you start to jump head-first into all of those projects that have been pushed aside. You'll sail through tasks in no time flat.

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

Treat yourself to something special in the days to come, Libra. Perhaps it is a costly fragrance you've been spying or a new piece of furniture. You earned the indulgence.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

It's time to take your foot off the gas and slow down to a crawl, Scorpio. A well deserved break should be on your itinerary; otherwise, you may burn through all of your fuel prematurely.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, teamwork is the answer right now, especially when your to-do list seems to be growing exponentially. Recruit some close confidantes to help you along the way.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Make your career a priority this week, Capricorn. You may be feeling unsettled where you are now. There is no saying where things will go, so exercise caution when making decisions.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, wanderlust is on your brain. You've been fantasizing about all of the grand adventures you can take. Figure out a way to fund a getaway and get started.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, something profound may have happened to you and you may need to sift through all of your feelings over the next few days. Take all the time you need to process.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- JULY 16: Will Ferrell, Actor (56)
- JULY 17: David Hasselhoff, Actor (71)
- JULY 18: Vin Diesel, Actor (56)
- JULY 19: Jared Padalecki, Actor (41)
- JULY 20: Julianne Hough, Dancer (35)
- JULY 21: Rory Culkin, Actor (34)



MOVIE SHOWTIMES 7/12 thru 7/20/23

JOY RIDE (R)
Wednesday – Thursday: 5:00pm

INDIANA JONES AND THE DIAL OF DESTINY (PG-13)
Wednesday – Thursday: 1:30pm, 4:30pm & 7:45pm

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE: DEAD RECKONING PART 1 (PG-13)
Wednesday – Thursday: 1:00pm, 4:15pm & 7:30pm

SOUND OF FREEDOM (PG-13)
Wednesday – Thursday: 2:00pm, 8:00pm

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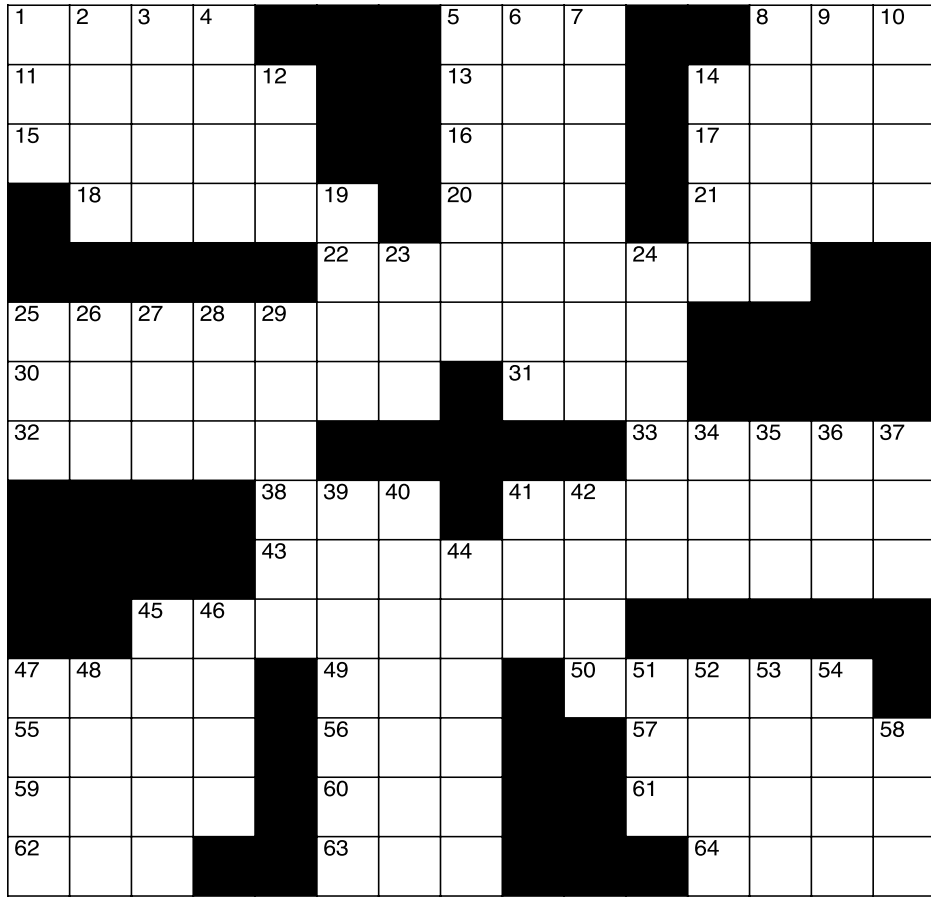
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. In a place to sleep
- 5. Chemical compound (abbr.)
- 8. A way to fish
- 11. Classic Linklater film "___ and Confused"
- 13. Legume
- 14. Indonesian island
- 15. Smooth, creamy substance
- 16. Arctic
- 17. Wood sorrels
- 18. Defied
- 20. Cattle
- 21. Tableland
- 22. Honorably retired and retaining one's title
- 25. Repossession
- 30. Danced
- 31. Adult males
- 32. A type of section
- 33. Type of Japanese animation
- 38. Satisfaction
- 41. Fit
- 43. "Ain't No Sunshine" singer
- 45. Failure
- 47. Israeli city
- 49. French river
- 50. Cavalry-sword

- 55. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 56. Liquefied natural gas
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 60. Popular HBO fantasy series (abbr.)
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. Large body of water
- 63. ___kosh, near Lake Winnebago
- 64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Payroll firm
- 2. Unit of transmission
- 3. Rockers Better Than ___
- 4. Bambi is one
- 5. Highest parts of something
- 6. Correct behavior
- 7. Batty
- 8. Cyprinid fishes
- 9. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 10. Site of the famous Leaning Tower
- 12. American rocker Snider
- 14. W. African language
- 19. Symbol to mark for removal
- 23. ___ Squad

- 24. Resident
- 25. Federal savings bank
- 26. Paddle
- 27. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 28. One point south of due east
- 29. Winter melon
- 34. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
- 35. Anger
- 36. Central European river
- 37. First responders
- 39. Spanish noble
- 40. Persons with absence of skin pigment
- 41. Defunct airline
- 42. Small island (British)
- 44. The extent of something from beginning to end
- 45. Capital of Bangladesh
- 46. Dutch cheese
- 47. Imitates
- 48. A contest of speed
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. UNLV's are Runnin'
- 58. Criticize

Answers on page 11

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, July 13 North Isle H-67°/L-52° Cloudy	Fri, July 14 North Isle H-69°/L-54° Cloudy	Sat, July 15 North Isle H-71°/L-56° Mostly Cloudy	Sun, July 16 North Isle H-70°/L-55° Mostly Cloudy	Mon, July 17 North Isle H-68°/L-56° Mixed Clouds and Sun	Tues, July 18 North Isle H-70°/L-54° Rain	Wed, July 19 North Isle H-70°/L-55° Sunny
South Isle H-72°/L-53° Cloudy	South Isle H-76°/L-54° Cloudy	South Isle H-75°/L-55° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-75°/L-54° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-76°/L-56° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-73°/L-55° Rain	South Isle H-73°/L-55° Sunny



OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What do you want the next chapter of your life story to look like?

Charlotte Becker, Oak Harbor

I plan on continuing to learn and grow in my Christian faith. Jesus Christ has transformed my life and it is so exciting to see what will come in my next chapter. Teaching my young grandchildren who Jesus is in person and through a Sunday school are my goals, also.

My husband retires in a couple of years. We would like to travel to Israel and the United Kingdom. We would like to travel in our RV and go on motorcycle trips.



Robin Thompson, Freeland



The next chapter of my life, retirement and spending time with family!

Biker Bob Akers, Freeland

Not many are aware of this, but I had registered with the Federal Election Commission as a write-in candidate for President of the United States in 2020; my Principal Campaign Committee being Middle Class, representing the working-class people who pay the majority of taxes and pay high monthly premiums for health insurance and high annual deductibles before their own coverage kicks in. My goal was to even the playing field. Unfortunately, when I posted my FEC certificate on Facebook, my account was banned immediately. I am registered again for 2024 and have notified the FEC that I am running on merit (no solicitation of campaign funds). The rest is nondisclosure until my official announcement in the fall of 2023.



Marri Metz, Oak Harbor



In the next chapter of my life story, I am embarking on an exciting journey of growing my new business, Island Inflatables WA, alongside my husband and two daughters. Together, we are building an inflatable bounce house rental company that combines our passion for community, the joy of bringing laughter to every celebration, and the desire to offer all islands the opportunity to rent a bounce house at an affordable cost, even if they are a ferry ride away.

As we embrace this new chapter, we understand that growth comes with its own set of challenges and learning opportunities. We are prepared to face them head-on, armed with resilience, adaptability, and a spirit of continuous improvement.

In the next chapter of my life story, my family and I are writing a narrative of success, happiness, and fulfillment. With our inflatable business, we are creating magical moments, fostering family bonds, and leaving an indelible mark on the lives of those we touch. I would like this next chapter of my life to be a story of growth within my family, showing my dedication to the community, and seeing the extraordinary joy that comes from turning one's event vision into a perfect reality.

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