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Fort FestiveFall this Saturday p. 8

Chum Run raises money for a good cause

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Saturday is a great day to grab a pal and/or family member(s) and head down to South Whidbey Community Park, 5495 Maxwellton Road in Langley for the 25th annual Chum Run. Registration and packet pickup begins at 8 a.m. and the race begins at 10 a.m. Cost for those who register in advance is \$25, or \$30 on the day of the race; youth under 14 are \$15. There is still time to register in advance at swparks.org/event/chum-run/.

The Chum Run 5K is meant to be a fun, family-friendly event and is a collaborative effort of Island County and South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District. While there is an element of competition, the Chum Run is more about camaraderie and promoting healthy activity. That philosophy makes it a perfect way to raise money for Island County's Healthy Island Youth Initiative (HIYI) scholarship fund, which provides scholarships to enable low-income youth to participate in extracurricular sports activities.

"The Healthy Island Youth Initiative scholarship fund is open Island County-wide to youth at any school or home-schooled students," said Liz Dickman, Island County public health coordinator. "It's a scholarship for sports or physical activity classes and can cover expenses like registration fees or equipment fees for any youth who qualifies. It can be for any sport. This past quarter we had a lot of dance classes, swimming lessons and martial arts classes, but it can include football, cheer, soccer."

Because school districts all have their own programs to help youth participate in those activities, the HIYI scholarship covers any other sports or physical activity program outside of school that occurs on a regular basis for a set season or length of time.

Although the HIYI scholarship has been around since 1992, Dickman said it has typically not been used a lot, which is what she is hoping to change.

"I started coordinating it and doing more with it this year," she said. "In return, I'm hoping to raise more money for the scholarships."

Dickman, who began working for Island County in the fall of 2021, has made some changes, such as getting the scholarship application online, which she believes has been helpful.

"I think it's definitely getting the word out better," she said. "Last quarter we had 20 scholarships. So far this year, we are close to 60 applicants. I think our total number of scholarships for the whole year last year was 55."

All proceeds from the Chum Run will benefit the HIYI scholarship fund, which last year raised \$982. Every little bit raised does help, said Dickman.

"Some of these sports do cost a lot of money, so helping with that cost is really important," she said. "We want to be sure any youth can participate in sports if they want to. The recommendation for kids ages 5-18 is to get one hour of physical activity every day. Statistics show most kids are not getting that. Enabling kids to participate not only encourages them to be active, but there's the social aspect to being involved as well, to being part of a team."

Dickman said she has been happy to coordinate this event with South Whidbey Parks and Recreation and said she has been able to bring on several sponsors to help offset some of the expenses associated with putting the event on. Several sponsors have made in-kind donations, ensuring all runners will receive a bag with fruit and granola bars.



Dave Welton Photo Courtesy of South Whidbey Parks and Recreation

Runners of all ages are able to participate together in the 25th annual Chum Run, which takes place Saturday and winds its way through the trails at South Whidbey Community Park in Langley.

"It's nice to know there's community effort out there aimed at helping," Dickman said. "We simply wouldn't be making as much money for the scholarship fund without their help."

Speaking of help, volunteers are welcome and those interested may still have time to sign up.

"We need help setting up the course, packing bags for runners," Dickman described. "On the day of the race, volunteers would be helping to get people registered, to get their T-shirts if they've ordered them, making sure signs are set up, and then help with cleanup. Anyone interested can go to the registration web link to sign up to volunteer."

Last year there were about 100 participants in the Chum Run. Organizers are hoping even more people will participate this year. There will also be a "Fry Run" for children ages 1-10, which starts at 10:45 a.m. Award winners for the Chum Run will be announced at 11 a.m. Information and registration is available online at swparks.org. Whidbey Watershed Stewards, who originated the event, will also be on hand with an activity table for kids.

"It's supposed to be a fun run, so it's not too competitive," Dickman said. "Our motto is, 'Run with your chums.' You can walk it, too, if you don't feel like running. It's a chance to be in a beautiful park and it's a nice way to have a fun event that's related to the HIYI scholarship."

More information on the Healthy Island Youth Initiative can be found at www.islandcountywa.gov/351/healthy-island-youth-initiative.



Dave Welton Photo Courtesy of South Whidbey Parks and Recreation

The 25th annual Chum Run Saturday at South Whidbey Community Park is all about having fun and being active. The event also raises money to support the Healthy Island Youth Initiative scholarship fund.



Dave Welton Photo Courtesy of South Whidbey Parks and Recreation

Runners who participate in the 25th annual Chum Run Saturday in Langley help support Island County's Healthy Island Youth Initiative scholarship fund, which helps enable low income youth to participate in sports and physical activity classes.

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

9:30 am, SR 20

Advising transient has pants down and was defecating outside the window.

11:02 pm, S Beeksma Dr.

Caller advises some "asshole" is doing doughnuts in the parking lot.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

5:56 am, SW 2nd Ave.

Reporting party advising of ongoing issue of God [sic] barking; waking reporting party up on her Saturday.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

5:51 NE Ronhaar St.

Reporting party advising behind location on 5th Ave., male neighbor is outside in underwear; male is watering plants.

MONDAY, SEPT. 11

12:29 am, N Oak Harbor St.

Advising of black truck parked in reporting party's parking spot, then female walked up to reporting party and was telling a strange story, then saw another male in the area; reporting party doesn't feel comfortable walking into her house by herself.

9:54 am, SE Jensen St.

Reporting party advising neighbor that lives across the street from location is outside blowing leaves into the park.

10:46 pm, NW Crosby Ave.

Advising guy walked into reporting party's house and sat down; no longer there; told him law enforcement was being called.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12

11:06 am, SW Barlow St.

Caller requesting trespass of male behind location; male is screaming sentences.

8:55 pm, NW Crosby Ave.

Advising neighbor's dog just rushed at reporting party; advising did not bite, but brushed against her leg.

10:26 pm, SR 20

Reporting party drove to Oak Harbor to buy pickup to drive back to Olympia; had an autistic person who was going to help him drive vehicle back. Stopped to let him use the bathroom and lost him.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13

5:45 pm, SR 20

Advising car with alarm going off; caller thinks they are stealing it; they are sitting in the car, vaping.

10:07 pm, NE Midway Blvd.

Caller advising last night subject got out of car and walked around the drive through; got multi-tool out and "had ill intent;" has video.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor,

This November, the Oak Harbor Public Schools community has an opportunity to select school directors. Jessica Aws has been serving for six years and as such is the longest sitting director up for your vote. Having served with Jessica on the school board, I know how important her experience will be with the future planning and work of the district. Jessica has been a strong, consistent presence on the board. She is a caring advocate for students, staff and the community. The work of a school director takes many volunteer hours and is done out of a strong sense of service. Jessica is that servant leader.

Please join me in supporting Jessica Aws for school board. I trust the voters in the Oak Harbor school district will vote to re-elect Jessica. She is the right person for the work and the students. For more information about her campaign, please visit <https://aws4ohsd.com>.

Respectfully,

John Diamond
Former School Board President

Editor,

I have known Shane Hoffmire and his family for over 20 years; Shane and his family have hearts of gold. He has displayed a kind heart and compassion for the people of Oak Harbor and beyond. As a proven community builder, he has taken his time to advocate for businesses who are unaware of policy and procedures, helping them to stay within the boundaries of their rights as business owners.

Shane has always made himself available. I have seen him out and about as a city council member, supporting members of the fire department, police department, and local business community. We can also be proud of Shane for his hard work with North Whidbey Pool, Park and Recreation District. His past efforts include volunteering time to work on complex maintenance issues in the reopening of our beloved pool. Thanks in large part to Shane's efforts, we can all enjoy the pool and swimming classes.

My family and I plan to vote Shane Hoffmire for mayor since he has demonstrated his excellence in leadership and productivity skills.

Jeanette Heyneman
Oak Harbor, Wash.

Editor,

It is my distinct pleasure to endorse Ronnie Wright for mayor of Oak Harbor.

Ronnie is an accomplished individual. He is the owner of Pacific Grace Tax and Accounting, he earned his MBA, is a former supervisor at the IRS and is a U.S. Navy veteran. All this and more gives Ronnie the professional experience and background necessary to be the mayor of our city.

As a former chair of the Island County Republican party, I have seen candidates, both good and bad, come and go.

Ronnie is one of the good ones! I have found him to be open, direct, honest and

forthcoming with any questions posed to him.

Ronnie is fiscally conservative, which to me is very important since the mayor, along with the finance department, write the proposed budget that goes forward to the council to pass. It is critical those doing this important work understand how money works, and how their decisions impact the long- and short-term finances of our city and its rate payers. I hope you agree, Ronnie has the ability to do just that.

I urge my fellow citizens to go to the Ronnie Wright for mayor website, Facebook page or voter pamphlet, to learn more. Better yet, if you have specific questions, contact Ronnie personally at 360-203-5026. I know he will talk to you.

When you get your ballot, remember, vote Ronnie Wright for mayor.

Sandi Peterson
Oak Harbor, Wash.

Editor,

During election time, words like "integrity," "volunteerism" and "service" pop up with regularity. The problem is they all mean different things to different people. But when I think of these words, I think of Shane Hoffmire. In fact, the entire Hoffmire family comes to mind.

While Shane was still a teenager, his parents started an organization called "Special Times for Special Friends" to provide fun times for kids with special needs. Both Shane and his kid sister, Special Olympics Gold Medal-winning swimmer Allie, assisted their parents in this endeavor.

The Hoffmires are all still active today. Dad, Steve, still works for the U.S. Navy, and mom, Sherry, is a retired nurse. Both continue to help out friends and neighbors. Allison teaches swimming to little ones at the Oak Harbor pool, while Shane is the maintenance manager there.

But Shane's community efforts did not stop there. In the past, he has coached Little League and volunteered with various community efforts such as Hearts and Hammers and the Whidbey Island Pony Club. Early on he developed an interest in advocating for his special interests and people. He found he is definitely a people person who can get things done.

This all culminated in Shane's decision to run for the Oak Harbor City Council last year. (He won with 73 percent of the vote!) Now Shane has found a way to help many more people. He has thrown his hat into the mayoral race. Now the words "integrity," "volunteerism" and "service" have taken on a new importance. If you agree that Shane exhibits those qualities in spades, please consider casting your vote for Shane Hoffmire to be the next mayor of Oak Harbor. You'll be glad you did!

Helen Bates
Oak Harbor, Wash.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit training at NAS Whidbey Island Seaplane Base Survival Training Area

Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Mobile Unit Eleven Detachment Northwest will conduct limited explosive demolition training in the Seaplane Base Survival Training Area Thursday.

This training is necessary as part of a certification exercise to assess the unit's surface response capabilities.

All actual demolition operations will occur during daylight hours. Safety precautions will be set to ensure ground operations pose no threat to neighboring property or persons.

If you have questions or concerns, please call the Public Affairs Office at NAS Whidbey Island, 360-257-2286.

[Submitted by Mike Welding, NAS Whidbey Island]

Public Friday Night Dinners

American Legion Post and Auxiliary sponsor Friday night dinners at the American Legion. Enjoy a home-cooked meal every Friday from 5:30 to 7:00PM for only \$12. Upcoming dinners are:

- Sept. 22 - Chicken Fried Steak
- Sept. 29 - French Dip and Tater Tots
- Oct. 6 - Pork Loin
- Oct. 13 - Lasagna Rollups
- Oct. 20 - BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwiches
- Oct. 27 - Chicken Fried Steak

Dinners include all the trimmings. Proceeds benefit veteran and community programs. The American Legion is located at 690 SE Barrington Dr., Oak Harbor. For more information, call 360-675-2411.

[Submitted by Mary Jones]

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Scouts BSA Girls Troop 4319 is having a pancake breakfast this Saturday to raise funds for Scout activities, including camp fees, equipment and program supplies. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 11:00AM. A plate of three pancakes and two sausage links is just \$7. Complimentary coffee, tea and juice will be available. The American Legion is located at 690 SE Barrington Blvd. in Oak Harbor. Open to the public.

[Submitted by TJ Pierzchala]

Sons of the American Legion Squadron #129 to Host Event Aimed at Reducing Suicide Rates

Sons of American Legion Squadron #129 is taking a proactive stance in the fight against rising suicide rates with a special event dedicated to Suicide Prevention and Awareness. The entire community is cordially invited to participate in a Suicide Awareness and Prevention Forum Tuesday, Sept. 26 from 7:00 to 9:00PM. This initiative aligns with the nationwide campaign led by The American Legion, known as "Be the One," which aims to eliminate the stigma surrounding mental health treatment and, in doing so, reduce the tragic loss of veterans to suicide on a daily basis.

Delia Pierce, the event coordinator, emphasizes the importance of unity across diverse backgrounds, stating, "When we come together, regardless of race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation, we send a resounding message about the strength of our democracy—an issue that resonates deeply with all of us. Join us to learn how you can make a meaningful impact and save lives!"

According to Johns Hopkins, "an estimated 26 percent of Americans ages 18 and older – approximately one in four adults – suffer from a diagnosable mental disorder in a given year. In particular, depressive illnesses often co-occur with substance use and anxiety disorders." The panel will address a wide range of issues, including youth mental health, LGBTQ+ concerns, PTSD, and the experiences of veterans.

Statistics indicate an estimated 17 to 22 veterans lose their lives to suicide each day. Recognizing the urgency of this crisis, The American Legion has made "Be the One" a top priority, empowering veterans, active-duty service members, their families and civilians to respond effectively when a veteran may be in crisis. This event is designed to raise awareness about this critical issue while equipping attendees with valuable resources that could help save a life.

The Suicide Awareness and Prevention Forum will be held at the American Legion building at 690 SE Barrington Dr., Oak Harbor. Admission is free and open to the entire community. Panel discussion will include Rep. Dave Paul; Pat McMahon, LGBTQ+ ally, EMT and crisis counselor; Kathryn Clancy, Island County Behavioral Health manager; and Betsy Griffith, Island County, Outreach Behavioral Health counselor. The event also includes a Q&A session and refreshments provided by American Legion and Warborn MC.

For more information and updates, please visit the Facebook page, www.facebook.com/129sons.

[Submitted by Teresa Addison, Auxiliary Member]

The Arc of the Peninsulas Forms Strategic Partnership with Peninsula Services

The Arc of the Peninsulas recently announced it has entered into a definitive affiliation agreement with Peninsula Services to study the viability and benefits of merging their programs and operations. Under the terms of the three-year agreement, both agencies will remain separate legal entities, each with an independent board of directors but a shared principal executive officer. Chris Tibbs has been named chief executive officer for both The Arc and Peninsula Services.

"Our natural alliance and shared vision of bringing housing and employment for those we serve is a historic step forward for our community, continuing the long legacy of these two nonprofit organizations. We are stronger together," stated Holly James, CEO of Peninsula Services.

The Arc of the Peninsulas recently made local news with the announcement of its \$9.9M affordable housing project, The Bill Mahan Apartments, a new integrated multifamily project located in downtown Bremerton. Grants from the Washington State Department of Health and Human Services and Kitsap County will fully fund the project's construction.

Best known for its All Shred, ServMart stores and vocational rehabilitation program, Peninsula Services, with an annual budget of \$9.5M, employs more than 100 individuals throughout Kitsap and Island counties, many with a diagnosed disability.

"Employment and housing are a natural fit," said Chris Tibbs, CEO of The Arc of the Peninsulas. "We are confident that here in the not-too-distant future, a merged entity will be the catalyst for empowerment for persons with differing abilities."

About The Arc of the Peninsulas

Founded by Senator Lulu D. Haddon in 1938, The Arc of the Peninsulas has provided services locally to thousands of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families throughout the Olympic Peninsula region. The Arc has tirelessly promoted the acceptance and inclusion of people of all abilities, advocated for the most current research-based improvements, and opened new doors in helping people achieve a lifetime of success.

About Peninsula Services

Peninsula Services was founded in 1971 by parents and community advocates concerned with the lack of opportunities for their children with disabilities to receive practical training services for a meaningful life. Since its beginning, Peninsula Services has believed in expanding opportunities for adults with disabilities. Peninsula Services is dedicated to the philosophy that all people have the ability to excel, to grow, and to achieve personal goals. At the core of Peninsula Services is a highly dedicated team of professionals who work together with people who deserve an equal chance at life.

[Submitted by Rich Mueller, Manager, Whidbey ServMart]



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Life Tributes

Elizabeth (Kruse) Burke



Elizabeth (Kruse) Burke, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend to many, passed away peacefully Sept. 6, 2023, into the everlasting arms of Jesus.

Born March 26, 1933 in Reno, Nev., Elizabeth was the youngest of three with an older sister (Barbara) and older brother (Russell). She is survived by the "love of her life," Robert (Bob) Burke; her four children, daughter Bernadette O'Neill (David) and their children Meaghan Horton (Carolyn), with grandchildren Landon and Avery, Kelly Gallego (Mario) and grandchild Susie, Brian Horton (Kristi) and grandchildren

Benji and Rachael; daughter Barbara Johnson (Edward) and her daughter Nicole (Kyle); son Russell Burke (Kim) and their children Jessica Burke, Joshua Burke (Kate) and grandchildren Riley and Wyatt; Jeremy Burke (Kiersten) and grandchildren John and Emily, Jenny Burke, Jason Burke (Jessica), Jordan Burke; daughter Maureen Roach (Andrew) with grandchildren Jake and Carmen Schuster.

Elizabeth spent her life loving people, from working in an orphanage and leper colony in the Philippines to supporting her husband in his naval career. She participated in Women's Aglow, Charlie's Angels, and many prayer/home groups in Life Church. But most of all, she loved her husband of 68 years, her children, grandchildren and her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Samaritan's Purse at samaritanspurse.org.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23 at Life Church, 1767 NE Regatta Dr., Oak Harbor.

Life Tributes can now be found online at www.whidbeyweekly.com



Family Guide

By Amy Hannold

A Night to Remember: A Special Needs Prom, hosted by Island County Parent to Parent, will be Sunday, Nov. 5, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Oak Harbor Elks Lodge. Ages 14 and older of all abilities are invited. An RSVP is required. Fancy clothing donations, including all sizes and styles of dresses, slacks and dress shirts or suits, business casual as well as accessories are needed. Volunteers to help set up and/or clean up are also welcome. For information or to make a reservation: Islandcountywa.gov/198/Parent-to-Parent or 360-632-7539.

Rangers Return to the Oak Harbor Library: Washington State Parks is excited to return to the Oak Harbor Library for Ranger Hour. Join staff from Deception Pass State Park once a month to learn about parks, wildlife, native plants, and more! Play games, be creative, and discover the natural world in our own community. The first event, Fantastic Fungi, will be Friday, Oct. 6, 4 to 5 p.m. Discover common mushrooms found at Deception Pass State Park and learn about their important role in creating a healthy forest. All ages are welcome. Adult caretakers must be present for the duration of the program. Sno-isle.org for more information.

"Shred-It" With South Whidbey Soroptimists: Shredding on Saturday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Whidbey Island Bank in Freeland is by donation of \$5 for a banker's box/grocery bag or \$10 for oversized bag or box, with funds raised benefiting Soroptimist scholarships and support programs. Examples of what to bring are tax documents that are at least three years old, bank statements that are older than one year, junk mail, canceled or voided checks and anything else containing personal information like your bank account number or social security number. Soroptimistsouth-whidbey.org.

Resource and Transition Fair: Information and resources for individuals with disabilities and their families as they consider life in school and beyond will be offered Thursday, Oct. 12, 5 to 7:15 p.m. at Coupeville High School. This event is hosted by Island County Parent to Parent. Students on IEPs or 504 Plans and their families are welcome.

FESTIVE AND HALLOWEEN EVENTS:

Skagit Valley Festival of Family Farms: Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7 and 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A weekend full of corn and hay mazes, free samples, animal exhibits, pumpkin patches, hayrides, educational displays, and locally grown food. Free parking and admission. This is a self-guided tour of participating farms, maps at Festivaloffamilyfarms.com.

Octoberfest and Plant Sale: Enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of Bavaria at Meerkerk Gardens in Greenbank, Saturday, Oct. 7, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Oompah-sters German Band and accordion player Lori Hansen will be performing on the gazebo stage. Enjoy a bratwurst and purchase a rhododendron at the plant sale. Attending the festival is included with your \$10 adult admission into the gardens. Children under 16 are free. Dogs on leash are welcome. Meerkerkgardens.org

Harvest Moon Market: Whidbey Farm and Market and Whidbey Ren Faire come together to create an evening of fall festivities Saturday, Oct. 14, 5 to 10 p.m.

Navigate the Ghost Ship Night, Trick-or-Treat, find your perfect Halloween pumpkin, hear live music, get into the festive spirit with delightful face painting designs, get a photo with your favorite mermaids, savor local craft beers and fine wines, win fabulous raffle baskets from local businesses, feast on festive food and ice cream. Costumes are encouraged. Admission is free, food, beverage and some activities for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Spring 2024 Whidbey Ren Faire, a Medieval Fantasy Festival. Whidbeyrenfaire.org

Music, Magic and Mystery: Get ready to be mesmerized by a captivating fusion of music, magic, and mystery. With the magnificent magician, JR Russell hosting the concerts, it will be a feast of fun and frolic. Saturday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. at South Whidbey High School and Sunday, Oct. 29, at Oak Harbor High School. Arrive early, as the Instrument Petting Zoo begins at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 12:30 p.m. on Sunday! Music presented will be from Harry Potter, "The Composer is Dead," by Nathaniel Stookey and text by Lemony Snicket and "Danza de los Duendes" by Nancy Galbraith, and more. Tickets are \$30 for general admission, \$25 for seniors 65-plus and military. Ages 17 and younger are free. Sowhidbey.com

A Spooktacular Trunk-or-Treat: Fun, candy and games can be enjoyed Sunday, Oct. 29, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Oak Harbor Elks Lodge. The Whidbey Island Small Business Association is hosting this free event, so stop by and show off your costumes! Whidbeyislandsmallbusinessassociation.org

Trunk-or-Treat: Christian Life Community Church of Freeland invites families for free pumpkin decorating, treats and games Sunday, Oct. 29, 3 to 5 p.m. Clcwhidbey.org

Playscape: Indoor Play with New Friends: Mother Mentors of Whidbey Island invites families throughout Whidbey Island to join them for Playscape events. Groups meet during the week, at locations in Langley and Oak Harbor. These free, facilitated, informal meetings offer conversation, support, play and learning experiences, and an indoor place to gather with other caregivers of young children. Mother Mentors also hosts "Free Parent Pantries," at which The Parent Pantry, fully donation-based, is stocked with clothing, baby items, diapers, formula, toys, shoes, books, and more. Donations are welcome. For hours and locations, see their website.

How can you help? Mother Mentors is also looking for caring women in the community who would like to be matched to a mother of young children. Trained volunteers then visit weekly to be of support by being present for much needed adult conversation and building caring relationships with the children in the home. Support can also include simple tasks, such as preparing a meal or reading a story to a sibling or playing with the children while the parent or caregiver attends to other tasks. For Playscape event schedule, or to find out more about becoming a mentor: Mothermentors.org.

Fall is full of fun on Whidbey! Fill your calendar with our calendar of festive events, at WhidbeyIsland.MacaroniKid.com and "Whidbey Island Events and More" on Facebook.

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What's Going On

Dine Out for Kids

Thursday, September 21, 7:00AM-4:30PM
Sunshine Drip, Coupeville

Sunshine Drip (306 N. Main St.) will donate a portion of the day's sales to the Coupeville Schools Foundation. The Coupeville Schools Foundation provides an extra measure of support to students through teacher grants, college scholarships and the Promise Fund.

Shop Out for Kids

Thursday, September 21, 11:00AM-5:00PM
Madrona Blossom, Coupeville

Madrona Blossom (13 Front St.) will donate a portion of the day's sales to the Coupeville Schools Foundation. The Coupeville Schools Foundation provides an extra measure of support to students through teacher grants, college scholarships and the Promise Fund.

PBY Memorial Foundation/Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum 25th Birthday Celebration

Friday, September 22, 6:00-9:00PM
Oak Harbor Yacht Club

Enjoy an evening of musical entertainment provided by local artists Beverly Graham and Ken Wright, with hors d'oeuvres provided by Zanini's Catering. There will be both live and silent auctions and a no host bar. Admission is free with invitation. Please RSVP to rsvp@pnwnam.org or phone 360-240-9500. Seating is limited.

Live Music: Steven Crabtree

Friday, September 22, 7:00-9:00PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

Steve Crabtree's unique blend of folk, rock, country, blues and cabaret has stunned and entertained audiences of all ages and creeds. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Outcast Productions Presents: "Waiting for Godot"

Friday, September 22, 7:30PM
Saturday, September 23, 7:30PM
Sunday, September 24 at 4:00PM
Black Box Theater, Langley

For advance ticket sales, visit www.outcastproductions.net or email Outcast Productions at ocp@whidbey.com to reserve seats and pay at the door by cash or check. Doors open 30 minutes in advance of performance.

Adaptive Cycling Event

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

There will be different types of cycles for everyone to enjoy including hand-cycles, tandems, recumbent tricycles and a variety of other cycles – for ages 6-106. Helmets will be provided. For more information, contact Mike Ezzell, Island County Human Services, at mikeetz@islandcountywa.gov or 360-499-5401.

Fort FestiveFall

Saturday, September 23, 11:00AM-4:00PM
Fort Casey State Park, Coupeville

There will be a corn maze, games and activities, a kite demonstration, a cake walk, pie-eating contest and a scavenger hunt. Admission is \$5 per person, children under four free. A Discover Pass is NOT needed for parking as it is a free park day.

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. Hosted by Oak

Harbor Main Street. For more information, call 360-279-8995.

Habitat for Humanity Presents UpCycle-it

Saturday, September 23, 4:30-7:00PM
Greenbank Farm

Live and silent auctions. Bid on up-cycled furniture and local experience packages. Enjoy small bites and purchase wine and beer. Tickets are \$65, first drink included. For more information, visit www.island-countyhabitat.org.

Live Music: ROSSaCONN

Saturday, September 23, 7:00-9:00PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland

ROSSaCONN is an eclectic mix of danceable but tight sound and arrangements, blending funk, African, reggae, rock and life influences. Band members are: Stephan Ross - bass, Eric Conn - guitar and Rachman Ross - drums. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Emergency Preparedness Fair

Saturday, September 30, 10:00AM-2:00PM
North Whidbey Middle School,
Oak Harbor

Event booths will provide important information on being prepared for a disaster. Come to learn valuable skills and win a prize. Free event for all ages. Located at 67 NE Izett St., visit www.islandcountywa.gov/754/september-preparedness-fair for more information.

Classes, Seminars and Workshops

Vegetative Propagation

Saturday, September 23, 10:00AM-12:00PM
Tilth Classroom, Langley

Learn from Anza Muenchow how to take cuttings of your favorite perennial shrubs and get them to form roots. Bring a branch or two to share the trimmings and we can enjoy future plants. Anza will provide rooting hormone, sterile seed mix and about 10 trays with covers to hold small cuttings. Tilth members, \$10; \$15 for non-members. Trays are an additional \$5. For questions, contact education@southwhidbeytilth.org. The Tilth Classroom is located at 2812 Thompson Rd.

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Fort FestiveFall celebrates the arrival of autumn

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

The Keepers of Admiralty Head Lighthouse, in conjunction with Washington State Parks, has planned a fun event to welcome the changing of the seasons.

Fort FestiveFall, as it's being called, will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Fort Casey State Park in Coupeville. Admission is \$5 per person, but a Discover Pass is NOT needed for parking, as it is a free day in all state parks. Children age 4 and under are free.

This first-time, one-day fall festival is a fundraiser for Keepers of Admiralty Head Lighthouse and will feature fun for all ages, including games, a pie-eating contest, a cake walk and a painted rock scavenger hunt as well as kite demonstrations and hot dogs, snacks and drinks. Organizers said planning for the event began in June.

"It's really coming together," said Trish Coleman, president of the Keepers of Admiralty Head Lighthouse council. "We're going to have a pumpkin patch for little ones so they can pick a pumpkin and then paint it. There will be children's games and we'll have an 1841 tractor there with a backdrop for photos, Whidbey Island Kite Fliers will be doing demonstrations and there will be kids' kite building."

Participants in the scavenger hunt can also compete for a special prize, according to Coleman.

"Whidbey Island Rocks is providing scarecrow-painted rocks," she described. "Two very special rocks will be larger than the rest and will have the lighthouse painted on them. Whoever finds those will win an annual Discover Pass."

This new fall festival will take the place of



Gary Skiff Photo Courtesy of Keepers of Admiralty Head Lighthouse

Celebrate the arrival of autumn and help support a good cause Saturday at the Fort FestiveFall at Fort Casey State Park in Coupeville. The family-friendly event will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and features games and activities for children and much more. Cost is \$5 per person and all proceeds will benefit Keepers of Admiralty Head Lighthouse.

Haunted Fort Casey, at least for this year, as the Keepers organization lost the member who had spearheaded the Haunted Fort event since it began.

"Cheri Anderson was the driving force behind the Haunted Fort," explained Coleman. "She passed away unexpectedly in April and it kind of set us all back. I am fairly new to Keepers and very new to the Haunted Fort. The Haunted Fort is a four-day event, and we decided we just couldn't do it effectively this year, so we decided to suspend the Haunted Fort for a year, regroup, and bring it back in a manner Cheri would appreciate in 2024."

"In the meantime, we knew we had to have a fundraiser, because that's what we do, we raise money for the lighthouse," she continued. "We thought about what kind of community event we could do on a smaller scale, and Fort FestiveFall was created."

Coleman said she is pleased with how the community has come together to lend a hand.

"I'm used to planning events, but not necessarily on this scale," she shared. "Not doing it was not an option. We've worked hard to pull it together, but we've had a lot of help from the community, from Keepers' council members

and volunteers. It's been unbelievable."

The Keepers of Admiralty Head Lighthouse helps support improvements and enhancements in the lighthouse's displays. The group falls under the umbrella of Lighthouse Environmental Programs of Island County.

"Our sole purpose is 'to be a funding source for the preservation of the lighthouse,'" Coleman said. "One example of that is, at some point this month, all the interpretive panels are scheduled to be replaced. The Keepers donated \$40,000 to that endeavor."

"In 2024, when funding is approved, we want to continue with phase two," she continued. "We want to put in an ADA (handicap accessible) interpretive center outside the lighthouse. Because it is an historical landmark, we can't make ADA changes to the lighthouse itself, so we want to create an outdoor, accessible center and hopefully add online access to our gift shop."

In the meantime, Coleman encourages people to come out and enjoy a day of family fun at this historic location.

"I'm into Whidbey and I'm into history. I just think of the beauty and history behind the fort and the lighthouse and the role it's played on Whidbey and in the U.S.; its history is significant," she said. "So just come out and support us. It's a free day for parking, it's only \$5 per person and it will just be a fun, family day. Summer's over, it's the second day of fall, come out and support the efforts of the Keepers."

Learn more at keepersofadmiraltyheadlighthouse.org.

Rescued seal pups head back into the blue

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Two harbor seal pups have been given a second chance and the waters of Crescent Harbor at Windjammer Park in Oak Harbor was the perfect place to get it started.

The baby seals were rescued, rehabilitated and then released by Sealife Response, Rehabilitation and Research (SR3), which operates the Pacific Northwest's first marine animal hospital located in Des Moines, Wash. Monday the two pups were released back into the wild after spending 80 days at SR3.

"Two harbor seal pups came to us, one from the Port Townsend area and one from the Bellingham area," said Casey Mclean, executive director of SR3 and a veterinary nurse. "Both had experienced maternal separation and were in need of care, so they were picked up by our stranding network partners and brought to our facility at the Des Moines Marina."

The two pups, called Salt and Aioli (officially numbers 23-6 and 23-4) both came in weighing less than 10 pounds – about half of what they should have weighed at that point – and they both weighed about 50 pounds at the time of their release.

"Aioli in particular had quite a few wounds and was really in rough shape," Mclean described. "He still had some lanugo fur on his body, meaning he was really young because typically that fur is shed in utero. So he was very young and the same thing for the one from Bellingham (Salt). They would not have survived without some medical care."

"They both came to us because they were thin and malnourished," said SR3 veterinarian Michelle Rivard, addressing onlookers on the beach before the release. "They had been separated from their moms before they could wean and able to feed on their own. If harbor seals are disturbed for some reason – by humans, dogs, you name it – sometimes the moms abandon their pups and if the moms abandon them before they know how to forage on their own, then they can't survive in the wild. We provided them nutrition, hydration, calories and medications

in order to help them gain weight and learn how to eat fish on their own. Now they're nice and round and they know how to eat fish, so they're ready for life out in the big blue."

A small crowd, mostly SR3 employees and volunteers, gathered on the beach late Monday morning and watched as two large pet carriers were hauled carefully into place. The seal pups were interested in what they saw, pressing their noses against the metal cage door, looking curiously at the people and the water beyond. They emerged from the cages quickly but took their time scooting down to the edge of the water. The two seals hung out in the shallow water at the harbor's edge for quite a long time, gradually slipping deep enough to dip their heads under the water. After several minutes hanging out side by side, they slowly moved deeper and further apart, until they finally dived down and swam off.

The seal pups' release brought nothing but smiles from those who had been part of the pair's recovery.

"Myself and the other animal care technician work together to make sure everything goes smoothly and the animals are getting what they need," said KC Scofield, who provided much of the seal pups' day-to-day care. "Getting to help get these animals healthy and better is super enriching, but being able to see them go back out to their habitat is really the best part."

"The food prep is a big part of their care," said Irissa Danke, an intern at SR3 who wanted to learn more about the animal care side of marine mammal research. "We learned a lot about what harbor seals eat, how much they eat and that kind of thing. It was really fun."

This is the first time SR3 has released rehabilitated seals, or any marine mammal, in Oak Harbor, but officials say they hope this will not be the last.

"Oak Harbor's a really ideal location – the accessibility for people in wheelchairs or with mobility challenges can actually be part of a release when they otherwise couldn't, so I think it's super ideal,"



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Personnel from Sealife Response, Rehabilitation and Research (SR3) lift the first of two harbor seal pups from a truck in preparation for their release Monday at Windjammer Park in Oak Harbor.

said James Powell, SR3 rescue response coordinator. "It's really an ideal cove. It's a perfect community to bring seals back to. Hopefully this is the beginning of a really good partnership."

It's also important to know the time the seal pups spent at SR3 will not have an impact on their survival one way or the other.

"Their chances of survival are exactly the same as if they'd been raised by their mom in the wild," Mclean said. "About 50 percent of harbor seals make it to adulthood. It's the same whether you've been raised by mom or raised in rehabilitation."

"If we weren't around or our facility wasn't around, they probably wouldn't have had this chance and they might not have made it on their own," said Annika Galloway, also an SR3 intern. "We at least got to help them have another chance."

"It's really awesome getting to see the full circle," agreed intern Jamie Campbell. "Having them come in, being able to care for them and then getting to put them back into the wild where they belong and get that second chance, is just really the best thing."

"This is what we want to see," Mclean said. "Putting them back out in that population to be a healthy part of it."

SR3 has been doing research and response since 2017 and opened the hospital in 2021. The nonprofit organization cares for marine mammals ranging from tiny harbor seal pups like Aioli and Salt to big sea lions. It also works with sea otters, sea turtles and is even equipped to help a small dolphin or porpoise if necessary.

"We're designed to be flexible, so that whatever marine animal may need help, we're able to do that," Mclean said. "We don't take marine birds or river otters – there are other facilities available for those guys. We're really filling a gap in resources, specifically for marine wildlife."

On Whidbey Island, dead or stranded marine animals may be reported to the Central Puget Sound Marine Mammal Stranding Network through Orca Network. Call 866-672-2638 or 949-233-2822 or email strandings@orcانetwork.org. Learn more about Sealife Response, Rehabilitation and Research at SR3.org.



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Harbor seal pups Aioli and Salt venture out of their kennels Monday at Windjammer Park in Oak Harbor. They were abandoned when they were very young and spent 80 days at a marine mammal hospital in Des Moines, Wash., until their release back to the wild.



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Aioli and Salt, two rescued harbor seal pups, feel out their new surroundings along the edge of Crescent Harbor in Oak Harbor Monday. After 80 days in a Des Moines, Wash., marine mammal hospital, the pups were released, eventually swimming off to explore.





Recipe of the Week

WAFFLES CAN BE BREAKFAST, LUNCH OR DINNER

Few people can resist the appeal of waffles. They're tasty in the morning for breakfast, and equally at home in the afternoons or evening with chicken or ice cream accompanying them. Indeed, few foods can be enjoyed any time of day as easily as waffles.

Waffles can be made from gluten-free and alternative ingredients, making them available to people who have different types of food limitations. Such is the case with this recipe for "Belgian Waffles" courtesy of "Plant-Based Gourmet" (Apollo Publishers) by Chef Suzi Gerber. This recipe features ingredients that fit into a plant-based lifestyle.

BELGIAN WAFFLES (Makes 3 or 4 waffles)

- 2 1/4 cups gluten-free flour (conventional all-purpose flour may be substituted; reduced by 2 tablespoons)
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 tablespoon salt
- 1 cup room temperature oat milk or flax milk
- 1 1/2 tablespoons melted butter or non-dairy butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon apple cider vinegar



1. Mix the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt in a bowl. In a separate bowl, combine the oat milk, butter, vanilla, and apple cider vinegar, then slowly add the dry ingredients to the wet, whisking to combine.
2. Grease a waffle iron and preheat. Pour about 1/2 cup of the batter into the waffle iron and let stand for 30 to 45 seconds, then close and cook approximately 3 to 5 minutes. Gently open to check, adding an additional 1 to 2 minutes if needed. Repeat with the remaining batter.

Tip: Add freeze-dried berries, whole or powdered, or even blue spirulina or pitaya powder to get colorful waffles with fruity flavors and even a bit of crunch. Alternating colors of waffles is fun, nutritious, and festive.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

There is nothing wrong with a bit of self-indulgence, Aries. But you do not want to go overboard with your treats and other must-haves. Moderation is key in everything.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

You have a no-nonsense bearing that immediately has people drawing close to you and trusting you, Taurus. Put that out in full force as you try to win favor on the job this week.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, don't let your quest for excitement pull you in too many different directions right now. You need to stick to one plan for a certain amount of time and see things through.

CANCER – June 22/July 22

Everyone wants a piece of you right now, Cancer. It is equally flattering and exhausting. You'll have to be choosy regarding where and with whom to dedicate your time.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23

Listen to the messages swirling around in your head right now, Leo. Your intuition has been on target so there is no reason to doubt yourself now. Keep moving forward.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, is a particular relationship getting too intense for you? It might be the time to ease up a bit and take a step back. Distance could provide the clarity you need.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you do not need to struggle if you simply call in a few favors. Reach out to your network of people and figure out how you can make things work.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, do not chase people down, simply wait for them to come to you with your natural magnetism. You don't want to exert energy this week unnecessarily.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, rather than showing people all of your cards, hold some information close to the vest and maintain a bit of mystery. Others likely will be intrigued.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, you may find that things are very profitable for you this week. If you are an entrepreneur, business will be solid. If you perhaps sell on the side, money will flow.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, for quite some time you have been focusing on everyone but yourself. You have to change your ways if you can get the rest and healing that you need right now.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

There is no doubt that you've earned a few commendations, Pisces. But this week you need to accept congratulations without being boastful. Exhibit both humility and pride.

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Witches of Skagit - Watch the Cosplay Line Dancers do the Wolfshager Hexenbrut "Witches Dance" then join & learn it too! 2:00-2:30 on Pioneer Way

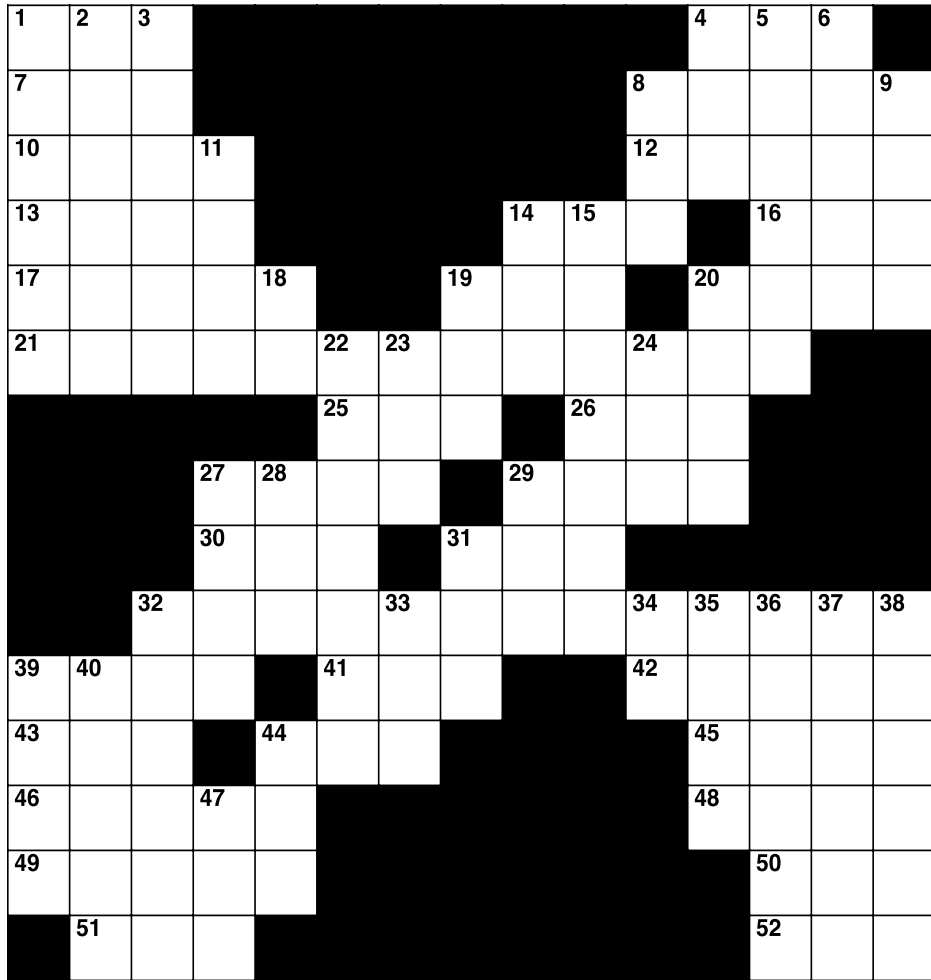
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Second sight
- 4. Standard electrode potential
- 7. Type of gibbon
- 8. John Joseph __: American industrialist
- 10. Manning and Whitney are two
- 12. Abrupt
- 13. Baroque musical instrument
- 14. Post-burning residue
- 16. When you hope to arrive
- 17. Sign up (Brit. Eng.)
- 19. Sun up in New York
- 20. Employee stock ownership plan
- 21. Where people live
- 25. Method to record an electrogram
- 26. Angry
- 27. No longer living
- 29. Simple
- 30. Swiss river
- 31. Portion of a play
- 32. It's under the tree
- 39. Wood sorrels
- 41. No (Scottish)

42. Dialect of English

- 43. Former Steelers' QB
- 44. Popular beer
- 45. It can make you sick
- 46. Tropical tree and fruit
- 48. Company officer
- 49. Contact lens term
- 50. Your consciousness of your own identity
- 51. "Ghetto Superstar" singer
- 52. Piece of turf

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Number of players on each side in a football game
- 2. Containing salt
- 3. Reasoning or knowledge: a __
- 4. Car mechanics group
- 5. Leave a place
- 6. Southern Colombian capital
- 8. Old English letter
- 9. Tide
- 11. Walk heavily
- 14. Chemical compound (abbr.)

15. Artificial openings

- 18. Luteinizing hormone
- 19. Unit of energy
- 20. Circular movement of water
- 22. A way of holding
- 23. Popular book of words (abbr.)
- 24. States' group
- 27. Dashes
- 28. Body part
- 29. Electronic countermeasures
- 31. Consumed
- 32. Small bird
- 33. Unhappy
- 34. Football's big game (abbr.)
- 35. Valued object offered in good faith
- 36. Wild goats
- 37. Precede in place
- 38. Small edible fish
- 39. Notice of death
- 40. Body cavity of a metazoan
- 44. Partner to cheese
- 47. Not around

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

<p>Thurs, Sept. 21</p> <p>North Isle H-66°/L-48° Mostly Cloudy</p> <p>South Isle H-68°/L-51° Mostly Cloudy</p>	<p>Fri, Sept. 22</p> <p>North Isle H-67°/L-52° Partly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-66°/L-51° Mostly Sunny</p>	<p>Sat, Sept. 23</p> <p>North Isle H-62°/L-52° AM Clouds PM Sun</p> <p>South Isle H-64°/L-51° Mostly Sunny</p>	<p>Sun, Sept. 24</p> <p>North Isle H-60°/L-51° Rain</p> <p>South Isle H-64°/L-50° Rain</p>	<p>Mon, Sept. 25</p> <p>North Isle H-61°/L-50° Mostly Cloudy</p> <p>South Isle H-61°/L-50° Clouds and Sun</p>	<p>Tues, Sept. 26</p> <p>North Isle H-63°/L-51° Showers and Thunderstorms</p> <p>South Isle H-62°/L-51° Showers and Thunderstorms</p>	<p>Wed, Sept. 27</p> <p>North Isle H-62°/L-48° Rain</p> <p>South Isle H-63°/L-50° Rain</p>
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OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What is the most rewarding reason for you to live on Whidbey?



Maggie Bailey, Coupeville

Whidbey is more than just a place to live, it is a place to belong. Whidbey culture is defined by a sense of civic engagement, neighborly care, environmental respect, intergenerational stewardship, and historical appreciation. I feel fortunate to be part of this community, as it reminds me of my childhood in a small village near Yosemite in the high Sierras, where we relied on neighbors and valued each other's wellbeing. This sense of community is rare.

As the new owners of the Anchorage Inn, Dave and I are honored to be the stewards of an iconic building in Coupeville, and we have felt a commitment to the community to preserve the image and value the inn adds to the island's culture. We are thrilled to have become part of island life and found opportunities to serve a community that has welcomed us warmly.

Michele Walker, Oak Harbor

The wildlife and the water; that, coupled with small, friendly communities, makes me love Whidbey and feel right at home.



Trenton Evans, Oak Harbor

There's a lot of things about Whidbey that are rewarding or enjoyable, which makes this question more difficult than I would've thought, but after some thought I would have to say that the most rewarding reason for me to live on Whidbey is the beauty of the place we live in, whether it's the trees, the fresh air, the sunsets, or even the rainy days.

Capt. Eric Hanks, Commander, NAS Whidbey Island

My wife, Renee, and I really enjoy being members of this great Whidbey Island community and the many opportunities the Pacific Northwest offers. As the Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Station, I am very fortunate to represent the outstanding contributions of our active duty sailors, families, and civilians who support our critical national defense mission at the base. I am also very proud to share with Navy leaders and federally elected officials how important the City of Oak Harbor, Town of Coupeville and the broader Whidbey Island community are to our mission success. It is great living and working in a community that is so welcoming to all our military service members and families who have volunteered to serve our nation.



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Community Bulletin Board

To place an ad, email classifieds@whidbeyweekly.com

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

HUGE Garage Sale: Friday, Sept. 22 and Saturday, Sept. 23, 9am-4pm, 900 Buena Vista Pl, Greenbank (1/2 mile east Greenbank Farm). Follow yellow signs. Wide variety of items. Canceled if rain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Medical Marijuana patients unite; If you need assistance, advice, etc. please contact at 420patientnetworking@gmail.com. Local Whidbey Island help.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of homicide, burglary, robbery, assault, identity theft, fraud, human trafficking, home invasion and other crimes not listed, Victim Support Services has advocates ready to help. Please call the 24-hr

Crisis Line 888-388-9221. Free service. Visit our web site at <http://victimsupport-services.org>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Is Christmas time your favorite time of the year? Do you love sharing the Christmas Spirit with others? Santa is looking for help for the 2023 season to bring joy to adults and children of all ages! We will work together with photographers, private businesses and several nonprofit agencies in the Oak Harbor, Coupeville and Anacortes area as we spread joy for the holidays! Please contact Santa at santadaveoh@gmail.com with your questions or to express your interest in helping during this rewarding time of year! (2)

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.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County (BBBSIC) is actively seeking new member(s) for its board of directors. Join the board's exciting array of professionals! BBBSIC is seeking individuals who are committed to defending

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

If you are looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity, look no further! When you volunteer at one of the Habitat for Humanity of Island County stores, you are helping local families attain

decent, affordable housing. Income from the stores is vital to giving families a path to homeownership. We need people who can commit to help out in our Oak Harbor or Freeland store at least two-hours per week. Schedules are flexible. Our friendly volunteers provide customer service, help with receiving donated household items and furniture, and maintain the store. We also need drivers and driver helpers who will professionally represent Habitat as they pick up donated items using our trucks. Please call either store for more information. Oak Harbor: 360-675-8733, Freeland: 360-331-6272. College student? Student of history? History buff? Opportunities are available to spend constructive volunteer hours at the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum. Go to www.pnwnam.org and click on "Volunteer" or just stop by and introduce yourself.

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

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