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Folk festival shares unique Nordic history



By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

It is always fun to celebrate the culture and heritage of the people who make up Whidbey Island and the Pacific Northwest region, and there is no shortage of fun in store Saturday at the Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge.

The Nordic Folk Fest will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the lodge, located at 63 Jacobs Road in Coupeville. The event will feature food and fun for all ages. Admission is \$3 per person, children 12 and under are free with an accompanying adult.

"It's a celebration of culture, for the most part," described event coordinator Brian Petersen. "We're going to have vendors and demonstrations of various things inside the lodge, we'll have a 'Troll Den' children's area and we'll have a Nordic Café, which will serve various things like meatball sundaes, hotdogs on lefse, among other things."

There will also be a bake sale, ensuring those who attend can take home a taste of the fun, including rosettes, lefse (a Norwegian potato flatbread, for those unfamiliar), traditional krumkake (rolled, crisp, cone-shaped cookies) and several other kinds of sweets and breads.

Of course, just about anyone of Scandinavian heritage has either heard of or tried pickled herring. It's a far cry from lutefisk, but may still be an acquired taste. Those familiar and unfamiliar with this dish will have an opportunity to participate in a pickled herring eating contest that should prove interesting, according to Petersen, who said pickled herring isn't that bad, especially if served on a thin crisp.

"We'll give the herring to the contestants in a cup that's been weighed, so they're all equal," he said. "It's enough so they can't just gulp it down in two seconds. We'll have some fun with it. The first one to finish wins a prize. Of course, we'll have buckets nearby."

The good-natured fun will continue outdoors, where there will be a Viking encampment set up to illustrate what life was like back then. There will also be Norwegian fjord horses there. Fjord horses are small, light draft horses often used in farming.

"They're an old breed of horses," said Petersen. "They're not a large horse, but they're not tiny, either. They're very well mannered and are very unique. For people who like and enjoy horses, they'll get a chance to see what the breed is like."

Dog lovers may also enjoy seeing – and maybe even petting – some Norwegian Elk Hounds, which will also be at the festival.

Rounding out some of the indoor activities will be cooking and carving demonstrations. The outdoor area will have even more displays and activities, according to Petersen.

"We have a guy coming with a small forge. He's going to demonstrate blacksmithing," he said. "He makes and sells absolutely beautiful knives and even swords. He's very talented."

"We are hoping to expose people to the Scandinavian culture and what folks did," Petersen continued. "They can see how people dressed and what the lifestyle was like. I know there are other heritage things going on and ours is probably not unique, other than that the Nordic culture is unique, the Viking culture is unique. Those folks were living so far north and in harsh conditions and their culture developed somewhat differently than others."

In addition to the cultural information and demonstrations there will be entertainment.

"We've got the Cukes! They're a local ukulele band. They're not Scandinavian, but they are so much fun, we decided to ask them," Petersen said. "They do such a nice job and they have so much fun doing it. We'll also have Lori Hansen and the Pickled Herring Band and a children's Hardanger fiddle group."

This is not the first time the Nordic Lodge has done something like this, Petersen said.

"In 2019, the lodge did a Nordic culture day and we felt it was reasonably successful," he said. "The next year, here comes COVID, so that pretty well shut it down. We decided to revive it this year as an activity for the lodge."

"Since COVID, our lodge, like other organizations, has suffered with membership loss and with members who just haven't jumped back in to be part of what we're doing," Petersen continued. "So part of the reason we're doing this is to let the community know about us and hopefully gain some interested people and new members. We do some fun things. This is one of them."

The Nordic culture encompasses the countries of Denmark, Finland, Norway, Iceland and Sweden. Petersen said there are a surprisingly large number of local residents who can claim Nordic heritage.

"This is one of the major areas originally settled by the Scandinavians," he said. "A lot of them who came over were associated with the sea, particularly there were a lot of Norwegian and Swedish heritage who became fishermen. The southern part of the state has a fairly large concentration of Fins, who worked in the woods felling trees. So the west coast got a fair amount of Scandinavians. The farming Scandinavians basically settled in the Midwest and the sea people migrated out here."

Learn more about the Nordic Folk Fest and the Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge at whidbeyislandnordiclodge.com.



Photo Courtesy of Pinterest
The Nordic Folk Fest Saturday at the Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge in Coupeville will feature a recreation of a Viking encampment. The festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3, youth 12 and under are free with an adult.



Photo Courtesy of Wikipedia
Norwegian fjord horses will be one of the attractions at the Nordic Folk Fest Saturday at the Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge in Coupeville. The small draft horses were often used for farming in Norway.

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Scandinavian treats like lefse, a potato-based flatbread, and krumkake, thin, cone-shaped cookies, will be among the offerings at the Nordic Café and bake sale at the Nordic Folk Fest, happening from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge, 63 Jacobs Rd., Coupeville.





FRIDAY, SEPT. 22

8:14 am, SE Barrington Dr.

Requesting call referencing legal law regarding 16-year-old caring for younger siblings for the day until a grandmother flies in.

8:55 am, SE 5th Ave.

Advising brother has been living out of his truck, possibly using drugs; reporting party's concern is for the dog he has.

9:16 am, NE Midway Blvd.

Caller advising male was sleeping at location; is now gone; scared customers.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

10:38 pm, SW Eagle Vista Ave.

Another call coming in, male advising, "Hang on one second;" now hearing talking in background.

10:59 pm, SE Jensen St.

Reporting party advising hearing "loud noises;" multiple people being loud and rowdy; ongoing for over an hour; nothing seen, only heard.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24

2:34 am, SR 20

Caller states is delivering newspapers in the area and hearing what sounds like someone cutting something with a saw.

MONDAY, SEPT. 25

10:38 am, SE Midway Blvd.

Reporting party requesting call in reference to keys going missing; advising last seen on the desk.

3:10 pm, NE Barron Dr.

Caller advising on the curb in front of Building A, there is a blue passenger car, Jaguar, no plate; has busted window in the back, has been sitting at location for four months.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26

10:36 am, NE 8th Ave.

Requesting call referencing bunny or something living under her shed and her dog is obsessed with hunting it; requesting to know if animal control can assist.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27

12:59 am, NE 7th Ave.

Vehicle vs. propane tank; gas going everywhere.

5:20 pm, SW 8th Ave.

Caller advising weird man coming down the street; prowling around the street.

10:53 pm, SR 20

Advising was rear-ended five times by vehicle; vehicle not stopping.

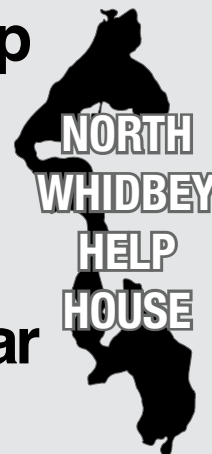
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Bits & Pieces

to Kramer about the holiday he created, "Festivus, a celebration for the rest of us," so Barbara Armes is the candidate "for the rest of us." She deserves serious consideration and voters' support in the upcoming election.

Peggy Shekem
Coupeville, Wash.

Habitat for Humanity of Island County's Up Cycle-it Fundraiser Raises Over \$20,000 for Affordable Homeownership

Habitat for Humanity of Island County is thrilled to announce the tremendous success of its annual Up Cycle-it fundraiser, held Sept. 23 at the Greenbank Farm. This year's event exceeded all expectations, raising over \$20,000 to support affordable homeownership initiatives in Island County.

The success of this event would not have been possible without the generous support of the event sponsors. Habitat for Humanity of Island County extends its heartfelt gratitude to SaviBank, LNT Construction and Navy Federal for their unwavering commitment to Habitat's mission of providing safe and affordable housing for families in need.

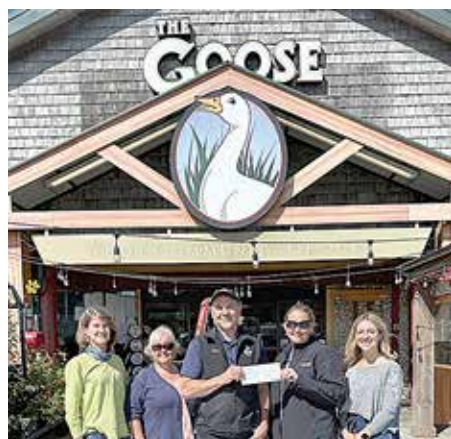
The Up Cycle-it fundraiser not only raised essential funds but also provided a platform for Habitat homeowners to share their inspiring stories with the community. Misty Downard and Jessica Poston, two remarkable individuals who have benefited from Habitat for Humanity's programs, had the opportunity to connect with event attendees and express their gratitude for the life-changing impact of affordable homeownership. Their stories serve as a testament to the power of community support and the enduring mission of Habitat for Humanity.

In addition to its sponsors and homeowners, Habitat for Humanity of Island County would like to extend a special shout out to the dedicated volunteers who played a pivotal role in making this event a resounding success. Their tireless efforts and passion for the cause continue to drive Habitat's mission forward, one home at a time.

Habitat for Humanity of Island County remains committed to building strength, stability, and self-reliance through affordable homeownership opportunities for families in our community. The funds raised during the Up Cycle-it fundraiser will go a long way in ensuring more families can achieve the dream of owning a safe and decent home.

[Submitted by Lauren Viana, Habitat for Humanity of Island County]

Whidbey Raises Over \$109,000 for Essential Needs Program



Attached Picture, left to right: Elise Miller (Goosefoot), Angela Ceccarelli (Opportunity Council), Steve Lamb (The Goose Community Grocer), Jaime Owens (Opportunity Council), Angela Ceccarelli (Opportunity Council), Jessie Gunn (Whidbey Community Foundation)

Together, with many generous members of the community, the Goosefoot Community Fund and the Whidbey Community Foundation (WCF) partnered for a third year to raise funds for the Essential Needs

Program, which supports our island neighbors through challenging times. This year, over \$109,000 was raised.

"The fact that we surpassed our goal again this year makes me think that generosity must be in everyone's DNA in our remarkable community. It's astonishing how much people give – over and over – to ensure our neighbors get the support they need when they need it. Yes, even 27 cents can truly make a difference when so many others pitch in too," said Elise Miller, Goosefoot Community Fund, executive director.

Whether you donated directly, rounded up at The Goose Grocer, or helped spread the word, your participation in making the third annual fundraiser for the Essential Needs Program so successful is appreciated. Your donations help fill temporary financial gaps that aren't met through existing funding streams, and are administered by the Opportunity Council - Island County Service Center. Together, over 300 households have been helped, most of whom earn less than 30 percent of the median income in Island County. For the local Whidbey households that receive this support, a small amount can make or break whether they can continue to contribute to, participate in and enrich our community. We all benefit when they have their essential needs met.

"On my current caseload, I have six active families who have utilized the Essential Needs Program for furniture. I know many more have used it in the past. All have been grateful, but one family showed extreme gratitude and you could see the relief lift off of them as I spoke to them about the funding to help. Before coming into the program, they lost everything in a house fire that caused the family to become homeless. Essential Needs was able to help get beds for them and their children. I could go on about different clients, we all are so thankful for the funding in the essential needs program. As a provider, it is nice to validate the client in crisis by saying 'that is a need, I understand your stress, and we have funding that can help,'" said Housing Case Manager, Opportunity Council (Island County).

Starting in May 2023, the Whidbey Island Fundraiser for the Essential Needs Program was seeded with \$50,000 (\$25,000 each from Goosefoot and WCF) with a collective goal of \$100,000. The Goose Community Grocer again designated the Essential Needs Program as their Roundup for Charity recipient from May through July and alone raised over \$29,000. The Goose team exceeded their previous year total by \$3,000 and had their single biggest month in roundup history. Because of these generous donations and the community partnerships, the fundraiser met and surpassed its goal with a final total of \$109,168.

"Our community continues to amaze me! What a true testament to the generosity of Whidbey that each year for the past three years, we have exceeded our fundraising goal for the Essential Needs Program. Philanthropy is a love of giving and helping one another. Thank you Whidbey for helping one another," said Jessie Gunn, Whidbey Community Foundation, executive director.

"We are honored to have the opportunity to facilitate this program! It brings our team at OC great joy to be able to say yes more than we normally do! Having flexible funds to assist folks who are struggling is quite amazing! Thank you to our amazing community for your generosity, along with Goosefoot, the Goose staff and the Whidbey Community Foundation for all they do to support our community and our efforts as a partner agency," said Melissa Frasch-

Brown, Island County Service Center, director.

Goosefoot and WCF are extremely grateful for the community support. They extend their gratitude to the Opportunity Council for its dedication to helping our community members directly. And they also extend a huge thank you to the entire team at The Goose Community Grocer for its enthusiastic support of this important cause and for their Roundup for Charity Program, benefitting many different local organizations.

"We love supporting the Essential Needs Program. We are neighbors helping neighbors and it's truly amazing how the community rallies to support each other. Being here at The Goose Community Grocer, we get to see firsthand how something as small as a few cents can become life changing support when we all pitch in. Many hands truly make light work," said Kayla Leganza, Goose Community Grocer, store director.

"It's a privilege to be associated with the Essential Needs program. It makes me proud of my community and my company that they are willing to reach out and give to those in need. It's very humbling and rewarding to see the results and know we have made a difference in the lives of those in our Whidbey Island family," said Steve Lamb, Goose Community Grocer, assistant store director.

"The Essential Needs program is a very popular round-up here at the Goose Grocery. It is so heartwarming how generous our customers and community are to help this great program succeed and help so many," said Kathy Burton, Goose Community Grocer, bookkeeper

Learn more about the Essential Needs Program and donate directly at goosefoot.org/essential-needs/ or whidbeyfoundation.org/essential-needs-program/.

Assistance is available via Opportunity Council Island County Service Center. Learn more at oppco.org/locations/island-county/.

[Submitted by Whidbey Community Foundation]

Mr. Oak Harbor Scholarship Competition Proudly Announces 2023 Contestants

The following contestants have been accepted to participate in the first Mr. Oak Harbor Scholarship Competition Nov. 11 at the Oak Harbor High School SUB.

Mister Division

Graham Ray
Clayton Valentin
Nolan Saltonstall
Lucas Smith
Rey Madrid
Ka'imi Nero

Teen Division

Logan Hendricks
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As participants, contestants will compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships in a unique six-week program focusing on personal and professional growth through the development of leadership, communication and marketability.

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Since 2015, Miss Oak Harbor has delivered more than \$115,000 in scholarships and awards to local high school students. Board President, River Powers, stated, "We've had the honor of working with dozens of girls over the last eight years, and we wanted to extend the same opportunity to high school boys. We're trail-

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Letters to the Editor

Editor,

Shane Hoffmire is the most genuine person you'll ever meet. In real life, or on Facebook, what he says is genuine.

There are not very many people like that these days.

He is a huge supporter of our youth and that shows so much about his integrity. I would trust Shane to watch my children and I wouldn't say that about anyone.

If you're looking for someone to lead our community in the right direction, I would put my faith in Shane. He has proven over and over again that he will put our best interest ahead of all else.

Bottom line, this community needs more people like Shane!

Brian Linson, Owner/BL Landscapes
Oak Harbor, Wash.

Editor,

Oak Harbor needs a change in its city council. Too many times the council has voted diametrically against the will of the people, even when that will was made abundantly clear through polling and community responses.

Many of us who live outside the city's limits and cannot vote in the upcoming city elections nevertheless see Oak Harbor as "our town" where we shop, socialize, recreate, and spend our money, so we pay careful attention to what happens there. If city voters truly want the change many have chafed for, if they want to stop empowering the various cabals that crave power for its own sake or to please various special interests, interests that too often seem to get too much of—or all of—the council's attention and taxpayers' money, then they need to be willing to make a real change. The only candidate bringing that kind of change is Barbara Armes.

Barbara Armes has taken her own time and put forth significant effort to thoroughly familiarize herself with the workings of city government by attending every council meeting for the last two plus years, along with planning and department meetings. She has met with and discussed issues with nearly all city officials and department heads to find out firsthand—as a citizen, long before any thought of running for an office—what the city's problems are, what the future holds for the people of Oak Harbor.

As far as I can tell, Barbara was the first person to speak openly and candidly about the serious infrastructure issues facing city residents. After the campaign season started and the *News-Times* printed its eye-catching article, other candidates came on board, but before then, they were either oblivious or uninterested; no one was paying real attention and the council continued spending taxpayers' money on other, less essential agenda items.

When I think of Barbara Armes, I think of the average citizen stepping up to serve her community—not for money, not for glory, not for self-aggrandizement, and certainly not to become part of a self-perpetuating power structure. As *Seinfeld* character Frank Costanza once said

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blazing here with the Mr. Oak Harbor Scholarship Competition—there is no other program like it, and we're proud and excited to offer this opportunity."

Tickets to the culminating event Nov. 11 can be purchased from one of the contestants, online at MissOakHarbor.com, or at the door, if not sold out. Veterans receive half-price entry in honor of Veterans Day.

For more information, visit MissOakHarbor.com or email MissOakHarborInfo@gmail.com.

[Submitted by River Powers, board president]

Public Comments Sought on Options for Restoring Grizzly Bears to the North Cascades

Draft Environmental Impact Statement and proposed rule to manage grizzlies in North Cascades as an experimental population are now available

The National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are seeking public input on a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate options for restoring grizzly bears to the North Cascades ecosystem in Washington, where the animals once roamed. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is also inviting public comment on a proposed rule under section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act, which would provide local communities more flexibility to manage the grizzly bear population with additional wildlife management tools.

Grizzly bears occupied the North Cascades for thousands of years as an essential part of the ecosystem, distributing native plant seeds and keeping other wildlife populations in balance. In the 20th century, humans nearly hunted them to extinction in the area. The last confirmed sighting of a grizzly bear in the U.S. portion of the North Cascades ecosystem was in 1996.

"We are looking for the public's help in selecting the best path forward as we evaluate grizzly bear recovery on these federal lands," said Don Striker, superintendent of North Cascades National Park.

The draft EIS released last week offers several paths the agencies could take to restore this piece of the ecosystem. Among them, a "no action" alternative which would continue existing management practices, and two action alternatives which would both allow for the active restoration of grizzly bears, but differ in how a population of bears might be managed.

One of the action alternatives outlined in the draft EIS would designate grizzlies in the area as an experimental population under section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act. That designation would give communities and land managers additional options for managing bears, including deterrence, relocation, or removal of animals involved in conflict. These additional tools could offer more safety and certainty for the region, while providing for the conservation of the species.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is separately inviting the public's input on the proposed 10(j) rule outlining what those management strategies for grizzly bears might look like, if that alternative were to be selected.

"If this part of our natural heritage is restored, it should be done in a way that ensures communities, property and the animals can all coexist peacefully. A 10(j) experimental designation could provide the tools to do that," said Hugh Morrison, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regional director.

Comments on the draft EIS and proposed 10(j) rule must be submitted separately. During the 45-day public comment period, the agencies will host a virtual meeting and meetings in the communities near the ecosystem to answer questions about the alternatives outlined in the draft EIS and the proposed 10(j) rule.

All meetings will give the public opportunities to learn about the draft EIS and proposed 10(j) rule. The in person meetings will also allow the public to provide comments verbally.

To review the draft EIS, submit comments, and find additional information, including details about public meetings, visit <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/NCEGrizzly>.

Hard copy comments about the draft EIS can be submitted by U.S. mail or hand-deliver to:

Office of the Superintendent
Grizzly Restoration EIS
810 State Route 20,
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

The proposed 10(j) rule from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was formally published Sept. 29. To view and submit comments, visit [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and reference Docket No. FWS-R1-ES-2023-0074. It is also available to view in the Federal Register.

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[Submitted by NCE Grizzly Bear Team]

Local Business News

The Seaside Spa and Salon Celebrates Its Anniversary Month by Giving Back to Local Nonprofits

Celebrating 17 years in business this month, both locations of The Seaside Spa and Salon have partnered with three Washington state nonprofits as a way to give back and say thank you to the community for its unwavering support over the last 17 years.

October is a month to raise awareness for several causes that greatly impact women, the main demographic of the clients The Seaside Spa and Salon serves. It is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, and Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Seaside Spa and Salon is proud to announce its partnership with the Carol Milgard Breast Center in Tacoma, a breast health clinic providing services to all women regardless of income, insurance or financial situation; The Hudson David McNeal Memorial Fund, raising awareness and funds to support premature lives, which is the leading cause of infant death; and The Anacortes Family Center, an organization that serves homeless women and children often fleeing from domestic violence situations.

"We're proud to step up and give back to these organizations by offering our beauty and wellness services with options available to donate as well as pledging a portion of our proceeds to those three organizations," says Aaron Wiley, spa owner. The Seaside Spa and Salon is pledging to donate 17 percent of all retail sales, to celebrate 17 years in business. There will also be an option to round-up at check out in the spas, as well as a giving wall where individuals can choose their charity and dollar amount of their choice to donate.

The fundraising efforts will be going all month long in October at both locations of Seaside Spa. Options to donate online will also be available on the website, www.SeasideSpaAndSalon.com, as well as social media accounts on both Instagram and Facebook. Tax receipts are available upon request.

"Giving back is a core value in our operations at Seaside, and we love to see our clients join us in that effort," says Wiley. "Imagine the impact we can make if we all work together. It makes the beauty industry beautiful, in my opinion."

We would like to invite you to a dinner and auction fundraiser at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club on **Saturday October 14th at 6 pm**

We are raising funds for inclusive communication boards which will be installed at all five elementary schools and at Hand in Hand Early Learning Center. This will enable children who can not speak or have other disabilities to be able to communicate with other kids on the playground.

We also will be raising funds for the Al Koetje Mayor's Scholarship and one other, created to honor all of Oak Harbor's mayors, past and present.

**We hope you can join us.
You can get tickets by calling
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<https://auctria.events/OHEF>**

What's Going On

Island Transit Job Fair

Friday, October 6, 10:00AM-2:00PM
Oak Harbor Library

Island Transit is hiring bus drivers with a \$2,000 sign-on bonus. Bring your resume - be prepared to fill out the application and take the video test. Snacks will be provided. RSVP encouraged by calling 360-678-7771. Walk-ins welcome. The library is located at 1000 SE Regatta Dr. For more information, visit www.islandtransit.org/employment.

Live Music: Those Guys

Friday, October 6, 7:00-9:00PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

John Hribernick and Kristi Barnes have been performing together as Those Guys since 2011. They play an eclectic yet familiar mix of mostly pop covers as well as originals; their song list spans decades and genres, covering renowned artists from Adele to Zevon. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Sportsman's Swap Meet and Charity Match

Saturday, October 7, 9:00AM
Central Whidbey Sportsman's Association, Coupeville

Buy/sell guns and outdoor gear - FFL on site. Charity Shoot to benefit WAIF. This is a fun novelty shoot and trap shoot, with turkeys awarded to the first and second place finishers. Bring your own shotgun and/or pistol (.22 recommended) - loaners available. There will be divisions for juniors and women. Donations of pet food for WAIF encouraged. More details at cwsaonline.org, tables for swap meet contact Richard Morgan 425-750-5444 or teamnascarfan@hotmail.com. Located at 397 Safari St.

Costume Sale

Saturday, October 7, 9:00AM-1:00PM
Langley Community Center

Whidbey Island Dance Theatre will host a Costume Boutique. Retiring Nutcracker costumes and more are on sale! The Langley Community Center is located at 714 Camano Ave. Look for the white tents in the courtyard.

Shred-It Fundraiser

Saturday, October 7, 10:00AM-2:00PM
Whidbey Island Bank, Freeland

Securely dispose of your personal and financial records. Licensed and bonded shredding company. Paper only, staples okay. Minimum donation is \$5 per bankers box or bag; \$10 for oversized box or bag. All proceeds benefit Soroptimist International of South Whidbey Island programs and scholarships. The bank is located at 5590 S Harbor Ave.

Nordic Folk Fest

Saturday, October 7, 10:00AM-4:00PM
Nordic Hall, Coupeville

Featuring Norwegian Elkhounds, Fjord horses, Nordic food demonstrations, wood carving, weaving, a Nordic cafe, bake sale, kids' troll den and games. Open to the public - \$3 admission for those over 12. The Nordic Hall is located at 63 Jacobs Rd.

Fall Dinner and Auction

Saturday, October 7, 5:00PM
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge
Tickets: \$75 per person

Honoring Dale and Liz Sherman, proceeds benefit the Island County Historical Society Museum. Social hour starts at 4:00PM. To purchase tickets online, visit www.islandhistory.org/auction-2023 or call 360-678-3310. Your ticket price includes admission and one tasty dinner, dessert, and two drink coupons.

Live Music: Erik Christensen Band

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

Erik Christensen is a singer/songwriter from Coupeville. He plays a mix of folk/rock/country/Americana, sharing songs and stories with whoever wants to listen. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below
Cost: Free

Ranger Hour: Fantastic Fungi

Friday, October 6, 4:00-5:00PM
Oak Harbor Library

Explore the "fun" in fungi! Discover common mushrooms found at Deception Pass State Park and learn about their important role in creating a healthy forest. All ages welcome. Adult caretakers must be present for the duration of the program.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, October 7, 10:00AM-2:00PM
Freeland Library

Book sales are held in the library's meeting room the first Saturday of each month. Hundreds of books for all ages are avail-

able by donation, or, fill a bag for \$20! Cash, check, credit or debit cards, and Venmo are all accepted. All proceeds go to the Friends of the Freeland Library.

Langley Library Centennial Celebration

Saturday, October 7, 11:00AM-1:00PM
Langley Library

Join us as we celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the Langley Library and learn about the library's rich history in the Village by the Sea. Enjoy interactive historical activities along with snacks, coffee, and the whimsical sounds of Whidbey's Café Impromptu Quintet.

Empowered Aging: Aging in Place

Tuesday, October 10, 2:00-3:00PM
Freeland Library

Learn tips for healthy aging and strategies for living independently in your home and

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community for as long as possible. This class goes over things to consider such as changes you can make around your home to reduce the risk of falls. Class provided by Hospice of the Northwest and all materials/resources are free of charge.

Board Game Night

Wednesday, October 11, 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. The

Clinton Community Hall is located at 6411 S Central Ave.

Religious Services

Filipino Christian Fellowship

Sundays, 2:00PM
Meets at Church on the Rock, 1780 SE 4th Ave., Oak Harbor. www.ohcfellowship.com

Healing Whidbey Healing Rooms

Every Thursday, 6:30-8:00PM
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The Healing Rooms are open to anyone desiring personal prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual needs. There is a team of Christians from several local

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Unitarian Universalist Sunday Service

Sundays, 10:00AM
Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Freeland

All are welcome. Values-based children's

religious exploration classes and childcare will be provided. Visit www.uucwi.org for more information. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation building is located at 20103 Highway 525, two miles north of Freeland.

Unity of Whidbey

Sundays, 10:00AM
5671 Crawford Road, Langley

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

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

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Worship, 10:00AM
Sunday School to age 20, 10:00AM
Wednesday Testimony Meeting, 2:30PM

Christian Science Reading Room

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 11:00AM-2:00PM

The church and Reading Room are located at 721 SW 20th Court at Scenic Heights Street, Oak Harbor. Call 360-675-0621 or visit cs-oh-wa.com for more information. Services and Sunday School are also held at 10:30AM on South Whidbey at 15910 Highway 525, just north of Bayview and across from Useless Bay Road; testimony meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM.

Meetings & Organizations

Deaf Social - Flying Fingers

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

This group meets the first Friday of the month at the Fireside room, behind the church, follow signs. Parking located across the street at 3rd St/Anthes Ave. We celebrate birthdays, casual gathering. Some people sign, others do not use signs, but have impaired hearing. We share food. For further information, contact Susan Ishikawa, teacher of deaf at 360 221-0383 or email sisoleil973@yahoo.com.

Al-Anon

Every Wednesday, 9:30-10:30AM
Online

If a friend or relative has a problem with alcohol, you can find solutions for yourself at Alanon. For more information, visit <https://wa-al-anon.org>.

Al-Anon Group

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

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“Dia de Fiesta” celebrates Whidbey’s cultural diversity

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

The Oak Harbor Main Street Association and the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce, and local jWindermere broker and realtor, Maria Diaz, are pleased to announce Oak Harbor’s first Dia de Fiesta, or Day of Festivities, honoring Hispanic Heritage Month.

The Hispanic heritage festival will be held in downtown Oak Harbor from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and will feature food, music, vendors and entertainment. A Mariachi band will also be featured from 4 to 5 p.m. in the pop-up plaza at the corner of Dock Street and SE Pioneer Way.

“[We] are thrilled to announce the inaugural Dia de Fiesta, a Hispanic Heritage Festival, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month,” Magi Aguilar, executive director of the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce, said in response to emailed questions from *Whidbey Weekly*. “Oak Harbor, known for its vibrant celebrations, from Holland Happening, St. Patrick’s Day, to Independence Day, is about to welcome a new and exciting addition to its roster of festivities.”

Planning for this event has been going on for quite a while and Aguilar said she feels certain it is something that will catch on with the community.

“Maria Diaz approached me a year ago with the idea of a Hispanic Heritage Festival during Hispanic Heritage Month,” she shared. “We’ve been connecting and collaborating with Main Street’s Executive Director, Margaret Livermore, to make it happen.

“We received a great response from the public on social media, so we knew we were going to make it happen for our community,” Aguilar continued. “This is the first event of its kind in Oak Harbor, so it will be smaller than what we’re used to. We wanted to create an authentic event with traditional vendors and entertainment; this festival will definitely grow in years to come.”

There is no cost to attend the festival and there will be food and items for sale. In addition, many businesses will be joining in the festivities as well.

“[There will be] traditional Hispanic foods, face painting, mariachi music, and Hispanic vendors,” shared Aguilar. “Many stores on Pioneer will be joining the celebration. For example,



Noe Jose Cafe will be highlighting a traditional Albondigas soup, Popsies will be featuring horchata flavored items and more.”

Diaz said this first-time event will serve to highlight all the positive aspects of Oak Harbor’s diversity.

“Our town thrives as a mosaic of diverse cultures, with each festival weaving a story of our shared legacy,” she said. “Events such as the Hispanic Heritage Festival not only offer

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For more information contact Mike Etzell, Island County Developmental Disabilities Coordinator at 360-499-5401.



Recipe of the Week

JELLY DOUGHNUTS CAN BE THE CULINARY STAR OF CHANUKAH

Symbolism and the holiday season go hand in hand. For those of Jewish heritage who celebrate Chanukah, there is more than one prominent symbol of the holiday that endures year after year. The widely recognizable menorah fits that bill, and jelly doughnuts also have withstood the test of time. Many Chanukah celebrants enjoy a specific variety known as sufganiyot.

According to My Jewish Learning, jelly doughnuts are one of the more symbolic dishes associated with Chanukah. Oily foods are made to represent the miracle of Chanukah since the first celebration, and fried jelly doughnuts became tied to Chanukah during the Middle Ages. Early on they were known as "ponchiks" because they were modeled after the doughnuts served in Poland around Christmastime. But eventually they took the name sufganiyot, from the "spongy dough" mentioned in the Talmud.

Enjoy this recipe for "Sufganiyot," courtesy of Martha Stewart, for your next Chanukah celebration.

SUFGANIYOT (Yield: 20)

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| 2 tablespoons active dry yeast | temperature |
| 1/2 cup warm water (100 to 110 F) | 1/2 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg |
| 1/4 cup plus 1 teaspoon sugar, plus more for rolling | 2 teaspoons salt |
| 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting | 3 cups vegetable oil, plus more for bowl |
| 2 large eggs | 1 cup seedless raspberry jam |
| 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room | In a small bowl, combine yeast, warm water, and 1 teaspoon sugar. Set aside until foamy, about 10 minutes. |

Place flour in a large bowl. Make a well in the center; add eggs, yeast mixture, 1/4 cup sugar, butter, nutmeg, and salt. Using a wooden spoon, stir until a sticky dough forms. On a well-floured work surface, knead until dough is smooth, soft, and bounces back when poked with a finger, about 8 minutes (add more flour, if necessary). Place in an oiled bowl; cover with plastic wrap. Set in a warm place to rise until doubled, 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

On a lightly floured work surface, roll dough to 1/4-inch thickness. Using a 2 1/2-inch-round cutter or drinking glass, cut 20 rounds. Cover with plastic wrap; let rise 15 minutes.

In a medium saucepan over medium heat, heat oil until a deep-frying thermometer registers 370 F. Using a slotted spoon, carefully slip 4 rounds into oil. Fry until golden, about 40 seconds. Turn doughnuts over; fry until golden on other side, another 40 seconds. Using a slotted spoon, transfer to a paper-towel-lined baking sheet. Roll in sugar while warm. Fry all dough, and roll in sugar.

Fill a pastry bag fitted with a #4 tip with jam. Using a wooden skewer or toothpick, make a hole in the side of each doughnut. Fit the pastry tip into a hole, pipe about 2 teaspoons jam into doughnut. Repeat with remaining doughnuts.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, unless you are ready to take charge and spearhead an initiative for change, you may have to simply go with the flow this week. Think on it.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Ideas for creative projects keep popping up in your mind, Taurus. It's just a matter of figuring out which avenue you want to explore and then finding the time to make it happen.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, some shake-ups at work may leave you wondering how secure things will be for you moving forward. Start asking a few pointed questions.

CANCER – June 22/July 22

Are you ready to take the plunge and make a big move in your career, Cancer? The stars are pointing you in that direction. It could be just the change you are looking for.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23

In your mind you did something that was well within your rights, Leo. Others who were affected by your actions may not view it in entirely the same way. Revisit the situation.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 23

Virgo, it is time to start making a solid plan for the future and not just day-by-day actions to squeak by. You are one cog in a wheel that needs to move along smoothly.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, before you fire off an email or ask questions, gather as much information as you can. You want to be sure you have all of the facts before you start to dig a little deeper.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Your focus on finances has been intense of late, Scorpio. While you have been doing your best to balance the budget, expenses seem to keep growing. Try other options.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, even though you have been instrumental in your involvement with a particular situation, there is nothing much you can do this week. Let it rest for now.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, the way you are going about things is entirely in your best interest without much consideration for others. This can be dangerous, especially when you need a hand.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, while you have been diligent with trying to get ahead at work, right now things are not falling into place. Consider whether this may be the time to find someplace new.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Keep all of your options open this week, Pisces. Even if you do not have plans right now, something may pop up unexpectedly that is right what you need at the moment.

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Tuesday, Oct. 10 - Volleyball vs Nooksack Valley 7:00PM
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a platform to enjoy and embrace Hispanic arts, dance, and delicacies but play an equally essential role in promoting mutual respect, understanding, and unity among all residents. These occasions enlighten attendees about the profound traditions and histories that enrich our communal life.

"I envision more than just a gathering," Diaz continued. "I see an opportunity where attendees can immerse themselves in the Hispanic culture and come away with an enriched understanding of the values and narratives of the Hispanic community. My hope is for attendees to leave with a newfound or deeper reverence for Hispanic heritage, recognizing the myriad tales, challenges, and triumphs that have melded our community, and to carry these lessons into their everyday interactions."

Aguilar said events like this serve to benefit the business community as well as the community at large.

"As we gear up for 2024, our goal is to connect our community by empowering our members to grow and be successful," she said. "New events like the Hispanic Heritage Festival will not only expose our community to a vibrant culture but give our businesses an opportunity to get involved and support new activities and programs. Events like this bring people together and allow us to create another reason for visitors to travel to Whidbey and experience Oak Harbor."



Look for more information about Dia de Fiesta at oakharborchamber.com and oakharbormainstreet.org.

"Events such as Dia de Fiesta celebrate cultural diversity in our community and allow people to connect, interact and build relationships among one another and with our visitors," Aguilar said. "Oak Harbor is a perfect place for celebrations such as this because of the military diversity in our community, and our historic downtown is the perfect venue! My hope is for our community to attend and experience the culture and celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in our one-of-a-kind town."



**Painting
Perfection!**

Photos Courtesy of Sissy Brown, Cub Scout Pack 4059

One Oak Harbor park is a little spiffier, thanks to work by Cub Scouts from Pack 4059, along with Pack leaders and Scouts BSA family members. A group of eight youth and eight adults picked up their paint brushes and rollers and got to work Sunday morning at Volunteer Park on Jerome Street in Oak Harbor. The group painted over graffiti on the concession stand and shed by the softball field and an announcer booth by the back field. Some of the Scouts play baseball and/or softball on the fields and some of the adults did as well. Leaders said they wanted to help teach the Scouts to respect the community and help other organizations. All told, it took about an hour and-a-half to complete the service project.



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Life Tributes



Marveen Thierstein



Marveen Thierstein, 83, of Oak Harbor, passed away Sept. 24, 2023. She was an amazing mother, sister, spouse, grandmother, and great-grandmother. There was nothing she loved more in life than her family, and she spent as much time with them as she could.

Marveen was born to Marvin and Mildred Zick in Dearborn, Mich., Dec. 13, 1939. She moved to California as a young girl where she met the love of her life, William R. Thierstein. They were married July 25, 1958, and later moved to Lincoln, Neb., where they raised their family until William's passing. Marveen later relocated to Oak Harbor, to be near her aging father.

Marveen is preceded in death by her parents, Marvin and Mildred Zick, her forever soulmate, William R. Thierstein, and her grandson, Logan S. Helmstadter.

She is survived by her children and their spouses: Lorie (Scott) Dodge of Lincoln; Samuel (Desiree) of Oak Harbor; Eileen Taylor of Lincoln; and Christine (Christopher) Rische of Defiance, Mo. She is survived by nine grandchildren: Aimee, Samuel, William, Megan, Honour, Tysen, Camilla, Jared, Grey; and four great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind her brother, Neil (Kathy), and her sister, Joanne (Jim).

Marveen will be interred alongside William at Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home in Lincoln. Her family will celebrate her life in early 2024.

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

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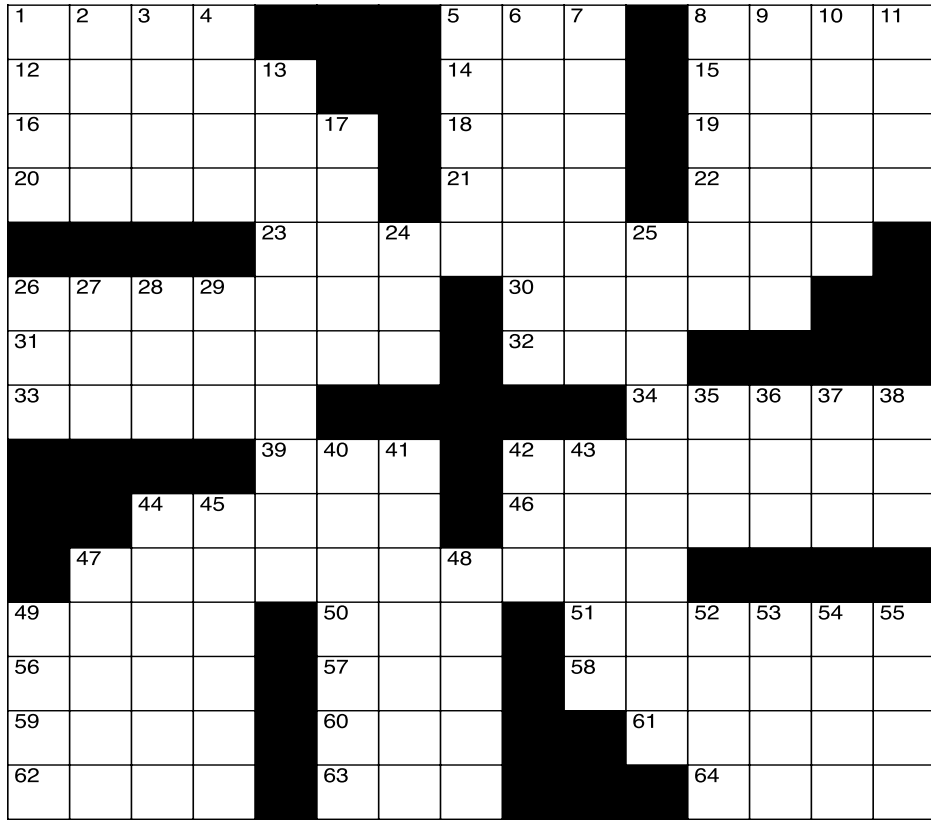


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- 5. Subdivision
- 8. Network of nerves
- 12. Lounge chair
- 14. Ocean
- 15. C. European river
- 16. Bowl-shaped cavity
- 18. ___ Caesar, comedian
- 19. Lyric poems
- 20. Tia's sister
- 21. A way to develop
- 22. Cows collectively
- 23. Areas close by
- 26. Slightly disreputable
- 30. Made a mistake
- 31. One who cites
- 32. Food stall: ___ pai dong
- 33. Narrow valley between hills
- 34. Members of people living mainly in the Congo
- 39. More (Spanish)
- 42. Classroom implementations
- 44. Cognizant of
- 46. One who tells on others
- 47. Free from slavery
- 49. Thick piece of something

CLUES DOWN

- 13. ___
- 17. ___
- 23. ___
- 24. Factual written account (abbr.)
- 25. Having three sides
- 26. Annoy
- 27. Hustle
- 28. American WW2 leader
- 29. Stale atmosphere
- 35. US Treasury
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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

<p>Thurs, Oct. 5 North Isle H-61°/L-47° Mostly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-62°/L-50° Sunny</p>	<p>Fri, Oct. 6 North Isle H-63°/L-45° Mostly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-67°/L-48° Mostly Sunny</p>	<p>Sat, Oct. 7 North Isle H-64°/L-51° Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-71°/L-55° Plenty of Sunshine</p>	<p>Sun, Oct. 8 North Isle H-64°/L-53° Mostly Cloudy</p> <p>South Isle H-66°/L-54° Mostly Cloudy</p>	<p>Mon, Oct. 9 North Isle H-60°/L-53° Showers and Windy</p> <p>South Isle H-60°/L-52° Rain</p>	<p>Tues, Oct. 10 North Isle H-58°/L-51° Rain</p> <p>South Isle H-58°/L-50° Showers with Sunbreaks</p>	<p>Wed, Oct. 11 North Isle H-58°/L-49° Showers and Windy</p> <p>South Isle H-57°/L-48° Rain</p>
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OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What is the best compliment you have ever received?



Jason Knopes, Oak Harbor

It is hard to say what the best compliment that I have received is, but if I had to narrow it down, it would have been pertaining to being a father. I have two kids, my son is 14 and my daughter is 9. More times than not, my wife and I get complimented on how well behaved, respected, beautiful, smart, and talented our kids are. We focus on setting examples for them to follow - to care for others and developing themselves as human beings. Now, this is not to say they are not little devils at home to each other (that's what siblings are for), but, when interacting with others, they treat them with respect as one should, and that's all a father could ask for. So the compliments received about our children make me know we are doing something right.

Autumn Covington, Oak Harbor

I truly believe that even the smallest of compliments can go a long way! The best compliment I've ever received probably has to do with my cookies. Before opening Mad Batter in Oak Harbor, I would go to farmers markets and sell my cookies. There were many people who loved them and told me I could sell them in a shop. Their compliments not only encouraged me to believe in myself, but also drove me to be more creative and hard working. Without them, Mad Batter Bakehouse might have just remained a dream rather than a reality!



Edwyn J Buzard III, Coupeville

I retired after 57 years with my company on Nov. 18, 2022. As my wife and I entered the dining area of a Tacoma steakhouse for a company party to celebrate this event, there was a large banner on the wall that read: "THE LEGEND HAS RETIRED." Everyone stood and clapped as we entered the room. I have received many compliments in my life, but this was the ultimate.

As a sales engineer, I prided myself as being technically competent, enthusiastic and driven. Ethics were never a question. I always told our people that we were providing a service that most of our customers could not do for themselves. I told them to never argue with a customer over small amounts of money. This usually leads to bad feelings. No matter how good you think you are as a vendor, problems do arise from time to time. I always believe that great vendors are judged by how fast they respond to getting any problems resolved in a timely manner. I loved my job. It was so much fun. LUCKY ME! I can say, I never worked a day in my life.

Gordy Coale, Honeymoon Lake

I told my wife about being asked about the best compliment I've ever received. She instantly replied "When I said 'yes' when you asked to marry me." It was a remark that at first sounded flippant. That wasn't what I was thinking of as a compliment. But what is a compliment? The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines it as "an expression of esteem, respect, affection, or admiration." But what makes a compliment the best? So many compliments are about things that don't really matter, like how you look. Is the best compliment about something that really matters? I kept coming back to what my wife said. Being willing to spend the rest of her life with me has to be the best compliment I've ever received.



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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! (0)

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