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"Shrek Jr." turns the Playhouse stage green with enjoyment

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

What do you get when you combine a grouchy ogre, a jubilant donkey, a feisty princess and a fire-breathing dragon with a big dose of fairytale magic? Simple – "Shrek the Musical Jr.," opening Friday at the Whidbey Playhouse in Oak Harbor and running through July 30. (Showtimes and ticket information at whidbey-playhouse.com)

Based on the animated movie and the book by William Steig, this junior musical production is based on the book and lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire, with music by Jeanine Tesori. It is directed for the Playhouse by Shelby Montoya, with musical direction by Elizabeth Hendricks. The show features a cast of 48 young people, ranging in age from 6 to 18.

Don't be fooled into thinking of this as just another "kid" show. The talent on display in "Shrek Jr." rivals that of some adult productions. The musical ability and stage presence of the actors is first rate, and audiences will likely forget they're watching a young cast – but for the cuteness factor, which is simply undeniable and adds even more enjoyment to this production. Add clever costuming, effective stage design and creative lighting, and "Shrek the Musical Jr." is well worth attending.

The story, as many will recall, centers on a grumpy green ogre named Shrek, who prizes the solitude of his home...err...swamp. When Lord Farquaad banishes all the fairytale folk in Duloc to Shrek's swamp, he agrees to rescue a princess from her tower so Lord Farquaad can marry her and become king. In exchange, Shrek will get his beloved swamp, and solitude, back.

"Part romance and part twisted fairy tale, 'Shrek Jr.' is a colorful show with a powerful message – to accept and own our differences," described Montoya via email. "It's all the same as the movie, just throw in some show tunes!

"The music is so catchy that I hear it in my dreams," she continued. "I'm not kidding! The song, 'What's up Duloc,' haunts me. It's really upbeat, fun, and just beautiful lyric-wise as well."

While this is not Montoya's first time directing a youth production, it is the first time she's directed since the pandemic.



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As Princess Fiona (Dana Rivo) and Shrek (Graham Ray) get to know one

another, romance begins to bloom.

"This is definitely the biggest cast we have had since COVID and they are on a set with lots of moving pieces," she said. "I was a little nervous I would forget everything I knew. But on that very first day of auditions, I realized, 'Nah, I got this.' I love working with kids! I honestly feel like every experience is better than the last. It is crazy how talented the kids are. They are always really excited to do new things. They cannot wait to get an audience in front of them. The energy they give during rehearsals is insane."

Actors in "Shrek Jr." were, of course, familiar with the story. While the title may have grabbed their attention, their reasons for auditioning were much deeper.

"The first thing that interested me in this show was the opportunity to grow," said 16-year-old Graham Ray, who plays Shrek. "'Shrek Jr.' is very different than any other show I've been in, so [I felt] it would give me a chance to explore a side of my acting that was unknown to me.

"Shrek isn't interested in making friends or going on adventures, he just wants to get his quest over with so he can get the rights to his property back," Ray continued. "The most enjoyable part of playing Shrek is the selfish and uninterested nature of his personality. Shrek's only goal is to get back to his lonesome swamp and be alone, not to make friends and happy memories. As a character, he is a lot more relatable than one might think. Shrek is an introvert whose peace and quiet is interrupted by a small, but temperamental, man who decided Shrek's home would be the best place to dump all the 'freaks' of Duloc. If I was in Shrek's position, I wouldn't want to be singing and dancing either."

Sometimes in relationships, persistence pays off. Take Shrek's unlikely friend, Donkey, played by 17-year-old Ethan Johnson. Donkey's unrelenting enthusiasm in accompanying Shrek on his journey eventually wears even Shrek down.

"Since starting theater in high school, I had yet to audition for any production at the Playhouse, so when I heard they were putting on 'Shrek the Musical Jr.,' I saw it as a perfect opportunity to dip my feet in the waters of more serious theater in the community," Johnson described. "Donkey, as his name implies, is a fairytale donkey that talks. He is very energetic and enthusiastic about life, always having a smile on his face. I enjoy that for the most part I get to play a character who is very expressive and cheerful; playing Donkey really makes my day and makes me feel happier as well. A lot of times, to get into character, I always put the biggest smile on my face and get into the headspace of someone who is overjoyed by everything anyone else does."

As in most fairytales, Shrek meets his match with Princess Fiona, who has been locked away in a tower for 8,423 days and is more than ready to be rescued by a knight in shining armor.

"Playing Fiona is such a fun and exciting role, as she varies so much from emotions switching in a snap to how fun and relatable she can be," described Dana Rivo, a senior at Oak Harbor High School. "What I truly enjoy most about playing Fiona is being able to portray the ambition and fire she has, as despite being locked away for a looonnnggg time, she still has so much hope in her, which I absolutely adore."

Rivo said she gave herself three rules to follow to help her play Princess Fiona.

"Number one, keep good posture and your body language as graceful as possible," she said. "Number two, be very optimistic. By



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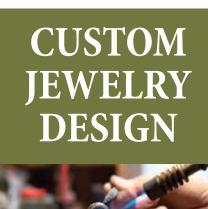
Shrek (Graham Ray) is not impressed when Princess Fiona (Dana Rivo) promises to marry Lord Farquaad (Logan Hendricks) in "Shrek Jr." The musical opens Friday at Whidbey Playhouse in Oak Harbor.

being locked away in the tower there are lots of things Fiona doesn't know. Lastly, number three, HAVE FUN! Knowing there are many princesses that are the definition of prim and proper, Fiona is her own self. Discovering her own story, by this open idea of her finally discovering what she loves or hates, it really brings such joy when playing her."

As romance blooms between Shrek and Fiona, Cupid's arrow also strikes another couple, as a fire-breathing dragon becomes enamored of Donkey.

"She's a bit fierce, but she finds an unexpected interest in a 'Noble Steed' that trespasses in her home," explains Grace Jones, 17, also a senior at

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Whidbey Playhouse welcomes everyone to the kingdom of Duloc, where fairytale creatures come to life in "Shrek the Musical Jr.," opening Friday.





FRIDAY, JUNE 30 8:57 am, SW 2nd Ave.

Reporting party advising quit working for company yesterday; since then, receiving texts from supervisor and is refusing to give reporting party her last paycheck.

11:04 am, SE Dock St.

Advising male subject dressed all in black with a blue COVID mask was leaning over fence, watching children.

1:54 pm, SW Erie St.

Caller advising female has been in handicapped stall for over 30 minutes; says subject comes in quite a bit and tries to steal from them.

SATURDAY, JULY 1 10:01 am, SR 20

Caller states male in store has been sleeping for about 30 minutes; trying to wake him up and he won't wake up, is breathing.

11:09 am, SE Ireland St.

Female sitting at picnic table with a bunch of backpacks; told caller's grandchildren the park was closed due to hornets.

5:25 pm, SE Catalina Dr.

Caller advising of female peeing outside of building; also a belligerent male.

7:10 pm, NE Midway Blvd.

Reporting party advising someone in a tan Honda called reporting party a bitch in the parking lot after reporting party confronted them for poor driving.

7:59 pm, SR 20

Reporting party advising "everything is slowing down;" states internet and electricity are slowing down because of something she did with her Google account.

SUNDAY, JULY 2 3:47 pm, NW Crosby Ave.

Reporting party states needs to report something that happened while reporting party was sleeping; woke up to son throwing a tantrum.

6:44 pm, SE City Beach St.

Caller states three "really big dudes" were angry and made 3-year-old wear a hoodie to cover her face; child tried walking away but they wouldn't let her.

MONDAY, JULY 3 9:04 am, SR 20

Advising owner not writing reporting party a check for money reporting party is owed to. [sic]

8:05 pm, NE Midway Blvd.

Caller slurring words, states she is outside and her legs aren't working.

8:15 pm, SW Scenic Heights St.

Reporting party states baby deer is following her and is trying to "nurse on her arm."

9:01 pm, SR 20

Reporting party advising son was at the stop light on the Swantown side; duffle bag fell out of their vehicle and they were told someone picked it up; want to know if someone dropped it off at Oak Harbor Police Department.

9:31 pm, SE Bayshore Dr.

Reporting party advising someone ran up to her kid, grabbed him by the shoulders and said they would give him \$5 to let him "chase him."

Tuesday, July 4 1:33 pm, SE Barrington Dr.

Caller states neighbor has been outside naked; states neighbor lives next door; slight language barrier with caller.

7:36 pm, SW Ulysses St.

Advising neighbors are shooting fireworks into reporting party's yard and are "harassing" the reporting party.

7:40 pm, SW 6th Ave.

Advising neighbor "attacked me," so reporting party got in a fist fight with her.

Wednesday, July 5 10:34 am, SR 20

Advising male jumped in front of bus then ran off.

7:49 pm, NE 6th Ave.

Additional caller advising "They are really blowing shit up over there."

9:08 pm, SR 20

Reporting party advising three male subjects are looking at his daughter and wife and acting "suspicious."

10:52 pm, NE 6th Ave.

Reporting party advising fireworks are still going off; over the trees; very loud.

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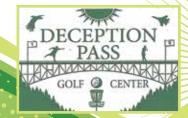
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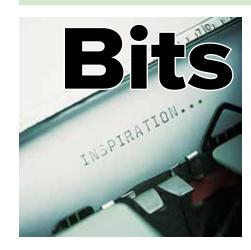
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Letters to the **Editor**

Editor,

Oak Harbor Needs Ronnie Wright as Mayor

Prior to our town's mayoral elections, I'd like to pose a question that can help strengthen a well-educated vote, "What makes a good leader?" This question, if you allow it, gives insight beyond any emotionally curated narrative into each candidate's experience and career trajectory. It is from this place then that you can consider personal narratives. Two attributes that come to mind are competency and the ability to unite community.

It is here that I make my formal declaration of support for Ronnie Wright as Oak Harbor's mayor. Wright's tagline of his campaign is "Proven Experience and Integrity." This tagline is an invitation to review his tenured career, first as a sailor for the Navy, to his decades long career as an accountant that led to employment with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and now as a successful, engaged business owner. Equipped with financial education, he will be able to oversee the town's budget and approach financial obstacles with ease. Wright indeed has proven experience rooted in reality. Our town has rewarded his business and leadership practices for years. His decades-long servitude to all people, topping the list – family and employees, is a testimony to his leadership skills. I implore you to notice his experience in leadership, financial awareness and positive praise from people who he has served.

A leader approaches every moment as an opportunity for transparent communication in a respectful forum. Wright vows for an open-door policy, encouraging and supporting dialogue in a space that inspires action. The role of mayor is not one to be taken lightly. He understands this, respecting and honoring the duties assigned to this office. Wright leads with integrity, addressing our island's most complex issues of addiction, homelessness and mental diseases. The role of mayor is to oversee a variety of initiatives, cultivating opportunities for the success of the town and in turn, its residents.

Ronnie Wright is the right choice for mayor. Honoring our long history as a town while uniting our community in growth and progress for the collective good. At this unique moment in time, Oak Harbor needs a leader who understands and respects the value of in person communication, real time dialogue and an understanding of not only microscopic challenges but macro level issues facing our community. The future of our town is bright, and it will be well cared for under the kind and effective leadership of Ronnie Wright.

Cynthia Mason Oak Harbor, Wash.

Show Off Your Garden Goods at the

Submit your prize vegetables, fruits, honey, compost, herbs, grains and grasses for premium money at the Whidbey Island Fair from 1:00 to 7:00pm Tuesday, July 25.

Bits & Pieces

Volunteers with Deer Lagoon Grange, South Whidbey Tilth and Whidbees will be waiting to process your entries in the big tent across from the 4-H building on the fairgrounds at 819 Camano Ave. in Langley. The fair runs from Thursday to Sunday, July 27 to 30 beginning at 9:30AM each day.

To participate, get a copy of the Premium Guide at a library, local store or download it online, whidbeyislandfair.com. From the website, register Whidbey Island Fair Exhibitor Entry. Don't checkout until you are sure you have everything listed. Just click on "Save for later" until you are ready to check out. Print out the entire list when finished, then go harvest your entries Tuesday, July 25, so they are fresh.

Premium money awards for entries may be available as soon as Saturday and Sunday afternoon. However, entries may not be removed until Monday, July 31 between 10:00AM and noon or between 5:00 and 7:00рм.

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[Submitted by Susan Prescott, South Whidbey Tilth]

Skagit Valley College Launches First Annual Summer Bridge Program

Skagit Valley College is launching a new program for first-generation, underrepresented graduating seniors this summer.

Summer Bridge – Pa' delante – is a free program designed to support graduating seniors who plan to attend SVC this fall. The program will take place Aug. 1-31, with a mandatory orientation July 31.

"The summer bridge program presents an amazing opportunity for first generation college students to receive more support and guidance as they transition from high school to higher education," said Director of Student Equity and Inclusion, Rick Flores. "This cohort will experience their first college classes with a strong support system to ensure they don't become overwhelmed this fall, which will help improve their academic success rate."

Summer Bridge participants will:

Receive free college credits; Be a part of a cohort of 75 incoming SVC students;

Receive transition experience to support starting college in the fall;

Receive 'College Success Skills' as part of a culturally relevant curriculum; Connect with mentors;

Learn about student engagement opportunities: and

Receive in person orientation support, including technology access and setup, referrals to special programs, and initial registration into classes.

All graduating high school seniors who are eligible for Summer Bridge are welcome to apply. Apply now as space is limited.

For more information and to learn how to apply, visit skagit.edu/summer-bridge. Contact Rick.Flores@skagit.edu with any questions.

[Submitted by Sofia Poulton, SVC]

Local Couple Initiates New Program to Assist Whidbey Vets in Getting

In collaboration with the Whidbey Community Foundation and Opportunity Council, Oak Harbor residents, George and Sheila Saul, recently opened a new fund to kick-start a pilot program providing support to Whidbey veterans in obtaining full-time jobs. The Opportunity Council Island County Center will be administering the program.

Since retiring to Whidbey Island in 2010, Sheila and George have focused their local community service volunteer hours and their philanthropy dollars on childhood education and assisting military veterans.

Locally, Sheila volunteers weekly at Coupeville Elementary School and assists with reading and George volunteers weekly as a caseworker at Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society on base.

In both avocations they encounter the impacts of the cost of housing and food insecurity, and they believe the best way for households to confront these challenges is with a full-time job to contribute to household self-sufficiency.

Toward that end, they've initiated a "Whidbey Veterans Jobs-Assistance Program," in active collaboration with the islandwide nexus of philanthropy—the Whidbey Community Foundation (WCF)—which holds the funds for the program, and the Opportunity Council (OC) which administers the program. It is starting out as a one-year pilot program and as it demonstrates impact, then upon the Sauls' death it will be endowed for perpetual imple-

The Sauls established the program in memory of their fathers, both WWII Army veterans who fought in Europe. Sheila's dad, Ed Moy, was in the Signal Corps and George's father, Frank Saul, was in Field Artillery and OSS.

Saul points out that helping unemployed vets on Whidbey Island is so important: "At 13 percent, Island County has a much higher proportion of veterans than any other county in Wash., which averages 8.9 percent. And the 4.5 percent unemployment rate for vets in Island County is higher than the 3.9 percent for the county's overall population."

The Whidbey Veterans Job-Assistance Program will focus on helping vets with late-stage expenses that directly stand in the way of them getting a specific job. Examples might include childcare for final interviews, pre-job training, certification, licensing, transportation, or clothes or tools - any last-minute expense barriers to getting the job and starting work.

To be eligible for the program, the veteran must reside on Whidbey Island, be honorably discharged, not have a military ID card (i.e. no retirement pay and limited access to base services), must be in the later phases of pursuing a specific full-time job, and in need of funding assistance to secure that job. The one-year pilot phase will fine-tune and determine how to modify

Applicants submit a simple online application with the Opportunity Council indicating what the request is for and how it will help directly lead to a specific full-time job and briefly explain why the financial assistance is needed. Qualifying applicants then meet with OC and are prioritized using a rubric. Grants are awarded monthly and paid directly to the vendor. The online application can be accessed at www. oppco.org/services-for-veterans/islandcounty/whidbey-island-veterans-job-assistance-fund/.

Community members are encouraged to donate to the program through the islandwide Whidbey Community Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, at PO Box 1135, Coupeville, WA 98239. EIN 81-3860867.

[Submitted by Whidbey Community Foundation

Retired? Consider benefits of part-time work

After spending decades in the workforce, you might look forward to the day you retire. But if you decide, for one reason or another, that you'd like to redefine "retirement" to include part-time work or consulting, you could enjoy exercising your skills and meeting new people. But you can also receive some key financial benefits

Specifically, bringing in some paychecks in your retirement can help you in these areas:

- You could contribute more to your IRA. During your working years, you may have contributed regularly to an IRA, but once you retired, you might have thought those days were over. But there's no age limit – if you have any earned income, you can contribute to an IRA and boost the financial resources you have available for retirement.
- You could potentially lower your withdrawal rate. Once you're retired, you will likely need to rely on your investment portfolio to provide you with some – or maybe most – of your income. Consequently, you'll need to establish an appropriate withdrawal rate - a percentage of your portfolio that you can take out each year without running the risk of potentially outliving your money. Income from part-time work or consulting may lower your dependency on investment income, thereby reducing your annual withdrawal rate and extending the overall longevity of your investment portfolio.
- You could add to your grandchildren's 529 plans. When you invest in a 529 education savings plan, the earnings and withdrawals are federally tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified education expenses. As a grandparent, you can contribute to a 529 plan with your grandchildren as beneficiaries. And a 529 plan can be used for more than college – it can fund some programs at trade schools and K-12 expenses in some states. So, by putting some of your earned income to work in a 529 plan, you can help improve your grandchildren's prospects.
- You could reduce your debts. By the time you reach retirement, you may or may not have retired your mortgage, but you might have other debts on your books. If you can apply some of your earned income to these debts, you can improve your cash flow and possibly avoid dipping into your retirement accounts for short-term needs.

Of course, you'll also have to consider some issues if you end up working in retirement, particularly if you bring in a sizable amount of money. For example, if you're earning income and collecting Social Security before you reach your "full" retirement age - which is likely between 66 and 67 – your monthly benefits will be reduced. (However, these "lost" benefits will be restored once you do reach your full retirement age.) Also, the added income could push you into a higher tax bracket or even cause you to pay the Medicare premium surcharge or the 3.8% surtax on net investment income if your income reaches certain levels. So, before embarking on any employment that may yield a large additional income, consult with your tax

Overall, though, the financial benefits of part-time employment income during your retirement years may be worth it – so give some thought to "unretiring."

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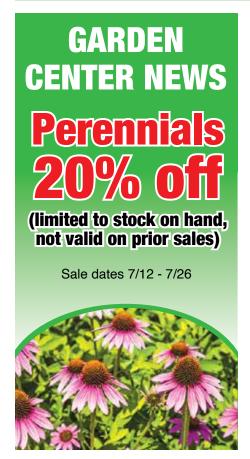
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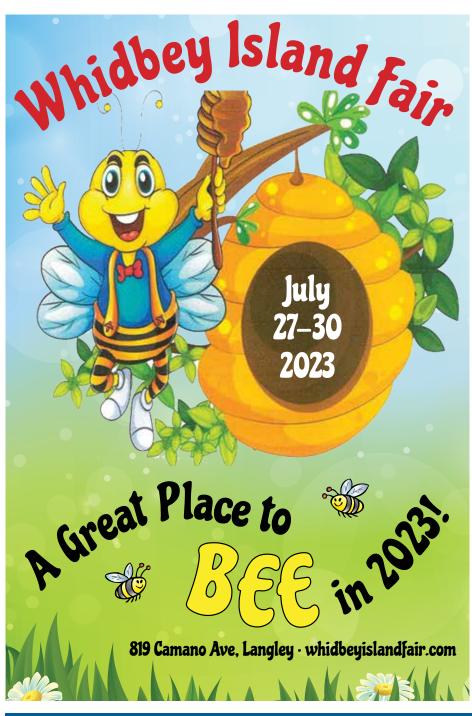


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CAN I KEEP THE SALMON I JUST CAUGHT?

Once you are completely confused by the salmon section of the Washington State fishing regulations, our confidence in what we can keep may still be clouded by species recognition. If you're a Puget Sound salmon angler and have at least 10 salmon seasons under your belt, you can be pretty confident that the fish you just hooked and landed can be positively identified by species, put on ice and taken home for a family dinner. However, if you happen to be a newcomer to saltwater salmon fishing or are a new resident of Whidbey Island and are very excited about the opportunity to catch a fresh saltwater salmon, you could be disappointed when a fellow fisherman or game warden tells you that you can't keep the fish you just caught and it will have to be released. Or worse yet, already having it in your cooler and risk getting a ticket from

I cannot say there is a 100 percent foolproof way to identify each salmon species without getting into the biology of the fish, but I want to shed light on some of the things I have learned over the past 28 years that have helped me get it right. While migrating in the saltwater and before salmon reach the rivers to spawn, the task of identifying each species can be challenging at first. All salmon species in the saltwater are bright silver and at first glance, all basically look the same, with overall size being the biggest obvious difference. So where do we start? First and foremost is to know what species is/will be open for retention according to current regulations and check to see if there are any changes to the printed regulations on the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) "emergency rule change" page on its website. Since this is an odd year, many anglers will be targeting the pink (humpy) salmon, which will be the dominant salmon in pure numbers starting mid-August. But we must remember there will also be chinook and coho salmon mingling with the pinks, so we are expected to be able to tell the difference.

A few years ago, I had some buddies call me from the beach and ask if I could help them identify the salmon they had just caught. To them the fish seemed to look like a pink, coho, and Chinook. The first thing I said to them was, "What does the fish smell like?" Of course they laughed at me and said, "It smells like fish, silly." I knew where they were coming from, so afterwards I added some details. I asked them if the fish had a strong metallic smell to it. If it did, then I would be 95 percent sure the fish was a Chinook. Here are a few things to consider when RULING OUT a pink salmon:

CHINOOK (King):

- Initial consideration adult saltwater Chinooks are present year-round in the Puget Sound. They have the potential to be caught at any time, so in July and early August, if it is not a pink, it is most likely
- If the fish you are looking at has NO adipose fin, it's either a chinook or coho; the fin was removed at the hatchery.
- Chinook are the only species of salmon that have a very distinct copper, metallic smell; they have this trait even as juveniles.

- · Chinook will have really dark black gums and inner mouth area
- Chinook will have large black spots on both top and bottom tail fins.
- · Chinook will have large black spots on the top of their back from head to tail; the spots will also be down the chinook's sides about 1 1/2- to 2-inches, not quite to their lateral line.
- Chinook will typically be larger and will be thicker in the shoulder area.

COHO (Silver):

- Initial consideration adult Coho beach encounters will increase starting late August through late September. During this time is when you could hook any one of the primary species - pink, coho or chinook. This is when your recognition skills will
- Once again, if the fish you are looking at DOES NOT have an adipose fin, it's either a hatchery coho or chinook
- Coho will have white gums and inner mouth area.
- Coho will have very few, if any, spots on their back; you could see a few on the upper tail fin.
- Coho will have slightly bigger scales.

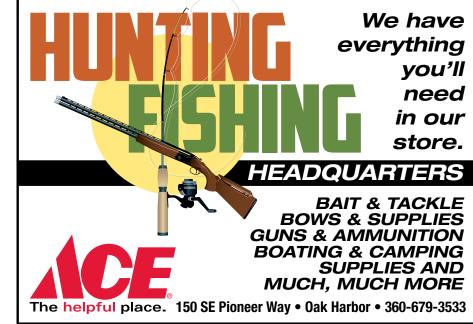
Now let's look at the pink salmon, which will be the majority of the fish we will be catching from the beach

- One primary and key identifier is that a pink salmon will still have an adipose fin.
- Pinks will not have the metallic smell of a chinook.
- Pinks will average 5- to 6-pounds.
- A pink's mouth and gums will be mostly white with a little black mixed in on occasion.
- Pinks will have spots on their backs but not nearly as many as a chinook.
- Pinks will have spots on their upper and lower tail
- Pinks tend to have very small scales.

Without experience we will have to do the best we can to identify what species we have just caught. I've given a few things to look for, but it is not always easy. If other fishermen are around, don't be embarrassed to ask for advice and get a second opinion. It's better than a citation from the game warden. Salmon season is heating up and will be even hotter as August approaches. There is a good color salmon identification sheet available from the WDFW at www.wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/salmon/identification.html. This is a good time to take young anglers salmon fishing; study the tide times and get to your destination one hour before high tide. Be safe and good luck!



Pink salmon will have their adipose fin. Wild Chinook and wild Coho will also have an adipose fin, but normally cannot be retained.



What's Going On

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.penncovebrew-

American Roots Music Series

Saturday, July 22, 7:00-8:00_{PM} 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://deceptionpassfoundation.org/park-programs/american-roots/.

Live Music: Woodbae and Treestar

Saturday, July 22, 7:00-9:00_{РМ} 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.penncovebrew-

Bayview Corner Summer Street Dance

Wednesday, July 26, 6:00-8:00рм Bayview Cash Store, Langley

The Nick Mardon Trio is a blues-rock power trio from Seattle, led by Nick Mardon on guitar and vocals, Adin Pennington on bass and vocals, and Andy Emery on drums. Their music blends the sounds of 60s and 70s blues-rock power trios with the Seattle sound of the 1990s. 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

Meet Life Flight Network and Their Heli-

Tuesday, July 25, 2:00рм 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.

Galleries & Art Shows

Whidbey Allied Artists Show and Sale

Friday, July 21, 10:00AM-5:00PM Saturday, July 22, 10:00AM-5:00PM Sunday, July 23, 10:00AM-5:00PM Coupeville Recreation Hall

Local artists from Whidbey Allied Artists (WAA) will be presenting a show and sale. You'll find photography, oil, watercolor, glass ceramics, jewelry, wood artistry, and mixed media. The Coupeville Recreation Hall is located at 901 NW Alexander St.

Meetings & Organizations

Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum

Tuesday, July 25, 11:30AM Oak Harbor Elks Lodge

Please join us for a revealing and enlightening presentation presented by CDR Jordan Brye, commanding officer of Patrol Squadron VP-9 concerning the multi-mission maritime patrol aircraft, the P-8A Poseidon. Find out first-hand about the P-8A's fascinating capabilities and recent operations/deployments. Free admission. Buffet lunch provided by Elks, \$15. The Elks Lodge is located at 155 NE Ernst St.

Speed Limit Meeting

Wednesday, July 26, 4:30-5:30_{РМ} Taylor Road Fire Station, Oak Harbor

Island County is seeking public input about the county-wide Speed Limit Evaluation Project. Join to discuss new research, policy and procedures, suggested speed limits and engineer's recommendation. This meeting will focus discussions on the North Whidbey area. The fire station is located at 3440 Taylor Rd.



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Sail. Party. Repeat: Whidbey Summer Classic Regatta is just around the corner

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Sailing fans, take note! It is not too late to participate in the Whidbey Summer Classic Regatta.

The deadline to register is Thursday, July 27 and the third annual event will take place at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club July 28-30. Details and registration information can be found online at

Organizers said they are pleased to see an increase in registrations so far this year.

"This year has been great," said Sail Fleet Captain Aaron Hale, with the Oak Harbor Yacht Club. "We have 10 boats from out of town registered so far and there's still a week to go. We've really built it up this year and the community came together as well, providing 18 or 19 sponsorships."

Over the past several months, Hale said he has traveled to yacht clubs all over the region to promote the regatta, including Orcas Island, Anacortes, Friday Harbor, Seattle and Everett. It's a strategy that appears to be working.

"The most out of town registrations we've had in the past was two, and this year we already have 10, from Seattle and Bellingham and points in between," he continued, adding he is still



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Summer Classic Regatta

Sailors of all skill levels from around the region will be taking part in the Whidbey Summer Classic Regatta at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club July 28-30. Organizers say registrations are up for this third annual event, but encourage anyone interested can register until July 27.

working to recruit more boaters. "I'm still in the trenches. I'm excited, but still focused on bringing in more people. The club is very excited with what they see as well, the growth."

Hale, who has only been sailing for four years himself, said the idea for the Whidbey Summer Classic Regatta came about following the end of the longtime Race Week event for Oak Harbor a few years ago.

"We just wanted to try to keep something that carried on in that tradition," he explained. "Being a hometown boy, I felt this was a great opportunity to highlight Penn Cove, the Oak Harbor Yacht Club, Oak Harbor and Coupeville. Bringing something to town to keep Oak Harbor thriving, that accents the water and what we are as a town, is what I like about it."

Racing, of course, is the main attraction of the Whidbey Summer Classic. One doesn't have to be an expert racer, because this event welcomes participants of all skill levels.

"We do have boats that are faster, with more experienced sailors, that race more competitively. We use the PHRS (Performance Handicap Racing Fleet) rating system for boats," Hale said. "PHRS 1, that's the great racers, nice boats. PHRF 2, that's more for people just getting into racing and trying to become a part of it and learning how to race. We're also trying to get some One Design boats in, where they can race each other with no handicap rating. We'll be racing Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and we're trying to get four races in a day for all the fleets."

But the racing is only part of the fun planned for the weekend following a Thursday night check-in. There are plenty of things to do on shore as well.

"We'll have field games going after the races for kids and some of us adults," said Hale. "Friday night we'll have a DJ playing music. Saturday night we'll have a live band, the Soul Sirens. That's kind of the premier night of the event. Sunday we'll race, then come back and hand out trophies. There will be a lot of activities going

For those non-sailors in the community, Hale encourages people to come out and watch.

"It brings people out of the house, down to the beach," he said. "As a community, we want to thrive, we want to see the history of what Penn Cove has been and keep that history alive. It's one of the most important things to the community, even if people don't get out on the water. It's like a showcase."



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Summer Classic Regatta

There is still time to register to take part in the third annual Whidbey Summer Classic Regatta, taking place July 28-30 at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club. Local sailors are encouraged to participate. Registration is open

An alternative plan for those who want to watch, according to Hale, is to head to Coupeville between 1 and 3 p.m. July 28-30, find a restaurant with a good view of Penn Cove and watch the boats racing while dining.

Hale also encourages anyone who is interested in learning how to sail and race, to come down to the yacht club and check it out.

"Every Thursday we race with our club," he said. "We invite the public to come down and get on a boat. People are able to race without it costing anything. If they like it, they can find a boat to race on or buy their own eventually. People who have never been on a boat come down and race with us."

Local sailors are welcome and encouraged to participate. Look for more information and register online at whidbeyclassic.com.

"There's a lot of strategy behind racing a sailboat, but the biggest thing that draws people to it is the community of the sailors," Hale said. "We all help each other out. It's a fantastic community. We're all in it together."

Whidbey Island Guitar Festival: "Bringing people together six strings at a time"

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

There are literally dozens of instruments related to the guitar, and it's probably a good bet Andre Feriante will be playing many of them at the sixth annual Whidbey Island Guitar Festival this weekend in Langley.

Feriante, creator of the guitar festival, is pleased to bring artists from around the region together at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts for several performances and many different styles of music, all featuring world class guitarists. The festival opens Friday at 7:30 p.m. with a full concert featuring several local artists and there will be more performances to enjoy Saturday and Sunday. Full festival passes, day passes and individual performance tickets are available at the WICA box office or online at wicaonline.org, as is the complete festival lineup.

The guitar festival, according to Feriante, is all about "bringing people together six strings at



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Guitar Festival Guitarist Andre Feriante brinas the Whidbey Island Guitar Festival back to Langley this weekend, starting with an opening night concert featuring local artists at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts.

"I think it's a poetic way of describing my overall philosophy of the guitar festival," he told Whidbey Weekly via email. "Inviting people of all types to gather to celebrate the world of the guitar, meaning many styles, including the strings of other cultures that are related to the quitar as we know it."

It is that variety of musical genres that sets the Whidbey Island Guitar Festival apart from other such events.

"Most guitar festivals are genre specific, [such as] gypsy jazz, classical," described Feriante. "I don't know of another one that features all styles of guitar. In this area we mainly hear pop, rock, Americana, jazz, so I think any musical genre that is a bit new and different from the norm helps expand people's horizons."

While it's possible there could be similar festivals out there, it's hard to find another in the region that can boast a local lineup like the one kicking off this year's festival Friday evening.

"We have four acts, Keith Bowers, Troy Chapman, myself and a duo – Kristi O'Donnell with a young guitarist from Bellingham, Marceline Keene," said Feriante. "Each act will play for a half hour, then we'll end with a song all together, plus throughout the night there will be several collaborations. The music will be mostly jazz, gypsy jazz, classical, flamenco, baroque lute by Troy Chapman. In addition to my Spanish guitar, I'll perform on some ethnic

Multiple concerts Saturday and Sunday start at 2 p.m. and each will last about 45 minutes. There are both returning and new artists filling these spots and many of the names may be familiar to guitar festival fans.

"Eric Tingstad, from Tingstad and Rumble, I've known him for 40 years or so, we are fortunate to have him in the festival," said Feriante, describing some of the other performers as well. "Michael Powers, a very established

jazz/blues guitarist in the Northwest - also a virtuoso ukulele player – we will play a song or two together. I heard Marceline Keene playing with Kristi O>Donnell at Ott and Hunter a few months ago. She is a young guitarist from Bellingham, jazz and gypsy jazz, and I wanted to invite her to the festival. Maxi Larrea, he reached out to WICA last year - he's from Argentina, currently living in Tucson, Ariz. His wife's family is from Whidbey and he's here for the summer. He brings a very authentic South American sound to the festival."

One of Feriante's specialties is featuring instruments and music from around the world in what he calls "Stringstories." He will present this program Saturday at 3 p.m.

"I'm offering an experience that is very unique, maybe a once-in-a-lifetime show for some people," he said. "There are seven to ten stringed instruments surrounding me on stage, many of which are unknown to most of the audience. The feedback I get after every show is 'I had my eye on that instrument and I was wondering what it sounded like.' It's fulfilling to present something new and different and inspire people to be creative.

"For me, an instrument at the end of the day is only an instrument for the music," Feriante continued. "But with these instruments from around the world, I feel that I'm taking people on a journey to exotic places with the music and sharing sounds that are commonplace in the Middle East or South America, but maybe only heard here in film soundtracks. Each instrument comes with its own distinct sound and color that conveys its own story beyond that emotion that I have when I play."

Feriante noted this is a family-friendly festival that promises something everyone can enjoy.

"I hope people will come out and support live music," he said. "I've been full-time with music for over 40 years and the digital world in recent



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Guitar Festival Classical guitarist Hilary Field will perform Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Whidbey

years can prevent people from leaving the house. There is a little something for everybody in terms of style and performer."

And there's just something magical about what Whidbey Island adds to the festival as well, according to Feriante.

"It's a beautiful place to combine the experience of music and nature, even if you're listening in the theater, your journey to music includes the water, the colors of summer, the animals...our location makes it more special," he shared. "People throughout the year occasionally will come up to me at a store or on the street and thank me for bringing interesting artists to the island. That makes me happy."

A complete festival schedule along with ticket information can be found online at wicaonline.





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Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly

The agre Shrek (Graham Ray) likes his swamp and his solitude, until Lord Farquaad sends all the fairytale creatures of Duloc to live there in "Shrek the Musical Jr.," opening Friday at the Whidbey Playhouse in Oak Harbor.

OHHS. "The thing I am enjoying the most about playing Dragon is definitely the amazing costume put together by our lovely costumers and the chemistry between Dragon and Donkey. It's just overwhelmingly fun to obsessively chase Donkey (Ethan) around on stage.

"The best thing about being in this show is being able to act with my friends in a more 'supporting lead' way instead of just watching from the background ensemble," she continued. "It's definitely been a lot of fun being one of the main four, and it's brought us closer as castmates."

"[For me,] the best thing about being in 'Shrek Jr.' is the new memories I have with my friends and creating new bonds with people I hadn't met before," Johnson said.

Performances of "Shrek the Musical Jr." will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and at 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday through July 30. Tickets are available at the box office at 730 SE Midway Blvd. in Oak Harbor, or online at Whidbeyplayhouse.com. Just a word of warning – opening night is already sold out, so those interested in attending should act quickly to purchase tickets.

"People should come see our production of 'Shrek Jr.' simply because it's an entertaining show," encouraged Ray. "You could be piece of wood and still find yourself laughing. There's something for everyone in this show, and I

encourage all to come and see for themselves."

"You will get such a great laugh out of watching 'Shrek Jr.," Rivo said. "With all the hard work and dedication that [the cast] has put in, it seriously shows in our performances. It's definitely worth a watch. You won't regret it!"

"It's a bit of a twist on an old story most of us have watched or even grew up with," Jones said. "It has been a lot of fun performing at rehearsals. I can't wait for people to finally see it!"

"I hope audiences will truly understand the message that 'Shrek' is," said Montoya. "There is empowerment in self-love. Choose to live life as your true self and find your own happily ever after."



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly

Dragon, a fire-breathing creature played by Grace Jones, takes a liking to Donkey, played by Ethan Johnson, in "Shrek the Musical Jr."

Unity of Whidbey

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Don't rush in and act combative this week, Aries. Take a more delicate approach to convince others to see things your way. As the saying goes, "You catch more flies with honey than with vinegar."

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Are you feeling like you may want to be a wellness warrior of late, Taurus? Start by taking inventory of the foods in your home and making some healthier changes.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, if you are looking to make a few new friends, ask others to connect you with like-minded individuals. You never know who you might meet until you give it a try.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, if a delicate issue has been troubling you, reach out to someone you can trust and begin to talk things through. You will likely feel better just getting things out.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, are you ready to take your project to the next level? Brainstorm with a coworker about the best way to get ahead and make a mark with this endeavor.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

It could be time for a move and you just aren't ready to admit it, Virgo. You may have gotten comfortable in one place, but a move could prove the right decision.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, there are a lot of ideas swimming around in your head. You may need to put

some things down on paper to see what really might be worth doing in the days to

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Connect with a friend or even your partner for an intimate dinner this week. You've been moving in different circles and it's time to get on the same page.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Invite people to stop by and cheer you up, Sagittarius. You've been going through a rough patch and there's nothing like happy faces and new perspectives to bring about a smile.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, be sure to check your bank account pretty regularly; otherwise, you may lose track of spending and get yourself into a financial mess that could be tough to get out of.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you may be your own worst enemy this week, especially as it pertains to thinking that someone may be trying to cause trouble with you at work. Get the facts before acting.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

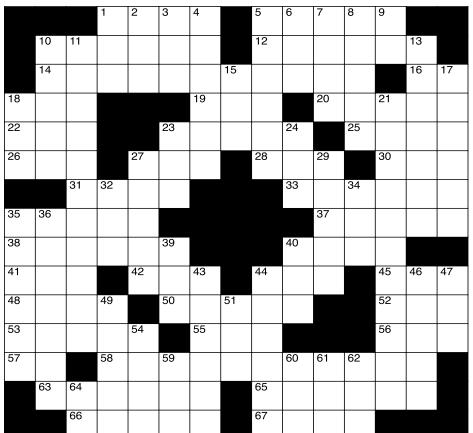
Pisces, there is a process to everything. Remain patient and stay the course no matter how excited you are. Rest assured that things will work out if you can hang in there.



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- 5. Where there's ___, there's fire
- 10. Talked incessantly
- 12. Skill
- 14. Without shame
- 16. Where teens spend their days (abbr.)
- 18. Boxing's GOAT
- 19. Used to anoint
- 20. Cluster cups
- 22. Footballer Newton
- 23. They make up a forest
- 25. Split pulses
- 26. Self
- 27. Post-office box
- 28. Test for high school-
- 30. Large, flightless bird
- 31. Expectorated
- 33. Falsehood
- 35. Prickly, scrambling shrub
- 37. French river
- 38. Told on
- 40. Hillside
- 41. Peyton's little broth-
- 42. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 44. Cathedral city in **Cambridgeshire**
- 45. Witness
- 48. Brews

- 50. Yellowish-brown
- 52. Arctic explorers, abbr.
- 53. Mexican agave
- 55. A type of "cast"
- 56. Encourage
- 57. Atomic #52
- 58. Relating to position north of south of equator
- 63. Gadget whose name you forget
- 65. Another recording
- 66. Small blisters
- 67. Dark brown or black

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Licensed for Wall Street
- 2. " and flow"
- 3. A very large body of water
- 4. Accumulate on the surface of
- 5. Central cores of the
- 6. Angry
- 7. Ceramic jar
- 8. Scraped a car
- 9. __ route
- 10. Soviet labor camp system
- 11. Strong hostilities
- 13. Vitamin of the B complex
- 15. Go quickly
- 17. Toast
- 18. A team's best pitch-

- 21. A Philly culinary specialty
- 23. Small child
- 24. Unhappy
- 27. Trims away
- 29. Characterized by crying eyes
- 32. Soft touch
- 34. American spy organization
- 35. A person's chest
- 36. Came from behind to win
- 39. Fall back
- 40. Nellie ___, journalist
- 43. Great places to kayak
- 44. Suffer patiently
- 46. Majestic bird
- 47. Electroencephalograph
- 49. Organic compound used as an antisep-
- 51. Objects connected to the web (abbr.)
- 54. Ship as cargo
- 59. The bill in a restau-
- 60. Upper-class young woman (abbr.)
- 61. Judge in OJ Simpson trial
- 62. One's grandmother
- 64. Siberian river

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OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What keeps you motivated to volunteer for the nonprofit for which you volunteer?



Kate Mistler, Oak Harbor

Since starting this affiliate chapter of I Support the Girls-Whidbey Island in March 2019, I have seen the best of people in ways I never thought possible. Being associated with all the organizations that we work with is amazing. The work we ALL do to help so many in need just reinforces all of

When COVID hit, we saw the need rise almost 40 percent. At the same time, the donations continued and rose with it,

almost exponentially. But it didn't last, and as COVID began to subside, the donations did also. Yet the number of homeless and distressed people continued to rise. Since mid-2021, we hoped things would return to as normal as possible and people would go back to work, businesses that survived would grow, new businesses would find solid footing and hire people in need. But things did not return to normal. Instead, a "new normal" was created, much different than how things used to be. More people are without a place to call home, more people who have a home cannot afford to pay the rising cost of utilities and food, and more people are unable to help those in need.

If I can help someone who needs supplies for proper hygiene, proper fitting undergarments, menstrual hygiene products, then I am more than happy to do that. Dignity, self-respect and better health means so much to those who don't have it. And those of us who do need to step up to the plate and make it happen. And because I can, I cannot stop. I truly hope those who support us will not stop either.

If you are interested in volunteering for I Support the Girls, please contact Kate Mistler at 360-678-2090.



Deborah Jones, Langley

I started volunteering for WAIF (Whidbey Animals' Improvement Foundation) in the early 1990s and have continued all these years in whatever capacity was needed most.

My motivation is and always has been helping to improve the lives of homeless cats and dogs while they wait to find homes. Whether it's to provide them with a clean, dry, warm, place to rest, to get them out of their kennel or cage for a bit, or to simply feel a kind, calming, human touch. To accomplish that, volunteers don't need to physically interact with the animals. Volunteers are needed at our thrift stores, to do yardwork, fundraising, cleaning, grooming, kitten fostering, socializing cats, or helping at information booths

and parades. All those things help the animals. So, sometimes my motivation is simply to motivate others to help the animals. It's very rewarding each and every time a cat or a dog finds just the right home. My motivation is success for helping.

At Island Senior Services now for two-and-a-half years, I am motivated to continue volunteering twice a month driving folks in need of a ride to medical appointments. It is very rewarding to know that I have helped someone in need with very little effort on my part. There are more folks than you think with this need, and you meet quite a lot of wonderful people. I have a car, I'm a good driver, I have the time and we get paid a mileage stipend. Volunteers can choose how many days, how much time they can donate and when. Even one day a month is greatly appreciated. So, get motivated! You too might one day

If you are interested in volunteering for WAIF, please contact Tre at: 360-678-8911.

If you are interested in volunteering for medical transportation at Island Senior Resources, please call Anita at 360-914-3212

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Mon, July 24 H-67°/L-55° South Isle H-74°/L-55°

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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The Island County Medical Reserve Corps (ICMRC) is a local network of volunteers organized to improve the health and safety of communities on Whidbey and Camano Islands. Volunteers primarily include medical and public health professionals but other volunteers who have no healthcare backgrounds are also utilized. MRC responds to local emergencies such as natural disasters and public health emergencies. If you are interested in volunteering please contact us at Island County MRC website for application and information.

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Go to www.pnwnam.org and click on "Volunteer" or just stop by and introduce yourself.

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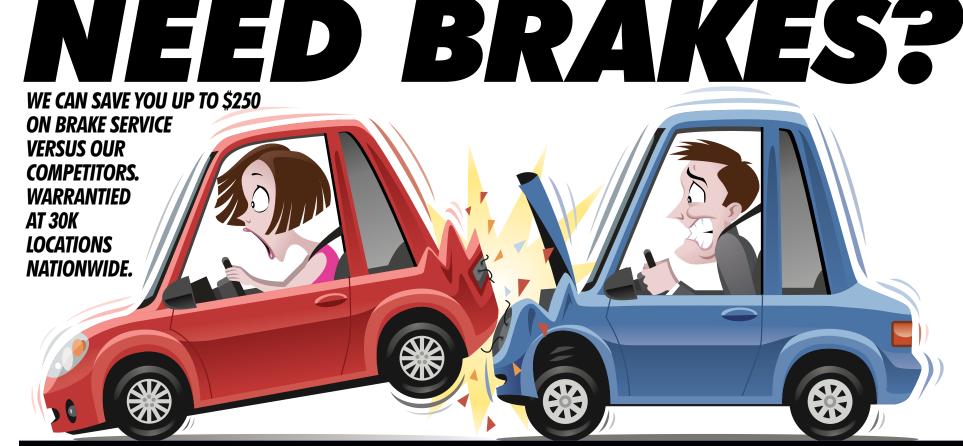
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