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NORTH WHIDBEY SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB PRESENTS THE

31ST ANNUAL WHIDBEY ISLAND CHALLENGE SERIES



AUGUST 26, 2023

RACES START AT 10AM ON BARRINGTON DRIVE BETWEEN ISLAND THRIFT AND THE OAK HARBOR POST OFFICE

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Cars in the Challenge Series downhill gravity races can reach speed of up to 30 miles per hour in their short track down SE Barrington Drive in Oak Harbor. Races get underway at 10 a.m. Saturday.

31st annual Challenge Series set to roll Saturday

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

Get ready for some exciting action Saturday, as North Whidbey Island Sunrise Rotary Club presents its 31st annual Challenge Series for youth with special needs. Races get underway at 10 a.m. on SE Barrington Drive and spectators are encouraged to come out and cheer on participants.

The Challenge Series is a unique event that pairs able-bodied youth drivers with co-drivers who have developmental or physical disabilities and who would not normally be able to participate in such an activity. Specially built two-seated soap box derby cars are launched at the top of the hill near Island Thrift and race down the hill to the Oak Harbor Post Office, potentially reaching speeds of 30 miles per hour as gravity does its work.

"It gives special needs kids the opportunity to feel like they are able to do the same thing as other kids, even if they're handicapped," said Janis Powell, longtime race coordinator for North Whidbey Sunrise Rotary. "This experience can foster friendships that can last forever."

Able-bodied youth volunteer to pilot the cars. They undergo about an hour of training and practice just prior to the event. The specially equipped race cars for two have two steering wheels, although only one is functional and is controlled by the volunteer driver.

"Some of the volunteers are returning drivers, others can go to our website (www.whidbeyrotary.com) and they can fill out a form if they are interested in driving," said Powell. "Drivers can be between 10 and 14 years old and weigh no more than 125 pounds. They do have to pass the driver training, but we give them ample time to practice. Drivers will get to go down multiple times with different special needs youth."

"For a special needs child who wishes to participate, they just have to show up," she continued. "They must be over age 3 and they must be able to fit in the car comfortably."

See CHALLENGE continued on page 8



Photo Courtesy of North Whidbey Island Sunrise Rotary
Volunteer drivers and their special needs co-drivers enjoy the thrill of speed and competition in the annual Challenge Series, which will take place Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. in Oak Harbor.

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TUESDAY, AUG. 1

10:26 pm, SE Jerome St.

Female subject picked up one of reporting party's plants and hung it next to his Ring camera; reporting party spoke to the female who said, "I love you" to the reporting party.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 2

1:40 am, N Oak Harbor St.

Caller advising sister was outside smoking and someone attacked her.

10:56 am, SE Glencoe St.

Reporting party advising rear end of vehicle is almost in the road; advising not attached to vehicle, just the mechanics of one.

1:52 pm, SW Fairhaven Dr.

Requesting call in reference to neighbor feeding deer.

FRIDAY, AUG. 4

7:39 am, NE Midway Blvd.

Reporting party advising seeing a male on camera on the side of the building yelling at air.

5:09 pm, SW Erie St.

Reporting party chasing male around the store who is trying to steal.

11:20 pm, SE 4th Ave.

Reporting party advising problematic tenant is nude in hallway banging on doors; not asking for anything, just banging on doors.

SATURDAY, AUG. 5

4:01 am, SR 20

Advising two subjects sitting in the parking lot; two females came up to reporting party and asked for a ride and then ran off; thinks it was strange.

7:23 am, SR 20

Advising in front of location, white, 5-ish male child with no parents around has women's shoes on and is carrying a purse.

SUNDAY, AUG. 6

6:19 am, SR 20

Caller advising male subject is pulling down his pants; white male with baseball cap and no shirt.

MONDAY, AUG. 7

5:19 am, SE 4th Ave.

Reporting party advising subject has been drinking and is naked.

TUESDAY, AUG. 8

3:44 am, NE 7th Ave.

Caller advising of ongoing issue with "Slow Down" mannequins being left in roadway near area; reporting party was driving through to 7/11, road was blocked by the mannequins. Reporting party picked them up and took them home.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 9

12:58 pm, SW 11th Ct.

Reporting party states male with green eyes in a black coat approached his daughter and said, "Do you want to be killed by a rat?"

FRIDAY, AUG. 11

9:26 am, NE 16th Ave.

Reporting party advising child came to her door and is looking for his apartment; did not give any further information to reporting party.

12:06 pm, SW Ponsteen Dr.

Requesting call referencing having four emotional support animals and wanting to rent location.

2:01 pm, NW Rigging St.

Cab driver advising picked up rider who was bleeding. Rider said he fell and hit his head on a toolbox; laceration seen. Cab driver offered to take rider to clinic, but person refused.

2:53 pm, NW Dory Dr.

Reporting party states coworker is harassing them at work and has now carried it over to home.

10:28 pm, SE Catalina Dr.

Reporting party is trying to reach harbor-master; sailboat has loose sails that reporting party can't control; states it is noisy.

SATURDAY, AUG. 12

6:34 am, E Whidbey Ave.

Requesting call; advising there is a sofa next to the location that has attracted a transient subject to stay there overnight; reporting party is wondering what can be done to prevent this from happening.

5:39 pm, NW Fairhaven Dr.

Advising female squatter he reported yesterday has now super-glued all of the keyholes in reporting party's home; now he can't enter his own home.

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

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Bits & Pieces

Type II Burn Ban In Effect

No Outdoor Burning of Natural Debris – Even With A Permit

Burn Ban - Type II includes a ban on all outdoor burning in unincorporated Island County including a ban on recreational fires that were otherwise exempt from a Type I burn ban, and including a ban on the use and discharge of consumer fireworks, unless the use and discharge of such fireworks are authorized by a permit issued by the fire marshal. The use of barbecue grills using propane or briquettes, or self-contained camp stoves are exempt from Type II burn bans and these items may still be used.

The danger of outdoor fires is extreme right now. Please use extreme caution with any ignition source.

Proclamation and Public Notice

"WHEREAS, by August 17, 2023, atmospheric conditions of reduced moisture levels, low humidity, and warmer weather have increased the risk of fire within the confines of Island County,

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

Report violations to 911. This ban will remain in effect until further notice.

Sheriff Rick Felici
Island County Fire Marshal

Arsenic and Old Lace Auditions

Arsenic and Old Lace is a dark comedy revolving around the Brewster family of Brooklyn. The Brewster family, descended from Mayflower settlers, is now composed mostly of homicidal maniacs. Mortimer Brewster discovers his two spinster aunts, Abby and Martha, have developed a disturbing habit. They have taken to murdering lonely old men by poisoning them with glasses of homemade elderberry wine laced with arsenic, strychnine, and "just a pinch" of cyanide. Teddy, Mortimer's brother, believes he is President Theodore Roosevelt, while a second murderous brother, Jonathan, returns home to hide from the law. Mortimer struggles to find solutions to rid his family of the crazy, which leads to madcap hilarity.

Auditions at Whidbey Playhouse, 730 SE Midway Blvd.

Saturday and Sunday from 1:00-4:00PM in the STAR Studio.

Invited call-backs Monday, Aug. 28 at 6:30PM in the STAR Studio if needed.

Roles are available for three females and 11 males. Auditions will feature cold readings of provided scripts from the play. *Arsenic and Old Lace* will be on stage Nov. 3-26. Scripts are available for checkout from the Playhouse office. Scripts should be returned prior to or during the auditions.

[Submitted by Whidbey Playhouse]

NAS Whidbey Island will host Open House, 5K Run Sept. 9

NAS Whidbey Island will host its annual open house for the public Saturday, Sept. 9, at Ault Field from 9:00AM to 3:00PM.

For those who wish to participate in the 5K run, the gates will open at 7:00AM for the

8:00AM start. If not participating in the 5K run, the flight line for all other visitors will open at 9:00AM.

The public open house is an opportunity for the public to learn about past, current and future operations at the Navy's only air station in the Pacific Northwest and see last year's Navy Installation of the Year.

Aircraft static displays will include the EA-18G Growler, P-8A Poseidon, EP-3 Aries, and MH-60 Knighthawk helicopter. Aerial demonstrations planned at this time include the EA-18G, P-8 and Search and Rescue helicopter.

There will also be other visual displays, K-9 Working Dog demonstrations, Explosive Ordnance Detachment displays, and activities for children. Aviation memorabilia will also be available for purchase as well as a variety of food and beverages.

All visitors over the age of 18 will be required to have state or government-issued identification for access to the base. Visitors under the age of 18, who are not accompanied by an adult, must have state or government-issued identification for access to the base. Residents from foreign countries should email the public affairs office at WHDB_NASWI_PAO@navy.mil at least three weeks prior to the event to obtain the proper access.

Due to security measures, the following items are not allowed on the base: alcohol, bags larger than 12" x 6" x 12", backpacks, weapons (to include pocket knives), coolers, professional cameras (to include telescopic lenses and tripods) and pets. Additionally, drugs or drug paraphernalia to include marijuana products are prohibited from the base. Items permitted will be strollers, diaper bags, small women's purses, wheelchairs, certified service dogs, bottled water and small cameras.

For more information, go to http://cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrw/installations/nas_whidbey_island.html or www.facebook.com/NASWhidbeyIsland.

[Submitted by Mike Welding, NAS Whidbey Island]

Whidbey Community Chorus is Calling All Voices

The Whidbey Community Chorus begins its winter session Sunday, Sept. 10 and encourages all those interested in joining to register.

Registration starts at 4:15PM Sept. 10 at First United Methodist Church in Oak Harbor and people may join Sept. 10 or Sept. 17. Rehearsals are held Sunday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00PM at First Reformed Church. Dues are \$40.

Performances for the winter session will be held Dec. 8 and 10 at First Reformed Church. The theme is "A Christmas Glow" and will feature music like "The First Nowell," arranged by Mack Wilberg and "The Colors of Christmas," arranged by John Rutter.

WCC conductors are Darren McCoy, Sebastian Serrano-Ayala and Linda McLean. Sharon Burge will be the accompanist. The group is accepting 80 singers. Anyone who is new to the chorus should show up at 4:15PM Sept. 10 to sing for McCoy. While there is no formal audition to participate in WCC, members are expected to be able to carry a tune and know a little about reading music.

Musicians are also being sought for a local orchestra connected to the Whidbey Community Chorus. The group's last few performances have featured a small string and woodwind ensemble that accompanied the choir and performed its own pieces. There has been growing interest in expanding the orchestra and organizers are hoping to grow and develop that side of the community's participation.

Find more information at whidbeycommunitychorus.org.

[Submitted by Darren McCoy]

Washington State Ferries Awards Contract to Convert Largest Vessels to Hybrid-Electric Power

Work on first ferry begins in September

Washington State Ferries is celebrating a major milestone on its journey to zero emissions by 2050, awarding its first shipyard contract to Vigor for the conversion of up to three Jumbo Mark II-class ferries to hybrid-electric power.

While converting WSF's largest ferries to hybrid-electric power, Vigor will also update aging propulsion system controls to extend the life expectancy of these vessels.

Following a competitive process among Washington shipbuilders, Vigor's winning bid was just over \$150 million. The second bid came in at approximately \$166 million. The state's estimate was approximately \$120 million. This contract is for conversion of two vessels at approximately \$100 million with a fixed-price option to convert the third vessel in 2025.

WSF is the largest ferry system in the U.S. and the biggest contributor of greenhouse gas emissions among Washington state agencies, burning 19 million gallons of diesel fuel to support tens of millions of passengers every year. This shift to hybrid-electric ferries comes in response to direction from Gov. Jay Inslee and the Washington legislature, and aligns with WSF's Long Range Plan.

"This contract is a big step toward providing our ferry-served communities with better air quality and more sustainable service," said Matt von Ruden, System Electrification Program Administrator. "We're tackling the biggest emitters in our fleet first, the Jumbo Mark IIs, which contribute 26 percent of our ferries' greenhouse gas emissions. When our terminals are electrified in 2026, we expect emissions from these three vessels to drop by roughly 95 percent."

In addition to the hybrid-electric conversion, the contract includes planned replacement of the propulsion control systems. The three vessels are experiencing equipment failures and replacement parts are often unavailable. This effort will increase reliability and ensure the Jumbo Mark IIs are available for decades to come.

This September, Vigor will start work on *Wenatchee* at its Harbor Island shipyard in Seattle. The ferry is expected to reenter service on the Seattle/Bainbridge route next summer. Vigor will then begin converting *Tacoma* in 2024. WSF has the option to extend the contract to convert a third boat, *Puyallup*, in 2025.

"Vigor and our skilled employees are proud to be continuing our strong partnership with Washington State Ferries," said Adam Beck, Vigor executive vice president of ship repair. "Our long history with WSF makes Vigor the best place to help propel our ferry system into a low-emission, sustainable future which supports family-wage jobs all across Puget Sound. We look forward to getting to work and getting these ferries back in service for the thousands of Puget Sound residents who rely on them."

WSF leading change in the maritime industry

Conversion of the state's largest ferries to hybrid-electric power marks WSF's first step toward electrification of the ferry system. This innovative initiative drastically reduces greenhouse gas emissions and prepares Washington for a changing climate. The program will:

- Retrofit six current diesel ferries to hybrid electric.
- Build 16 new hybrid vessels.
- Retire 13 diesel ferries.
- Add charging power to 16 terminals.

While WSF is one of the first and largest ferry systems in the U.S. to electrify ferries, ferry operators throughout northern Europe have converted more than 70 ferries to hybrid-electric power since 2015.

Putting investments to work

This is the largest conversion contract in WSF's \$3.98 billion electrification program. Over the next 17 years, WSF will spend \$3.7 billion to electrify or build new ferries and \$280 million on terminals.

Journey to zero emissions by 2050: wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/major-projects/ferry-system-electrification.

[Submitted by Suanne Pelley, WSF Communications]

Skagit Valley College Human Services Program Wins 2023 RADD Award

Skagit Valley College's Human Services Program was awarded the 2023 Disability Inclusion Network's "Respect, Acceptance, and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities" award, also known as the RADD Award, in the "Team" category.

The RADD Award recognizes exceptional leadership and innovation in Disability Inclusion within Washington. The awards ceremony, hosted by the Disability Inclusion Network, took place July 26.

Prior to receiving this award, the SVC Human Services club organized "Disability Awareness and Advocacy Night," welcoming students, faculty and the community to campus April 20. Keynote speaker David Wilder and SVC human services students organized the event.

"The Skagit Valley College Human Services program is honored to receive this accolade," said Claudia Avendaño-Ibarra, SVC Human Services department chair. "We are a better program because of the invaluable contributions from our diverse students including our students with disabilities."

The program conscientiously employed the event accessibility checklist by the Education Ombuds and Carrie Basas, OEO to create an inclusive venue. This included accessible parking, seating and an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter, among other accommodations.

Moreover, the program catered to the Spanish-speaking community with disabilities by offering a Spanish interpreter, fostering advocacy within the community. A panel of providers shared valuable resources and advocacy ideas during the conference.

During the event, Wilder shared his inspiring narrative of leadership, courage and advocacy. He was honored with two awards that evening—one from the college, recognizing his 30 years of volunteerism at the institution and in the community, and the other from the Human Services department, in appreciation of his contributions while he was a student at SVC.

"The SVC Human Services Program is committed to ongoing assessment and improvements towards inclusion," said Avendaño-Ibarra. "We value and respect community and student feedback and look forward to continued partnerships so that our institution, programs and classrooms can be places where students heal and reach their educational goals."

To learn more about this award, contact Avendaño-Ibarra at claudia.avendaño-ibarra@skagit.edu.

[Submitted by Sofia Poulton, Communications and Social Media Manager, SVC]

Bible Study Fellowship Classes Starting in September

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) is a worldwide ministry offering free, in-depth studies of God's Word for people of all ages.



Beginning the second week of September, BSF will resume with a study of John's Gospel The Truth. In-person daytime classes for women are offered in Oak Harbor and Freeland. In-person evening classes for men are offered in Oak Harbor and Anacortes. Online classes are available with a choice of a local group or with groups of people from many nations. For more information, or to register for a group, go to bsfinternational.org and click on the Find a Group button.

[Submitted by Donna Lewis]

Local Business News

Peoples Bank Impact Grants: Fueling Positive Change in Communities

Peoples Bank is excited to announce the launch of its highly anticipated Impact Grant program, designed to empower and uplift communities by supporting projects and initiatives that drive positive change and create lasting social benefits. Now in its sixth year, the Peoples Bank Impact Grant will provide a maximum of \$25,000 to a single nonprofit organization for a specific project, use or identified purpose. An additional grant of up to \$10,000 will be awarded to a second nonprofit based on a public vote, which will take place in October.

Peoples Bank, a trusted full-service financial institution serving Washington communities for over 100 years, recognizes the importance of giving back and investing in the betterment of local neighborhoods. The Impact Grant program reflects the bank's commitment to supporting grassroots efforts that address critical challenges and contribute to the overall advancement of society.

"At Peoples Bank, we view our role as more than just financial support; we are stewards of progress, advocates for growth, and partners in community transformation," said Lisa Hefter, president and chief operating officer at Peoples Bank.

"We look forward to receiving Impact Grant proposals that have the potential to drive positive change and improve the quality of life for community members."

Highlights of the Peoples Bank Impact Grant Program:

Community-Centered Approach: The Impact Grant program is rooted in a community-centered philosophy. Peoples Bank is dedicated to fostering collaboration and partnership with local organizations and community leaders to identify areas where support is most needed.

Diverse Focus Areas: Impact Grants cover a wide range of focus areas, including education, healthcare, environmental sustainability, social justice, arts and culture and economic development. This diverse approach ensures a variety of community needs are addressed.

Financial Empowerment: Peoples Bank is committed to enabling sustainable growth and positive outcomes. Impact Grants provide financial empowerment to organizations working tirelessly to create a positive impact, thereby strengthening the overall fabric of the community.

Interested nonprofits are invited to submit grant applications at www.peoples-bank-wa.com/impact-grant. The application process is designed to be accessible and straightforward, ensuring organizations of all sizes can participate.

Impact Grant applications are due by 11:59pm Sept. 15. The \$25,000 grant recipient will be announced in late September, and the community voting process for an additional grant of up to \$10,000 will start in early October.

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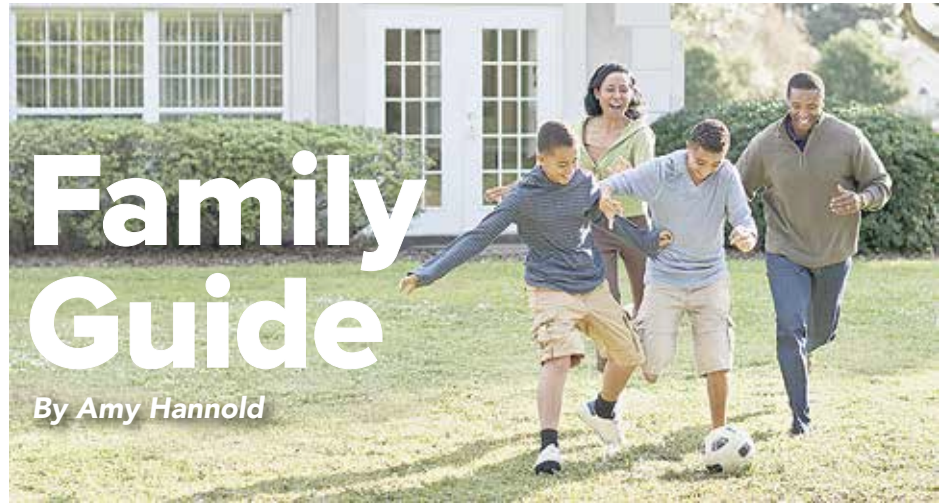
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**Family
Guide**

By Amy Hannold

September Fly Day: The Heritage Flight Museum in Burlington invites you to their last Fly Day of the 2023 season Saturday, Sept. 2, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for a rip-roaring day of family fun. Experience the thrill of historic warbirds in flight! See your favorite vintage aircraft in action, enjoy Apollo 8 exhibits and kids activities. Flying is subject to unexpected change; check heritageflight.org for the latest information or call at least one day ahead of the event: 360-424-5151. Admission: \$12/Adults; \$10/Seniors; \$5/Military and kids 5-17; FREE for members and kids under 5.

"Would-Be Players" Youth Theater Program at Whidbey Playhouse: Theater training helps your child in many valuable ways. Experiences and skills include self-confidence, critical thinking, problem solving, self-discipline, public speaking and teamwork. The fall session for youth in elementary and middle school, is Sept. 4 through Oct. 26. Classes meet twice a week, for two hours, followed by a showcase presentation for family and friends. The workshop fee is \$125; scholarships and sibling discounts are available. Registration and information: WhidbeyPlayhouse.com.

Whidbey Raptor Day, Sept. 9 at Pacific Rim Institute: Don't miss your chance to get up close to incredible birds of prey. Experts will be on hand from 1 to 3 p.m., to educate you about how to protect these amazing predators. A fun, family-friendly and free event, at the Institute (180 Parker Road, Coupeville). The Central Whidbey Lions Club will be selling hot dogs and refreshments. PacificRimInstitute.org

NAS Whidbey Island Open House: The base will open its doors to the public with an Open House, Saturday, Sept. 9, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will include a 5K run around the flightline, with the gate opening at 7 a.m. for registration; the run begins at 8 a.m. The flightline opens at 9 a.m. for aircraft static displays including the EA-18G Growler, P-8A Poseidon, EP-3 Aries, and MH-60 Knighthawk helicopter. Aerial demonstrations include the EA-18G, P-8 and Search and Rescue helicopter. There will also be other visual displays, K-9 Working Dog demonstrations, Explosive Ordnance Detachment displays, and activities for children. Aviation memorabilia will be available for purchase as well as food and beverages. Admission is free. A valid government or state issued ID will be required at the gate.

Shred-It With Oak Harbor Soroptimists: Shredding on Saturday, Sept. 9, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Whidbey Island Bank (490 Bayshore Drive) is by donation, with funds raised benefiting Soroptimist programs that provide women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. Examples of what to bring are tax documents that are at least three years old, bank statements that are older than one year, pre-approval offers for credit cards, bills, junk mail, canceled or voided checks and anything else containing personal information like your bank account number or social security number. There is a limit of four grocery bags (or equivalent) per vehicle.

Greenbank Harvest Faire: Celebrate Whidbey Island's bounty by enjoying a day at the Greenbank Farm Sunday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be farm and garden tours, children's crafts, family games on the lawn, live music, hayrides, pie eating contests, a local artisan's market, and good food for purchase. 765 Wonn Road, Greenbank. Portoc.org/greenbank-farm.

Prepare to Celebrate Grandparents Day: Grandparents Day is Sunday, Sept. 10. As a family, create and deliver those beloved "homemade" gifts and cards. Spread more joy by adopting the seniors in your neighborhood who would love greeting cards, treats or a bouquet of flowers at their doorstep. Here are some free printables and cute ideas to inspire you: Unique-ideas.site/10-unique-grandparents-day-ideas-for-school.

Run with Your Chums: South Whidbey Parks and Recreation hosts the 25th Annual 5K Run/Walk competition Saturday, Sept. 23, which also features a free no-registration "Fry Run," for kids ages 10 years and younger. Registration is \$20

by Sept. 10, \$25 the week of, \$30 the day of the race, and \$15 for youth (under 14). T-shirts are not included in registration fee, but are available at their website. This race benefits South Whidbey Parks and Recreation and the Healthy Island Youth Scholarship Fund (HIYI). swparks.org/event/chum-run

Adaptive Cycling Event with Outdoors for All: Island County Parent to Parent invites you to join them from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23 at the North Whidbey Middle School track in Oak Harbor. A trailer full of adaptable bikes for everyone to enjoy will be there including hand cycles, tandems, recumbent tricycles and a variety of other options. Helmets provided. For information: Islandcountywa.gov/198/Parent-to-Parent.

A Fall Festival at the Fort: Saturday, Sept. 23, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., head to Fort Casey State Park for pie-eating contests, a corn maze, a cake walk, Whidbey Island Rocks scavenger hunt, kite demonstrations and more! The Keepers of the Admiralty Lighthouse is hosting this fundraising event on a Washington State Parks Free Day, so there is no park access fee, however \$5 is asked per person ages 5 and older for participation in the fun activities. Food will be available for purchase. To volunteer or for more information: Keepersofadmiraltyheadlighthouse.org.

Preparedness Fair: September is National Preparedness month, and Island County Emergency Management has joined with local and regional partners to host this event, which will provide important information on being prepared for a disaster. The fair will be held Saturday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at North Whidbey Middle School. Admission is free and open to all ages. Among the demonstrations presented will be "hands only CPR," first aid, local community emergency response teams, "Tsunamis on Whidbey" by geologist Alex Dolcimascolo, and "Setting up a Neighborhood Hub" by radio officer Bob Stephens. Islandcountywa.gov/170/Department-of-Emergency-Management.

The Whidbey Island Cider Festival Returns: A wide array of food, beverages, live entertainment, family-friendly activities, cider pressing, guided tours and more awaits you Saturday, Sept. 30, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Pacific Rim Institute in Coupeville. Tasting tickets will go on sale Sept. 1, and will also be available at the door. Whidbeyislandciderfestival.com

AREA SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

Oak Harbor Music Festival, presenting three days of free live music, Sept. 1-3: oakharborfestival.com

Port Townsend's Wooden Boat Festival, Sept. 8-10: woodenboat.org

Hydros for Heroes in Oak Harbor, Sept. 9-10: Hydrosforheroes.com

Skagit Valley Giant Pumpkin Festival, Sept. 16: christiansonsnursery.com

Oak Harbor's Military Appreciation Picnic, Saturday, Sept. 16, 12 to 4 p.m. at Windjammer Park: Free meal, entertainment and activities for military members of the past and present. oakharborchamber.com/military-appreciation-picnic

Friends of the Clinton Library Book Sale at the Clinton Community Hall (6411 S. Central Avenue), Saturday, Sept. 23, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Early-bird sale is from 10 to 10:30 a.m. for Friends members who are up to date on membership.

Skagit County Fairgrounds Fall Garage Sale, Antiques and More (with Classic Car Show on Saturday), Sept. 22-23, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.: skagit-county.net/departments/fairgrounds

Washington State Parks and National Parks Free Day, Saturday, Sept. 23, for National Public Lands Day: Discoverpass.wa.gov and Nps.gov

Back to the Books: Here's to a super school year for everyone! Connect with Whidbey Island Macaroni Kid to be up to date on local activities and things to do! WhidbeyIslandMacaroniKid.com. Local events for all ages are posted at Facebook.com/groups/whidbeyislandeventsandmore.

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What's Going On

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

Sounds of Summer Concert Series

Wednesday, August 23, 6:00PM
Windjammer Park, Oak Harbor

Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra with special guest Dierdre Fairfax. 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.

Bayview Corner Summer Street Dance

Wednesday, August 23, 6:00-8:00PM
Bayview Cash Store, Langley

Western Heroes has been providing original dance music to the Whidbey Island community for 14 years. From polka to punk, the band's diverse collection of songs are played with one goal in mind: to get people up and moving. Michael and David Licastro provide vocals and guitar, Lorraine Newland on bass and vocals, David Maloney on drums, and Larry Neubauer on keyboard and vocals. 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.

Buskers on the Corner

Friday, August 25, 5:30-6:30PM
Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor

David Madeiros will be performing at the corner of Pioneer Way and Dock Street. Get your dinner to-go from your favorite restaurant downtown, bring a chair and enjoy.

Live Music: The Buckets

Friday, August 25, 7:00-9:00PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland

Playing your favorite classic rock, pop, folk, blues and country, The Buckets are ready to entertain. With a range from soulful to soaring, The Buckets feature Donovan Jones on vocals and Johnny Stephens on guitar and vocals. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Picnic on the Prairie

Saturday, August 26, 12:00-3:00PM
331 Morris Rd, Coupeville

Join the Whidbey Homeless Coalition for a housewarming party, as it celebrates opening a new, permanent, overnight shelter location. Enjoy BBQ, buffet and live music. There will also be a silent auction and 50/50 raffle. \$20 per person or \$50 for families with children. Tickets available in advance at whidbeyhomeless.org or at the door on the day of the party.

Summer Antique Fair

Saturday, August 26, 12:00-5:00PM
Sunday, August 27, 10:00AM-4:00PM

Christianson's Nursery and Greenhouse, Mt. Vernon

Don't miss this opportunity to explore the world of antiques and vintage items and find that special piece you've been searching for. The event will be held under a festive white tent in the Meadow Field, north of the nursery by the vinery. Hosted by Primrose Gifts and Antiques. The Nursery is located at 15806 Best Rd. Visit www.christiansonnursery.com/antiques-gifts/ for more information.

American Roots Music Series

Saturday, August 26, 7:00-8:00PM
Deception Pass State Park, North Beach Amphitheater

PLU Steel Band is a steel pan drum ensemble featuring students, alumni, and faculty of Pacific Lutheran University's department of music. The concert is free to attend, though a Discover Pass or Day Pass is required for parking. Bench seating is available, but feel free to bring your own folding chair. To read more about each group, visit the Deception Pass Park Foundation's website, <https://deception-passfoundation.org/park-programs/american-roots/>.

PNWNAM Column Raising Ceremony

Monday, August 28, 12:00PM
545 Ault Field Rd., Oak Harbor

The ceremony begins at 11:30AM and features setting the first structural support column on the centerline of the building. In the Navy tradition of placing a coin at the foot of a ship's mast when it is "stepped" in place, an original PBY-Naval Air Museum Challenge Coin will be placed under the first column. Win Stites, the last living member of the 14 who started the PBY Memorial Foundation will turn the ceremonial wrench on the first fastener at the base of the column. Public is invited. No RSVP needed.

Island Shakespeare Festival

Thursdays-Sundays, thru Sept. 10, 6:00PM
Sunday Matinees, thru Sept. 3, 1:00PM
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.

Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below

Cost: Free

Fun With Fungi: Introduction to Mushrooms on Whidbey Island

Thursday, August 31, 4:00-5:30PM
Oak Harbor Library

Join Eva Gordon of the North American Mycological Association for a fungi-tastic introduction to Whidbey's local mushroom superstars. Learn how to spot mushrooms on your next walk or hike.

Classes, Seminars and Workshops

Falls Prevention Workshop

Wednesday, August 23, 12:30PM
IS Bayview, 14594 SR 525, Langley

Join Island County Public Health and Island Senior Resources for a class in Tai Ji Quan: moving for better balance, and a talk about the risk of senior falls. For more information, call Island Senior Resources at 360-321-1600.

Lavender Wands Workshop

Sunday, August 27, 1-2:30PM
At the Tilth Farmers Market, 2812 Thompson Road, Langley (meet at the maroon tent)

The making of lavender wands is an ancient craft dating back to Medieval times. Lavender was considered a precious herb and a source of healing. Join Jennifer Carlson and learn how to make a lavender wand from fresh Provence lavender and satin ribbon. There is no fee, but donations are appreciated. We need long stem lavender that was picked no sooner than the day before the workshop (otherwise the stems will not bend enough). If you have questions, email education@south-whidbeytilth.org.

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Picnic on the prairie celebrates permanent home of Haven shelter

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

It has been a long time in the making and the Whidbey Homeless Coalition invites the community to celebrate the pending opening of the Haven shelter's permanent location with a housewarming picnic on the prairie. The fundraising celebration will be held Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. at the new Haven location, 331 Morris Road, in Coupeville. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$50 for families with children and may be purchased in advance at whidbey-homeless.org or at the door on the day of the event.

The housewarming will include a barbecue buffet, live music, a silent auction, 50/50 raffle and an opportunity to tour the shelter, which is expected to open in the next few weeks.

"The building is a dream come true," said Whidbey Homeless Coalition board member Shellie Moore. "We never imagined we would be able to own a building outright, but because of the Department of Commerce having grants available during COVID, we were able to make that leap of faith."

The Haven has been operating on a "pop up" basis at various churches around the Oak Harbor area since it was founded in 2017. The ability to have a permanent location comes with many benefits, Moore said.

"For staff, not having to pack up every morning and unpack every night will be a blessing," she said. "Our guests will feel more welcome and at home, not moving from place to place. It's going to have so many benefits."

The new building, which Whidbey Homeless Coalition has been working on for three years,



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Homeless Coalition

The Whidbey Homeless Coalition will celebrate the upcoming opening of its permanent Haven shelter location by hosting a fundraising picnic from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at the shelter's new site in rural Coupeville. Tickets are available at whidbey-homeless.org. The event will feature a barbecue buffet, live music, silent auction, a raffle and tours of the facility, which is scheduled to open in a few weeks.

will be able to house 30 guests per night. The shelter will continue to operate much as it has since it began – people will register for the shelter daily in Oak Harbor and will be transported to the Haven. Guests will be transported back to Oak Harbor the following morning and will only be allowed to stay on site overnight.

"For neighbors that are worried, we care about them," Moore stated. "We want to be good

neighbors. It will continue to be a structured environment. It is not going to be a homeless camp."

The mission of the Whidbey Homeless Coalition is to make homelessness a "brief and rare experience on Whidbey Island," according to Moore. She said that is something that is getting harder and harder to do. Much like the rest of the country, homelessness is a growing problem.

"I just think homelessness is such a multi-faceted picture," Moore said. "The need has grown in part because affordable housing has shrunk. Airbnbs have taken up so many of the cabins and apartments that nicer rentals have become harder to find. Even with good credit and references, it's still difficult to find something affordable, and that trickles down to our most vulnerable."

"The reasons people become homeless are so varied, from disability to domestic violence and drug abuse is certainly one of the reasons on the list, but not for most of the people who come into our shelter," she continued. "On the other hand, when people make the decision to reach out for help and come into shelter, it's a real opportunity to get put in touch with services. We don't have mental health professionals on staff, but we can get them connected with detox programs, rehabilitation programs and people who can help."

Moore said WHC is hoping people will come to the picnic to get a firsthand look at the new shelter and be willing to help with the organization's most pressing needs.

"We need cash," she said frankly. "We have a \$60,000 matching grant currently, and we are really hoping people will come to the picnic with a generous spirit. While we currently don't have a commercial kitchen, once we are up and running, we will have a pantry with ready-to-eat foods like soup or oatmeal."

Another need WHC would like to see replenished following the pandemic, is for volunteers.

"We had a good group of volunteers before COVID, but when that hit, we lost a lot of those people," Moore explained. "Now I feel like the Haven is going to feel like a home and hopefully people will be drawn to engage again. At the picnic, one thing we'll talk about will be the different kinds of opportunities for volunteering, whether for the board, to help with the website or with social media skills."

People interested in attending the fundraising picnic Saturday are encouraged to RSVP by purchasing tickets in advance. The Whidbey Homeless Coalition was founded in 2014 and also operates the House of Hope in Langley, which is a 90-day shelter for families and single adults at risk of homelessness. Information on WHC and its programs, including the upcoming fundraising picnic, can be found online at whidbeyhomeless.org.

"I just feel a lot of gratitude for the community and the people who have helped support this program," Moore said.



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Homeless Coalition

The Whidbey Homeless Coalition was able to purchase an old church in rural Coupeville thanks in part to a grant received from the Department of Commerce during COVID. The building has been refurbished and will soon open as the new site of the Haven homeless shelter. Island County Sheriff Rick Felici and U.S. Rep. Rick Larsen toured the facility shortly after its purchase in 2020.

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Powell said not only is the Challenge Series a great way for special needs youth to get to experience the thrill of racing, it's a great way for able bodied youth to gain a better understanding of those with special needs.

"At the very least, it can teach them that you don't have to be afraid of someone with special needs," she said.

The Oak Harbor event garners a lot of community support, although organizers would love to have more people come and watch the races to add even more excitement to the experience.

"We get a number of parents and family members, but not a lot of general spectators," Powell shared. "We'd love to have more. We'd love to have a cheering audience. That's part of the thrill. What's the point of being in a race if you don't have a crowd cheering you on when you cross the finish line?"

"Really the whole community comes together and helps put this event on," she continued. "The Oak Harbor High School NJROTC will carry the flags down the hill to start the event, there will be cheerleaders at the bottom of the hill to welcome the drivers as they cross the finish line and the Oak Harbor Police Department puts up a speed board to see how fast the cars are going."

This year there will also be a bounce house for kids who are coming out to support a brother, sister or family member and cannot be in the race. There will also be a concession stand serving hot dogs, chips and sodas. It is free for participants and families and by donation for others.

Powell said the annual Challenge Series is made possible by

sponsors. Any funds left after the races go toward providing community grants to help meet the needs of special needs youth, anything from helping to purchase a wheelchair to providing doctor-recommended sensory toys or equipment.

Obviously, the Challenge Series can't happen without these specially designed cars. Eight is the optimal number of race cars needed to put on a Challenge Series event successfully. There are several Rotary clubs around the state that hold their own race events. North Whidbey Sunrise Rotary is working to build its own fleet of cars, so it won't have to borrow the vehicles from other clubs. But it's a big undertaking.

"Generally, eight cars is what it takes for a full fleet, then you have to have a trailer to move them around and you have to have the equipment so you can launch the cars from the top of the hill," Powell described. "Once you get all that, you have to have helmets and safety equipment. It takes about \$2,500 to get and maintain a car."

"We have purchased three new cars," she continued, explaining that Leo Finnegan, who created the cars and the Challenge Series, gave the group a used car that was in good shape. "Plus, because our group always gives money to the LEO foundation (Life Enrichment Options), [Finnegan] put that into building a couple of new cars, so we have a WhidbeyHealth car that he gave us that has their logo and we have an Oak Harbor Fire Department car. So we have five cars so far. We figure we can do it with six, but our ultimate goal is to have eight cars of our own."



Photo Courtesy of North Whidbey Island Sunrise Rotary

Young racers are gearing up for the 31st annual Challenge Series Saturday in Oak Harbor. The Challenge Series allows special needs youth to race down a hill with an able-bodied driver. Races get underway at 10 a.m. near SE Barrington Drive and Ely Street and are a program of North Whidbey Island Sunrise Rotary.

Powell said the Oak Harbor Lions Club is sponsoring a car this year for \$1,500.

"That will go a long way towards helping keep one of the cars going," she said. "We have two more cars available for sponsorship. One other way to support the Challenge Series would be to split a sponsorship with someone."

For more details on The Challenge Series or to learn more about volunteer opportunities, visit whidbeyrotary.com or email Powell at islandgirl.jan@gmail.com.



As the dog days of summer press on and people continue to enjoy outdoor gatherings, tasty and cool cocktails remain ideal when entertaining. Blueberries continue to be the stars of summertime shows, and can be the inspiration for your next drink.

The following recipe for "Blueberry Lavender Lemonade" from the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council pairs the sophisticated flavor of lavender with tart blueberry in a refreshing concoction that also includes gin. The result is fruity, floral and fragrant.

- BLUEBERRY LAVENDER LEMONADE COCKTAIL** (Makes 2 servings)
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| <i>Lavender Simple Syrup</i> | 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice |
| 1/2 cup granulated sugar | 2 ounces gin |
| 1/2 cup water | 1 tablespoon lavender simple syrup |
| 1 tablespoon dried edible lavender flowers | 1/2 cup club soda |
| <i>Lemonade Cocktail</i> | 2 sprigs fresh lavender |
| 3/4 cup blueberries, divided | 2 lemon wheels |

- To make the Lavender Simple Syrup: In a small saucepan set over medium-low heat, combine all syrup ingredients and cook, stirring occasionally, for 3 to 5 minutes or until sugar is dissolved.
- Remove from heat and let steep for 2 to 3 hours. Strain and set aside.
- To make the Blueberry Lavender Lemonade Cocktail: In a cocktail shaker, add 2/3 cup blueberries and lemon juice. Muddle berries to release juices. Add gin and lavender simple syrup, and fill with ice. Shake until frosty.
- Strain through fine-mesh sieve into two ice-filled glasses. Top evenly with soda water.
- Garnish with remaining blueberries, lavender sprigs and lemon wheels.



Tip: Cover and store remaining lavender simple syrup in the refrigerator for up to 2 weeks.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you may want to move your relationship in a different direction, but your partner is resistant. This could be a conflict, or something that opens up a dialogue.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you might feel like doing all you can to make a problem go away, and think that acting immediately is the way to go. But ponder a few options beforehand.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Gemini, a professional opportunity that seems to have many positive financial outcomes actually could have a down side to it. It's best if you do your research before acting.

CANCER – June 22/July 22
You may think that others do not understand you, Cancer. But that may be a good thing. You can focus on explaining your position and maybe make a few friends along the way.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23
Leo, you tend to be attracted to things that tempt fate or may even be considered forbidden. When others want you to walk the straight and narrow for a bit, it could be tough.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, an opportunity to get away presents itself. Enjoy this much-needed respite and don't be afraid to go the extra mile to ensure the trip is as memorable as possible.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
You may want to do it all, Libra, but sometimes you have to let others know you have limits. When you don't, it is easy to get taken advantage of or run yourself ragged.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, are you ready for an adventure? Identify some new hobbies and then learn all you can about getting out there and doing those types of activities with frequency.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
A loved one may want to be more cozy with you this week, but you're content to have ample space and do your own thing, Sagittarius. Let your views be heard on this situation.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you may want to tell a loved one what they want to hear right now to make a difficult situation go away. However, that only postpones the inevitable tough talk.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
You have been feeling like it is time to break away from your regular routine, Aquarius. It could be because there has been added stress on your shoulders. A vacation may be needed.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
There are some limits to doing all of the work on your own, Pisces. First off, you may lack the time and the expertise. Bring on helpers this week if anyone is available.

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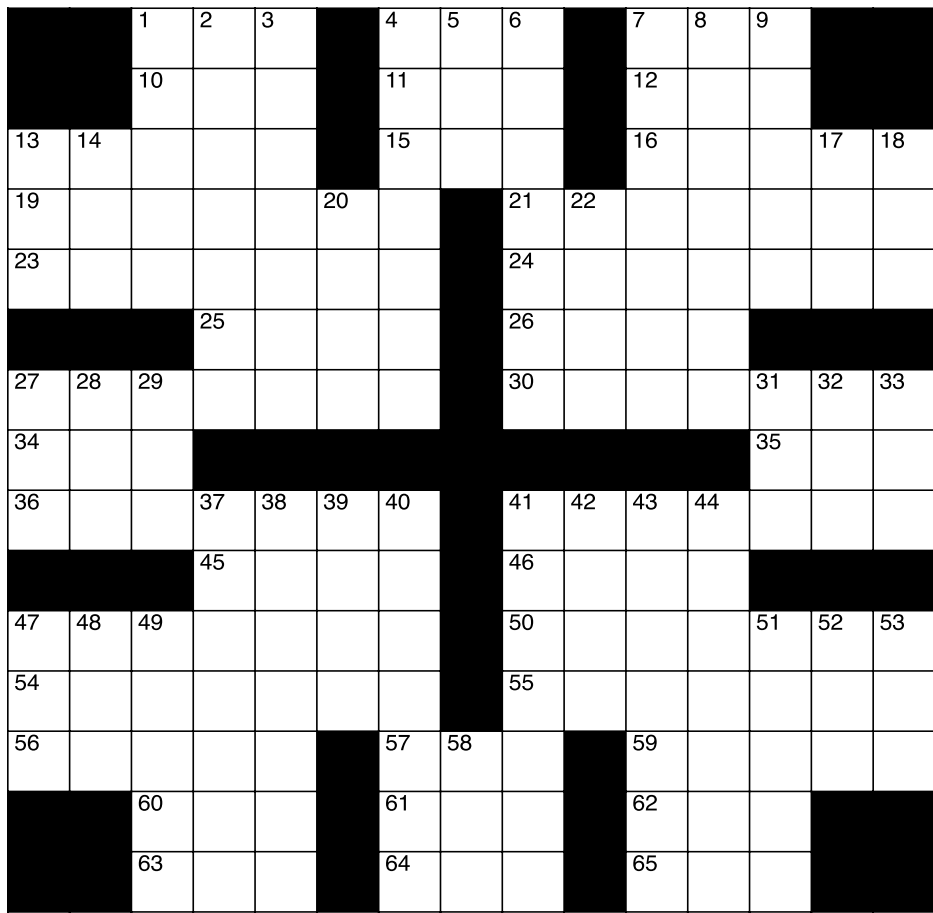
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Indicates tire pressure
- 4. Request
- 7. Clairvoyance
- 10. 007's creator
- 11. Adult male
- 12. Scandinavian god of battle
- 13. Cloths spread on a coffin
- 15. Breeze through
- 16. Ladyfish genus
- 19. It's good to take them
- 21. Noble-governed territory
- 23. Members of U.S. Navy
- 24. Card game resembling rummy
- 25. Affected by injury
- 26. Member of a Semitic people
- 27. Left
- 30. Woman's cloak
- 34. S. American plant
- 35. Prohibit
- 36. Offense
- 41. Dish soap brand
- 45. Ottoman military commanders
- 46. Ancient Greek City
- 47. Makes unhappy

- 50. Discuss again
- 54. Medical instrument
- 55. Promote
- 56. A beloved carb
- 57. Tag the base runner to get him out
- 59. Prehistoric people
- 60. Large African antelope
- 61. Vehicle
- 62. Georgia rockers
- 63. Scientific instrument (abbr.)
- 64. A major division of geological time
- 65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Plant of the nettle family
- 2. Fit to be sold
- 3. Rather
- 4. Collected
- 5. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 6. Patella
- 7. Ageless
- 8. Lists of course requirements
- 9. Pokes at
- 13. TV network
- 14. They ___
- 17. Cooking hardware
- 18. U.S. Army title

- 20. Iron-containing compound
- 22. Swiss river (alt. spelling)
- 27. Former French coin
- 28. Electronic counter-measures
- 29. Taxi
- 31. Helps little firms
- 32. Woeful
- 33. Midway between northeast and east
- 37. Glowing
- 38. Tasks which should be done
- 39. An informal body of friends
- 40. Intrinsic nature
- 41. Neural structures
- 42. Brews
- 43. Where ships unload cargo
- 44. Singer
- 47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 48. Southwest Scotland town
- 49. Most worthless parts
- 51. Viscous
- 52. Put to work
- 53. Old world, new
- 58. Swiss river

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

<p>Thurs, August 24</p> <p>North Isle H-72°/L-54° Mostly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-75°/L-59° Sunny and Warm</p>	<p>Fri, August 25</p> <p>North Isle H-72°/L-56° Partly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-75°/L-58° Partly Sunny</p>	<p>Sat, August 26</p> <p>North Isle H-73°/L-56° Mostly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-79°/L-58° Mostly Sunny</p>	<p>Sun, August 27</p> <p>North Isle H-76°/L-58° Mostly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-82°/L-58° Mostly Sunny</p>	<p>Mon, August 28</p> <p>North Isle H-69°/L-56° Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-72°/L-56° Sunny</p>	<p>Tues, August 29</p> <p>North Isle H-65°/L-55° Partly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-70°/L-55° Mostly Sunny</p>	<p>Wed, August 30</p> <p>North Isle H-64°/L-56° Partly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-71°/L-56° Sun and Clouds</p>
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OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What are three interesting facts about you?



Julie Wallis, Oak Harbor

My father was a missionary doctor. I enjoyed my family very much. We traveled the world.

Being a Christian is very important to me, and I encourage everyone I can.

I've had MS for almost 40 years! And PRAISE THE LORD I'm still walking (or as my friends would say, rolling as I have a scooter that helps me ROLL with the punches.) Chuckle, chuckle.

Heidi Leger, Oak Harbor

Three interesting things about me: I have lived in Alaska and Maui.

I have done a mission trip to South Africa to raise awareness about AIDS.

One of my favorite hobbies is rock crawling with my husband.



Kris Bobadilla, Oak Harbor

1. I recently graduated with a BA in cultural anthropology and plan on continuing my education with a master's degree.

2. I lived in Japan for three years and miss the culture, food, and scenery.

3. I enjoy refurbishing furniture. My favorite pieces are from the mid-century modern design period.

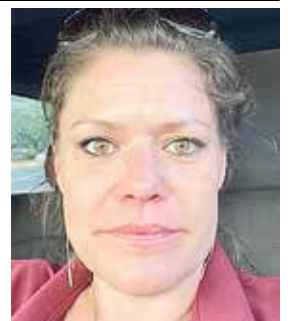
Michael Lieseke, Langley

Three interesting facts about me are:

I once saw the Pope speak at the Vatican on Easter Sunday.

My great-grandfather was one of the original settlers of Freeland in the early 1900s.

I have read and collected over 500 fiction books.



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Community Bulletin Board

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GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

Huge Sale! Friday, Aug. 25 and Saturday, Aug. 26, 8am - 4pm, Sunday, Aug. 27, 9am - noon, 1963 Zylstra Rd, Oak Harbor. Furniture, tools, toys, books, guitars, basses, amps, fishing equip., boats, 1993 GMC van. NO early birds!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesdays at the Student & Family Support Center, Coupeville Schools! Learning Fun: Come join us every Tuesday as we explore the world around us! From 11 am to 1 pm every week, staff is present and excited to teach students about different topics through touch, taste, art, physical activity and more! Open to all ages. Teen Yoga: Every Tuesday, Island County Human Services provides an hour of FREE yoga for teens ages 11 to 21 years. No experience or equipment required. Located at Coupeville Middle/High School Campus, 501 S Main St, Annex 301. Questions? Contact Arianna Bumgarner at 262-528-3774 or studentsupport@coupeville.k12.wa.us.

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

Think you may be pregnant? Stop by Whidbey Island Women's Clinic for free pregnancy testing. We are also here to support our community with diapers, formula, baby clothes, and more. All our services are free. Open Tue and Thu, 10am-4pm, and Wed, noon-7pm. Located at 670 SE Midway Blvd in Oak Harbor.

Be the difference in a child's life and become a foster parent today! Service Alternatives is looking for caring, loving, and supportive families to support foster children. 425-923-0451 or mostermick@servalt-cfs.com

The Whidbey Island community is encouraged to try out the paddling sport of dragon boating with the Stayin' Alive team. Our team's mission is to promote the physical, social, and emotional benefits of dragon boating. It has been shown to be especially beneficial

to cancer survivors. Practice with us for up to 3 times for free. Life-jackets and paddles provided. Saturdays at the Oak Harbor Marina, 8:45am. Contact njlish@gmail.com. More info at our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/NorthPugetSoundDragonBoatClub?ref=hl

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 for more information.

Volunteer for Island Shakespeare Festival! Many hands help keep the island's only outdoor classical summer theater going and growing! Can you help? There are many opportunities throughout the year to join the ISF family as a volunteer. These opportunities are a great way to get acquainted with the organization. • Distribute Ad Packets and Posters for our Summer Season • Production: Help set up Henry the Tent/Help with scenic painting, props, or costumes • Front of House: Usher, gate, greeter, sell snacks • House an Artist: Actors/Designers need free housing June-Sept./Or partial summer • Loan a Vehicle: Actors are housed on various areas of the island and need loaner cars; can you help? • Work at the Bard's Boutique: This fun and easy volunteer job is at the Bayview Cash Store and requires only a few hours per week. • Become a Board Member: Development/Outreach/Special Skills. Please contact Angelica, angelica.metcalfe@islandshake-sperefest.org, if interested in volunteering.

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 back-

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grounds 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.

If you are looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity, look no further! When you volunteer at one of the Habitat for Humanity of Island County stores, you are helping local families attain decent, affordable housing. Income from the stores is vital to giving families a path to homeownership. We need people who can commit to help out in our Oak Harbor or Freeland store at least two-hours per week. Schedules are flexible. Our friendly volunteers provide customer service, help with receiving donated household items and furniture, and maintain the store. We also need drivers and driver helpers who will professionally represent Habitat as they pick up donated items using our trucks. Please call either store for more information. Oak Harbor: 360-675-8733, Freeland: 360-331-6272.

College student? Student of history? History buff? Opportunities are available to spend constructive volunteer hours at the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum. Go to www.pnwnam.org

and click on "Volunteer" or just stop by and introduce yourself.

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 or call 360-321-1484.

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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

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