

Celebrate Whidbey Island's Bounty Sunday, September 10th 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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Celebrate the harvest at Greenbank Farm

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

The unofficial end of summer has come and gone, school is back in session and it's time to turn our attention to the coming of fall. Here on Whidbey Island, that means it's time to enjoy the harvest and all that comes with it, such as the Greenbank Farm Harvest Faire, happening Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This free day of family fun will feature tours of the farm, hayrides, children's crafts, family games on the lawn, a beer garden, live music, food, local artisans and even a pie eating contest. According to organizers, the day is a perfect way to celebrate Whidbey Island's bounty.

"Greenbank Farm just screams out for this kind of event," said Susan Laarman, of the Port of Coupeville, which owns and manages the farm. "We had a small version of this event in 2019 with the intention to grow it, so everyone is very excited to move forward.

"I don't know if everyone on Whidbey is aware of the businesses that are tenants at the farm," she continued. "They'll be at the core of this event – the farmers, restaurants, art gallery. And then the community is invited to participate as well, as we do see this property as an asset for the island."

Laarman added there are a number of nonprofit organizations that will participate in the Harvest Faire along with several farms and organizations that already call Greenbank Farm their home.

"There will be hayrides so people can tour some of the trails that run along the outskirts of the farm," she described. "They can also see the flower farmers – Salty Acres Farm and Whidbey Dahlias – everything is in bloom right now. Island County Master Gardeners have a demonstration garden and they will have volunteers on hand to talk about the demonstration garden and

native plants. One Willow Farm, which has the farm animals that a lot of people see when driving on the main road, they will bring five or six of their Scottish Highland cows down close to the event so people can see and learn about them."

Laarman said there will be members of 4-H there as well as several other fun activities.

"There will be live music and a beer garden adjacent to the wine shop," she said. "Kids will be allowed to go in and listen to

music, which can be a fun, relaxing activity. There will also be a big yellow and white circus tent with a lot of children's activities in there. They can make a scarecrow or windsock, for example. And there will be lawn games in the open space by the playground area, which has new playground equipment. There will be cornhole and darts for sure."

For those interested in a bit of tasty compe-

tition, the pie eating contest will be held at 1 p.m. and will include the first 10 people to sign up at the information booth. Whidbey Pies is donating 10 pies for the contest and prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.

One of the organi-

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ing in the Harvest

Faire Sunday will be

Whidbey Island Grown

Cooperative, which will

be promoting its Eat

Local Month initiative

for September. (www.

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Bly, executive director

of WIG. "I'll have WIG

merchandise and



Photo Courtesy of Ballydidean Farm Sanctuary Animal ambassador for Ballydidean Farm Sanctuary, Petunia the pig, will be attending the Greenbank Farm Harvest Faire Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

vintage Whidbey Island Farm Tour cards for sale at our booth."

Bly said WIG is excited to participate in the Harvest Faire because Greenbank Farm is an important part of Whidbey Island agriculture.

"Two of our food hub producers/co-op members, One Willow Farm and Whidbey Pies, have locations at Greenbank Farm," she explained. "Another farm located at Greenbank is Growing Veterans Farm, who we support by delivering pletely funded by individual donors. We rely on events like this to help us raise awareness, volunteers, and funds for our cause."

Those attending Sunday should be sure to watch for Ballydidean Farm's special guest, according to Santosa.

See **GREENBANK** continued on page 8

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"I'll have the Whidbey Island Grown truck and booth at the faire to connect with people about the co-op, the Food Hub, and ways to eat local, including Eat Local Month activities," said Shannon

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Photo Courtesy of Port of Coupeville

Greenbank Farm not only features businesses, gardens and farms to tour, the area is also known for birdwatching. Its Harvest Faire Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. includes information on birds of the area and the Pacific Flyway.

their weekly vegetable harvests to North Whidbey Help House with our Food Hub truck.

"Greenbank Farm also supports organizations that spread education, technical support, and land preservation, which are all very important to WIGC's producers and to the entire island community," Bly continued.

Ballydidean Farm Sanctuary in Clinton is another nonprofit organization taking part in the Harvest Faire.

"Ballydídean Farm Sanctuary is a five-yearold nonprofit farmed animal rescue," shared founder Ansel Santosa. "We are home to 120 animals (chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, goats, sheep, pigs, cows). We take in unwanted, abused, and neglected animals from owners, fosters, shelters and law enforcement, get them healthy and give them a good forever home, whether that is with us or with one of our adopters. We are an organization almost comPat and Carrie are here to help you.



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Friday, Aug. 25 8:03 am, NE Barron Dr.

Reporting party advising of male walking around the dumpster, with his pants down, yelling.

8:19 am, NE Barron Dr.

Advising subject is by the dumpster next to the playground, between the black fence and the dumpster.

10:54 am, SE Pioneer Way

Reporting party advising that while pulling out she and a bicyclist hit each other; bicyclist is refusing medical and did not want law enforcement called. Reporting party is requesting law enforcement.

3:56 pm, SE Midway Blvd.

Advising of persons living in apartment continually driving through parking lot fast; almost ran reporting party over.

Saturday, Aug. 26 7:31 am, NE 3rd Ave.

Reporting party advising a BMW in the area seems to have changed its plate; wants to know if it's illegal.

6:49 pm, NW Camella Loop

Male initially stayed on the line, however when asked identifying information he gave it and then said, "Just send someone, I'm busy doing something."

Sunday, Aug. 27 3:31 am, SW Whidbey Ave.

Advising female broke into reporting party's car and tried to hit the reporting party;

did not hit her; telling the reporting party her rent is due.

Monday, Aug. 28 11:45 am, NW Redwing Dr.

Reporting party requesting call in reference to neighbors having a ton of cats who destroy reporting party's property.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

8:26 am, NW Fairhaven Dr. Advising neighbors are feeding squirrels nuts and they are jumping all over her yard? [sic]

12:43 pm, SE Barrington Dr.

Reporting party requesting contact at Oak Harbor Police Department. Talking about her painting being stolen; was also robbed of 12 diamonds Saturday night.

3:18 pm, NE lzett St.

Party requesting call referencing advice on her misbehaving son; getting calls from school saying he is hitting kids, etc.

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SEPTEMBER 7 - SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 LOCALLY OWNED Whichbeyweekly Bits & Pieces INSPIRATION.

Letters to the Editor Editor,

The Sept. 1 ruling from U.S. District Court Judge Richard A. Jones' courtroom against the noise agitation group Citizens of Ebey's Reserve's (COER's) requests for remand with vacating the Record of Decision (or remand with vacatur) and to study moving part or all of NAS Whidbey Island to NAF El Centro clearly is a win for NAS Whidbey Island.

With the Sept. 1 Judge Jones' ruling, Attorney General Bob Ferguson is arguably the next general to find failure against the American military on Central Whidbey's prairie, and in the process, shows the inadequacies of lawfare. Perhaps the ghost of Confederate General George Pickett, leader of the thankfully failed Gettysburg charge, still haunts Washington's history. Other leaders who found similar failures throughout Whidbey history include Ken Pickard, Maryon Attwood, Paula Spina and Bill Skubi.

That said, complacency for fellow NAS Whidbey Island boosters is, I daresay, nonstrategic. Incompatible land use indicated by noise agitation groups activism and lawfare is at the least sending divisive mixed political signals. Land use reform, not time-wasting divisive lawfare, and more studies will be the "remedy" OLF Coupeville noise agitation groups seek.

Very respectfully,

Joe A. Kunzler Skagit County, Wash.

Memorials for Tokitae September 9 and 10

August 18, Tokitae, the last of the captured Southern Resident orcas, died at Miami Seaquarium just as plans were underway to return her to a sea-pen in the Salish Sea. She was estimated to be 57 years old. The weekend of Sept. 9 and 10, there will be two events to honor and remember her.

Saturday, Sept. 9, 4:00 to 6:00PM - Foss Waterway Seaport, Tacoma

Please join Tacoma student Nateli Sanderson for a South Sound memorial for Tokitae. This event, sponsored by Foss Waterway Seaport with support from Orca Network, will include information and displays about Tokitae, presentations fr Nateli and Orca Network staff, opportunities for attendees to share memories and thoughts, and a waterside ceremony to honor Tokitae and her family.

if you would like. The evening will also include words from Howard Garrett and Susan Berta of Orca Network and Mayor Molly Hughes of Coupeville. This event is sponsored by Orca Network, Town of Coupeville, Port of Coupeville, Coupeville Chamber, Friends of Ebey's, Ebey's Landing Trust Board, Penn Cove Water Festival, and so many people who love Tokitae and want to remember and honor her.

[Submitted by Cindy Hansen, Orca Network]

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 United Methodist 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]

Military Appreciation Picnic

In partnership with the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce, the Navy League of the United States, Oak Harbor Area Council, will host the 21st Annual Whidbey Island Military Appreciation Picnic Saturday, Sept. 16 from noon to 4:00PM at Oak Harbor's Windjammer Park.

The family-friendly Military Appreciation Picnic will be open to the public. It features premier pulled-pork BBQ, hot dogs, cake, various free food and drinks, plus live

Registration Open for Two-Day Boating Skills and Certification Course Earn the Required Washington State Boater Education Card

Registration is now open for America's Boating Course, a two-day boating skills and certification course, to be held at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club Saturdays, Sept. 30 and Oct. 7, by the America's Boating Club of Deception Pass. Successful completion of the course, conducted over the two Saturdays from 9:00AM to 5:00PM will qualify individuals for the Washington State Boater Education Card now required for most boaters.

The introductory boating class will include:

- basic boat handling and docking
- safety considerations
- federal and state equipment and safety requirements
- nautical rules of the road

The cost to register is \$55. For a spouse or partner sharing the course materials, it will cost an additional \$30.

Registration and payment can be done online at www.jotform. com/221147533852050. Registration deadline is Sept. 23. For more information, contact Jerry Liggett at jliggett4@hotmail.

According to state law, most recreational boaters in Washington are required to complete a boating safety course and carry a Washington State Boater Education Card. You are required to have a Boater Education Card if you fit the following criteria:

- You operate a vessel with a 15-horsepower (or greater) motor.
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- You are 12 years of age or older.

According to instructor Jerry Liggett, this is the most comprehensive introductory boating course available, and will give novice boaters the skills needed to enjoy their time on the water and boat with confidence. The boating club also offers free on-the-water training for participants.

America's Boating Club of Deception Pass is a 44-year-old nonprofit organization, with more than 75 members from Whidbey and Fidalgo islands. It is part of the United States Power Squadrons, a nonprofit boating organization dedicated to education and training of safe boating activities.

[Submitted by Jennifer Geller]

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts Invests in the Future of Arts on the Islands

Enriching lives through the power of art is at the heart of the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts (WICA) mission—and it all begins within the community. In 2023, the WICA board of directors relaunched its scholarship program with the Bridge Family Scholarship, named for current Board Chair Bobbe Bridge and her family. An island-wide initiative to support recent graduates in the Oak Harbor, Coupeville, and South Whidbey school districts, the scholarship provides funding to Whidbey Island students who are interested in continuing to pursue art as they move on to an accredited institution of higher education. Reaching students throughout the island was key to the scholarship's purpose, which Bridge saw as a way to honor the diversity of talent found on Whidbey and to support recent graduates who remain committed to an artistic future—whatever that may look like.

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continue to have that as a part of their lives and make sure it's part of any community they're [in]."

This year, the scholarship was awarded to three island graduates, with each receiving \$1,667 to be used as they pursue the next step in their educational journeys. The recipients are: Ada Faith-Feyma (SWHS), Abigail Ireland (SWHS), and Isadora White (OHHS).

"WICA believes in the transformational power of the arts and we know we must support and nurture our youth in their dreams and goals," says Deana Duncan, WICA's executive artistic director. "Art makes a difference."

[Submitted by Billy Tierney, WICA]

Grant Funds Available to Restore Historic Barns, Cemeteries, and Theaters

Thanks to funding from the Washington State legislature, grants are available to support the rehabilitation and restoration of historic barns, cemeteries and theaters across the state.

The legislature's approval of the 2023-2025 state budget earlier this year included reauthorization of four state capital grant programs operated by the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP): the Heritage Barn Grant Program, Historic County Courthouse Grant Program, Historic Cemetery Grant Program and Historic Theater Grant Program. These grant programs are intended to help to preserve, rehabilitate and restore some of the state's most historically and culturally significant resources. As in years past, the grant programs are administered by the nonprofit Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, under contract to DAHP. Of the four grant programs, the grant recipients for the Historic County Courthouse Grant Program are pre-determined as part of the legislative request; the remaining three programs are accepting grant applications through Oct. 31.

Established in 2007 and now in its ninth round, the Heritage Barn Grant Program is specifically designed to assist in the preservation of Washington's iconic historic barns, which stand as symbols of the state's agricultural heritage. Barns must be listed on the Heritage Barn Register, a statewide list maintained by DAHP, in order to apply for funding through the Heritage Barn Grant Program. Nearly \$1,000,000 in grant funds will be distributed among successful applicants to aid in the rehabilitation and safeguarding of these unique structures, ensuring their continued cultural significance for generations to come.

Established in 2016 and in its fourth round of funding, the Historic Cemetery Grant Program offers financial assistance to preserve and restore significant burial grounds throughout Washington. These cemeteries often hold valuable historical information and serve as the final resting places of pioneers, veterans and community leaders, making their conservation crucial to the state's historical narrative. Official historic designation is not required

Sunday, Sept. 10, 5:00 to 7:00pm -Coupeville

Please join Coast Salish Elders Rosie Cayou James and Bill Bailey for the first in a series of salmon ceremonies to honor Tokitae. Additional dates and locations will be announced soon. The ceremony will take place near the Whale Wheel at the corner of Front and Alexander Streets in downtown Coupeville, on the shores of Penn Cove, where Tokitae was captured 53 years ago. They request everyone wear black and white. There will be cedar available to place in the water during the ceremony, but feel free to bring your own

music, kid's games and other family fun.

Whidbey Island, and the community at large, wish to honor our active-duty personnel and their families with this gesture of gratitude. Their service, plus their many contributions to our community and nation, are very much appreciated.

This annual picnic is supported and sponsored by a wide representation of community members, industry, regional and local businesses, service organizations, elected leaders, volunteers, and other Whidbey Island and Skagit citizens.

For additional information, please contact the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce at 360-675-3755, or visit the websites at either www.OakHarborNavyLeague.org or www.OakHarborChamber.com.

[Submitted by Steve Bristow]

"It's open to those who have demonstrated art is important to them," says Bridge. "However it's expressed, they will to apply: any cemetery within the state of Washington containing five or more burials, with at least one burial more than 50 years old, is eligible for this grant program. Nearly \$500,000 in funding is available for distribution as grants.

Lastly, the Historic Theater Grant Program, established in 2021, seeks to support the conservation of historic theaters that have played a pivotal role in shaping the arts and cultural landscape of Washington, particularly given theaters' financial difficulties and deferred maintenance during the pandemic. Grants will be awarded to successful applicants to aid in the maintenance, repair and revitalization of these cherished community gathering spaces, with a record \$500,000 to be distributed.

Applicants are encouraged to review the eligibility criteria, program guidelines and

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application workshop recordings available on the Washington Trust's website at preservewa.org/grants. All applications must be submitted through the online portal before the deadline of Oct. 31, 2023.

[Submitted by Abby Armato, Washington Trust for Historic Preservation]

Attention Coupeville Organizations: 2023/24 Grant Application Now Open

The Coupeville Festival Association raises funds to financially fulfill project grants submitted by local organizations. The Association looks for projects that promote quality handcrafts and the arts, ensure the cultural enrichment of the 98239 residents, and beautify and preserve the unique historical qualities of Coupeville.

Between scholarships and grants, the CFA has donated more than \$1.2 million back into the community in the 59 years of the Festival.

Learn more and apply at coupevillefestival. com/community-project-grants/grant-application.

[Submitted by Deb O'Brien]

Local Business News

Garry Oak Gallery's Featured Artist of the Month

Jennifer Holmes is Garry Oak Gallery's September Artist of the Month. Jennifer specializes in wildlife photography on Whidbey Island and has even captured the likes of "Bruiser," our famous island elk. Her beautiful photography is proudly featured at Garry Oak Gallery in the Old Town Mall, in historic downtown Oak Harbor (830 SE Pioneer Way). The Gallery is open seven days a week, Monday through Saturday from 10:30AM to 5:00PM, Sundays 10:30AM to 3:00PM. For more information, call 360-682-5675 or visit www. garryoakgallery.com.



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What's Going On



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 fundraiser 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.

Veterans Appreciation Picnic

Sunday, September 10, 12:00-4:00рм 4632 Tompkins Road, Langley

Enjoy free food - burgers, brats, veggie options, and music by Bobby Silver and the Fat Daddys, in a climate friendly venue with covered areas and parking and access for all abilities. Presented by the Whidbey Veterans Resource Center, all are welcome. No pets please. For more information, call 360-331-8081 or visit www.whidbeyvrc.org.

Island Shakespeare Festival

Thursdays-Sundays, through Sept. 10, 6:00PM 5476 Maxwelton 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 with this monthly meet up. Register at https://forms.gle/6gcKBrYovmZ5xoH9A.

Memory Cafe

Tuesday, September 19, 12:30рм First United Methodist Church, Oak Harbor

This is a monthly gathering for people with memory loss and their family to enjoy a time of fun, conversation, music and laughter in a dementia friendly setting. Featuring Joanne and Steven playing and singing. The church is located at 1050 S E Ireland St.

Classes, Seminars and Workshops

The Declaration of Independence *Thursday, September 14, 6:30PM* Best Western Plus, 33175 State Route 20

The public is invited to a fun, entertaining and informative evening learning about the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Sally Buckingham, long-time member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, has an engaging presentation that will answer all these questions and more. Light refreshments and beverages will be supplied. Sponsored by the Republican Women of North Whidbey. For more information, call 360-441-1415 or email RepublicanWomenofNorthWhidbey@gmail.com.

Hot Composting

Saturday, September 16, 10:00-11:30AM Tilth Community Garden, Langley Learn the benefits of hot composting and how to make a successful hot composting pile with Master Gardener and longtime composter Tom Vincent. \$5 for Tilth members and \$15 for non-members. For questions, contact education@southwhidbeytilth.org. The Tilth garden is located at 2812 Thompson Rd.

Bridging Our Differences Workshop Saturday, September 16, 1:00-2:30PM

Zoom Meeting

Learn to listen with curiosity instead of judgment and to start tricky conversations without trepidation. Register at https:// www.civilityfirst.org/next-bridging-our-differences-workshop.html. The Zoom link and materials will be emailed to you the morning of the workshop. Contact Civility First at Civility1st@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to schedule a workshop for your organization.





Introducing

Board Game Night

Saturday, September 9, 6:00-9:00PM Clinton Community Hall

Join Zo and Sean at Clinton Hall for an evening of games. Try out the board games provided or bring a game to share. If you need any help learning a new game or deciding what to play we've got you covered. All skill levels are welcome.

Meetings & Organizations

Whidbey Island Military Spouses Meet and Greet

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

The USO building is ready and is kicking off the first Coffee Connection with a meet and greet event. Come meet some new friends and enjoy some tasty treats and beverages while learning what to expect The color of bold and envious beauty, Jade is a captivating shade for any table setting.





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"Play On!" produces real laughs at Whidbey Playhouse

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Pack some tissues before heading to Whidbey Playhouse for its new production of "Play On!" by Rick Abbot, because it's likely to make audiences laugh until they cry!

The play, directed by Stan Thomas, opens Friday and will run through Oct. 1. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and at 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets may be purchased at the box office or online at whidbeyplayhouse.com. All seats are \$25.

"Play On!" tells the story of a group of community theater thespians who are rehearsing for their production of the show, "Murder Most Foul." We meet the cast, their director, members of the crew and even the playwright while they are rehearsing, then follow them through their dress rehearsal and finally, opening night. If there was ever a story to illustrate the theory of Murphy's Law, "Play On!" would be it. Everything that could go wrong, does. Members of the cast and crew have their own opinions of how things should be done, much to the frustration of the show's director. Add in a playwright who keeps changing the script at the eleventh hour and well, mayhem ensues.

While those in the audience will appreciate the hilarity of the on-stage antics, it must be noted the actors have signed up for a difficult play. There are a lot of purposeful missteps to keep straight as this story unfolds and the cast does a great job of remembering where they're at in all the different versions of the story we see.

"It's difficult when you are saying the same lines over and over and expecting different results," explained director Thomas. "For example, 'Is this the part when the phone rings or has the sound person made an error? How do I respond?' You constantly have to be on your toes. If your mind drifts, you're in real trouble. I admire the six actors who have to say the same lines over and over and manage to keep them straight. I especially admire the sound operator, Elizabeth Lo, for managing to keep the sound cues organized.

"The audience will enjoy the pratfalls and the verbal mix-ups," he continued. "They will laugh when the various characters make jokes and say things that might hurt other characters. But I think they will also see that what the individual actor is doing is



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The cast and director are not pleased when the playwright wants to make changes to the show during their dress rehearsal. The madcap story of how their play comes together sets the stage for the comedy "Play On!" opening Friday at Whidbey Playhouse. Pictured from left are Ellie Alexander. Wesley Moran. Shealyn Christie, Marianne Campos and Allenda Jenkins.



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly Cast members of the fictitious play "Murder Most Foul" crack up during the dress rehearsal of their community theater play. The play within a play is the premise of the comedy "Play On!" openina Friday at Whidbey Playhouse in Oak Harbor. Pictured on stage from left are Gary Gillespie, Ellie Alexander, Marianne Campos and Wesley Moran.

difficult; it requires total concentration and staying in character even when things go wrong. And it requires respect and even love for the other people that they are acting with. They are all in it together."

"The story is great, the show-within-a-show is unlike anything audiences have ever seen, and the fact that it's set in a community theater just adds to the outlandishness of the show," said Eric George, who plays the role of Saul Watson. "I like to think of him as one of those actors who performed Off-Broadway and had moderate success. [He has] aged out of the younger male roles, fallen down the actor ladder, and is now performing in community theater. He thinks that because he has all this experience, he is a Brando or Olivier, but the truth is, now he is just a great big ham."

Allenda Jenkins, who plays "Murder Most Foul" playwright Phyllis Montague, was also intrigued by the play within a play concept of "Play On!"

"It was interesting from the point of view of the playwright," she said. "I can relate to many of the funny situations the characters are working through to put on a play together. The behind the scenes work to mount a production from rehearsal to performance is presented in a humorous way. The prop, set and costume malfunctions, as well as dropped lines and missed cues, give the audience a hilarious inside look into the world of theater."

"The idea of memorizing the show and purposefully messing it up just sounded interesting and I wanted to experience it," said Marianne Campos, who plays Violet Imbry. "Violet isn't the brightest person and she's pretty clumsy, but she has a deep passion for fashion and theater. I like to say she's only smart when she's acting."

Wesley Moran plays Billy Carew, his first theater role 12 years ago. He's been on Whidbey Island for a year-and-a-half now and said he's excited to play Billy again, in order to gauge his growth as an actor, but he also enjoys playing a role to its fullest.

"Billy is the future leading man of this community theater," he said. "He has been around the block, so to speak, but he has not put in the hours Saul has at this point. I am a fan of the physicality of stage acting, especially when a scene calls for a prat fall. I get two opportunities during the show to throw myself around stage and I have grand time doing it."

Ellie Alexander, who plays Polly Benish, said the concept of this play is also what led her to audition.

"I think audiences will really enjoy being able to see the work that goes into a show like the ones Whidbey Playhouse puts on," they said. "Although it's definitely exaggerated to some extent, all of the chaos we portray in 'Play On!' actually happens during the run of a show.

Thomas, who is at home directing either comedy or drama, said it's his job to bring out the moments in any story to which people on and off stage can relate.

"Every person involved in theater has war stories about things that have gone wrong in past productions," he said. "However, what we have done here is draw upon our memories of what is funny. The script tells us our lines but the playwright of 'Play On!' wisely decided to allow us, the cast and crew, to create many of the instances of humor found in the play.

"True laughter comes when a person recognizes something of themselves when they view a humorous incident," Thomas continued. "For example, when a person trips and falls, it's funny. You are not laughing because they may have hurt themselves, but rather, you see yourself possibly doing the same."

Whidbey Playhouse is located at 730 SE Midway Blvd. in Oak Harbor. Performances of "Play On!" begin Friday at 7:30 p.m. and will run through Sunday, Oct. 1.

"People should attend 'Play On!' because if laughter is medicine, consider us the pharmacy," said Alexander. "I couldn't be more thrilled with how it's turned out. My cheeks hurt from laughing every night I go home from rehearsal!"

"This has been such a rewarding experience and I honestly have had the best time with my fellow actors," George said. "'Play On!' is a great show, a funny show that people will laugh out loud at. It's unique in its story and the show within a show is something people will just not expect."

"'Play On!' is both a theatrical teaching tool as well as a hysterical comedy," said Thomas. "To quote a person who has seen our production, 'I laughed until I started to tear up.' Come and laugh with us!"



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly Cast members Polly Benish (Ellie Alexander), left, and Violet Imbry (Marianne Campos) try to bond during their community theater rehearsal. The new Whidbey Playhouse production "Play On!" shares the hilarious story of how the production of "Murder Most Foul" finally comes together.

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"We will be bringing Petunia, our four-monthold rescue runt piglet as an ambassador animal to help promote the sanctuary and specifically LEAP, our new educational program for high school students," he explained. (www. ballvdidean.farm/leap)

"We're really excited so many organizations want to participate in the Harvest Faire," Laarman said. "This is something we hoped for and wanted and we're hoping everyone will invite their friends and spread the word."

Laarman noted the Harvest Faire could not happen without the help of volunteers. She encouraged anyone interested in volunteering for this or future events should email adminassistant@portofcoupeville.org.

"It will just be fun to celebrate the season, get a snippet of some of the bounty available on Whidbey Island, meet our neighbors and learn a little bit more about farm life, wildlife and the local plants that grow here," Laarman encouraged.

"Whidbey is known for charming community events like this," Santosa said. "Greenbank Farm is centrally located, has amazing views, and is one of the oldest farm properties on the island. I think with tourist season coming to a close, it's going to be a great last hurrah for the locals before we go into hibernation."

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, a goal you have been working toward is nearing completion. Take time to reflect on all it took to make the goal come to fruition.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, try to get away on a vacation, even if it's just a weekend jaunt. There's never been a time you could use a little getaway more than right now. Push this into the priority zone.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, it is time to get more movement into your daily activities. Don't you want to be in the best possible health? Incorporate more exercise gradually with activities you enjoy.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

A partnership will get even stronger this week, Cancer. It could be a relationship with a spouse or even a business partner. You'll benefit from this added strength.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

You may take immense pleasure from doing mundane chores this week, Leo. Washing windows, organizing the garage, sorting through unused clothes ... these are all things to keep busy.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Your chart lands you in the sector of romance, creativity and passion this week, Virgo. Embrace all of these elements in your life to the fullest.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, even though you have been a veritable social butterfly lately, you may need to rest your wings for a little bit this week. Slow down and stick closer to home.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, people might be quick to call you mysterious this week, but you just might be an open book. Share as much as you desire with others.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, define what you consider valuable, then do everything in your means to pursue those things. Setting goals can help.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, get ready to take center stage these next few days and bask in the limelight. Everyone seemingly wants to get a piece of you and you might be pulled in different directions.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

You are coming off of a season of easy living, Aquarius. But don't expect the apple cart to be upset. The times of smooth sailing have only just begun.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

It's all about team spirit right now, Pisces. Don't do anything alone for the next several days. You need people in your corner cheering you and others on.



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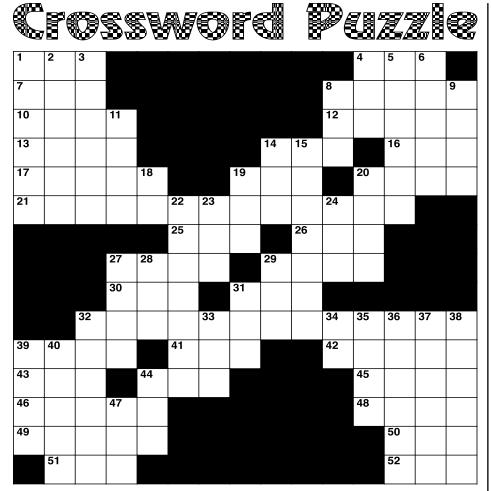
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- 60. Corporate executive (abbr.)



OUR Community An Upbeat Question of the week By Helen Mosbrooker

Thinking of this upcoming Thanksgiving, how can community members help support our local food bank?



Good Cheer Foodbank Langley

We love our community food donations. Check out the wishlist on our website or call the food bank at 360-221-4868. One tip: If you want to donate food for the Thanksgiving holiday, think of us in October, so food can be distributed in November.

Molly Hughes Gifts from the Heart Food Bank, Coupeville

What the community might not know is we order our Thanksgiving turkeys and Christmas hams in August! We also hunt for sales for the special items we need for the holiday, so by the time they roll around we are pretty set. Monetary donations are helpful to pay these large grocery bills. It's fun to give "extras" during the holidays; items our food bank does not buy include bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, lotion, dish soap, cleaning supplies.



We ALWAYS need the basics: Canned entrees (chili, stew, ravioli, etc.); heavy soups (Progresso, Campbells Chunky); canned meat; canned frui; cold cereal and shelf stable milk; peanut butter and jelly; side dishes (noodles, Rice-a-Roni, mac and cheese, etc.). Our shelves need stocking year-round. If you want to donate something, we have a food bank client who would love to receive it!



Jean Wieman North Whidbey Help House Oak Harbor

The holidays can be an expensive time of year for Help House. Many are under the assumption that the turkeys and all the trimmings are donated and that is not the case. We purchase the meats (turkey and this year, ham) and any other items that go into making a holiday meal. Throughout the year, we put away any canned "holiday" foods that are donated but must also purchase enough of these items to make sure we have them for all the baskets (i.e., stuffing,

chicken broth, cranberries, etc). There are several ways the community can help us with both Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets - donate items they would use for their meals, "adopt a family" and provide them with the holiday meal or send in a monetary donation. You can always call us at 360-675-0681 and ask what we are in need of at that time. We would like to say thank you to all those who support us throughout the year. Without your generosity, we would not be able to help our neighbors in need 365 days a year.



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