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By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

Those of us who live here know there is nothing finer than Whidbey Island on a summer day, unless perhaps you add one of the longest-running arts and crafts events to the mix.

The 59th annual Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival is happening this weekend from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. With items ranging from ceramics to soap, glass to garden art, fiber arts to fine art, organizers with the Coupeville Festival Association have put together an event sure to please.

"This year we have more vendors than we've ever had," shared Sami Postma, CFA board member. "We're squeezing them in everywhere we can, with currently a total of 142 artisan vendors and seven food vendors. We have a mix of roughly 30 percent new vendors, 40 percent returning vendors, and 30 percent are vendors who have been with us for more than five years. A couple of the vendors have been with us for more than 30 years."

Now back to pre-pandemic levels, the Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival has actually taken some of the lessons learned over the past couple of years to make the festival-going experience even better for the thousands of people expected to attend the event.

"People loved the spacing we added due to pandemic precautions, so we're definitely keeping that going forward," Postma said. "We don't have any more than two booths next to each other before there's a gap. We found this makes for a happier, more pleasant experience for both the vendors and the participants. When

you're walking down the busy street and want to stop and peruse, there's plenty more space to step to the side or into the booth to take a longer look without having to feel like you're taking up all of their 10-foot space. You don't feel as rushed and can take it more at your own pace."

For those attendees who have worked up an appetite browsing through the dozens of different offerings, Postma said between the town's many restaurants and the festival's food court, there will be plenty of dining options to choose from.

"An event of this size just brings too many people in and overwhelms the businesses, so we bring in additional options to the food court to help ease some of that pressure, bring some more variety to town, and help keep things running smooth and quick so everyone can get what they need without falling prey to the 'hangry,'" she explained. "I'm very excited about this year's food options; not only do we have classic favorites like lumpia, African food, corn dogs, and ice cream, but we have a few new food vendors that are bringing some of my fair food favorites like smoked sandwiches and crepes."

It's a big undertaking to put on an event of this size every year, and the Arts and Crafts Festival is a great example of how volunteer efforts and community partnerships can pay off.

"Coupeville Festival Association is an all-volunteer group – we literally could not have this event without volunteers," said Postma. "Volunteers are crucial to helping make sure the

festival stays safe, welcoming, and open to all. . . It's also a great way to keep our youth involved; the last couple of years we've had awesome turnout from the Cheer squad to help as festival greeters when people arrive, and the Scouts who help collect the garbage and keep the whole festival clean.

"It's a beautiful town that comes together to put on a great festival," she continued. "We've always had special emphasis on taking care of our vendors and our volunteers, and they in turn are able to pass on those good vibes to the people coming to explore their art and make some purchases. Many people report that this is their favorite event because of how well-organized it is and how helpful and friendly every person is that they come across. Plus, who could pass up that view?"

Postma said volunteers are always needed, and it may not be too late to lend a hand this year for those who may be interested in helping. (An up-to-date list of volunteer needs is posted at [coupevillefestival.com/volunteer](http://coupevillefestival.com/volunteer).)

While the CFA relies on volunteers to make the festival happen, the organization shows its appreciation by giving back to the community.

"Some of the money [raised through the festival] is held in reserve to put on next year's festival, but otherwise the profits go into our community grant program and our scholarship program," explained Postma. "We offer four \$2,000 scholarships each year to festival volunteers, and in 2022 alone, we were able to offer

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Photo Courtesy of Coupeville Festival Association

Thousands of people are expected to flock to Coupeville this weekend for the 59th annual Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival, which will have more than 140 vendors selling handmade and handcrafted items in more than a dozen different categories.

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Whether its candles in handmade clay holders, jewelry repurposed from metal containers or garden art to add some whimsy and color to the yard, shoppers should be able to find something to love at the 59th annual Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival this weekend.



**THURSDAY, JULY 20**

**6:40 am, SR 20**

Advising three "curly haired little freaks" stuck cone in the northbound lane.

**9:11 am, SE 8th Ave.**

Reporting party advising male is laying on the ground and tried talking to 3-year-old; then asked female "where E Block is."

**10:28 am, SW Heller St.**

Reporting party advising male standing in area wearing blue rubber gloves; advising "It looks like he was waiting for someone."

**10:36 am, NE Queets St.**

Advising lost his gun, thinks it's somewhere in his home; last seen on Father's Day.

**6:10 pm, SE Pioneer Way**

Reporting party advising female known as "The Queen" on street yelling at people.

**6:32 pm, SW Stremler Dr.**

Advising this occurred one-and-a-half hours ago; female came to door with male; had hand under her shirt; appeared to have something in her hand.

**6:35 pm, N Oak Harbor St.**

Advising has eyes on subject so law enforcement can serve him paperwork.

**FRIDAY, JULY 21**

**8:32 am, SR 20**

Reporting party advising female is walking up sidewalk on SR 20 with airsoft shotgun.

**11:53 am, SE Barrington Dr.**

Reporting party states people are camping in the corner of location.

**2:05 pm, SW Olive St.**

Caller advising vehicle was stolen while stored in Wyoming; states it needs to be documented in Island County.

**4:20 pm, SE Ireland St.**

Reporting party advising male outside is punching and kicking the air.

**4:29 pm, W Whidbey Ave.**

Caller is house sitting at location; advising it appears to have been burglarized; missing television, PlayStation 5, etc.

**5:41 pm, SR 20**

Caller advising locked keys in car, dog is in vehicle and vehicle is on.

**8:37 pm, SR 20**

Advising male subject is setting his own clothes and shoes on fire.

**SATURDAY, JULY 22**

**10:12 am, SR 20**

Advising subject is setting up "camp" on drive through side of building; was swinging golf club earlier.

**12:18 pm, NE Melrose Dr.**

Advising male has been going door to door saying he is carpet cleaning; seems strange; male showed up to reporting party's house twice, last time was Wednesday.

**12:26 pm, SW Putnam Dr.**

Three sheep just wandered into reporting party's yard.

**5:25 pm, NW Heller St.**

Reporting party advising motorcycle is driving recklessly; occurred within the past 30 minutes; motorcycle keeps driving by, has happened at least three times.

**SUNDAY, JULY 23**

**12:55 am, SW Scenic Heights St.**

Advising flashlights seen at a residence around the area; possibly two subjects seen; difficult to see.

**11:29 am, NE Midway Blvd.**

Caller advising five minutes ago saw silver Mazda go through drive through with four kids in vehicle; reporting party says only three available for car seats and none of the kids were belted in.

**2:18 pm, SW Erie St.**

Advising of dog in car; reporting party feels it's too hot outside; silver Ford SUV.

**4:55 pm, SR 20**

Advising male has been in the restroom for over 15 minutes; didn't make an order.

**5:09 pm, SR 20**

Requesting call referencing friend being harassed by someone.

**5:40 pm, NW Crosby Ave.**

Requesting call to know if it is legal to pave roads, making residents unable to get out of their unit while paving is going on past their space.

**7:35 pm, SR 20**

Reporting party advising saw female in gray Honda Civic right before the time of the call; advising she was crying very hard and a male subject was in the car with her.

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

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# Bits & Pieces

## Big Festival and Small Community Host Multi-Day Outdoor Music Festival at Whidbey Island Fairgrounds

Little Big Fest is on its way to becoming the biggest little festival on south Whidbey Island. This two-day, family-friendly event takes place in the field, midway and buildings at the Whidbey Island Fairgrounds in Langley, Wash.

More than 20 bands from Portland, Seattle and Whidbey are scheduled to rotate on and off two stages. The gates open at 3:00PM Friday, music begins at 4:00PM and ends at 11:30PM. The venue opens at 10:00AM both Saturday and Sunday. The first band starts at noon both days and ends at 11:30PM Saturday and 11:00PM Sunday. Festival goers will be able to enjoy beer gardens featuring local beer, wine and cider; art, retail and food vendors; a family zone; a healing zone; yoga and a silent disco.

The focus of Little Big Fest is not only to support live music, but also music education and local artists. Profits from ticket sales will pay musicians and bands and go toward music education scholarships for local high school students.

Little Big Fest is the brainchild of local musician Keegan Harshman, a 2010 graduate of South Whidbey High School. Harshman ventured away for a few years after high school, traveling and playing in various bands at gigs and festivals in San Luis Obispo, Calif., before returning home to raise his own family.

"I played with an amazing community of musicians while living in California. When I moved back to Whidbey Island, I missed a part of that culture, atmosphere and camaraderie, and thought instead of searching for it, why don't I try to help bring a taste to this awesome community on Whidbey," said Harshman. "It's my spark, and with the help of the community, it's a fire that can thrive."

Harshman grew up attending the annual Choochokam Music and Arts Festival that attracted thousands of people to Langley every July for 41 years. Choochokam ended in 2015. Harshman's vision is to provide a new festival that honors the passion and professionalism of musicians and inspires youngsters.

"It's not just a music festival," Harshman said. "It's a gift to the community that can grow. Seeing people play their hearts out on stage is inspiring to people of all ages."

"This year, I've got a great team of helpers and we're using two stages and setting up different areas of use throughout the fairgrounds."

Bands won't be competing for ears on the stages. The line-up allows each band to play between 45 minutes to two hours of music on one stage while the next act sets up on the other stage, said Harshman, who plays bass guitar and owns Blue Sound Music in Langley.

He'll be playing in several of the bands: Nathaniel Talbot, Janie Cribbs and the T. Rust Band, and his most recent project, Doctor Savage.

Portland's Outer Orbit is Friday night's headliner and features an eight-piece band playing original soul and funk while drawing on a range of influences from Sly

Stone and The Meters to Aretha Franklin. Saturday's headliner is Seattle's F2D (Funky2Death). They're a six-piece band of local funk scene pioneers who enjoy influences such as Sly Stone, James Brown, Graham Central Station and Chaka Kahn.

Closing Little Big Fest Sunday evening is Portland's Scott Pemberton O Theory. Scott Pemberton's sound is much like the vibe of his native Portland: fun! The best way to categorize his music is with the moniker "timber rock." Scott naturally applies his own lens/stamp to the sounds of the Pacific Northwest, the region he has always called home: deep jazz, PNW rock/grunge, blues roots and west coast funk. The mastery of his guitar playing, combined with his songwriting, Scott plays with the uninhibited joy and intensity of someone who recognizes that every time we make music is an honor and a gift.

Tickets and camping passes are available now on the website, [littlebigfest.org](http://littlebigfest.org), including day and weekend passes with or without camping. Camping options include passes for tent camping, car camping and RV at the fairgrounds.

Little Big Fest is supported by local and Seattle-area sponsors and is open to more sponsorship. Contact Keegan Harshman for details at [keegan@bluesoundmusic.com](mailto:keegan@bluesoundmusic.com).

[Submitted by Jeanne M. Juneau]

## Storytime with Author Katherine Pryor

As the sun dawns in Canada, a flutter of monarch butterflies take flight, ready to begin their months-long journey to their ancestral home in Mexico. This is the story of the endangered monarch butterfly written by Katherine Pryor and beautifully illustrated by Ellie Peterson. Pryor will offer a free reading to children at noon and at 1:00PM Sunday at the South Whidbey Tilt Farmers Market. There may be several pairs of wings to flutter about with.

The book, *Home Is Calling — The Journey of the Monarch Butterfly*, was released by publisher WorthyKids Aug. 8. The publisher states, "Parents and educators alike will find much to love about this poetically written book. The story touches on how climate change and deforestation are impacting monarchs, and kid-friendly back matter provides additional information about the butterflies, including their life cycle, anatomy and migratory patterns, as well as several simple ways children can help monarch butterflies themselves." For more information, visit [www.hachettebookgroup.com/titles/katherine-pryor/home-is-calling/9781546003137/?lens=worthykids](http://www.hachettebookgroup.com/titles/katherine-pryor/home-is-calling/9781546003137/?lens=worthykids).

Katherine Pryor is an award-winning children's book author and good food advocate. She grew up in California and Arizona before moving to Seattle to study food and farming. Her books are widely used in school garden curriculum, nutrition education and anti-hunger initiatives. In addition to writing, Katherine has worked to create better food choices at institutions, large corporations and food banks. She lives with her husband and twins in Clinton.

The South Whidbey Tilt Farmers Market is located at 2812 Thompson Road on State Route 525, between Freeland and Bayview and is open Sundays from 11:00AM to 3:00PM.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, South Whidbey Tilt Council of Trustees]

## Artists of South Whidbey's 46th Annual Art Show and Sale

Artists of South Whidbey will offer fine art representing beloved island landscapes, rascally rabbits and everything "Bright and Beautiful" at the three-day pop-up Art Gallery and Sale at Zech Hall in Langley

Aug. 18, 19 and 20. It is free and open to the public. It will feature original paintings, prints, greeting cards, woven items, quiltings and more.

Artists of South Whidbey grand opening begins at 5:00PM, Friday, Aug. 18 at the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts inside Zech Hall, located at 565 Camano Avenue, Langley, Wash. Art sales and happy hour begin at 5:00PM. Look for the big, white tent, listen to the lively music, grab a glass of wine and choose works from 24 local artists. WICA will be serving up an assortment of no-host bar goodies of soft drinks, local wines and brews, signature cocktails and snacks until 7:00PM.

If you don't make Friday night, come Saturday. The show and sale continues all day Saturday, Aug. 19 from 11:00AM until 8:00PM. WICA hosts Happy Hour again beginning at 5:00PM. Come both nights and make a party of it! New selections of art will be available each day as sales benefit the local island community, artists and WICA.

Sunday, Aug. 20 from 11:00AM until 3:00PM is the final day of the show and sale.

[Submitted by Cheryl L. Weisz]

## Tee Up for Scholarship Fund

Grab your golf clubs and help the American Legion Auxiliary, George Morris Unit #129, support local high school youth continue their education.

The third annual golf tournament is set for Saturday, Aug. 19 from 9:30AM to noon at Deception Pass Golf Center, located at 597 Ducken Rd. in Oak Harbor. The tournament is open to everyone, no matter the level of experience, and will be a two-person blind draw partner format. Check-in starts at 9:00AM with a shotgun start at 9:30AM – rain or shine. A non-refundable registration fee of \$35 per person includes a 9-hole round of golf and lunch at the American Legion following the tournament. Limited clubs are available at the golf course for the usual course fee. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.

Registration forms can be found at the American Legion Post #129, 690 SE Barrington Dr., Oak Harbor or at Deception Pass Golf Center. Register today as there is only room for 48 golfers. Deadline is 9:00AM the day of the tournament.

For more information, contact Jan Sabalausky at 360-969-4722 or the American Legion at 360-675-2411.

This year, there will also be a youth tournament for boys and girls ages 8-18. Youth entry fee is \$25 and youth must play with an adult. Separate prizes will be awarded to the winners of the youth tournament – youth are not eligible for cash prizes.

[Submitted by Jan Sabalausky]

## The Secret Garden Comes to Life

Join Mary Lennox, Colin Craven and a host of others in a musical wonderland Saturday, Aug. 26. Missoula Children's Theatre, in conjunction with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County (BBBSIC) and more than 50 Island County youth, will present an original musical adaptation of *The Secret Garden*. Don't miss this chance to be part of a magical experience that celebrates our community's youth.

*The Secret Garden* will be presented at 3:00 and 5:00PM Saturday, Aug. 26 at the Coupeville High School Performing Arts Center. Performance tickets are available by donation. Donations can be provided at the door or via BBBSIC's website [bbbsislandcounty.org/donate](http://bbbsislandcounty.org/donate).

BBBS of Island County's commitment to empowering youth and providing enriching opportunities is reliant on the support of generous local donors. By investing in

the wellbeing and development of youth, you are sowing the seeds of a brighter and more promising future.

The Missoula Children's Theatre residency in Island County is brought to you by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County's DINO (Dabbling In New Opportunities) Program. For more information, contact Kanza McCauley at 360-682-3740 or [kmccauley@BBBSislandcounty.org](mailto:kmccauley@BBBSislandcounty.org).

[Submitted by Kanza McCauley, BBBS of Island County]

## Whidbey Musicians Join National Headliners at 11th Annual Oak Harbor Music Festival



Tyler Bryant and the Shakedown, a nationally recognized blues-rock group with tens of millions of Spotify plays, headlines the 11th annual Oak Harbor Music Festival Labor Day weekend.

Another notable performance is scheduled for 7:45PM Friday, Sept. 1, by two-time Grammy-nominated artist and American blues legend John Primer, who was the bandleader and guitarist for Muddy Waters, Willie Dixon and Magic Slim and The Teardrops, to name just a few of his life-time accomplishments.

Bryant will close out the festival at 5:30PM Sunday, Sept. 3, on the east stage at the corner of Pioneer Way and Jensen.

Meanwhile, Whidbey Island's local musicians will get plenty of play on all three festival stages throughout the weekend. Homegrown artists are featured in Janie Cribbs and The T.Rust Band, Cory Vincent and The Electric Band, LeRoy Bell and His Only Friends, Buried Blonde, Porch Brothers, Nathaniel Talbot Trio, Babes in Canyon and Broken Banjo. Solo acts from Whidbey Island include, Andre Feriante, Gideon Freudmann, Erik Christensen, The Singer Tina and Rosahlee. The festival's Teen Talent Showcase will feature OHHS students including the group Kick-Brass, Danika Kloewer, Adele Wood and Grace Zhao.

"We are proud to, once again, feature so many talented musicians from right here on Whidbey Island," said Cynthia Mason, president of the festival's board. "As the festival has grown, and as we've welcomed so many guests and introduced incredible artists from all around the country to the island, it's been important to keep that hometown presence with performers who were born, raised, and introduced to their love of music right here on Whidbey."

There is no charge to attend the Oak Harbor Music Festival. Stages are located on Pioneer Way at Jensen, Dock and Ely Streets. Also featured over the weekend along Pioneer Way are dozens of arts and crafts booths, a great selection of food trucks and three beer gardens.

A full schedule of all the music is available at [www.oakharborfestival.com](http://www.oakharborfestival.com).

Oak Harbor Music Festival's mission is to inspire our community with the power of music. As a 501(c)(3) organization, the festival has given a total of over \$100,000 back to the Whidbey community in scholarships for graduating seniors and instruments for middle school musicians.

[Submitted by Cynthia Mason]

## Habitat for Humanity of Island County Welcomes New Families Into Homeownership Program

Habitat for Humanity of Island County is thrilled to announce the acceptance



of its newest applicants into the Homeownership Program. A warm welcome is extended to Anthony Gasper and Ashley Ramos, a family of five, and Jessica Poston, a family of three. These families will work hand in hand with Habitat for Humanity to build their own homes and create a brighter future, with support from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Community Frameworks.

Habitat for Humanity of Island County remains steadfast in its commitment to creating permanent affordable homeownership for families in Island County. The selected families have demonstrated a genuine willingness to partner, exemplifying the core values of the organization.

In partnership with the Washington State Housing Trust Fund, the construction of these homes is either currently underway or will be in progress in the coming months. Members of the community are invited to join in commemorating this momentous occasion by signing up to volunteer or donating to Habitat for Humanity of Island County through its website, islandcountyhabitat.org. Your presence and support will serve as a powerful encouragement as these families embark on their transformative journey towards homeownership.

Habitat for Humanity of Island County extends its deepest gratitude to its volunteers, donors and supporters, whose unwavering contributions, along with the assistance of HUD and Community Frameworks, have made this opportunity possible. Together, we are fostering strength, stability, self-reliance and shelter.

For more information, please visit islandcountyhabitat.org or contact the Family Services Manager, Lori Stahl, at lori@islandcountyhabitat.com.

[Submitted by Lauren Taffer, Volunteer Coordinator, Habitat for Humanity of Island County]

### City Addresses Community Interest in Future Sonic Drive-In and Glint Car Wash Projects

Per City Administrator Blaine Oborn, "There are multiple posts and comments on social media about the project and the city wants to reassure the community that the developer is continuing to move forward with the projects."

The city has issued planning approvals as well as infrastructure and building permits for two specific projects on the site: a Sonic Drive-in restaurant and a Glint Car Wash. These two projects are located on individual lots, located near the corner of SR20 and SE Pioneer way, with the third and smallest lot now up for sale.

The third lot was determined to be too small for the originally intended development, and the developer has decided to sell the property. The "For Sale" sign on the lot is regarding the remaining third lot only. Interested parties will find the contact information for the third lot on the property.

For questions about this or other projects, please contact the Permit Coordinator Patti O'Mahony at 360-279-4510.

[Submitted by Sabrina Combs, Communication Manager, City of Oak Harbor]

### WhidbeyHealth Named Among Top in State for Responsiveness

The Whidbey Island Public Hospital District (WhidbeyHealth) has been named one of the top hospitals in Washington State for staff responsiveness based on CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) sharing their HCAHPS (Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems) survey results. The rating is based on survey data collected from October 2021 until September 2022.

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# USAF Sierra Winds to blow into Langley

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Sierra Winds, an ensemble group of the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West from Travis Air Force Base in California, will present an afternoon of music by American composers at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20 at Island Church in Langley, 503 Cascade Ave. Advance tickets to this free, family-friendly event can be reserved online at [www.eventbrite.com/e/676196892107](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/676196892107).

This ensemble group is one of many small groups from the Band of the Golden West which travel across the country performing at all kinds of events ranging from military ceremonies and patriotic shows to educational programs and recitals.

"Part of our mission is to connect with communities and have a military presence in places that would otherwise never see a uniformed member," said Staff Sgt. Alena Zidlicky, marketing representative and member of Sierra Winds. "There can be a lot of misconceptions toward the military, but we are regular people who have all raised our right hand to help protect this nation and civilians."

Zidlicky said Travis Air Force Base is part of Air Mobility Command, which carries out humanitarian missions around the globe.

"This includes evacuations in war zones and delivery of goods to war-stricken areas," she said in an email to *Whidbey Weekly*. "In order to do these missions, we need the support of civilian communities. That's where we come in! There is also a need for young people to enlist and many don't know what life is like in the military and how it can benefit them and their families. We are trying to bring all of these messages to the Langley community through the power of music."

Meeting members of the audiences the group plays for is one of Zidlicky's favorite things about being part of Sierra Winds.

"We are unique in that we talk to audience members after performances," she said. "In the orchestras that I've been in, I have not been able to talk to the audience and really get to hear their stories or how the music impacts them. In this way, we are so much more accessible to people."

Zidlicky said she loves meeting veterans and hearing their stories and she also loves bringing high quality music performance to people who might not otherwise get to hear it.

"Our shows are free, so students and others who otherwise couldn't afford to attend symphony shows can come and see musicians who have come from some of the top schools all over the nation," she said. "Many of us have played with world-class ensembles and through the Air Force, we are so accessible to the average person and love bringing world-class music/musicians to communities everywhere."

Members of the Band of the Golden West, and therefore Sierra Winds, come from all over, Zidlicky said. It also means they can be deployed anywhere.

"We have been stationed all over the world,



Photo Courtesy of USAF Band of the Golden West

Members of the Sierra Winds ensemble, part of the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West, will present a free program of music by American composers at Island Church in Langley Sunday, Aug. 20 at 3 p.m.

including Germany and the Middle East," she shared. "The commonality between all of us is that after we win a job with the USAF Regional Bands, we all go to Lackland AFB for basic military training like everyone in the U.S. Air Force. We can be stationed at any regional band at either five continental U.S. bases or four abroad bases, at Germany, Japan, Hawaii, or Belgium. As members of the Air Force, we have the opportunity to deploy as bandsmen or to go outside of our field. One question we often get asked is if this is our actual job in the military and IT IS! One part of our mission is to connect with our civilian communities [and] foster relationships in our five-state region."

Anyone who has lived on Whidbey Island for any length of time knows of the island's U.S. Navy presence through Naval Air Station Whidbey Island. Zidlicky said there is always friendly competition between the different military branches, so they are happy to represent the Air Force on Whidbey.

"We have playful banter between our different forces, but one thing is for sure, we absolutely need each other," she said. "I've also played for Marine, Navy, Army, Coast Guard and even Space Force ceremonies and we have several members who have backgrounds in the other military bands and have had other members who have gone on to win jobs with bands of different branches. It's more like sibling rivalry. At the end of the day, we all have our part in defending our nation."

While reservations are encouraged on Eventbrite so the group can track attendance, people are welcome to attend without a reservation.

"We have never turned people away from a concert and will find a seat for you," Zidlicky said. "Please tell and bring your friends! We also encourage children to come as well. Since it's only an hour, it shouldn't be too hard on them to sit through!"



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Musicians with Sierra Winds are experienced performers. The group, part of the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West, performs all over the country at military and civilian events.

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reported on the CMS published HCAHPS, which are based on publicly reported HCAHPS measures. The exceptional rating summarizes how quickly patients felt they received care after using the call button and general responsiveness regarding their care. This acknowledgment follows similar recognition published by CMS last year, which named WhidbeyHealth one of nine hospitals in Washington with top nurse-patient communication ratings.

"WhidbeyHealth focuses on connecting with each patient to make their stay with us as comfortable and accommodating as possible," commented Curtis Shumate, executive director of nursing. "We couldn't be more pleased to share exceptional and compassionate care with our community."

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

### Larsen Announces 2023 Congressional App Challenge

Challenge Open To All Middle and High School Students Who Live or Attend School in Washington's Second District

Last week, Rep. Rick Larsen (WA-02) announced the launch of the 2023 Congressional App Challenge (CAC). The annual competition, which runs through Wednesday, Nov. 1, is open to high school and middle school students who live in or attend school in Washington's Second Congressional District.

The Congressional App Challenge is an opportunity for students to create programs or apps for any platform, including desktop/PC, web and mobile, to collaborate, invent and learn coding and computer science skills. Students may

compete as individuals or in teams of up to four. Students can only enter the competition once.

"Washington continues to be a leader in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) with more than 260,000 students enrolled in career and technical education statewide," said Larsen, whose office has participated in the CAC every year since its founding in 2013. "I have seen the creativity of students in classrooms across Northwest Washington firsthand and look forward to seeing that creativity shine through in this year's submissions."

Students can sign up to participate and read the full competition rules at [www.congressionalappchallenge.us/students/](http://www.congressionalappchallenge.us/students/). Students have until 9:00AM PST Wednesday, Nov. 1, to register and enter, but CAC organizers recommend students register early to receive extra support and tips. Larsen will announce a district winner in December and invite the winner to the #HouseofCode Capitol Hill Reception in Washington D.C. at a date to be decided. Winning apps will be electronically displayed in the U.S. Capitol and on the CAC's [house.gov](http://house.gov) website.

Last year, Azul Rangel and Sydney Vo from Mariner High School in Everett won the district's Congressional App Challenge with their WordToASL app.

For more information on the CAC, visit [www.congressionalappchallenge.us/](http://www.congressionalappchallenge.us/). Additional questions can be directed to Grace Kurfman in Larsen's office at [Grace.Kurfman@mail.house.gov](mailto:Grace.Kurfman@mail.house.gov) or 425-252-3188.

[Submitted by Joseph Tutino, Rep. Rick

# What's Going On

## Whidbey All-Island Community Band

Thursday, August 10, 7:00-8:00PM  
Catalina Park Gazebo, Oak Harbor Marina  
Enjoy a free concert in the park. Bring a chair or blanket! Changes to this schedule will be posted at <https://sites.google.com/site/whidbeyallislandcommunityband>.

## Buskers on the Corner

Friday, August 11, 5:30-6:30PM  
Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor

Walk the Line will perform at the corner of Pioneer Way and Dock Street. Get your dinner to-go from your favorite restaurant downtown, bring a chair and enjoy.

## American Roots Music Series

Saturday, August 12, 7:00-8:00PM  
Deception Pass State Park  
North Beach Amphitheater

The Rhapsody Songsters are a collective of Seattle-based youth, ages 12-22, who learn about their personal and cultural histories through music and mentorship with experienced performing musicians. Historically, "songsters" were musicians whose repertoire allowed them to play whichever styles of music fit a given gig. 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 at <https://deceptionpassfoundation.org/park-programs/american-roots/>

## Sounds of Summer Concert Series: The Paperboys

Wednesday, August 16, 6:00PM  
Windjammer Park, Oak Harbor

Presented by the Oak Harbor Music Festival in partnership with Windermere Real Estate Whidbey Island. Don't forget to bring picnic blankets, lawn chairs and \$1 for popcorn.

## Live Music: The Back Pages

Friday, August 18, 7:00-9:00PM  
Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

Come enjoy an evening of the smooth sounds of Melissa Clark, Dave Fitch and Rob Kraft as The Back Pages. Their diverse selection of music will entertain your senses with classic to current soft rock and country. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

## By the Harbor Market

Saturday, August 19, 10:00AM-4:00PM  
Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor

Featuring vintage, antiques, art, primitives, great junk and more! The Whidbey Island Sirens, Magnificent Crab Queens, Whidbey Island Roller Derby and Whidbey Cruzers will be there. For more information, email [dinasgreatfinds@gmail.com](mailto:dinasgreatfinds@gmail.com) or [director@oakharbormainstreet.com](mailto:director@oakharbormainstreet.com).

## Island Shakespeare Festival

Thursdays-Sundays, thru Sept. 10, 6:00PM  
Sunday Matinees, thru Sept. 31:00PM  
5476 Maxwellton Rd, Langley

Island Shakespeare Festival presents its summer season with *Romeo and Juliet* and Hannah Cowley's *A Bold Stroke for a Husband* in rotating repertory. Bring a picnic for the family and enjoy the wine, beer and refreshments garden before the show! Pay-what-you-will at the tent or get reservations at [islandshakespearefest.org](http://islandshakespearefest.org).

## Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below  
Cost: Free

## Summer Festival: Ice Cream, Fire Truck and Dance Party

Saturday, August 12, 11:00AM-1:00PM  
Freeland Library

Ice cream, fire truck and a dance party, oh my! We're celebrating summer with a free outdoor festival featuring music spun by local DJ Portals of Creation, ice cream courtesy of Sprinklz, a fire truck courtesy of South Whidbey Fire/EMS, face painting, crafts, outdoor activities and more.

## Meet the Oak Harbor Firefighters and Their Truck

Wednesday, August 16, 9:30AM  
Oak Harbor Library

The Oak Harbor Fire Department will visit the library to share information about fire safety and what firefighters do to keep us all safe, followed by a tour of the fire truck and a chance to practice using a firehose!

## Religious Services

### SummerSing

Thursday, August 10, 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](mailto:staugs@whidbey.com) or call 360-331-4887. You do not need to be a member of St Augustine's-in-the-Woods or our choir to join in. All are welcome! The church is located at 5217 Honeymoon Bay Rd.

## Galleries & Art Shows

### Artists of South Whidbey Art Show

Friday, August 18, 5:00-8:00PM  
Saturday, August 19, 11:00AM-8:00PM  
Sunday, August 20, 11:00AM-3:00PM

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley

The show will be held in Zech Hall and includes original paintings, prints and cards showcasing Whidbey Island and many other subjects. A portion of sales will benefit WICA.

## Classes, Seminars and Workshops

### Soupbox Derby Free Car Making Clinic

Saturday, August 19, 10:00AM-5:00PM  
2487 Brainers Rd, Langley

Just in time for the Derby races Sept. 17. This workshop is for ages 7-99. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your own parts - i.e. wheels, seats, other scrap metal you plan to use for your car. We will have limited supplies of scrap metal and wood available. Professional welders, woodworkers and artists, all of whom are experienced soup box derby racers, will be there to assist you. For questions or directions call Tim at 260-418-6102.

### Free Bridging Our Differences Workshop

Saturday, August 19, 1:00-2:30PM  
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St.

Join Civility First for a free workshop about learning to listen with curiosity instead of judgment and to start tricky conversations without trepidation. Register at <https://www.civilityfirst.org/next-bridging-our-differences-workshop.html>. Contact Civility First at [Civility1st@gmail.com](mailto:Civility1st@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to schedule a workshop for your organization.

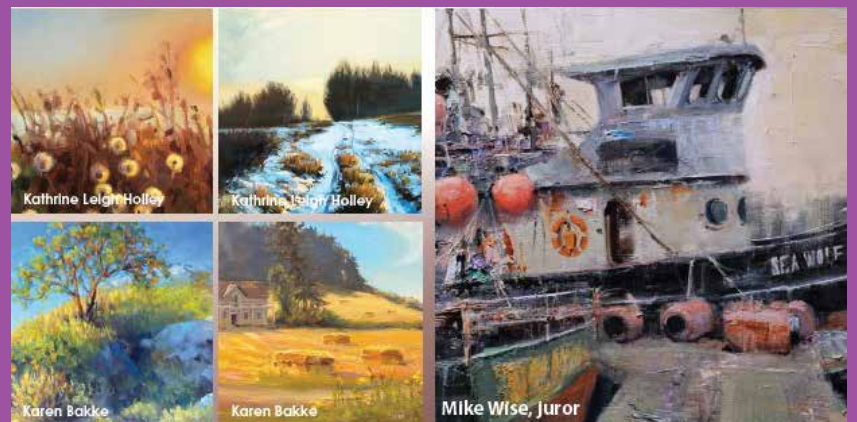
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# History comes full circle at Island County museum

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

If one was to ask Vern Olsen, a well-known Whidbey Island resident (music teacher, founding member of the Shifty Sailors), what his most important accomplishment has been, he'd be the first to say, "My family."

He and his wife, Martha, have lived on Whidbey for 50 years and raised their two children here. Their eldest, daughter Adora Olsen Hoose, just celebrated her 50th birthday, and it's fair to say her gift was pretty "historic."

The Olsens, both of whom volunteer at the Island County Historical Museum in Coupeville, arranged for Hoose to be the museum's admission sponsor for the month of August, and surprised her with the news at a visit to the museum last weekend. (The program allows visitors to the museum to tour the facility without paying an admission fee. All visitors are welcome to make an additional donation if they choose.)

But there's a whole other layer to this story, and there is, appropriately enough, some history behind the gift.

As it turns out, Vern Olsen was something of a trailblazer 50 years ago. According to an April 5, 1974, article from *The Seattle Times*, Olsen was the first man in the Seattle School District to be granted paternity leave, but it was a battle to get it.

In the early 70s, Olsen was teaching at Kimball Elementary School. He said the school received a federal grant that allowed faculty to involve the community in what was taught at the school and how.

"Parents were really, really involved," he described. "We would have meetings with parents all the time, many times we went to



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly

Vern and Martha Olsen have tied a bit of family history to the Island County Historical Museum in Coupeville and are honoring their daughter's birthday by making her the admission sponsor for August. Pictured from left are Martha, Vern, Adora Olsen Hoose, Toby Hoose and Shawn Hoose.

the home for conferences. Parents were involved in what curriculum was taught. Parenting was something that was important because of the federal program, how it was important for both the mother and father to be involved. I wanted to have leave to be with my daughter."

According to *The Seattle Times'* article, when Olsen first applied for leave before his daughter was born, he was told he'd have to resign if he wanted to take a year off.

"There was a clause in the new teachers' contract that referred to 'child-caring leave.' It didn't say a woman had to do it," Olsen said. "That's the argument I gave to the school district. They came back with, 'We require that a mother, after giving birth, has to have a medical exam to show she's ready to come back, and you don't need that.'"

Olsen filed a grievance and sexual discrimination charges against the district. He won the grievance and was granted leave six months after his daughter's birth. By that time, the couple had purchased property near Greenbank and they were working to fix up their log home.

"We had a lot of work to do, especially electricity and plumbing," he said, admitting his request wasn't just about equal treatment for men and women, even though he believed strongly in those issues. "It was a way for me to be at home with our child and also work on the house. It was a great year.

"It impacted our whole family process," Olsen continued. "We spent time together taking care of animals, teaching the kids food doesn't just come in bags from the store. We also did the same for my son, who we adopted. I didn't get to take a year off, but the Coupeville School District was starting an elementary music program and couldn't afford a full-time teacher, so that meant I could be at home half the time. So with both kids, I was able to be at home more than I thought I could be."

Hoose said she wholeheartedly agrees her dad did the right thing 50 years ago.

"I am so happy he was able to do that," she said. "I think it's so important. My husband didn't get to do that as much. It would have been wonderful if he had been able to be home more. My dad got to be there and I sat on his knee all the time when I was really little and we did all kinds of things together that we never would have gotten to do if he'd been working at that point."

While Olsen doesn't think of himself as a trailblazer, he said he's often curious about how many men do take advantage of paternity leave. There is no federal paid leave program in place today, but Washington State did pass a family leave measure in 2017 that allows parents – men or women – to take time off for the arrival of a new child.

Mostly, though, Olsen recognizes the synergy in the history of his family's experience.

"Martha and I both feel good about our decisions back then," he said. "This is our golden wedding anniversary, this golden time. I haven't thought about it very often, but when all of a sudden Adora's 50, that's pretty special. To know something special happened back then, we should celebrate that."

A history buff, Hoose truly appreciates her parents' gift. She went to national competition for Coupeville High School's History Day, and went on to study history in college. Now she works at a university in California. She, too, feels the synergy.

"I think the history lesson is that 'You can do it,'" she said. "It is possible. Change is possible. Looking back 50 years we can say, 'Hey, here's what happened then. Let's push that to what can happen now.' It can change the way people think. It can change what people do. It allowed teachers in public schools to say, 'I want to take leave for my kid,' and they could. That's a big change. I always have pride in telling people, 'My dad was one of the first.'"

The Island County Historical Museum is located at 908 NW Alexander Street in Coupeville. Learn more at [islandhistory.org](http://islandhistory.org).



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly

Vern and Martha Olsen's daughter, Adora Hoose, is the admission sponsor for August at the Island County Historical Museum in Coupeville, in honor of her 50th birthday. The gift from the Olsens helps commemorate the battle Vern fought to become the first man in the Seattle School District to be granted paternity leave.

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grants to 13 local groups and nonprofits. As of now, we have given more than \$1.2 million back to our community.

"Those grants not only cover programs and activities to Coupeville locals, but historically they have been involved in some pretty big Coupeville projects, such as donating the land the library sits on, helping revitalize the Rec Hall a couple times, building displays and buildings at the Island County Historical Museum, and even the Pacific Northwest Art School was started with seed money from the festival," she continued. "It really is incredible to look down



Photo Courtesy of Coupeville Festival Association

With dozens of different vendors taking part in the Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival this weekend, shoppers of all ages should be able to find something to love.



Photo Courtesy of Coupeville Festival Association

Shoppers and art lovers can find a little bit of everything at the 59th annual Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival, going on Saturday and Sunday.

the list on our website to see the long list of projects and organizations we've supported."

The festival is free to attend and opens at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. More details and information on the Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival can be found online at [coupevillefestival.com](http://coupevillefestival.com).

"Coupeville is such a special place, and filling

the streets with art just adds to the magic," said Postma. "All our artisan vendors are carefully juried and curated for quality and variety, so there really is something for everyone. It's a great place to people watch, to get out and enjoy the sunshine and incredible art. Plus, the profits go back into supporting the community!"

## Primary election results

Preliminary results from Island County's primary election are in. The top two finishers in the following Whidbey Island races will face each other in the Nov. 7 general election. Results are expected to be certified Aug. 15.

### Oak Harbor City Council, Position 2

Chris Wiegenstein .....1,172  
Andy Plumlee.....1,100  
Patrick "Pat" Harmon ..... 893

### Oak Harbor City Council, Position 4

Barbara Armes .....1,248  
John Chaszar .....1,067  
Wismine D'Avilar..... 851

### Oak Harbor Mayor

Ronnie Wright.....1,500  
Shane Hoffmire.....1,412  
Nick Green..... 210  
Craig Nurvic..... 152

### Oak Harbor School District, Position 5

Sharon Jensen .....2,544  
William "Will" Smith .....1,889  
Aisha Mayfield .....1,683





# Recipe of the Week

## POTATOES ARE THE PERFECT SIDE DISH

Potatoes are often the unsung heroes of meals. They work any time of the day and with most meals. Hash browns accompany eggs at breakfast, French fries are ideal with sandwiches come lunchtime, and there's no limiting potatoes at dinner. They can be the star of the show with potato gnocchi or baked potato soup, or serve as mashed or baked complements to roasts and more.

Steak and potatoes long has been a popular pairing that wins rave reviews around the table. This recipe for "Steak with Crispy Potatoes and Pistachio Pesto" from "Real Simple Dinner Tonight: Done" (Time Home Entertainment) by the editors of Real Simple highlights what a winning combination steak and potatoes can be.

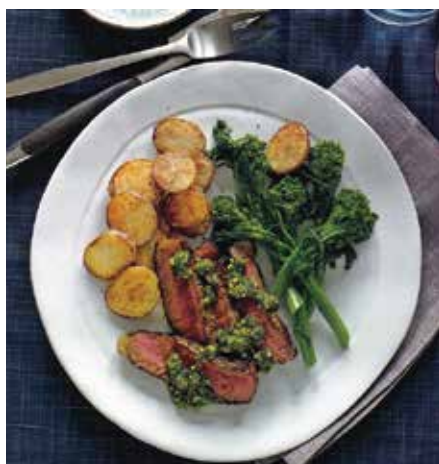
### STEAK WITH CRISPY POTATOES AND PISTACHIO PESTO (Serves 4)

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| 1 1/2 pounds red new potatoes (about 18), sliced 1/4-inch thick | 1/4 cup shelled roasted pistachios                                 |
| 1/4 cup plus 3 tablespoons olive oil                            | 1 small garlic clove   |
| Kosher salt and black pepper                                    | 2 strip or sirloin steaks (1 inch thick; about 1 1/2 pounds total) |
| 1/2 cup fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves                          | 1 bunch broccoli rabe (about 1 pound)                              |

Heat oven to 425°F. On a large rimmed baking sheet, toss the potatoes with 2 tablespoons of the oil and 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Roast until golden, 25 to 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a food processor, process the parsley, pistachios, garlic, 1/4 cup of the remaining oil, and 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper until finely chopped.

Heat the remaining tablespoon of oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Season the steaks with 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper and cook to the desired doneness, 4 to 6 minutes per side for medium rare. Transfer to a cutting board and let rest for at least 5 minutes before slicing.



Wipe out the skillet. Add the broccoli rabe and 1/2 cup water and simmer, covered, until tender, 2 to 3 minutes. Serve with the steak, potatoes and pesto.

Tip: The pistachio pesto in this dish makes an excellent accompaniment to lamb, chicken, shrimp, or fish. Or serve it on toasted country bread for an easy appetizer.

## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

### ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Do not fight your emotions over the next few days, Aries. You need to embrace your feelings or you might not grow in your relationships. Show everyone the true you.

### TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, capture all of your great ideas on paper or in digital form to refer to later on. You're feeling creative right now, and soon you can turn this into projects that have legs.

### GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Time isn't on your side right now, Gemini. You may wonder how you can add hours to the day, but you must make due with the time you have.

### CANCER – June 22/July 22

Cancer, you are seemingly more irresistible than ever before and you're not quite sure what to do about this newfound attention. You may want to retreat, but enjoy the limelight.

### LEO – July 23/Aug 23

Leo, roll with whatever energy you feel coming off of the people around you. If everyone is subdued, then take that cue. If others are revved up, then you will want to light your own fire.

### VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Hush your inner critic, Virgo. You are doing the best possible job you can at this time. You're simply too hard on yourself and you need to cut yourself some slack.

### LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

People do not operate as efficiently when they are running on fumes caused by stress, Libra. It's time to slow down and let others handle things for a change.

### SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, lately you have taken on the role of project manager and it fits you perfectly. Even though you're juggling multiple tasks and details, somehow things will work out fine.

### SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

You're usually content being the world explorer, Sagittarius. However, lately you find the most comfort sticking closer to home. Do whatever makes you happy.

### CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, fantasy keeps moving closer to reality for you this week. Don't count out any of those dreams you have been having as they may be inspiration for new plans.

### AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

You cannot help being unusually focused on all of the little details, Aquarius. It could be a way to quiet your mind, which has been running nonstop for a few weeks.

### PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

This could be your chance to indulge a little more, Pisces. Whether it's a big purchase or a night out on the town, do not resist the opportunity to get out and have fun.

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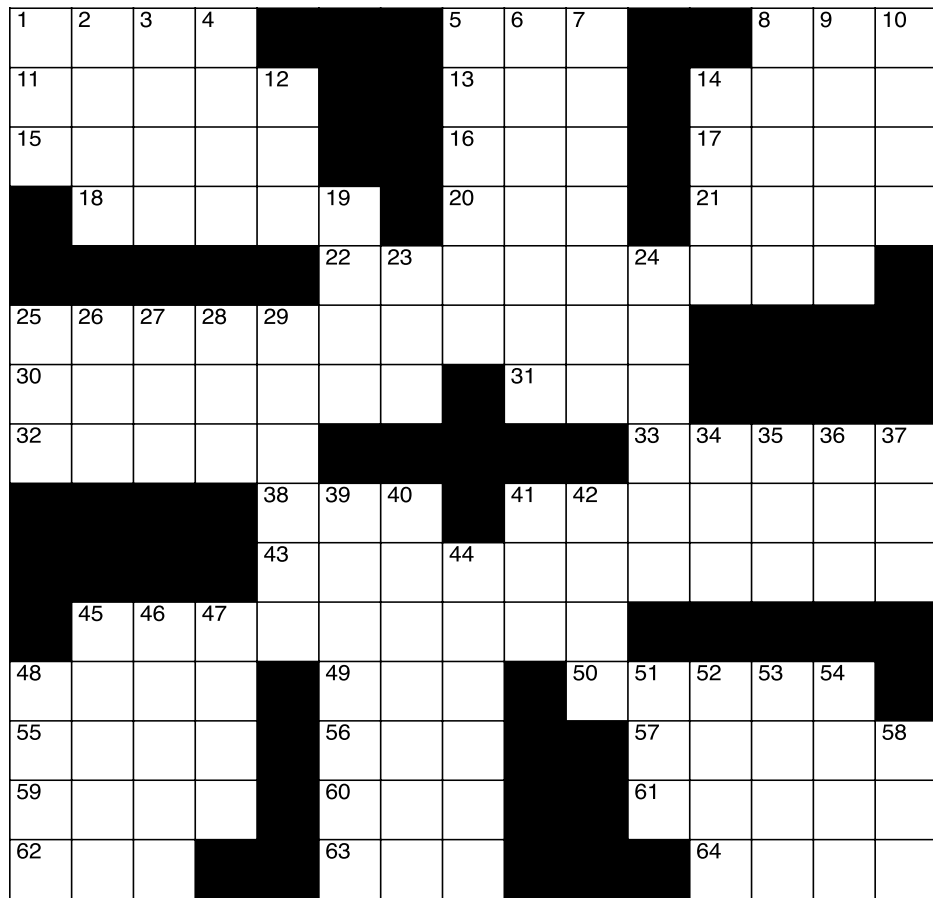
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# Crossword Puzzle



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Civil rights organization
- 5. Calendar month (abbr.)
- 8. Monetary unit of Burma
- 11. Twyla \_\_, US dancer
- 13. Everything included
- 14. "Antman" actor Rudd
- 15. Italian city
- 16. Nowhere to be found
- 17. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- 18. Turkish officer
- 20. Perform on stage
- 21. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 22. Canadian coastal provinces
- 25. Furnishes anew
- 30. Edible mollusk
- 31. No seats available
- 32. Garden figurine
- 33. Two-legged support
- 38. Rest here please (abbr.)
- 41. In a silly way
- 43. One from the Golden State
- 45. Photographers
- 48. Native religion in parts of China
- 49. Dickens character
- 50. Broadway actress Daisy

- 55. Ancient Greek sophist
- 56. Undivided
- 57. Daniel \_\_, French composer
- 59. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 60. Rusty
- 61. Jewish spiritual leader
- 62. Patti Hearst's captors
- 63. Popular global holiday (abbr.)
- 64. Tall, slender plant

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Defunct US energy company
- 2. Fellow
- 3. It's issued from volcanoes
- 4. Type of acid
- 5. Winged nut
- 6. Arouses
- 7. Things are served on it
- 8. San Diego ballplayer
- 9. Currency and a Chinese dynasty
- 10. \_\_ mater, one's school
- 12. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 14. Hairstyle
- 19. Supreme ancient Egyptian god
- 23. They \_\_
- 24. Connecting line on a map

- 25. Mock
- 26. One point north of due east
- 27. Chinese philosophical principle
- 28. Type of tree
- 29. Persuade to do something
- 34. A place for travelers to rest
- 35. National Gallery of Art designer
- 36. Panamanian province
- 37. Field force unit (abbr.)
- 39. Whalers' tool
- 40. Simply
- 41. Nigerian City
- 42. Not one
- 44. Obstruct
- 45. Political plot
- 46. Manila hemp plant
- 47. Dough made from corn flour
- 48. Fishes by letting the bob fly
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Plant that makes gum
- 53. A French abbot
- 54. One point east of northeast
- 58. Get free of

Answers on page 11

**YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST**

Thurs, August 10	Fri, August 11	Sat, August 12	Sun, August 13	Mon, August 14	Tues, August 15	Wed, August 16
North Isle H-66°/L-54° Mostly Sunny	North Isle H-67°/L-56° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-68°/L-57° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-69°/L-56° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-75°/L-61° Sunny and Warm	North Isle H-74°/L-61° Sunny	North Isle H-74°/L-60° Plenty of Sunshine
South Isle H-70°/L-54° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-71°/L-56° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-71°/L-60° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-74°/L-58° Mostly Sunny and Warm	South Isle H-83°/L-62° Plenty of Sunshine	South Isle H-83°/L-62° Sunny	South Isle H-80°/L-60° Sunny



## OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What was the biggest turning point in your life, and how did that experience change you?



**Stephanie Streitler, Oak Harbor**

The biggest turning point of my life is when Peoples Bank recruited me from my previous institution to be the district manager of the Island District. Not only did I feel honored, but I now work for a company that values its employees, customers, and community. This experience has changed me because now my work allows me to be involved with the people of Island and Skagit Counties daily.

**Arlinda Babcock, Greenbank**

Interviewing for a new job and meeting the love of my life. Yes, I married the boss, and have had 44 wonderful years with him.



**Aryce Severson, Oak Harbor**

Moving back to Washington. It showed me that I could go through hardship as long as I had a goal in mind and that mistakes I had made weren't permanent, I could move on. Without it, I would never have met my amazing husband (who didn't realize he was looking at a dating profile for Vancouver, Wash., instead of Vancouver, B.C.) and the wonderful life he introduced me to when we moved to this beautiful island.

**Loren Imes, Clinton**

When I met my wife. Not long after we met and started dating, I was accepted to a college across the country in southern California. We made the big decision to move there together. It was a very challenging program in an expensive city where we didn't know anyone and just barely knew each other. But it turned out to be the best decision of my life. I don't know if I would have made it through without her support and encouragement. I graduated, we got married, found good jobs and have two amazing children. She is responsible for so much of it.



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Answers on page 11

# Community Bulletin Board

To place an ad, email [classifieds@whidbeyweekly.com](mailto:classifieds@whidbeyweekly.com)

**GARAGE/ESTATE SALES**

**HUGE Garage Sale:** Friday, Aug. 11 and Saturday, Aug. 12, 8:30am-4pm, 900 Buena Vista Pl, Greenbank (1/2 mile East Greenbank Farm). Lots of miscellaneous items. Look for yellow signs.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

We need you! Looking for volunteers for the Fort FestiveFall at Fort Casey. Volunteers needed for corn maze, pie-eating contest, cakewalk and other activities Sept. 23. Please email us at [Keeper-sofAHL@gmail.com](mailto:Keeper-sofAHL@gmail.com) for more information.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County (BBBSIC) is actively seeking new member(s) for its board of directors. Join the board's exciting array of professionals! BBBSIC is seeking individuals who are committed to defending the potential of youth in our community through their time, skill sets, and influence in the community. To complement the existing board, candidates with expertise in accounting, law, nonprofit management, networking, or fundraising are of particular interest. Committed to diversifying its board to better represent our community, BBBSIC encourages BIPOC and LGBTQIA community members to inquire. Please contact [admin@bbbsic-](mailto:admin@bbbsic-)

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Mother Mentors needs volunteers! Oak Harbor families with young children need your help! Volunteer just a couple of hours a week to make a difference in someone's life! To volunteer or get more info, email [wamothermentors@gmail.com](mailto:wamothermentors@gmail.com) or call 360-321-1484.

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

21-Speed Schwinn Frontier bike, good shape, \$50; Large HO trains collection, call for details; Cushman Truckster, electric, \$150; Need Batteries? 6-volt D-cycle batteries, lots of extra parts. Charles, 360-321-4035 (0)

**LOST/FOUND**

LOST: Black duffel bag with owls on it, full of binders and miscellaneous papers. Last seen at the Oak Harbor Library Sunday, July 30, just left off the entrance. If found,

**No Cheating!**

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