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Music festival encompasses the heartbeat of community

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

It is one of the most anticipated events of the year on Whidbey Island and the surrounding region. Labor Day weekend has become synonymous with the Oak Harbor Music Festival, now in its 11th year.

The three-day, free festival kicks off Friday at 6 p.m. in downtown Oak Harbor and will run through the early evening Sunday. With two main stages, beer garden, arts and crafts vendors and several food choices, it means this weekend will be filled with dancing, food, fun and music, music, music!

"The vision of the Oak Harbor Music Festival was, is and will always be, bringing the best music to our incredible community for free," said OHMF board president Cynthia Mason. "Our motivation is to unite our island, increase revenue for local businesses and promote inspiration for generations to come."

Organizers of the festival have once again curated a lineup of performers that includes a wide range of genres and artists, some local, some regional and some with national name recognition. (Find the complete lineup at oakharborfestival.com.) Larry Mason, who books the talent for the music festival, said there is so much to choose from, from long-established performers to newer names, that a varied lineup comes together kind of organically.

"As a musician, the music scene is incredible," he said. "The up-and-coming artists of today excite us more than anything. It's really rich, so in developing the lineup, which does require a lot of thought and intention, it naturally balances out."

Friday's opening night is a perfect example. Immediately following the 6 p.m. opening ceremony at the Island Thrift (east) stage, the Gothard Sisters start things off. (www.gothardsisters.com)

"A music festival like [this one] is a fantastic way to find new bands and styles of music that you love, sometimes completely by accident," said Greta Gothard in an email to *Whidbey Weekly*. "Our genre, Celtic folk music, is quite a bit different than everything else on the lineup, and we love introducing it to new people as well as sharing it with those who already love Celtic music."

Gothard said while their music is described as contemporary Celtic folk, they compose new music all the time with Celtic, classical, new age, folk and rock influences. The Gothard Sisters have played the Oak Harbor Music Festival before and said they love the experience.

"The Oak Harbor Music Festival is just so much fun," she said. "There's a wide variety of musical genres, and the audiences are relaxed and appreciative. We had a great time last time we were there, plus their hospitality



Ruth VandenBos Photo Courtesy of the Gothard Sisters
Celtic folk artists the Gothard Sisters help kick off the Oak Harbor Music Festival Friday at 6:15 p.m., immediately following the opening ceremony on the Island Thrift stage.

for musicians is top-notch, and that always makes us feel so welcome. There's nothing quite as summery as getting to attend an outdoor music festival. From the street food to the craft vendors and getting a beer in the beer garden and listening to music – as a musician, I love being a part of that experience for people."

Immediately following the Gothard Sisters Friday night is blues legend John Primer and the Real Deal Blues Band. (www.johnprimerblues.com)

"Primer is a blues legend from Chicago who has been inducted into the Blues of Hall of Fame in Chicago," said Larry Mason. "His music career is extensive, and he has played with Muddy Waters, Willie Dixon and Magic Slim and The Teardrops. The thought of being able to introduce Oak Harbor to a force of nature in the blues world is the most exciting part for us! We can't wait. You can't paint the blues without the Primer!"

Primer, who responded to *Whidbey Weekly* via email, said he is excited to bring the blues to Oak Harbor.

"I am looking forward to meeting everyone, to showing everyone a great show and to bringing our Real Deal Chicago Blues to Oak Harbor," he shared. "Blues touches people, it heals you. I hope everyone in the Pacific Northwest can feel the power of the blues and appreciate where it comes from."

Primer delivered an invitation that many – blues lovers or not – will find hard to resist.

"Let everyone know John Primer and the Real Deal Blues Band are coming and it's gonna be a mess, I tell ya! we plan on showing y'all what a wang dang doodle is! Hope to see you soon!"

Another music festival favorite appearing this weekend is LeRoy Bell and His Only Friends, who will play on the east stage Saturday at 7:15 p.m. (www.leroybell.com) Bell is an accomplished songwriter, who has written for the likes of Elton John and the late Teddy Pendergrass. As he prepares to hit the studio for another album soon, he reflected on what inspires his writing these days.

"I think more so today, it's probably more the state of the world, the state of the country, how I feel," he said. "I'm older now. I have a different view of things. Things that concern me more now didn't concern me years ago. I feel so lucky, so fortunate to have chosen a field that has allowed me to put a roof over my head and one I have stayed true to."

"It's fun writing and having another artist interpret [your music]," Bell continued. "But it's really special to be able to write and sing your own songs, especially if you're able to connect with the audience and people like it."

Bell said the Oak Harbor Music Festival is one of the band's favorite places to play.

"It is one of the best festivals locally," he said. "It's really a treat to come out and play. There are good crowds, we really love playing it. I'm planning to do a pretty good collection of stuff – we'll probably keep it more to 'up' songs. It's more of a party atmosphere. People want to dance. So we'll try to bring the excitement and just have fun."



Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Music Festival
Chicago blues legend John Primer and the Real Deal Blues Band will appear Friday at 7:45 p.m. on the Island Thrift (east) stage for the opening night of the 2023 Oak Harbor Music Festival.

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MONDAY, AUG. 14

5:14 am, NE Kettle St.

Caller advising there is a male subject associated to a silver car and he was singing and urinating by the white fence.

7:41 pm, SW Kaleton Loop

Advising baby screaming for extended time, 15 minutes; reporting party is trying to eat dinner. Allowed the call-taker to hear baby.

7:52 pm, NW Rigging St.

Reporting party advising neighbors are having a party; advising a male subject is now in the back yard with a machete.

TUESDAY, AUG. 15

2:26 am, Oak Harbor Rd.

Caller advising mother is walking down the street; advising she is half naked and not acting herself.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 16

10:35 am, SW Harbor Vista Cir.

Advising female was aggressively ringing reporting party's doorbell; asked reporting party if she could buy or rent the house; reporting party said no and now female is sitting in her yard taking notes.

3:04 pm, NW Fairhaven Dr.

Neighbor is stealing reporting party's power and water; has now stolen gas cans; female has told reporting party she has them and has threatened to use them to burn reporting party's house.

FRIDAY, AUG. 18

8:31 am, NW Longview Dr.

Reporting party advising they caught a rooster. Requesting it be picked up.

10:43 pm, NW Dory Dr.

Advising of subject sleeping in the middle of the road; caller thinks they're up and walking to the park now.

SATURDAY, AUG. 19

2:16 pm, E Whidbey Ave.

Advising male pointed fingers at reporting party like a gun.

SUNDAY, AUG. 20

8:25 am, W Crescent Harbor Rd.

Reporting party states vehicle was left in the middle of the intersection; reporting party had to go around it; silver Suburban, unknown plate, no one seen in or around the vehicle.

2:44 pm, SR 20

Caller states there is a "situation with worker at store;" states worker kicked them out of the store and yelled at them; also laid hands on them "because they were in his way."

MONDAY, AUG. 21

11:17 am, SR 20

Advising there is a male subject in dark clothing walking with his pants all the way down.

TUESDAY, AUG. 22

7:49 pm, SE 8th Ave.

Caller advising neighbor is filming them having a barbecue and would like police to talk to them.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23

9:23 am, W Crescent Harbor Rd.

Reporting party advising he is concerned about the intersection at W Crescent Harbor Rd. and NE Regatta Dr., due to two separate altercations of people yelling at each other. Ongoing issue.

9:37 am, SW Barrington Dr.

People speeding in the area; ongoing issue. Reporting party advising this time a white car with graphics appeared to "make a very aggressive movement towards my husband."

12:46 pm, N Oak Harbor St.

Reporting party believes that his roommate poisoned him.

THURSDAY, AUG. 24

2:50 pm, N Oak Harbor St.

Reporting party advising neighbors were using a propane grill and it wafted into reporting party's house; is upset over the marijuana smoke as well.

3:08 pm, NE Goldie St.

Reporting party requesting call in reference to being recorded at the gym he worked at, then was fired.

7:38 pm, SW Erie St.

Advising of male subject laying on the ground pouring water on himself.

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

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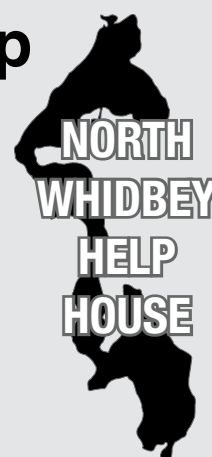
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Bits & Pieces

Community members have attended port meetings to try and explain this, without success.

I treasure the experience of walking down the midway, seeing friends and family, and viewing the fruits of their labors each summer as we celebrate this amazing community we share. The annual fair event cannot continue without the solid support of its landlord.

If you agree, let the port commissioners know they need to be good stewards of not just the fairgrounds, but also the reason it exists - the fair.

Helen Price Johnson
Clinton, Wash.
Former Island County Commissioner

Editor,

I am a longtime resident of Oak Harbor for 37 years now. Recently we moved into city limits and are very excited to cast our vote during the elections!

As an office administrator for 20 years of a local business and involved with the hiring process of people during those years, I have learned to carefully listen, understand, and take into consideration what makes that person the one we would select for employment.

In doing the same with the current candidates running for mayor of our city, comparing leadership skills, educational credentials and real business experience, Ronnie Wright is the right person for the job.

Take a moment to compare, consider and make a choice. Ask yourself who has the skill set for this position?

Ronnie Wright is by far the best candidate to serve as our next mayor.

Vote Ronnie Wright as mayor of this great city!

Trina Terrill
Oak Harbor, Wash.

The More You Know: The Best and Worst Times to Travel for Labor Day Weekend

Use WSDOT tools and tips for smoother travel

People planning their final festivities of summer, before all things pumpkin spice and yellow school buses return, should consult the Washington State Department of Transportation's holiday traffic volume charts at wsdot.wa.gov/travel/holiday-weekend-travel/labor-day-weekend-travel-times to determine best times to travel during the Labor Day weekend.

With the popular travel weekend fast approaching, now is the time to make plans for expected holiday congestion on most routes – whether by ferry, vehicle, bus, rail, foot, bicycle or plane. This year's charts include U.S. 2, Interstate 90 and I-5 between Lacey and Tacoma, as well as Bellingham to the United States-Canada border.

Most construction will be paused over the three-day weekend to help reduce some congestion, but this is a popular travel weekend and WSDOT recommends people go early or late and give themselves plenty of extra time. Crashes or emergency road repairs also can add to travel times.

Travelers can “know before they go” and plan ahead by using WSDOT tools and tips, whether they're traveling across town or across the Evergreen State including:

Get informed about WSDOT's online tools, including the WSDOT mobile app (wsdot.wa.gov/travel/mobile-app-and-social-media), traffic cameras (wsdot.com/travel/real-time/cameras) and email alerts (public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOT/subscriber/new).

Visit online traveler information for traffic, weather, ferry schedules and a real-time travel map.

Follow WSDOT on various social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, YouTube and X (formerly known as Twitter).

Identify potential safety rest areas before heading out, to ensure enough breaks to avoid drowsy driving.

Pre-program vehicle radios to 530 AM and 1610 AM for highway advisory radio alerts – and be alert for other stations listed on notice signs in some areas.

Have a backup outdoor destination as parks and other outdoor recreation sites tend to fill up quickly on holiday weekends. If a site's parking is full, never park along road shoulders, as this is unsafe for everyone on the roadway, including emergency response vehicles.

Most highway construction paused

Most state highway construction work is suspended through the holiday weekend – including Monday, Sept. 4 – to ease congestion. For central Washington travelers, on SR 970 near Teanaway River east of Cle Elum, contractor crews are working on a project to fix roadway erosion, which requires around-the-clock single-lane, alternating traffic and is projected to result in delays of up to three hours during the Labor Day weekend. To reduce these long delays, WSDOT is restricting westbound traffic on SR 970 to local traffic only starting 7:00AM Friday through 7:00AM Tuesday. Travelers on southbound US 97 headed west from Wenatchee will detour to I-90. Please stay alert for new lane shifts or other work zone staging areas that may remain in place. And please give any emergency repair crews plenty of space to work safely.

Snoqualmie Pass

No construction is planned on I-90 from Friday through Tuesday. However, the usual holiday increase in traffic volumes means travelers should expect delays, especially eastbound on Friday and westbound on Monday (see charts for more detail). Text message alerts about significant delays are available by texting the words “WSDOT Snoqualmie” to 468311.

Tolling

In the Puget Sound region, weekend toll rates will be in effect Monday, Sept. 4, on the State Route 520 bridge and SR 99 tunnel. The I-405 express toll lanes will be free and open to all drivers on the Monday holiday. Out-of-town travelers, including those using rental cars, can learn about toll roads and temporary account payment options on the Good To Go! visitors page (wsdot.wa.gov/travel/roads-bridges/toll-roads-bridges-tunnels/good-go-accounts-passes).

Ferry travel

People boarding a state ferry by vehicle should prepare for long waits. Peak travel times on most routes are expected to be westbound or island-bound Thursday through Saturday and eastbound or off-island Sunday through Tuesday. Customers can bypass vehicle lines by traveling as a walk-on passenger and usually board much faster.

All riders should double check the sailing schedules and sign up to receive rider alerts as last-minute delays or canceled sailings are possible based on vessel and crew availability.

Visit the Washington State Ferries website for more details about making a vehicle reservation for some routes, track the vessels on a real-time map and terminal status (wsdot.wa.gov/travel/washington-state-ferries).

Should you invest ... or speculate?

You'll find some big differences between traditional and speculative investments — and knowing these differences can matter a great deal when you're trying to reach your financial goals.

To begin with, let's look at the basic types of traditional and speculative investments. Traditional investments are those with which you're probably already familiar: stocks, bonds, mutual funds, government securities, certificates of deposit (CDs) and so on. Speculative investments include cryptocurrencies, foreign currencies and precious metals such as gold, silver and copper.

Now, consider these three components of investing and how they differ between traditional and speculative investments:

The first issue to consider is risk. When you own stocks or stock-based mutual funds, the value of your investments will fluctuate. And bond prices will also move up and down, largely in response to changing interest rates. However, owning an array of stocks — small-company, large-company, international, etc. — can help reduce the impact of volatility on your stock portfolio. And owning a mix of short- and long-term bonds can help you defend yourself somewhat against interest-rate movements. When interest rates fall, you'll still have your longer-term bonds, which generally — but not always — pay higher rates than short-term ones. And when interest rates rise, you can redeem your maturing short-term bonds at potentially higher rates.

With speculative investments, though, price movements can be extreme as well as rapid. During their short history, cryptocurrencies in particular have shown astonishingly fast moves up and down, resulting in huge gains followed by equally huge, or bigger, losses. The risk factor for crypto is exacerbated by its being largely unregulated, unlike with stocks and bonds, whose transactions are overseen by well-established regulatory agencies. There just isn't much that investors can do to modulate the risk presented by crypto and some other speculative investments.

A second key difference between traditional and speculative investments is the time horizon involved. When you invest in stocks and other traditional investments, you ideally should be in it for the long term — it's not a “get rich quick” strategy. But those who purchase speculative investments want, and expect, quick and sizable returns, despite the considerable risk involved.

A third difference between the two types of investments is the activity required by investors. When you're a long-term investor in traditional investments, you may not have to do all that much, once you've built a portfolio that's appropriate for your risk tolerance, goals and time horizon. After that point, it's mostly just a matter of monitoring your portfolio and making occasional moves — you're not constantly buying and selling, or at least you shouldn't be. But when you speculate in crypto or other instruments, you are constantly watching prices move — and then making your own moves in response. It's an activity that requires considerable attention and effort.

One final thought: Not all speculative instruments are necessarily bad investments. Precious metals, for instance, are found in some traditional mutual funds, sometimes in the form of shares of mining companies. And even crypto may become more of a stable vehicle once additional regulation comes into play. But if you're investing for long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement — rather than speculating for thrills and quick gains, which may disappear just as quickly — you may want to give careful thought to the types of investments you pursue.

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Trains, airports and transit

Travelers making a trip by train, personal aircraft or bus also should plan ahead to avoid holiday delays:

Amtrak Cascades passengers are encouraged to purchase tickets early and plan to arrive at the station one hour before departure. Trains are running between Vancouver, B.C. and Eugene, Ore., stopping at 18 stations along the way. Buses also are available for travel between Seattle and Vancouver, B.C. and between Seattle and Bellingham. Visit www.Amtrak-Cascades.com/ or call 800-USA-RAIL for tickets and schedules.

For information about traveling via state-sponsored airports, visit wsdot.wa.gov/travel/aviation/airports-list or call 360-788-7437.

Check with local public transit agencies for any holiday schedule or service changes, including some Dial-A-Ride and fixed-route service that may not run on holidays.

[Submitted by Washington State Department of Transportation]

Woodworkers Guild Presents the 19th Annual "Art + Wood = Woodpalooza" Exhibition

The Whidbey Island Woodworkers Guild is pleased to announce the return of its "Art + Wood = Woodpalooza @ WICA" Exhibition – the 19th Annual Show of Whidbey's Finest Woodwork at WICA (Whidbey Island Center for the Arts). This year's show promises exceptional work by 20 of Whidbey's best.

The free exhibition will be held Sept. 2 - 4 from noon to 5:00PM daily.

During the exhibition, you are invited to spend quality time with woodworking artisans while you experience the beauty of their creations. You'll learn firsthand the inspiration and process that go into each artist's work, while enjoying many scenic island views as you discover Langley.

The Guild seeks to support professional woodworkers as well as inspire and educate the budding amateur and provide awareness to the general public of the skills available locally from its talented members. In 2001, the Whidbey Island Woodworkers Guild was formed to bring together the woodworking community of Whidbey. Now in its eighteenth year, the guild includes makers of furniture, cabinetry, architectural woodwork, turners, clock makers, sawyers, carvers, restorers, musical instrument makers, boat builders and refinishers.

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts (WICA) is located at 565 Camano Avenue, Langley. Please visit www.woodpalooza.com for more information.

[Submitted by Gary A. Leake, Guild Secretary]

Soroptimist International of Oak Harbor Shred Day

Do you have boxes and bags of papers that need to be shredded? Soroptimist International of Oak Harbor is here to help with its Shred-It event Saturday, Sept. 9 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM at Whidbey Island Bank, 450 SW Bayshore Dr., Oak Harbor. Fill your car, truck, van or bicycle with bags and have your confidential papers shredded. This is an annual fund raiser for Soroptimist International of Oak Harbor and cash or credit card donations are gladly accepted. Funds raised go towards local and global programs that help women and girls live their dreams.

[Submitted by Patty Cohen]

Nutcracker Community Auditions and More at Whidbey Island Dance Theatre

Whidbey Island Dance Theatre (WIDT) prepares for its annual *Nutcracker* Ballet by inviting the community to its *Nutcracker* community auditions Saturday, Sept. 16 at Island Dance Studio, 714 Camano Ave. in Langley.

Come dancers and family members, come little ones and elders. Everyone from age 6 to 96 is welcome to audition. No prior dance experience is necessary to be a part of this magical holiday tradition where 100 roles are available including elves, butterflies, bumblebees, forest creatures, mice, rats, soldiers, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Audition times are noon to 12:45PM for ages 16-adult; 12:45 to 1:30PM for ages 6-7; 1:30 to 2:15PM for ages 8-10; and 2:15 to 3:00PM for ages 11-15. Questions? Call 360-341-2221 or email whidbeyidt@gmail.com.

WIDT has two new artistic directors for its 2023/24 season with Jamee Pitts and Mark Thrapp leading the new season. These directors have new and exciting things to present this season, starting with an even more magical *Nutcracker*, now going into its 31st production on Whidbey. Both Pitts and Thrapp are longtime dance instructors, choreographers and performers at

WIDT and are looking forward to taking the helm and producing not only their beloved holiday ballet, but also the annual spring concert, "A Celebration of Dance," in April.

Would you like to be involved? Volunteers are needed for all WIDT events and fundraisers, to keep the young dancers of WIDT in training and performance. Would you like to help with ushering, costumes, backstage duties, fundraising or helping with technical duties? WIDT would love to have everybody who is willing to lend a hand. Please reach out by email at whidbeyidt@gmail.com or find out more about WIDT and see where you might like to help online at widtonline.org.

[Submitted by Patricia Duff]

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EL NINO, LA NINA AND SALMON

June 8, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) officially announced that El Nino has returned. El Nino is a natural climate phenomenon marked by warmer-than-average sea surface temperatures in the central and eastern Pacific Ocean near the equator, which occurs on average every two-to-seven years. Depending on its strength, El Nino can cause a range of impacts, such as increasing the risk of heavy rainfall and droughts in certain locations around the world and will have a warming effect on our local water temperatures.

El Nino's influence on the U.S. is weak during the summer and more pronounced starting in the late fall through spring. By winter, there is an 84 percent chance of greater than a moderate strength El Nino, and a 56 percent chance of a strong El Nino developing. Typically, moderate to strong El Nino conditions during the fall and winter result in drier-than-average conditions in the Pacific Northwest. El Nino winters also bring better chances for warmer-than-average temperatures across the northern parts of the country. A single El Nino event will not result in all of these impacts, however, El Nino increases the odds of them occurring.

With El Nino conditions, what does that mean to us Island Anglers? Salmon are cold water fish. In North America, Pacific salmon range from Baja, Calif., to Alaska's arctic rivers. They thrive in the subarctic waters of the North Pacific where the water is cold (about 57° Fahrenheit), and the food-web that salmon rely on is productive. El Nino primarily affects salmon by changing the quality and quantity of the cold water habitats. The salmon we Island Angler fish for fall into three primary migratory groups – the "Puget Sound Stock," the "Northern British Columbia Stock," and the "Lower Columbia Stock." There is the chance of a few "Far North Stock" fish passing within range to catch, but the first three groups are where most of our fish will come from.

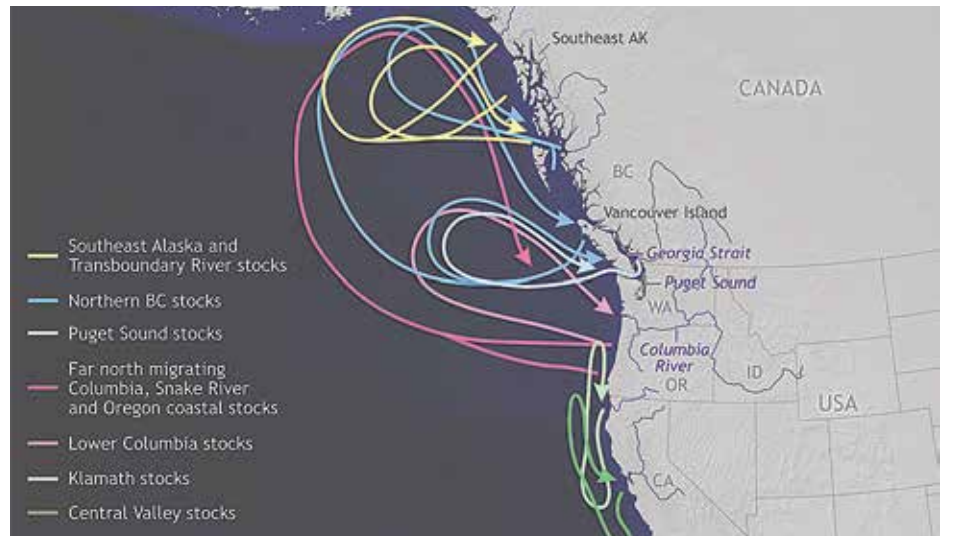
Many local salmon fishermen refer to El Nino as "the Blob," which is a large body of warm water that sits and swirls around off the coast of Alaska and Canada. Because of the blob's location and close proximity to the feeding grounds of our three main fish stocks that are growing to adulthood, the warm water from the blob can decrease the rich nutrients in the area, which in turn

can slow growth rates and reduce salmon survivability. Bottom line, El Nino conditions are not totally bad for fishing but are not as salmon-friendly to the Puget Sound salmon as the La Nina conditions.

I feel the last couple of years salmon fishing has been a little above average in the Puget Sound, and most of this, I believe, is the result of the colder ocean conditions, larger snow packs, and longer cool-water runoff created by La Nina. Colder ocean water is what makes the salmon comfortable; it's been about four years since El Nino has been a factor in weather and warm ocean conditions. Does this mean that the good salmon fishing we have been experiencing will drop off sharply? Not drastically, but we will most likely experience less than desirable catching success the longer the warm water sticks around. Chinook, coho, and chum will manage the El Nino conditions pretty well due to their three- to four-year life cycle. Pinks, on the other hand, are two-year fish from fry to adult and are more sensitive to a one- to two-year warming trend, which can influence their numbers towards the negative. Alaska provides a huge amount of salmon to the commercial markets, and studies have shown that El Nino conditions can actually help the Alaska salmon populations. It's already colder in Alaska than the Puget Sound. That combined with the El Nino water off the Alaska coastline, can produce wetter weather, higher river levels and fuller lakes, and can make for optimum migrating/spawning conditions.

Mother Nature has a way of balancing herself out to benefit all living things, so as long as the weather patterns continue to follow the cyclic shifts from warm and cold (two-seven years), we should be able to enjoy salmon dinners for a long time to come. Consider this: When fully supported, well-managed salmon hatcheries are kept active, we can help Mother Nature out; and in the unlikely event our local climate were to ever become like central California, well I guess we would be fishing for yellowtail amberjack, white seabass, stripers, and Yellowfin tuna.

Big numbers of pink salmon are being caught all around Whidbey Island right now and there are a few reports of Coho as well. Target the pinks in the saltwater before they reach the rivers; the good old pink BuzzBomb will catch both species. Take the kids, be safe and GOOD LUCK out there!



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Bayview Corner Summer Street Dance
Wednesday, September 6, 6:00-8:00PM
Bayview Cash Store, Langley

Doctor Savage is brewing up the funkier concoction. Featuring the talents of some of the Pacific Northwest's finest musicians, including Joanna Cook on vocals, Keegan Harshman on bass, Eric Vanderbilt Matthews on keyboard/sax, and more. This band is sure to get your toes tappin', booty shakin', and keep the party going! 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.

Live Music: Local Secrets
Friday, September 8, 7:00-9:00PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland

Indie folk/rock to uplift your soul. Local Secrets, from Langley, is a local favorite of the top Whidbey Island live music venues. Stellar songwriting by vocalists/guitarists Alicia Elliott and David Licastro covers a range of topics, from love and family, to the life of birds, to commuting to work by car. The rhythm section is held down by David Malony on drums and Russell Sparkman on bass. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Shred Day
Saturday, September 9, 10:00AM-1:00PM
Whidbey Island Bank, Oak Harbor

Fill your car, truck, van or bicycle with bags and have your confidential papers shredded. This is an annual fund raiser for Soroptimist International of Oak Harbor and cash or credit card donations are gladly accepted. Funds raised go towards local and global programs that help women and girls live their dreams. The bank is located at 450 SW Bayshore Dr.

Live Music: Ike and the Old Man
Saturday, September 9, 7:00-9:00PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland

Ike and the Old Man cover an eclectic mix of music spanning decades of well known rock and pop classics, blues, country and jazz. The band members are Isaac and Mark Wacker, and the incredibly talented multi-instrumentalist musicians Doug Coutts, Ray Shelly and George Bullis. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

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.

Military Appreciation Picnic
Saturday, September 16, 12:00-4:00PM
Windjammer Park, Oak Harbor

Free event featuring food, drinks, live music, and family fun. For more information, call the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce at 360-675-3755.

Adaptive Cycling Event
Saturday, September 23, 10:00AM-3:00PM
North Whidbey Middle School Track
67 NE Izett St, Oak Harbor

Outdoors for All is partnering with Island County Human Services to provide the community with an adaptive cycling experience. There will be different types of cycles for everyone to enjoy including handcycles, tandems, recumbent tri-cycles and a variety of other cycles. Helmets will be provided. For ages 6-106. For more information, contact Mike Ezell, Island County Human Services, at mikeet@island-countywa.gov or 360-499-5401.

Chalk Art Contest
Saturday, September 23, 11:00AM-4:00PM
Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor

This free contest is open to creative people of all ages, prizes will be awarded. There will also be entertainment from 12:30 to 4:00PM. Register online at: www.oakharbormainstreet.org/.../art-chalk-walk-2/. Hosted by Oak Harbor Main Street. For more information, call 360-279-8995.

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.

Religious Services
Unitarian Universalist Sunday Service
Sundays, 10:00AM
Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Freeland

All are welcome. Values-based children's religious exploration classes and childcare will be provided. Visit www.uucwi.org for more information. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation building is located at 20103 Highway 525, two miles north of Freeland.

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

If you're one of the "spiritual but not religious" people who question their childhood faith or are looking for something more, Unity of Whidbey may feel like a homecoming. Unityofwhidbey.org even offers a Zoom link for attending online.

Whidbey Quakers
Sundays, 4:00-5:00PM
Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Freeland
Whidbey Island Friends Meeting (also known as Quakers) meet in silent worship and community, with occasional spoken messages, every Sunday at the Unitarian Universalist building. For more information, contact Tom Ewell at tewell@whidbey.com or go to www.whidbeyquakers.org.

First Church of Christ, Scientist
Worship, 10:00AM
Sunday School to age 20, 10:00AM
Wednesday Testimony Meeting, 2:30PM
Christian Science Reading Room
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
11:00AM-2:00PM

The church and Reading Room are located at 721 SW 20th Court at Scenic Heights Street, Oak Harbor. Call 360-675-0621 or visit cs-oh-wa.com for more information. Services and Sunday School are also held at 10:30AM on South Whidbey at 15910 Highway 525, just north of Bayview and across from Useless Bay Road; testimony meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.

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Meetings & Organizations

Deaf Social - Flying Fingers

Friday, September 1, 6:00-7:00PM
Langley United Methodist Church

The group celebrates birthdays, holidays of the month and share food. Group is usually five people. Some use sign language, others don't. Very casual setting. For more information, please contact Susan Ishikawa at 360-221-0383 or sisoleil973@yahoo.com. The church is located at Third and Anthes.

Whidbey Island Military Spouses Meet and Greet

Wednesday, September 13, 10:00AM-12:00PM
Building 13 Seaplane Base, Oak Harbor

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Al-Anon

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Al-Anon Group

Every Tuesday, 5:30-6:30PM
Oak Harbor Lutheran Church, 1253 NW 2nd Ave.

Are you troubled by someone's drinking? Al-Anon group can help. Call Randy at 360-914-8084 for meeting information.

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For a list of local meetings visit www.district46aawa.org or call 888-360-1564 for more information.

Gam-Anon Meetings

Every Tuesday, 6:30PM
Mount Vernon Senior Center, 1401 Cleveland St.

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Every Tuesday, 6:30PM
The Senior Center, Mount Vernon

All are welcome. The Senior Center is located at 1401 Cleveland Ave. For further information, please call Washington State Gamblers Anonymous at 1-800-222-5542.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Whidbey Island

Third Wednesday, 7:00PM-8:30PM
Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland

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NAR-ANON

Every Wednesday, 6:00-7:00PM
Langley United Methodist Church

NAR-ANON family groups are worldwide for those affected by someone else's addiction. The church is located at 301 Anthes Ave.

South Whidbey Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Second Tuesday, 10:00AM-12:00PM
South Whidbey Senior Center, Langley

Expanded quarterly workshops TBA. The Caregiver Support Group, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, Western and Central Washington Chapter, provides emotional, educational, and social support for caregivers of those suffering from memory loss – in a confidential setting. For questions or additional information, contact Mel Watson at 360-321-1623 or mel@islandseniorservices.org.

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Voices sought for community chorus' winter season

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Anyone who can carry a tune and knows a few basics about reading music is encouraged to lend their voice to Whidbey Community Chorus for its winter season.

Registration will be held Sept. 10 and 17 for December performances and new members are encouraged to show up about 4:15 p.m. on either day at First United Methodist Church in Oak Harbor. Returning chorus members who have participated within the past four or five years may arrive between 4:30-4:45 p.m. for 5 p.m. rehearsal. Rehearsals will continue from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday evenings at FUMC until performances, which will be Dec. 7 and 8 at First Reformed Church in Oak Harbor. Cost to participate in the season is \$40 per person.

WCC choral director, Darren McCoy, said it's important for those who have not participated before to arrive early.

"Most people want to know if this is an audition," he explained. "Since we are not testing your ability to read music, it is not an audition. However, if a person cannot carry a melody, group singing in parts is going to be too much of a challenge. We call it a part test because many people aren't really sure which part they should be in."

McCoy said if people don't have anything prepared to sing, he will have them sing "America, the Beautiful" or "Silent Night." No one else is in the room and following that, members will pay their dues, get their music and proceed to rehearsal. All members must provide their own black binder for music.

Whidbey Community Chorus was started in 2002 by FUMC's music director at the time, Chet Hansen, and has seen tremendous growth and community appreciation throughout the years, according to one of its charter members.

"[Chet Hansen] felt it would be a great community outreach and allow anyone who loved choral music an opportunity to sing," shared



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Community Chorus

All those interested in joining the Whidbey Community Chorus for its winter season are asked to register either Sept. 10 or 17 to join rehearsals for the chorus' December performances. Members should be able to carry a melody and while not required, some ability to read music is helpful. Whidbey Community Chorus has two sessions each year; the winter season typically features a holiday-themed performance in December and the spring season's theme varies each year.

Mary Morgan. "Since then the group has continued to grow from the 23 singers who first showed up and community reaction has been incredible – we always have a full house, and there are many who never miss a concert."

Organizers are currently looking for about 80 voices to fill the chorus. In the past, McCoy said they had a waiting list, but COVID had a big impact on membership, which naturally ebbs and flows from season to season.

"Membership fluctuates and like Forest Gump says, 'You never know what you're gonna get,'" he said. "Usually, the winter session and December concert has more singers and larger audiences. Our last Christmas concert was practically standing room only and FRC is the biggest concert venue in town. After lockdown, the public was ready to attend live events."

One of the best things about being part of Whidbey Community Chorus, according to McCoy, is that people of all skill levels are welcome to participate.

"I'm proud of how this group can continually challenge experienced singers while still including people who haven't sung much in a choir," he said. "It's exciting to see a person join when they haven't sung in a choir for decades. They

get back on the proverbial bicycle and fit right in while exploring a wide variety of music."

"What pleases me the most about what we've accomplished... is the fact that we have been able to accomplish our mission to provide Whidbey Island singers with an ever-evolving opportunity to perform and to promote public interest in live music for the past 20 years," said Morgan. "And we're still going strong."

According to McCoy, the diversity of experience among WCC members also helps make the group stronger.

"I love the energy that comes from such a diverse group," he said, mentioning a couple of chorus members by name. "People like Ellen Walton have performed all over the place for many years and will bring me information like Latin translations, which helps with rehearsal. Then you have someone like Makayla Rossi, who was my student and is continuing to sing while pursuing her career. And then others who haven't sung in 30-plus years but want to explore music again. I love how music brings all these people together with a common goal. I think it embodies what we need right now as people and as a country."

McCoy, who is also the choral director for

Oak Harbor High School, said the community chorus can also provide important lessons to younger generations.

"I enjoy bringing my students to perform with WCC," he shared. "Due again to COVID, OHHS has not performed with WCC since 2019 and I'm excited to bring them back. High schoolers tend to think that they won't be able to sing after [completing] school. Joining with WCC shows that music is a lifelong pursuit. You can sing your whole life and it doesn't have to stop when you graduate."

Whidbey Community Chorus is also looking for people in the community with musical talent other than their voices. Organizers are looking to expand instrumentally.

"Last year I teamed up with Sebastian Serrano-Ayala and he pulled together a small chamber ensemble that accompanied [the chorus on] a few songs," said McCoy. "The instruments pulled out more nuances in the music, especially if the piece was intended to be performed with more than a piano. I got to thinking about how wonderful this could be if we continued to develop the instrumental portion of the concert. Sebastian and Dana Carnes told me that there is interest in the community if I wanted to pursue making this a more permanent part of WCC. Dana is now a board member and will be working closely with Sebastian and myself to forge a path."

Anyone interested in the WCC orchestra program can contact McCoy at dmccoy@ohsd.net. For those seeking more information on the community chorus in general, visit whidbey-communitychorus.org. WCC concerts are free to attend, although donations are welcome. Those interested in sponsoring particular songs can also contact McCoy via email.

"This is not just a chorus, it is a community, a commitment, a family of like-minded folks with the ability and desire to make beautiful music," Morgan said. "Come to sing, have some fun and make new friends!"



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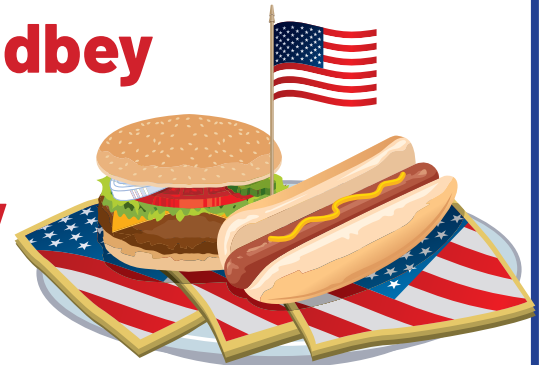
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Recipe of the Week

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Pizza tops the list of comfort foods people turn to when they want tasty meals or snacks. Enjoy this recipe for "Classic Cheese Pizza" courtesy of The Pioneer Woman and Leah Perez.

CLASSIC CHEESE PIZZA (Yields 6 to 8 servings)

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| 1 1/4 ounce packet active dry yeast | 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese, divided |
| 2 teaspoons granulated sugar | 1 cup pizza sauce, divided |
| 1 1/2 cup warm water (90-100°F) | 3 cups shredded low-moisture mozzarella cheese, divided |
| 4 cups all-purpose flour | 1 cup cubed fresh mozzarella cheese, divided |
| 2 teaspoons olive oil, divided, plus more for brushing | Fresh basil to serve |
| 2 1/4 teaspoons kosher salt | |

1. Sprinkle the yeast and sugar over the warm water in the bowl of a stand mixer. Whisk to combine and then let sit until bubbles have formed on the top, about 5 minutes. Add the flour, 1 tablespoon of olive oil, and salt, and mix with the dough hook on low speed until the dough comes together, about 2 minutes. Scrape the bottoms and sides of the bowl. Increase the speed to medium-low until everything is well incorporated and the dough is sticky, 2 to 3 minutes more.
2. Drizzle the top of the dough and down the sides of the bowl with the remaining 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Use a rubber spatula to flip the dough to coat in the oil. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and let it rise until doubled, about 1 hour and 30 minutes.
3. About 1 hour before you're ready to make the pizza, place a pizza stone, steel, or an upside-down baking sheet on the upper third rack of the oven. Preheat the oven to 500°F.
4. On a lightly floured work surface, cut the dough in half and form into tight rounds. To form a nice round, flatten the dough onto the circle. Flip it over and gently pull the round against the counter to form a taut ball. Place the rounds on a lightly floured baking sheet with enough space for them to rise and expand, about an hour.
5. Place a 14-inch piece of heavy-duty foil on top of an upside-down half-sheet pan. Lightly brush the foil with oil and dust with flour. While working with one round of dough, cover the other with plastic wrap.
6. On a well-floured surface, press one piece of dough into an 8-inch round with 1-inch outer lip. Carefully lift the dough with your hands, cupping the lip to keep from flattening it. Working quickly, rotate the edge of the dough through your hands in a clockwise motion, allowing gravity to stretch the dough into a round shape. Place the dough back on the flour and stretch it into a 12-inch circle. Transfer to the prepared foil.
7. Sprinkle the surface of the pizza with 2 tablespoons of grated parmesan. Spread 1/2 cup pizza sauce over the parmesan, leaving a 1-inch border. Sprinkle the pizza with 1 1/2 cups of low-moisture mozzarella and 1/2-cup cubed fresh mozzarella.
8. Using the upside down baking sheet as a pizza peel, transfer the pizza with the foil to the preheated baking stone. Bake until the crust is browned and the cheese is bubbling, 12 to 14 minutes. Transfer pizza from the foil to a cooling rack. Brush the crust with olive oil, sprinkle the surface with basil leaves, and serve hot. Repeat the process for the other dough round.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Get outside and enjoy as much fresh air and exercise as possible this week, Aries. A weekly outdoors excursion can recharge the batteries and provide some time to reflect.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, it's not possible to have everyone like you all of the time. Emotionally it can be difficult to accept that not everyone agrees with your point of view. Be who you are.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Someone from your past might come back into your life, Gemini. Keep a lookout for someone who seems familiar, as it can be a way to reminisce for a bit.

CANCER – June 22/July 22

Cancer, start conversations with all of the people you meet so you can learn about different backgrounds or cultures. You might learn something you didn't know or try a new food.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23

Leo, try to work the room when you are thrust into a social situation. You need to be a diplomat or politician if you want to be in good standing with as many people as possible. Put your best face forward.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

You know who you can trust, Virgo. Stay close to those people for the time being. Some difficulties with family members will arise and you may need to pick sides.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, after a whirlwind adventure, you may be glad to be back home. Vacations are nice and relaxing, but soon enough you may crave the familiarity of your own space.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you have a calm energy around you this week. You can rest assured that the people you are dealing with have everything handled. They take care of business.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

There is a great opportunity knocking at your door, Sagittarius, so why not seize it? New things can be scary, but you have to dive in right now.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Take stock of where you want to go in the future and start putting those plans together, Capricorn. You don't have to figure everything out, but try to map out a rough outline.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

You can quickly see when someone is putting on an act, Aquarius. They may say one thing but mean another. This duplicity can be off-putting, but try to get along with others right now.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you are in no danger of not being popular right now, so continue to enjoy all of the invitations you receive. You also can be proactive and throw your own party for friends.

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25th Annual Chum Run

The 25th annual Chum Run will be held Saturday, Sept. 23 at South Whidbey Community Park's forested trails off Maxwellton Road. Participants are welcome to walk, jog or run as they please. There will also be a free "Fry Run" for kids. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The race is an all-inclusive family event that is fun for all, from the energetic kid to the competitive runner. Prizes will be handed out to the first three male and female finishers in high school and middle school categories. Participants are encouraged to buy the 25th annual Chum Run T-shirt before the event.

Proceeds from the event will support the Healthy Island Youth Initiative (HIYI) Scholarship Program and South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District. The scholarship program provides Island County youth, whose families may find the cost of activities a barrier to participation, with funds to participate in sports and active programs such as soccer, baseball, dance classes, swim lessons, etc.

Race registration will take place from 8:00 to 9:30AM, with the Chum Run set to begin at 10:00AM and Fry Run at 10:45AM. The awards ceremony will be at 11:00AM. Registration fees are \$20 by Sept 17, \$25 the week of the event, and \$30 on the day of the race. This fee does not include a T-shirt, which can be purchased via the link on the registration website, Chum Run 5K 2023 - South Whidbey Parks and Recreation Department (swparks.org)

Kids' registration (13 years and under) is \$15.

Anyone interested in volunteering can visit www.swparks.org/chum-run or contact Liz Dickman at L.dickman@islandcountywa.gov or 360-678-7935.

[Submitted by Keven Graves]

September is Eat Local Month

Whidbey Island Grown Cooperative (WIGC) is excited to announce its third annual Eat Local Month in September. Eat Local Month is a celebration of food, farming, and community in Island County during our biggest harvest month, September. It's an opportunity to connect with the many aspects of our local food system, from farmers and food producers to chefs and food artists, local businesses, and each other.

Learn about agriculture, seasonal eating, canning, and food preservation at farm tours, classes and markets. Visit farmers markets, farm stands, stores and the Food Hub for food and treats grown, raised and processed right here on Whidbey Island. Enjoy delicious, expertly prepared dishes at our many restaurants who source ingredients locally. Bring the whole family out to festivals and harvest fairs on Whidbey and Camano Island. Learn about the impacts and importance of our local food system, and share your experience with our island community.

"We want to inspire our local community and our visitors to see September as a time for eating local food, whether you're cooking up a homemade meal or eating out," said Shannon Bly, WIGC executive director. "Whidbey producers have so much to offer, and Eat Local Month is the chance to go out and explore our local food offerings."

Eat Local Month events will include festivals, farm tours, a self-guided farm stand tour, classes and workshops, farmers market activities, and more. Visit WIGC's website for all activities (www.whidbeyislandgrown.com/eat-local-month).

In addition to special activities and events, WIGC's website features resources to find local producers, local markets and local businesses where local food is grown, cooked and sold.

Flyers for Eat Local Month are available for any business on the island to post in

their window. Each year, the flyer features a different local artist. This year's artist is Katy Leigh.

Specific Events

Mutiny Bay Blues blueberry farm will host its third farm tour, including a tour of its 20 acre blueberry farm with a chance to pick your own blueberries, and a tour of Sleepy Bee Farm's vegetable farm, ending at the farm's commercial kitchen, where Whidbey Island Ice Cream chocolate blueberry bars await attendees.

Lauren Fletcher of Mutiny Bay Blues said, "We love sharing what we do with the community! Farming is a labor of love and a lot of people don't realize how much goes into producing the food they eat. It's awesome to share that with them and open their eyes to the process. One customer at the farm stand recently told me 'the farm tour was the best thing she has ever done on Whidbey.' That sure put a smile on my face!"

Whidbey Farm and Market will hold its second annual CornFest event Sept. 16 and 17. In addition to the market's local food, ice cream, and other locally made products, there will be family friendly activities like a Corn Hole tournament and a corn maze.

"Corn Fest is a fun family day on the farm for all things corn! We will have live music, corn hole tournament, locally grown grilled corn on the cob, the debut of our pirate corn maze, food trucks and more!" said owner Shannon Hamilton.

The Whidbey Island Cider Festival at Pacific Rim Institute will make its post-COVID return Sept. 30. The event will feature cider tastings, live music, family friendly activities, and tours of one of the last remaining native prairies in the Pacific Northwest.

"There truly is something for everyone at this unique event. If the wide array of ciders doesn't quite fill the tasting desire, then you can go with craft beers, locally produced wines and spirits, and mead. For the special one in your group to whom alcohol doesn't appeal, we have craft Kombucha for tasting! Food booths, live music, fascinating tours of the prairie and native plant center, education booths and children's activities will keep you enjoying the day!" said Carol Heimgartner, co-organizer of the event.

Look for local at your favorite restaurants and markets, and on the WIGC Food Hub. The WIGC Food Hub is an online marketplace where over 50 local producers sell their fresh, local products, makes deliveries to markets like the Goose Grocer, Greenbank Pantry, and 3 Sisters Market, as well as to restaurants such as Savory, Old Spots, Overboard, Oystercatcher, Gordon's, and Captain Whidbey.

Regional Campaigns

Eat Local Month campaigns are currently going on in King, Whatcom, Skagit and Jefferson counties. More information about regional events can be found at <https://eatlocalfirst.org/eat-local-month/>.

Why Eat Local

Food grown or raised locally has a smaller carbon footprint because it doesn't have to be transported or stored as long. Less travel and storage time means fresher, flavor packed food. Supporting local keeps farmland, farmers, and agricultural skills on island, ensuring preservation of our rural heritage and open space, as well as making us more resilient in case of emergency. Visiting restaurants and stores with local products encourages those businesses to keep buying local for their ingredients and products. Dollars spent at local businesses have been shown to circulate within the local economy, increasing the success and resilience of our community.

Learn more at www.whidbeyislandgrown.com/why-eat-local.

[Submitted by Shannon Bly]



Kendall Rock Photo Courtesy of Babes in Canyon
Babes in Canyon will bring their unique folk style to the Oak Harbor Music Festival for the first time, appearing Sunday at 2:15 p.m. on the Island Thrift Stage.

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One of Bell's "Only Friends" is bass player Terry Morgan, who grew up in Oak Harbor. Even in high school, Morgan had a gift for organizing music events, like a rock festival at the high school stadium when he was 18. He left Oak Harbor to attend the University of Washington and has been deeply involved in the music scene in the Seattle area for years now. As someone who has organized his fair share of music festivals and events, he said there's nothing quite as sweet as coming back to where it all started.

"When I found out my friend Larry Mason – we played together in high school – was working on this, it was like fulfilling the dream," he said. "We love coming back. It kind of brings it all back full circle. I get to see people I haven't seen in decades, old friends, people I went to grade school with."

Morgan said audiences can expect great music from LeRoy Bell and His Only Friends this weekend.

"I think our band is the best we've ever had," he said. "We like to tear it up and give people something they've never heard before. LeRoy is such a great songwriter, and he allows the band to take artistic freedom in interpreting them, so the songs constantly evolve. And he has one of the most passionate voices in the industry. Come see us not just because you like music, but because you want to have a good time."

New to the Oak Harbor Festival this year is the fledgling group Babes in Canyon, who also have an Oak Harbor connection. (www.babesincanyon.com) Bass player Michelle Nuño lived in Oak Harbor for several years while growing up. We caught up with Nuño, along with bandmates Nathan Hamer and Amanda Ebert, by phone as they were on the road in Montana and Wyoming last week. Hamer is no stranger to the area either, having grown up in the Skagit Valley. He said it will feel good to be back on familiar turf.

"It's going to feel great, after being away," he said. "We always love coming back to the northwest. A home show is typically always the Seattle area, so it's fun to play further up north, where Michelle and I are from."

Babes in Canyon, who play Sunday at 2:15 p.m. on the east stage, released their first EP in February. They are always working on new music and they hope Oak Harbor audiences will appreciate their unique sound.

"Its roots are kind of in folk, but it's got almost a dance vibe," described Nuño. "We've put a spin on what people think of as classic folk."



Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Music Festival
Just like they have nearly every year, LeRoy Bell and His Only Friends will entertain crowds at the Oak Harbor Music Festival again this year. The band plays at 7:15 p.m. Saturday.

Life Tributes



Delores Lorriane (Wadsworth) Crane



Delores Lorriane (Wadsworth) Crane, 86, of Oak Harbor, passed away peacefully July 31, 2023 at Regency Memory Care. The third of nine children, Delores was born March 7, 1937, in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Delores attended school in Moose Jaw then continued on to nursing school. Graduating from Union Hospital Nursing School in 1958, she began working at the General Hospital in Abbotsford, B.C. After meeting her future husband, Ray

Crane, she relocated to Seattle, Wash., and began working at Swedish Hospital.

Delores and Ray were married Dec. 31, 1959. Delores touched the lives of countless patients at Swedish for over 30 years. Retiring in 1993, she moved full time to Whidbey Island. Delores embraced the simple pleasures of life. She enjoyed gardening and delighted in making homemade jams and pies from her berries and apples. Her family and friends anticipated her wonderful jams, baked cookies and desserts.

Family was the cornerstone of Delores' life, and she treasured every moment spent with her loved ones. She is survived by her two devoted sons, Scott (Rhonda) Crane of Bothell, Wash., and Kevin (Kim) Crane of Bremerton, Wash. Delores adored her four granddaughters: Kelsey Crane of Castle Rock, Colo.; Hailey Crane of Parachute, Colo.; Ashley Crane of Bothell; and Kira Crane of Bremerton. She was a dear sister to Sandra Wray of Warman, Saskatchewan; Linda Wagner of Regina, Saskatchewan; and Brian (Geraldine) Wadsworth of Moose Jaw; and in-laws Joanne Wadsworth of Peterborough, Ontario and Suezanne Wadsworth of Bowser, B.C.; and Auntie to many nieces and nephews. Delores was preceded in death by her beloved husband Ray in 1985, shortly after celebrating their 25th anniversary. She also mourned the loss of her parents, Albert "Waddy" and Winnifred "Winnie" Wadsworth, as well as five brothers and five in-laws, Leonard "Len" (Eileen), Howard "Bud" (Emma), Dale, Gary (Sharon), Lynn, Norm Wray and Larry Wagner.

Delores' nurturing spirit, both in her profession and personal life, touched the lives of many. She will be fondly remembered for her hospitality, her sense of humor, feisty spirit and the cherished moments shared with family and friends.

Honoring Delores' wishes, there will be no public services. Memorials may be made to one of her favorite charities: American Cancer Society, Shriners, Fred Hutch Cancer Research Center, Heart and Stroke Foundation, MS Society or Wounded Warriors.

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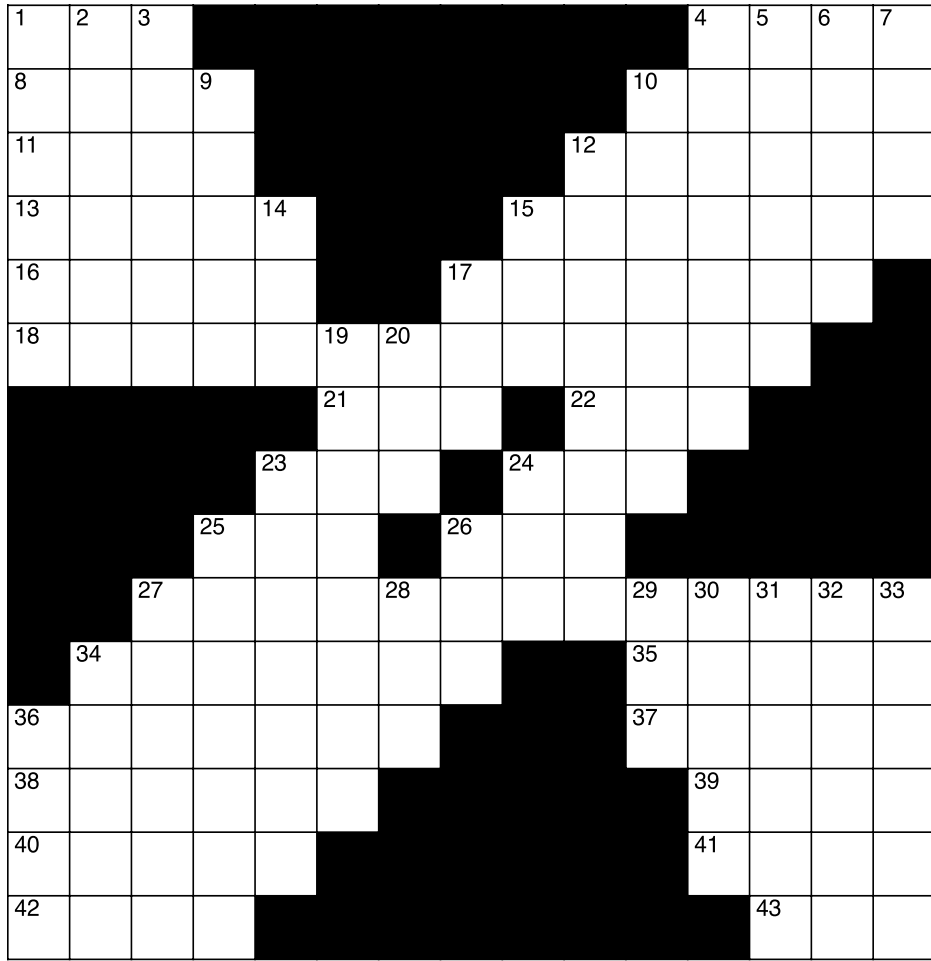
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Outsourcing (abbr.)
- 4. Post
- 8. German city on edge of Black Forest
- 10. "___, but goodie"
- 11. Spiced stew
- 12. Passionately
- 13. Monetary units
- 15. Group of living organisms
- 16. Organic compound derived from ammonia
- 17. High honors
- 18. 5-year-olds' classes
- 21. Swiss river
- 22. Old woman
- 23. Cash machine
- 24. A way to soak
- 25. Hair product
- 26. Deride
- 27. "The Blonde Bombshell"
- 34. Cause to be-

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Native of Slovakia
- 2. Deli meat
- 3. Fibrous substance in fungi
- 4. Cutting
- 5. Vedder and Van Halen
- 6. Horror comic novelist
- 7. Rulers of Tunis
- 9. Shaped like a circle
- 10. Make a pig of
- 12. Aphorism
- 14. Witness
- 15. Single Lens Reflex
- 17. Freshwater North American fish
- 19. Nautical ropes
- 20. Leg (slang)
- 23. Pokes holes in
- 24. Moved quickly on foot
- 25. Fix-it shops
- 26. Type of bread
- 27. Repaired
- 28. Synthetic diamond (abbr.)
- 29. Type of drug (abbr.)
- 30. German city along the Rhine
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. Martini necessities
- 33. Get away from
- 34. Village in Mali
- 36. Djibouti franc

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, August 31	Fri, Sept. 1	Sat, Sept. 2	Sun, Sept. 3	Mon, Sept. 4	Tues, Sept. 5	Wed, Sept. 6
North Isle H-63°/L-54° Cloudy	North Isle H-68°/L-56° Cloudy with PM Sunbreaks	North Isle H-68°/L-56° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-66°/L-53° Showers	North Isle H-62°/L-52° Showers	North Isle H-63°/L-50° Cloudy	North Isle H-64°/L-51° Mostly Sunny
South Isle H-64°/L-58° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-68°/L-58° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-75°/L-58° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-66°/L-53° Showers	South Isle H-65°/L-52° Showers	South Isle H-66°/L-53° Cloudy	South Isle H-67°/L-51° Sunny



OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

Thinking of this upcoming Labor Day weekend, how did you decide to do the work you are now doing?

Bailey Griffith, Oak Harbor

My deciding to volunteer at Central Whidbey Island Fire and Rescue was really due to me wanting to put some roots down here on the Island. My girlfriend and I just bought a home here and I fell in love with everything about the island, so I wanted to give back! I just happened to meet one of the full-time firefighter's dads while I was at work and decided to volunteer. It's been a lot of fun and rewarding getting to work with the great people at CWIFR, and I really hope I can make a career out of it! Volunteering has been time consuming but nothing I can't handle. That paired with my current employer, Surety Pest Control, really working with my erratic schedule. I absolutely couldn't do it without the support from my family, CWIFR, Surety Pest Control or the community.



Greg Roberts, Oak Harbor

After returning from Vietnam, I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life. Fortunately, I got the chance to train with Smith and Wesson to become a warranty repairman. Along with that I also got the chance to train at Colt and Dan Wesson Arms. With that training, I have been involved in the gunsmithing and firearm business ever since. It's been an interesting 52 years so far. I moved to Whidbey Island to continue my firearms career at Greene's Gun Shop.

Cmdr. Jordan Brye, Oak Harbor

I come from a proud military family history – my grandfather retired as a colonel and served for 30 years in the U.S. Army during World War II, Korea and Vietnam, and met my grandmother while she was serving as one of the first members of the Women's Army Corps. My father was a combat C-130 pilot in the Air Force during Vietnam, and my siblings each currently serve as members of the Marine Corps, Air Force, and Army. As a child growing up on a farm in Ohio, my parents always reiterated the importance of service and of serving something greater than yourself, but, at the time, I didn't think that would mean a career in the military. However, I was a junior in high school when the terrorist attacks of 9/11 occurred, and something changed in me that day. Both my father and uncle were airline pilots, and easily could've been on any of those four aircraft that were overtaken. I decided I wanted to do something more to protect my family and my country in hopes that I could prevent a 9/11 type terrorist event from ever occurring again. I endeavored that I would serve in any capacity I could and found myself as a Midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy less than two years later. Thanks to the incredible support from my amazing wife and four children, I've now been in the Navy for a total of 20 years, serving as a Naval Flight Officer in the Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force for the past 15 years, where I'm proud to don the nation's cloth each and every day in defense of this country and all that she holds dear.



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Community Bulletin Board

To place an ad, email classifieds@whidbeyweekly.com

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

Community Yard Sales, Saturday, Sept. 2, 9am-3pm, 2486 Soundview Dr, Langley. Come explore the multi-family yard sales at Useless Bay Colony and Soundview Drive. Many quality treasures, including original art, 7.5' custom designed trestle table & other furniture, queen size aerobed, his & her bikes, outdoor garden tiles & unique household items. Please, no early birds. Cash, Carry & Enjoy!

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-spearefest.org, if interested in volunteering.

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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 profession-

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