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## Coupeville welcomes spooktacular fun for Halloween



Photo Courtesy of Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association  
A new addition to the Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association's Practically Magic HalloWeekend is the Spells and Brews Bike Ride. The family-friendly, all-ages bike ride takes place Saturday, Oct. 28, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Coupeville Middle School parking lot.

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

It's the time of year when pumpkins race and spirits dance.

That's right – the Haunting of Coupeville is in full swing and the Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association has big plans for one of the most frighteningly fun weekends of the year. Look for two 21+ movie nights for "Practical Magic," all-ages scavenger hunts, the torchlight parade and street dance and the ever-popular pumpkin races going on during the Practically Magic HalloWeekend, Oct. 27-29 in historic downtown Coupeville. (coupevillehistoricwaterfront.com/events)

There are, of course, ongoing daily features like the Scarecrow Trail and the Weary Bones Rest Stop graveyard among other activities sponsored by Coupeville businesses and organizations, but this year, the last weekend of October will be filled with spooky, good-natured fun.

"I am constantly surprised by how much enthusiasm there is for Halloween and October activities," said Jesse Levesque, executive director of CHWA, who noted she is celebrating her first full year at the helm of the Mainstreet organization. "I'm inheriting a lot of this tradition that people want to bring their families to. With the addition of having a movie about witches shot in this place, it lends itself to so much more."

There are two chances to view the film, "Practical Magic," which most Whidbey Islanders know was filmed in Coupeville. Those 21 years of age and older are invited to attend either Friday or Saturday night, Oct. 27-28. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. at the Coupeville Rec Hall. Costumes are encouraged and there will be a costume



contest, margaritas, a trivia contest and more. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased in advance online at coupevillehistoricwaterfront.com/practicallymagic/p/practically-magic-movie-night. Identification is required for entry.

This unique-to-Coupeville HalloWeekend is deliberately designed to cater to people of all ages, Levesque explained, with added events for those over 21.

"Much of the feedback we've gotten was that people would like to see more events for adults and we really wanted to help meet this demand," she said. "That is why you'll see so many events on the calendar such as the two movie nights that are 21+ and a beer garden downtown."

A new all-ages addition to the fun this year is the Spells and Brews Bike Ride, going on from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28. Registration begins at 10 a.m. at Coupeville Middle School

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By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

There are tons of Halloween and harvest season events going on over the next couple of weeks! Whether you're on the prowl for the perfect pumpkin, feel like a good scare or just want to enjoy a few treats, here's a list of some of the upcoming activities.

### PUMPKIN PATCH

Open daily through October, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Scenic Isle Farm, 46 S Ebey Rd., Coupeville  
Trolley rides and family fun on weekends.

### CASE FARM STAND

Open Weekdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Case Rd., Oak Harbor

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### PIRATE CORN MAZE

Daily 11 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Night Maze: Fridays and Saturdays, 7-10 p.m. through Oct. 31  
Whidbey Farm and Market, 1422 N Monroe Landing Rd., Oak Harbor

For tickets and information, visit whidbeyfarmandmarket.com

### TWISTED BARN

Weekends through and including Halloween, Nov. 3  
Roller Barn, 98 NE Barron Dr., Oak Harbor

Three options to choose from; check website for dates, times and tickets: the-rollerbarn.com/the-haunted-barn

### NAS WHIDBEY HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Friday, Oct. 20, 5-8 p.m.  
NEX Seaplane Base

Trunk or treat, scavenger hunt, games and more. Costumes encouraged. Base access required.

### BOO BINGO

Friday, Oct. 20, 6-8 p.m.  
South Whidbey Elementary School Gym, Langley  
Proceeds benefit South Whidbey Elementary PTA

Bingo Boards: \$5  
Hot dog, chips, applesauce and drink: \$4  
Lots of prizes. Cash only.

### APPLES AND COSTUMES

Saturday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Bayview Farmers Market, Langley

Dress up and bring your costumed pooch, too. Enjoy a doggy parade, candy for the kids, apple tastings and treats.



### FALL FESTIVAL AND CIDER PRESS

Saturday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
South Whidbey Community Center  
723 Cascade Ave., Langley

Fall fun for everyone. Bring an empty container and take some cider home. Donations welcome.

### HAUNTED DRIVE THRU AND TRUNK OR TREAT!

Saturday, Oct. 21, 5-7 p.m.  
North Whidbey Fire and Rescue  
2720 Heller St., Oak Harbor

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Friday, Oct. 27, 5-7 p.m.  
Family Bible Church, 2760 Heller St., Oak Harbor

### HAUNTED HOUSE

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27-28, 6-11 p.m.  
Family friendly 6-8 p.m.  
Spark Movement Academy  
628 W Oak St., Oak Harbor

\$5 per person/\$25 max per family  
Fundraiser for Spark Elite Team

### PRACTICALLY MAGIC MOVIE NIGHTS

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27-28, 6:30-10 p.m.  
Coupeville Rec Hall, 901 NW Alexander St.

Cost: \$5  
Ages 21+. Enjoy watching the film *Practical Magic*, margaritas, costumes, music and more. Purchase tickets at coupevillehistoricwaterfront.com/practicallymagic/p/practically-magic-movie-night.

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# Island 911

Seriously, we do not make this stuff up!

## TUESDAY, OCT. 10

### 11:13 am, SR 20

Reporting party advising male keeps walking back and forth from Haggen; has almost been hit by a few cars.

### 12:08 pm, SE Jensen St.

Reporting party advising heard four gunshots close by.

### 12:27 pm, SR 20

Advising subject keeps walking around location, looking in windows.

### 1:24 pm, NW Atalanta Way

Reporting party advising he believes neighbor hit his car; unsure if it was him, but he is the only one who parks there.

### 1:54 pm, SW Fairhaven Dr.

Reporting party has questions about moving trailer that will be at residence and if it is allowed to stick out of driveway or if it can be in roadway.

### 2:01 pm, SW Barlow St.

Reporting party advising customer locked themselves out of car, dog is inside.

### 3:56 pm, SW Downfield Way

Requesting call; has questions about gun magazine sizes.

### 5:23 pm, SW Erie St.

Reporting party advising of gunshots; heard them just a few seconds ago.

### 8:44 pm, SR 20

Transient male and another male are verbally arguing.

## WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11

### 12:18 pm, W Crescent Harbor Rd.

Advising political signs are blocking line of sight at intersection.

### 2:35 pm, SW 4th Ave.

Advising man is screaming and talking to himself; was looking inside windows, walking off towards Dyer Street.

### 5:44 pm, SW 6th Ave.

Male sitting on porch screaming; has been at location for a couple of hours.

### 7:56 pm, Wildcat Way

Caller advising Mount Vernon fans are "verbally attacking."

### 10:57 pm, SR 20

Subject requesting ride because the inn is full; subject is saying he doesn't know where he wants to go.

### 11:18 pm, SR 20

Advising male transient is in the parking lot yelling and throwing things; unknown description besides red hat.

## FRIDAY, OCT. 13

### 1:44 pm, SR 20

Advising light brown dog is running down Scenic Heights Road; unknown if has tag or collar.

### 1:49 pm, SR 20

Driver advising of suspicious bag on top of bus shelter.

### 7:48 pm, SR 20

Caller hearing verbal dispute; two males yelling at each other.

### 9:33 pm, SR 20

Advising in the parking lot; male was on the passenger side of her vehicle "just hanging out;" started rushing towards her vehicle and then when reporting party turned on her vehicle alarm, he ran away.

### 9:49 pm, SE Bayshore Dr.

Female is confused; states needs help getting picked up from the crosswalk on Bayshore; keeps saying, "It's the complex;" giving address that isn't valid.

## SATURDAY, OCT. 14

### 10:13 am, SW Erie St.

Reporting party states two days ago someone hit his vehicle in the parking lot of Walmart.

### 10:26 am, SR 20

Reporting party states gunfire heard in the area; three loud "cracks" heard.

### 10:47 am, NE 7th Ave.

Reporting party advising heard about four to five gunshots roughly 10 minutes ago; advising sounds like they were coming from north of location.

### 2:33 pm, NE Koetje St.

Reporting party asking for customer to be removed from store; advising she is refusing to leave after Harbor Freight refused to do return.

### 5:42 pm, SR 20

Advising just before NE 16th Avenue, northbound, there is a male laying on the side of the roadway, either asleep or passed out.

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

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# Bits & Pieces

A man with a strong sense of humor and a ready smile, I consider Shane my friend and am honored to recommend Shane in his future endeavors.

Hector Powell  
President, Rotary Club of North Whidbey

## Editor,

I am rising in support of Ronnie Wright for Mayor of Oak Harbor. His entire personal and professional life stands as a quiet example of excellence, responsibility, humility, and as a person of trust. He brings a lengthy history of ethical professionalism, meticulousness, and healthy sense of fairness. He has long held a position of trust in our community as a devoted and respected family man, CPA and business owner.

I know there are many individuals and businesses on our island who absolutely trust him as a CPA, year after year, with the proper and fair handling of their financial affairs, be it state and federal tax filings, financial planning, trusts, retirement planning and more. I know this for a fact, as I am now one of his clients. His help with my financial affairs has proven invaluable and I trust his advice implicitly.

Some time ago, I learned Mr. Wright holds Enrolled Agent credentials from the IRS, and I was curious to know what that meant. I found out this is the highest credential IRS grants to a select few exceptionally well qualified tax professionals. It authorizes the holder to represent clients before the IRS, and that getting one is a big deal. There are only 1,300 Enrolled Agents in Washington State.

The lengthy application process to become an Enrolled Agent is administered by the IRS Office of Professional Responsibility. It involves a three-part comprehensive examination designed for the applicant to show they have sufficient expertise in the full array of tax matters. The process includes an inquiry into the applicant's personal and professional conduct and a rigorous compliance check of the applicant's past work. Only after the applicant successfully passes through this process will the IRS grant the Enrolled Agent credential.

Knowing the stringent requirements the IRS places on obtaining an Enrolled Agent credential and the extensive vetting process Mr. Wright underwent in successfully doing so, as well as what I know about him as a person, provides ample validation of the fact that he is exceptionally well qualified to serve as mayor of our city. He has my vote and surely deserves yours!

Brian D. Peterson  
Oak Harbor, Wash.

## Editor,

I am honored to endorse Shane Hoffmire's candidacy for Mayor of Oak Harbor. He is an exceptional leader committed to transparency, affordability, and open, effective communication. He is a leader who listens and acts with intention.

I have seen Shane prioritize transparency during his time as a Oak Harbor council member and serving as a North Whidbey Pool, Parks and Recreation District Commissioner. He believes transparency is vital to building trust between the city and its residents. This is seen not only through his words but through his actions. While serving on the city council, he ensures information is available and accessible to the public, encourages open and productive feedback, and prioritizes ensuring that all decisions he makes are in the community's best interest. He knows communication is a two-way street and works hard to keep the lines of communication open between the city and the residents. As a community leader, Shane epitomizes servant leadership.

Shane has always been a hard worker; he understands the financial struggles families and people of all ages face in today's economy. Instead of dwelling on past leaders' decisions, he takes a solutions-focused stance and prioritizes making decisions that will create impactful change. He has shown a commitment to reducing living costs in Oak Harbor, and I trust he will continue to prioritize this if he is elected as mayor.

Shane prioritizes doing what is right instead of always being right. I am confident he will continue to work tirelessly to hear the feedback of all city residents and work with the council and city administrators to lead the city of Oak Harbor if elected.

Venessa Matros  
Former CSD School Board Director

## Editor,

It is clear to me some groups endorsing or giving preference to candidates are not checking credentials very carefully! I strongly support Ronnie Wright for Mayor. Oak Harbor needs his intelligent multi-tasking work ethic, especially in areas like finance, leadership, ethical behavior and giving credit to others. His opponent, Mr. Hoffmire, does not demonstrate these skill sets. Mr. Hoffmire has particularly proven he has no plans to be transparent. Public Disclosure Commission laws are for all; although requested, he refused to furnish bank statements for his campaign. His numbers presented were not accurate, plus omissions. By decisions he has made on council, he has jeopardized the city and North Whidbey Pool, Parks and Recreation District (NWPPRD), which happens to be his employer. From December until May alone, there are three documented conflict of interest issues, two financial, posing possible state auditor findings, which may change bond ratings and increase costly audit work for both, plus fines. Mr. Hoffmire should have recused himself, and then the third time, the Oak Harbor city attorney had to direct the mayor to strike his vote. He has demonstrated a basic lack of finance knowledge many times. Most recently by pushing refinancing the sewer treatment loans with a higher interest rate and a balloon payment coming due. Thankfully, the council overwhelmingly took the smarter, more affordable path for the taxpayers.

Then there is the matter of self-promotion versus giving credit where credit is due; for example, taking credit for the returning carnival for the 4th of July, when, in fact, it was the chamber; he takes credit for lowering the sewer treatment plant monthly costs, when, in fact, it was the hired third party finance company's recommendation that the council passed; his latest 5-point list of accomplishments, when many of those accomplishments have been being worked on for many years. He should have thanked staff and his fellow council members. Watching his behavior in council and other meetings tells me he does not comport himself in a way I would like to see as representative of our city.

These are a few reasons, there are many more I could share, that make Mr. Hoffmire someone who I believe is the wrong choice as mayor and why I wholeheartedly support Ronnie Wright for Mayor. Be an informed voter, Wright for Mayor.

Sue Karahalios,  
Former Council member, former State Legislator, long-time educator  
Oak Harbor, Wash.

## WICA Presents "Thoreau at Home"

Working from Thoreau's journals, David Wagoner has crafted a vivid portrait of encounters with birds, animals, plants and weather among the remarkably

varied landscapes around Concord, Mass. Thoreau believed that cities were saved, not by the good men in them, but by the forests and swamps around them. He recognized the dangers of an exclusively commercial America and tried to show in all his words and actions, in the whole flavor of his life, a richer alternative.

This play—so timely as we wrestle with the effect the human race has had on the natural world—shows us Thoreau shortly before his early death, yet still active in mind and heart, planning the fullest life he could imagine, and finding wonderment in the smallest details of the landscape he called home. Following his path, we are invited to reconsider our own relationship to nature through his clear, informed vision.

In conjunction with the run of the play, Thursday, Oct. 19, the center will feature the film *EVER GREEN*, a powerful short documentary about Whidbey Environmental Action Network (WEAN) and the legacy of environmental activism on Whidbey.

*Thoreau at Home* runs Fridays, Oct. 20 and 27 at 7:30PM, Saturdays, Oct. 21 and 28 at 7:30PM, Sunday, Oct. 22 at 2:00PM, and Thursday, Oct. 26 at 7:30PM. For tickets or more information, visit [www.wicaonline.org](http://www.wicaonline.org) or call 360-221-8268.

[Submitted by Whidbey Island Center for the Arts]

## Langley Arts Fund Announces: It's a Wrap

*Four new art-wrapped utility boxes and upcoming art show help support local artists and public art*

Langley Arts Fund, dedicated to supporting public art and local artists, is attracting attention with its four new utility boxes wrapped in original art. The group also is sponsoring an art show Friday through Sunday to help support its good works.

These are the newly-wrapped utility boxes:

At the corner of Camano and Edgedcliff are the many faces of Janie Cribbs' "Owls" staring wide-eyed from their perch across from the Children's Theater.

In front of Callahan's Glass Shop/Old Fire House on Second Street is Rob Schouten's stunning "Between Tides."

Between Langley Park and the Spyhop Pub is Amanda Fisher's soothing "Botanical." On Second Street, across from Generation Park, is Susan Jensen's very lively "Langley Bunnies."

Susan received a wonderful response from a local family: "For good luck, our family has endeavored to count 20 bunnies every day. Due to the bunny pandemic earlier this year, it's much harder to find them. We now count these bunnies. Thank you!"

The first utility box art wraparound sponsored by the Langley Arts Fund was "Yellow Roses," by Kay Parsons, also on Second Street in front of Sweet Mona's. The second, at Third and Park, is "Sunset," by Kathy Lull.

Jeff Humphrey, of Humphrey Sign Company, said, "I think they look amazing. As we were installing them, people stopped to talk about the project and how the Langley Arts Fund put it together. It is a wonderful idea."

The Langley Arts Fund wishes to acknowledge the support and cooperation of Whidbey Telecom for granting permission to wrap their utility boxes.

## Want to Help?

One of the ways the Langley Arts Fund raises funds for these wraps is to host an annual art show featuring the best work of Whidbey Island Art Council's amazing artists. Please come and browse Friday from 5:00 to 7:00PM; Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5:00PM. The show will be held at the TajGarage, 4632 S. Tomkins Road in Langley.

About Langley Arts Fund: Its mission is to identify projects, artists, partnerships, funding, and educational opportunities that nurture and support the community's





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## Christmas Bazaar

presented by Emblem Club  
Elk's Lodge

155 NE Ernst St • Oak Harbor

Friday, November 17, 2-6pm

Saturday, November 18, 10am-3pm

CASH RAFFLE PRIZES • BAKE SALE

Join us for holiday season gift giving

6pm Friday Dinner

11am Saturday Soup/Chili, Desserts

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Saturday, Nov. 4 • 10 am – 4 pm  
St. Augustine Catholic Church  
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## SeaGlass Cove

221 2nd Street #8 • Langley

Purple Building down brick Courtyard between 2nd Street & 3rd Street



# What's Going On

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

### Virtual Candidate Forums

Friday, October 20, 6:00PM

Coupeville

Candidates for contested positions:

Mayor

School Board Positions 1 and 4

Port of Coupeville Commissioners Districts 1 and 3

Tuesday, October 24, 6:00PM

Langley and Public Hospital District

Candidates for contested positions:

Mayor; Councilmember Positions 3 and 4

Public Hospital District

Commissioners Positions 1 and 5

Candidates will answer questions and discuss topics submitted by the community. All forum sessions are free and open to the public. Zoom links will be posted on [www.whidbey.org](http://www.whidbey.org) a day in advance of the forum event.

### Bras and Beauty for the Holidays

Sunday, October 22, 11:00AM-3:00PM

Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce

Sponsored by I Support the Girls - Whidbey Island. Providing dignity for ladies experiencing distress from abuse, impoverishment and homelessness. Limits: three bras, three panties, three pairs of socks, tampon or pad period packs, and special gifts. All items free while supplies last. For more information, email [istg.whidbeyisland@gmail.com](mailto:istg.whidbeyisland@gmail.com). The chamber is located at 32630 SR 20.

### Public Candidate Forums

Oak Harbor City Council

Monday, October 23, 10:00-11:00AM

Oak Harbor Mayor

Wednesday, October 25, 10:00-11:00AM

Regency on Whidbey, Oak Harbor

The public is invited to attend. Please contact Teri Mendiola, community relations director, for questions at 360-279-0933 or email: [tmendiola@regency-pacific.com](mailto:tmendiola@regency-pacific.com). Regency on Whidbey is located at 1040 SW Kimball Dr.

### Mayor of Coupeville Candidate Forum

Wednesday October 25, 6:00-8:00PM

Coupeville Recreation Hall

Hosted by the Coupeville Chamber of Commerce. Be informed about the candidates for mayor of Coupeville and the issues related directly to Coupeville. Take this opportunity to submit one or two questions to the chamber that may be used during the forum. Send questions to [info@coupevillechamber.com](mailto:info@coupevillechamber.com) with subject "Candidate Questions" by Friday. The Coupeville Recreation Hall is located at 901 NW Alexander St.

### Fall Sportsman's Show

Friday, October 27, 5:00-8:00PM

Saturday, October 28, 9:00AM-2:00PM

Holmes Harbor Rod and Gun Club, Langley

Holmes Harbor Rod and Gun Club is holding its Fall Sportsman's Show in the Trap Shack on the club grounds at 3334 Brooks Hill Rd. FFL on site. Admission by donation. Email Michael for more information: [backdoorsportsmm@gmail.com](mailto:backdoorsportsmm@gmail.com).

### Author Talk and Book Signing

Saturday, October 28, 2:00-3:00PM

Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St.

In 1857, coal mine manager Edmund C. Fitzhugh killed a drunken trespasser in his garden. Though Fitzhugh was under indictment for murder and only marginally qual-

ified for the position, U.S. President James Buchanan made the stunning decision to appoint him to Washington Territory's District and Supreme Courts.

Come hear award-winning author Candace Wellman talk about her book, and Fitzhugh's ties to Whidbey. Books will be available for purchase and the author will sign them for you. Co-sponsored by the Island County Historical Museum and Sno-Isle Libraries.

### Live Music: Jungle Rooster

Saturday, October 28, 7:00-9:00PM

Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

Join us for a classic rock 'n' roll party! No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

### SeaNotes Big Band

Saturday, October 28, 7:00-9:00PM

Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St.

Entry: \$10

For all music and dance lovers. Featuring Valetta Fae. Dance lessons with Jordan at 6:00PM. For more information, email [snbigband@gmail.com](mailto:snbigband@gmail.com).

### Trick or Treat

Tuesday, October 31, 3:00-5:00PM

Regency on Whidbey, Oak Harbor

Bring the kids for treats. Regency is located at 1040 SW Kimball Dr. For more information, call 360-279-0933.

### No Tricks! Safe Treats!

Tuesday, October 31, 5:00-7:00PM

Downtown Oak Harbor

Trick or treating at downtown merchants, pet costume contest, Halloween music, and more. SE Pioneer Way will be closed to traffic between City Beach St. and Midway Blvd.

### Christmas Bazaar

Friday, November 3, 10:00AM-3:00PM

Saturday, November 4, 10:00AM-4:00PM

St. Augustine Catholic Church, Oak Harbor

Coffee, baked goods and lunch will be sold. The holiday collection includes decor, homemade crafts, handmade hats and scarves, toys, games and puzzles, home baked goods, and so much more. The church is located at 185 N Oak Harbor St.

### Live Music: Mike Hopkins

Friday, November 3, 7:00-9:00PM

Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

Mike Hopkins is a solo live-looping musician playing cover songs from the 60s-present. Mike loves to establish a connection with the crowd through song and storytelling and even the occasional request or guest singer. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

### Veterans Benefits Forum

Saturday, November 4,

Session 1: 10:30AM-12:00PM

Session 2: 1:00-3:00PM

South Whidbey Community Center, Langley

Whidbey Island veterans, families and the community are invited to get information, learn about eligibility and receive assistance in applying for benefits with VA Benefits and Healthcare reps and other local services. More than 50 percent of Whidbey Veterans are still eligible for benefits. The South Whidbey Community Center is located at 723 Camano Ave. Parking lot access on the backside of the campus. Call 360-331-8081 for more information.

### Live Music: Nathaniel Talbot

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farmscapes of childhood made a life-long impression on Talbot's songwriting. He began learning piano at age seven, started a punk rock band at 13, and quickly thereafter began steeping himself in guitar-driven sounds of Kelly Joe Phelps, Elliott Smith, Bill Frisell and other Pacific Northwest heroes. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

**Live Music: Nick Drummond**

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**Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events**

See schedule below  
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**Keep Local With Whidbey: Raising Guanacos on Whidbey Island**

Thursday, October 19, 4:00-5:30PM  
Oak Harbor Library

There are fewer than 1,000 guanacos in the United States, and 10 of them live here on Whidbey Island. Guanacos are the wild ancestors from which domesticated llamas were bred and they produce luxurious fiber. Come hear from Lisa Mitchell and Greg Hudson, owners of Aliento Luxury Fiber Farm on Whidbey Island, as they share their experience learning to raise guanacos and making things from their exquisite fiber.

**Nurturing Nature: Life Cycle of Salish Sea Salmon**

Friday, October 20, 4:00-5:00PM  
Oak Harbor Library

Join Island County Natural Resources staff and learn about the salmon cycle of life and connections with the long-standing traditions that are still practiced today by the Native American peoples of the Puget Sound region. This event will include the opportunity to experience a touchable, hands-on collection of materials from the Burke Museum and a fun craft. All ages welcome. Adult caretakers must be present for the duration of the program.

**Empowered Aging: Hospice 101**

Tuesday, October 24, 2:00-3:00PM  
Freeland Library

This class is an introduction to hospice services, including what these services really are, how they get paid, how someone can qualify, and common myths about hospice. The truth may surprise you! Class provided by Hospice of the Northwest and all materials/resources are free of charge.

**LEGO® Block Party**

Wednesday, October 25, 2:30-4:00PM  
Coupeville Library

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**Friday Morning Book Group - "The Year of the Witching"**

Friday, October 27, 11:00AM-12:00PM  
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Join us for a discussion of "The Year of the Witching." Copies of the book can be picked up at the Oak Harbor Sno-Isle Library. Limited quantity available, but the book is also available in various formats via the Sno-Isle Library online catalog.

**Spooky Story Time for Adults**

Friday, October 27, 7:00-8:30PM  
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**Ranger Hour: Plant Food!**

Friday, November 3, 4:00-5:00PM  
Oak Harbor Library

Did you know that plants get hungry too? Learn how plants make their food and why plants lose their leaves in colder weather. All ages welcome. Adult caretakers must be present for the duration of the program.

**Galleries & Art Shows**

**Whidbey Allied Artists Show and Sale**

Friday, October 20, 10:00AM-5:00PM  
Saturday, October 21, 10:00AM-5:00PM  
Sunday, October 22, 10:00AM-4:00PM  
Coupeville Recreation Hall

Local artists from Whidbey Allied Artists (WAA) will be presenting a show and sale.

You'll find photography, oil, watercolor, glass, ceramics, jewelry, wood artistry, and mixed media. The Coupeville Recreation Hall is located at 901 NW Alexander St.

**Artists on Whidbey Art Show**

Friday, October 20, 5:00-7:00PM  
Saturday, October 21, 12:00-5:00PM  
Sunday, October 22, 12:00-5:00PM  
The TajGarage, Langley

Presented by Whidbey Island Arts Council Member Artists. The show will open with an Artists' Reception on Friday. 60 percent of sales goes to the artists, 40 percent is for public art in Langley. The TajGarage is located at 4632 S Tompkins Rd.

**Meetings & Organizations**

**Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum**

Tuesday, October 24, 11:30AM  
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St.  
Admission: Free, Lunch Buffet: \$15

Join Barry Meldrum, new Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum Executive Director as he introduces himself and shares his background, military museum experience and his vision and goals for the future of the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum.

**Al-Anon**

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

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creative endeavors. Its efforts include placing the bronze sculpture *Hope: The Wishing Whale* in Whale Bell Park, managing Langley's rotating sculpture program, and wrapping utility boxes. More information can be found at the website, <https://langleyartsfund.org>.

[Submitted by Bruce Hanson, Langley Arts Fund]

**Audition for Whidbey Playhouse's Production of "A Christmas Carol" this Holiday Season**

The Whidbey Playhouse is delighted to present Charles Dickens' Holiday classic *A Christmas Carol*. This family friendly holiday show, directed by Eric George and produced by Allenda Jenkins, runs for two weekends, Dec., 8-17. Show times are Friday and Saturday at 7:30PM and Sunday matinee at 2:30PM.

*A Christmas Carol*, adapted by Stan Thomas, recounts the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, an elderly miser who is visited by the ghost of his former business partner, Jacob Marley, and the spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come. After their visits, Scrooge is transformed into a kinder, gentler man.

Auditions for *A Christmas Carol* are Saturday and Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00PM in the Star Studio. There will be cold readings from the script. All ages are encouraged to audition. Tickets are on sale now at [www.whidbeyplayhouse.com](http://www.whidbeyplayhouse.com). Contact the box office, located at 730 SW Midway Blvd., or call 360-679-2237 for more information.

[Submitted by Janinne Brunyee]

**Civility First Hosts Civility Month Events**

Next up this month are two of the popular, free Bridging Our Differences workshops. One, in-person and during the day at Freeland Library Saturday, and the next on Zoom the evening of Oct. 26. The workshops are interactive and practical, and you'll leave with tools you can use. Most participants rate the workshops as "Excellent." For full details and to register, visit [www.civilityfirst.org/next-bridging-our-differences-workshop.html](http://www.civilityfirst.org/next-bridging-our-differences-workshop.html).

Friday, nominations are due for the Civility Awards. Nominate an extraordinary individual, business or organization for a Civility Award.

The awards recognize efforts to depolarize discourse and bring people together. The Civility Awards celebrate individuals, businesses and/or groups in our region who work to mend relationships, build bridges, and who are pursuing and engaging in meaningful dialogue connecting people with diverse views. The award criteria stress respect, integrity, kindness, engagement, inclusiveness, objectivity and seeking common ground. You can find full details about the awards – and fill out a nomination form at [www.civilityfirst.org/nomination\\_form-176179.html](http://www.civilityfirst.org/nomination_form-176179.html).

Civility First will wrap up Civility Month with a special presentation Oct. 30. Snohomish County Council Chair Jared Mead (D) and Vice-Chair Nate Nehring (R) will meet in Arlington for "Working Across Party Lines." Council members Nehring and Mead work together on the council. They don't always agree on policy, but they both feel strongly that working together to solve problems is more important than scoring political points. They will share - and demonstrate - how they make it work. For full details and to register, visit [www.civilityfirst.org/oct-30-working-across-party-lines.html](http://www.civilityfirst.org/oct-30-working-across-party-lines.html).

[Submitted by Celia Schorr, Civility First]

**Whidbey CAREs Welcomes First Sponsored Refugee Family from Ukraine, Extending a Helping Hand and Encouraging Community Support**

Sept. 26, Whidbey CAREs (Community Advocates for Refugee Efforts) welcomed its first sponsored refugee family of four from Ukraine at SeaTac International

Airport. This heartwarming arrival marks a significant milestone in the organization's commitment to aiding displaced families in their journey to rebuild their lives in the United States.

The family consists of a father, an experienced construction manager, who holds an MBA and boasts a background in IT management, making him proficient in English. The mother is a master's graduate in telecommunications and successfully manages her online art and woolen goods business. Together, they have a vibrant five-year-old daughter and an energetic seven-year-old son.

Whidbey CAREs volunteers, in partnership with Airbnb and Sponsor Circle, have worked tirelessly to ensure a smooth transition for this deserving family. The first 30 days of their arrival will be spent in housing located in the heart of Oak Harbor. This housing was donated to them through the partnership with Airbnb. In addition to providing a safe and welcoming home, Whidbey CAREs has also supplied the family with essential groceries, monetary gift cards, and store vouchers. Whidbey CAREs' support extends further to assist them in applying for Social Security cards, enrolling their children in school, and accessing various essential services.

As the family takes their initial steps toward building a new life, Whidbey CAREs is actively involved in facilitating their job search, helping them acquire a vehicle and a U.S.-compatible cell phone, and assisting with additional applications. Whidbey CAREs is also working diligently to find suitable long-term housing for them. The commitment to this family goes beyond their immediate needs, and Whidbey CAREs will continue offering ongoing support, including food and other essentials, as they transition into their new life in the United States.

"We are thrilled to welcome this resilient family from Ukraine to our community. Their story is a testament to the strength of the human spirit, and we are honored to play a part in their journey to a brighter future, and more importantly we're honored to be their friends" said Lauren Viana, board member at Whidbey CAREs.

You can make a significant impact on this family's journey by supporting them through the 'DONATE TODAY' button on the website [whidbeycares.com](http://whidbeycares.com). Your generosity will help provide them with the resources they need to rebuild their lives and contribute to our vibrant community.

For more information about Whidbey CAREs and how you can support refugee families, please visit [whidbeycares.com](http://whidbeycares.com).

[Submitted by Lauren Viana, Board Member]

**City Notifies Utility Customers of Rate Adjustment**

The City of Oak Harbor is informing utility bill customers about their 2024 utility rates in their October utility bills. Utility customers will notice a bill insert in their October bill. The folded insert provides information about upcoming 2024 Utility Rates, which will take effect Dec. 20, 2023.

There is some good news for utility customers. The rates for sewer, storm drain and water will not change in 2024.

However, customers will notice an increase in commercial solid waste and yard waste rates. You can find the revised Utility Rates on the city website ([www.oakharbor.gov](http://www.oakharbor.gov)) at Utility Rates | Oak Harbor, WA. The City website also provides information about water conservation, waste reduction, and other tools you can use to save money.

[Submitted by Sabrina Combs, Communications/IT Manager, City of Oak Harbor]

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### BE A BEE ALLY

Bees have been in the news lately. Native bee populations are in decline and beekeepers are seeing their non-native honeybee colonies die off. How can you "Make a Difference" for the bee population? Be a bee ally by providing the flowers, shelter, and water that our pollinators need to make a comeback.

Honeybees pollinate 80 percent of all flowering plants and more than 130 fruits and vegetables. They pollinate \$15 billion worth of crops every year. These hard workers are not native to this continent, but first came over with the colonists. Due to native bee population decline, many people have begun keeping honeybees. According to Scott Black, executive director of the Xerxes Society, "Keeping honeybees to 'save the bees' is like raising chickens to save the birds." Honeybees are agricultural livestock and keeping them as a hobbyist can harm the local native bee populations. These colonies, when near the native hives, can introduce pests and diseases to which native bees are susceptible.

So, what can you do to attract native pollinators? Just by having a garden you are attracting native bees. With over 600 species of native bees in Washington State, getting your flowers pollinated is an easy task. There are a few things you can do to help your native bees thrive.

Native bees hibernate through the winter. You can help them be more successful by providing safe places to overwinter and nest. Different bees have different needs. New bumble bee queens leave the old nest in the fall and find a hiding spot until the spring. When they emerge, they begin to search for an old nest that has some type of bedding, like a mouse or bird nest. It is very common to find them in the insulation of your attic. Leaving old bird and rodent nests undisturbed is one way to help bumble bees.

Many of the solitary bees like Mason Bees will overwinter as pupa and emerge in the spring. Many gardeners will leave their cut stems out for the bees but then clean up the garden too early. To maximize your effort, leave your garden cuttings until about mid-May, after the apple trees are done blooming. Another way to help these types of bees is to put out "bee houses." The houses should be put out early in the spring before you see bees. Using liners such as paper straws is recommended so that the tubes are cleaned out after every season. This cuts down on the transfer of disease and pests for the population. It's better to put up a lot of smaller houses than to crowd them all together since, in the wild, these bees do not have dense populations.

A water source is important, especially when it gets hot. If you don't have a natural water source near you, a birdbath will do just fine. There should be some way for the bees to access the water without drowning. Put some rocks in for perches and keep the water relatively clean.

In Washington, the wasp species you are most likely to see are yellow jackets, paper wasps, mud daubers and bald-faced hor-

nets (not a true hornet). Many gardeners do not look upon wasps very kindly, but wasps have virtues worthy of extolling. Wasps can be pollinators and are generally good pest control for your garden. They will kill spiders, caterpillars, beetles, crickets and aphids and feed the protein to their larva in the hive. Adult wasps eat fruit, nectar honeydew and a sweet liquid produced by their larva.

The yellow jackets and bald-faced hornets make an enclosed nest like you would see in the "Winnie the Pooh" stories. These nests, which can become very large, can be found just about anywhere, including underground. These wasps can be defensive of the nest so keeping them away from heavy traffic areas is recommended. Unfortunately, these two wasps don't start to decline until around November.

Although paper wasps look like a yellow jacket, they make an open-faced nest typically found under eaves, branches, door frames, joists, and railings. The only place you won't find them nesting is underground. Their nests are significantly smaller in size and population than the yellow jacket and bald-faced hornet. Paper wasps are fairly even tempered until the fall, when they get a bit aggressive in their search for food. On the positive side, they start to decline in August.

Mud daubers are much larger and fiercer looking than other wasps, but they are docile and rarely sting, even when provoked. They are a solitary wasp with a single female making her mud tube nest in a shaded, protected place such as a shed or garage. Mud daubers fill each tube with paralyzed spiders and then lay an egg before capping the tube. The adults eat nectar honeydew and body fluids from spiders. The biggest risk with the mud dauber is a more aggressive wasp moving into an abandoned nest.

In the fall, the wasp nest gets ready for winter. The next year's queens are hatched out to find a place to overwinter and the old queens stop laying worker eggs. One of the prime food sources for wasps is produced by wasp larva. When the queen stops laying eggs there is no new larva and therefore much less food for the wasps. This makes the wasps cranky and forces them to scout out alternative food sources - usually your plate, drink or barbecue.

Hopefully this information will help you be more comfortable around pollinators and become a bee ally.

WSU Extension Master Gardener volunteers help educate gardeners on research-based horticultural practices that help protect and preserve our natural resources. The Island County Master Gardener Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides educational opportunities to the community and supports the Master Gardener and Washington State University Extension education program. See www.icmgf.org for more information on the Foundation's mission or to donate. Contact the Island County WSU Extension office in Coupeville if you are interested in becoming a Master Gardener. (Loren.Imes@WSU.edu)

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# WIO celebrates Dia de los Muertos

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

Whidbey Island Orchestra is putting a different spin on its annual Halloween concerts this year, with an homage to the Mexican tradition of Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, which is traditionally celebrated the day after Halloween.

Concerts will be performed Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley and at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Freeland. Tickets to the performance at WICA may be purchased at [wicaonline.org](http://wicaonline.org). The performance at Trinity Lutheran Church is by donation, which can be made in person or online. ([whidbeyorchestras.org](http://whidbeyorchestras.org))

Gabriela Garza, who conducts two concerts each year for WIO, is back at the helm for this year's Halloween concerts, and according to Cynthia Morrow, WIO executive/music director, Garza is particularly suited to conduct these songs.

"In thinking about how to still honor the holiday while doing something fresh, she has drawn upon her Mexican heritage to create a Day of the Dead, or Día de los Muertos, concert," she shared via email. "This celebrates the Mexican tradition of dressing up in colorful costumes and death's head makeup, while bringing food and flowers to the gravesides of beloved deceased relatives on the day after Halloween. Music and dancing are a large part of this joyous holiday of remembrance, and so it lends itself quite naturally to a celebratory concert filled with wonderful Mexican music."

"Although Halloween and Day of the Dead celebration share some similarities, for example, the connection to the dead, the costumes, even the sugary treats, the Day of the Dead is a Mexican tradition, with roots in pre-Hispanic history, in which it is believed that the souls of the people who have departed this earth, come back to visit their loved ones," Garza said in an email to *Whidbey Weekly*. "The families and

loved ones of the visitors prepare their homes with an altar, oftentimes customized to the likings of the people who are believed will be visiting. The altars will more likely than not contain a picture (or pictures) of the deceased, marigold flowers, sugar-made skull heads, and personalized items of the person who the altar is made for. This is a beautiful tradition that not only honors the lives of the ones who have left this world, but also that aims to keep a spiritual connection and bond with those whom we love."

This concert will definitely have all the flair and vibrancy one might expect from a "south of the border" repertoire, according to Morrow.

"Our orchestra really enjoys learning and performing Latin music, and because Gabriela is herself a professional percussionist, she has been able to teach our musicians the challenging rhythms that drive these pieces and give them their vibrant energy," she said. "Of course, we are featuring beautiful ballads and familiar melodies that the audience is sure to enjoy as well."

"I think audiences will truly enjoy submerging in a celebration of the cycle of life [through] a presentation of music with roots across the Americas," added Garza. "Audiences can expect lively, mellow, and passionate tunes all alike, and of course, a lot of interaction with the orchestra and with the conductor!"

Morrow said female orchestra members will wear flowered headdresses and men will don colorful sashes in honor of the event. Other costumes are also welcome.

"We hope that our audience will feel inspired to dress in colorful Mexican dress or Halloween costumes for this event," she said.

Because WIO is an all-ages group, there will be a youth member leading the string section for these performances.

See WIO continued on page 12

**Whidbey Island Orchestra**  
Conducted by **Gabriela Garza**

**WICA**  
**Wednesday, October 25, 2023**  
**7:30 pm**  
(Tix may be purchased at [www.wicaonline.org](http://www.wicaonline.org))

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# Recipe of the Week

## EAT YOUR FILL OF APPLE TREATS



Come October, everything is awash in orange — including food. Pumpkin products are ubiquitous this time of year, and everything from muffins to cookies to coffees are given pumpkin-infused spins.

Although it may seem like there is no room on the menu for anything other than pumpkin right now, fans of another fall favorite can rest assured that apples will never fall out of favor on the dessert table. Apples come into season early in September but remain tasty staples all the way through the holiday entertaining season in December. That leaves plenty of opportunities to offer apple-based desserts.

Crisps are desserts that have streusel-like toppings, and are close cousins to cobblers, which feature more of a biscuit topping. The crunch of the streusel on this “Apple Crisp” from “Danielle Walker’s Eat What You Love” (Ten Speed Press) is addictive. It replaces a traditional oats or flour-sugar mixture crisp into something those who are gluten-free can enjoy.

### APPLE CRISP (Serves 8 to 10)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 3/4 cup cashew flour                     | Finely grated zest of 1 orange               |
| 1/4 cup coconut flour                    | Finely grated zest of 1 lemon                |
| 3 tablespoons arrowroot flour            | 1 teaspoon freshly squeezed lemon juice      |
| 1/4 cup maple sugar                      | 1/4 cup pure maple syrup                     |
| 1/4 cup coconut sugar                    | 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon                   |
| 1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt               | 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg                   |
| 1/2 cup chilled ghee, or palm shortening | 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice                 |
| 1/2 cup shredded unsweetened coconut     | Whipped cream (dairy or non-dairy), optional |
| 3 pounds baking apples                   |  |

Preheat the oven to 350°F.

In a large mixing bowl, mix together the cashew flour, coconut flour, arrowroot, maple sugar, coconut sugar, and salt. Mix the ghee into the flour mixture using a pastry blender or two knives, until the mixture has the texture of coarse sand. Add the shredded coconut, and use your hands to toss and squeeze the mixture until large, moist clumps form. Place the bowl in the freezer to chill while you prepare the filling.

Peel and core the apples, then cut them into large wedges. In a 2-quart baking dish, combine the apples with the orange zest, lemon zest, lemon juice, maple syrup, cinnamon, nutmeg, and allspice. Remove the topping from the freezer and scatter it over the apples. Place the baking dish on a baking sheet and bake for 1 hour, until the top is brown and the sauce is bubbling. Serve warm with whipped cream on top.

## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

### ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Pull together your dream team, Aries, because you are going to need all the help you can get at this point. The week is jam-packed with many different events.

### TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, now is not the time to employ tough love if a friend or family member comes to you looking for help. You have to keep an open mind and a willingness to assist.

### GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Your clever brain has a lot of creative ideas running through it, Gemini. It’s just a matter of zeroing in on one and then putting a plan into effect. Recruit some friends.

### CANCER – June 22/July 22

If you believe and have faith, you will receive what you need this week, Cancer. Your patience finally may pay off in the form of just rewards. Keep your eyes open.

### LEO – July 23/Aug 23

Leo, your desires are limitless and you want things to go exactly how you envision them. However, sometimes you have to make compromises or concessions, like this week.

### VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

It’s possible you may find refuge in relationships this week, Virgo. Surround yourself with the people closest to you who are pillars of support when you need them.

### LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, do not put a half-hearted effort into self-care this week. You deserve to pamper yourself to the fullest level right now. Book that spa appointment or getaway.

### SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

You might be caught in a daydream this week, Scorpio, which typically is not your modus operandi. It’s alright to let the brain wander a bit as long as you come back down from the clouds.

### SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, are you able to work from home this week or take some PTO? You likely can use the opportunity to avoid crowds for a while until your energy stores build up.

### CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

People often appreciate your frank way of sharing information, Capricorn. However, this week you may need a little more finesse. Don’t be too blunt when conveying ideas.

### AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, shift your focus from what you lost or missed out on to all of the things you have and enjoy. A simple change of perception can do a world of good.

### PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Things could be so much easier if you go with the flow instead of swimming upstream like salmon, Pisces. This is not a battle you want to pick this week.

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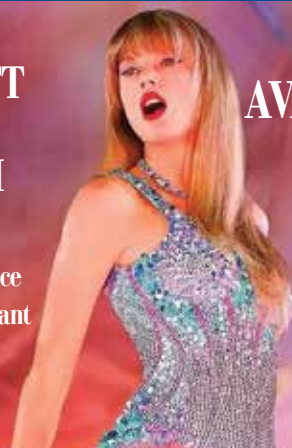
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**COUPEVILLE** continued from page 2

parking lot for this bike ride, organized by the Whidbey Island Bicycle Club. There are two routes to choose from – a family loop of just over seven miles and a 28-mile road ride. Cost is \$10 per person or \$25 for a family of four and includes treats. For those 21 years and older, they will be given a token to enjoy a beverage at the Spells and Brews Beer Garden at the corner of 9th and Main. Sign up that day or go to <https://whidbeyislandbicycleclub.org/practically-magic-ride> to sign up early.

For those looking to add some panache to their Halloween ensembles, the Clues and Capes Scavenger Hunt will be going on from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 28-29, offering witches and warlocks of all ages the opportunity follow the clues to complete their wardrobe. Cost to participate is \$14; purchase tickets online at [coupevillehistoricwaterfront.com/practicallymagic/p/capes-clues-savenger-hunt](http://coupevillehistoricwaterfront.com/practicallymagic/p/capes-clues-savenger-hunt) or when picking up your witches hat or cape at Mariner's Court Atrium, 900 NW Alexander St.

The fun continues Saturday evening, Oct. 28, at 5 p.m. with the Torchlight Parade, followed immediately by the second annual community street dance. Everyone is encouraged to wear their best costume and gather at Cooks Corner Park at 902 N Main Street. The parade will proceed to the corner of Front and Alexander Streets, where the street dance will be held.

"Last year, working with our promotions coordinator, we added the street dance to end of parade, which was very popular with everyone from babies to the elders," Levesque described. "Everyone stayed and danced the night away."

Another popular Haunting tradition is the Great Pumpkin Race, set for 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29. This year's races will take place at the Town Park on Coveland Street, but it will feature the same great series of single-elimination races of home-decorated pumpkin racecars. Find out who wins the championship trophy and who will take home the awards for best decoration, most innovative and best crash. Register in person or in advance at [docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepe8JNmKEBJnAEMh-di-4QXFeE8\\_9rwXJIMcIVn19GPqJ6wQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepe8JNmKEBJnAEMh-di-4QXFeE8_9rwXJIMcIVn19GPqJ6wQ/viewform).

Organizers say this should be another spooktacular haunted weekend in Coupeville.

"I'm a little bit partial," said Levesque. "The two things I witnessed last year were the pumpkin race and the parade and street dance. There are so many fun things to see and it's great people-watching. How people made those pumpkins roll was entertaining. I could have stayed all day."

Find out more about what's going on in Coupeville at [coupeville-historicwaterfront.com/practicallymagic](http://coupeville-historicwaterfront.com/practicallymagic) or at [hauntingofcoupeville.com/activities/](http://hauntingofcoupeville.com/activities/).



Photo Courtesy of Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association  
Don't miss out on the annual Great Pumpkin Race, to be held Sunday, Oct. 29, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Town Park in Coupeville. Watch as customized, home-decorated pumpkins that have been outfitted with wheels go head-to-head in a race for the trophy.

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**SPELLS AND BREWS BIKE RIDE**

Saturday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Coupeville Middle School parking lot, 501 S Main St.  
Registration begins at 10 a.m.; cost to ride is \$10 per person, including treats and a token for those 21+ for a beverage at the Spells and Brews Beer Garden.

**CLUES AND CAPES SCAVENGER HUNT**

Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 28-29, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Mariner's Court, 23 Front St., Coupeville  
Cost: \$14

**GREENBANK FARM HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT**

Saturday, Oct. 28, 12-3 p.m.  
Greenbank Farm  
Dress in costumes, bring the kids

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

Saturday, Oct. 28, 1-3 p.m.  
VFW parking lot, 3037 Goldie Rd., Oak Harbor  
Treats, fun and prizes! Bring a nonperishable food item for North Whidbey Help House.

**TRUNK OR TREAT LANGLEY**

Saturday, Oct. 28, 3-8 p.m.  
5579 Bayview Rd., Langley  
Trunk or Treat at the fire station; meet firefighters/EMTs, vote for the best trunk. Costumes welcome!

**A NERFED HALLOWEEN**

Saturday, Oct. 28  
The Patriot Family Room  
1751 N Goldie Rd., Oak Harbor  
\$10 each event  
3-4:30 p.m.-Costume Party (all ages/normal darts)  
4:30-6:30 p.m.-Candy Cannon Contest (all ages)  
6:30-8 p.m.-Costume Party (Ages 12+ with Rivals)  
8-9:30 p.m.-Costume Party (Ages 18+ with glow-in-the-dark dodgeball)

**FILIPINO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Saturday, Oct. 28, 5-8 p.m.  
Knights of Columbus Hall, 3259 Old Goldie Rd., Oak Harbor

Prizes for best costume, couple costume and family costume; pizza and spaghetti, Filipino dessert raffle. Raffle proceeds benefit local scholarships.

**TORCHLIGHT PARADE AND STREET DANCE:**

Saturday, Oct. 28, 5-7 p.m.  
Cook's Corner Park, 9th & Main St., Coupeville

**MUSIC, MAGIC AND MYSTERY:**

Saturday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m.  
South Whidbey High School  
Sunday, Oct. 29, 2 p.m.  
Oak Harbor High School

Saratoga Orchestra will perform all manner of captivating music and magician JR Russell will host. Instrument petting zoo begins an hour-and-a-half before performances. More information at [sowhidbey.com](http://sowhidbey.com).

**HALLOWEEN DANCE PARTY**

Sunday, Oct. 29, 12-2 p.m.  
Coupeville Rec Hall, 901 NW Alexander St.  
Island County Parent-to-Parent's annual dance party and potluck. Costumes, crafts, face painting and more. Nothing scary, please. Bring a side dish, dessert or snack to share.

**WISBA SPOOKTACULAR TRUNK OR TREAT**

Sunday, Oct. 29, 2-4 p.m.  
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St., Oak Harbor

**THE GREAT PUMPKIN RACE**

Sunday, Oct. 29, 2-4 p.m.  
Town Park, Coveland and Broadway, Coupeville  
Featuring handcrafted pumpkin racecars!

**FREELAND TRUNK OR TREAT**

Sunday, Oct. 29, 3-5 p.m.  
Christian Life Community Church, 1832 Scott Rd., Freeland  
Fun for kids of all ages.

**RISE ACADEMY OF ARTS TRUNK OR TREAT**

Sunday, Oct. 29, 5-7:30 p.m.  
275 SE Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor

**HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 3-5 p.m.  
Homeplace, 171 SW 6th Ave., Oak Harbor  
Music, dance, costume competition.

**SPOOKTACULAR LANGLEY**

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2:30-5 p.m.  
Trick or Treat in downtown Langley

**FREELAND CHAMBER TRUNK OR TREAT**

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 3:30-6:30 p.m.  
Freeland Four Corners Harbor and Main Intersection, Freeland

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 4-6:30 p.m.  
Hero Ace Hardware, 150 SE Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor

**COUPEVILLE TRUNK OR TREAT**

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 5-6:30 p.m.  
788 N Alexander St., Coupeville  
Coupeville Elementary School PTA and Living Hope Church join forces to host this fun family night. Contests for best trunk and best home-made costume.

**NO TRICKS, SAFE TREATS**

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 5-7 p.m.  
Pioneer Way, downtown Oak Harbor  
Trick or treat through historic downtown Oak Harbor. Enjoy Halloween music, pet costume contest, free hot dogs and more.



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"Our concertmaster for this performance is our well-known and admired youth member, Josephine Chia, a 16-year-old violinist/violist and senior from South Whidbey High School," said Morrow. "She has soloed with the orchestra many times on various concertos, but this is her first experience leading the string section of Whidbey Island Orchestra in concert."

Whidbey Island Orchestra has done a Halloween concert for the past several years, missing just one during the pandemic and using a video format, among others, to meet safety protocols. The group has a long history of thinking outside the traditional concert box and incorporating special touches, like dance, to add extra treats for concert goers.

"We performed a panoply of wonderful, ghostly pieces such as 'Danse Macabre,' featuring a solo violinist and beautiful young witches from Island Dance," described Morrow. "One year the orchestra performed music from 'Harry Potter,' 'The Hobbit,' and 'Chronicles of Narnia,' and this was performed live in various venues on Whidbey Island, as well as being filmed by Whidbey Telecom and featured by them on their streaming feed. The first year of the pandemic, unfortunately, we were silent, and the community made it clear that everyone was saddened by this and missed these performances very much."

Last year Garza led the orchestra through a program which featured the scores of Tim Burton films such as "The Nightmare Before Christmas" and "Edward Scissorhands." Morrow said she's certain audiences will enjoy this year's performances as well.

"She is putting her expertise to good use and doing a Mexican-themed concert that celebrates this very Mexican holiday," she said. "It's a unique take on Halloween."





# Life Tributes



## Frank Elmore Hall Jr.

Dec. 21, 1943 – Sept. 17, 2023



After high school, Frank joined the Navy. Shortly thereafter he and Catherine were married. His first duty station was A School in Millinton, Tenn. It was during that time Frank was introduced to the Trademan Rate. No sea duty seemed great along with electronics, which he enjoyed. Before moving on to another duty station, his first son, Frank E. Hall, III, was born. Next duty station was Corpus Christi, Texas, where he became an instructor of flight simulation. Second son, Robert Dwayne, was born. When it was time to transfer, to Frank's surprise, he was assigned as a Company Commander in San Diego, Calif. This was not a happy time for Frank, so when the opportunity arose, he transferred to Millinton again to teach B School. His daughter, Laura, was born. He enjoyed teaching and going to night school.



Life seemed to keep his family in three areas: San Diego, Corpus Christi and Millington. During all these transfers, he made many friends in the Navy and civilian communities.

Frank eventually had enough schooling and began teaching night classes at Memphis State and Skagit Valley College.

His last duty station was Whidbey Island. It was during this time he found out the TD Rate was going away. So Frank decided 23-and-a-half years were enough and retired. After retirement, he worked civil service for many years. Frank spent the last years of life in Oak Harbor, Wash.

His hobbies were HAM Radio, playing racquetball, and of course, motorcycles.

## Howard Michael (Mike) Earnhart



Howard Michael (Mike) Earnhart was born Nov. 5, 1939, and passed away Oct. 4, 2023.

Mike joined the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 and retired at NAS Whidbey after 20 years as an AOC.

Mike is survived by his wife of 64 years, Linda Faber Earnhart, his children, Melinda Buchholz and Michael Earnhart, plus numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also surviving are two brothers and a sister in Arkansas.



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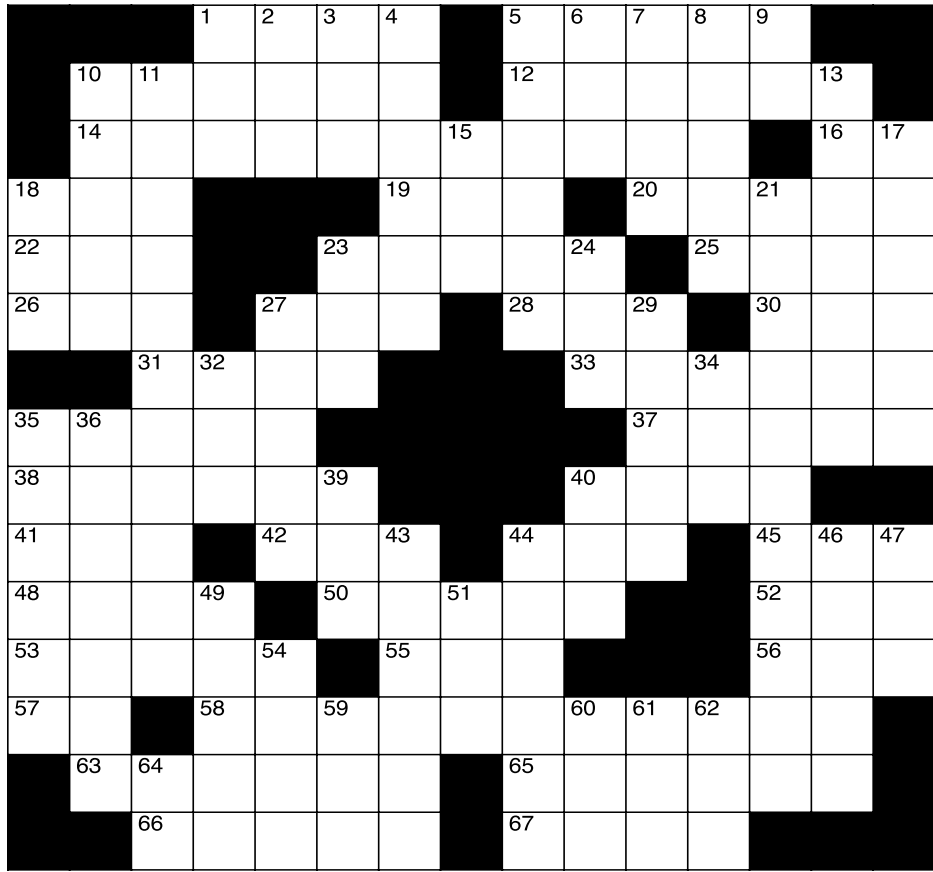


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# Crossword Puzzle



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Flat tableland with steep edges
- 5. Byproduct of fire
- 10. Talked
- 12. Unique skill
- 14. Unembarrassed
- 16. Where teenagers go
- 18. Boxing's GOAT
- 19. Used to anoint
- 20. Reproductive structure found in rust fungi
- 22. Auburn great Newton
- 23. Some are for Christmas
- 25. Dried, split pulses
- 26. Self
- 27. Where to get your mail
- 28. High schoolers' test
- 30. Flightless bird
- 31. Expecterated
- 33. Practice of misrepresenting the truth
- 35. Type of patch
- 37. French river
- 38. Told on
- 40. Hillside
- 41. Peyton's little brother
- 42. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 44. Progressive country musician

### CLUES DOWN

- 13. B complex vitamin
- 15. Go quickly
- 17. Toast
- 18. A team's best pitcher
- 21. Philly culinary specialty
- 23. Small child
- 24. Unhappy
- 27. Trims away
- 29. Full of tears
- 32. Touch softly
- 34. Former OSS
- 35. A person's chest
- 36. Came from behind
- 39. Fall back
- 40. Nellie \_\_, journalist
- 43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
- 44. Weather
- 46. Sports broadcaster lan
- 47. Electroencephalograph
- 49. Phenyl salicylate
- 51. Web of Things
- 54. Ship goods as cargo
- 59. The bill in a restaurant
- 60. Young female
- 61. OJ trial judge
- 62. One's grandmother
- 64. West Siberian river

- 45. Witness
- 48. Brews
- 50. Yellowish-brown
- 52. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- 53. Mexican agave
- 55. Type of "cast"
- 56. Popular breakfast food
- 57. Atomic #52
- 58. Position north or south of the equator
- 63. Gadget
- 65. Another recording
- 66. Irregular bulges in cell membranes
- 67. Dark brown

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### YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

<p>Thurs, Oct. 19</p> <p>North Isle H-62°/L-50° Partly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-64°/L-51° Partly Sunny</p>	<p>Fri, Oct. 20</p> <p>North Isle H-60°/L-51° Cloudy</p> <p>South Isle H-61°/L-49° Cloudy</p>	<p>Sat, Oct. 21</p> <p>North Isle H-57°/L-53° Mostly Cloudy</p> <p>South Isle H-58°/L-51° Mostly Cloudy</p>	<p>Sun, Oct. 22</p> <p>North Isle H-59°/L-46° Showers</p> <p>South Isle H-58°/L-43° Showers</p>	<p>Mon, Oct. 23</p> <p>North Isle H-53°/L-45° AM Showers Cloudy</p> <p>South Isle H-52°/L-43° Rain</p>	<p>Tues, Oct. 24</p> <p>North Isle H-54°/L-44° Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-50°/L-42° Sunny with Increasing Clouds</p>	<p>Wed, Oct. 19</p> <p>North Isle H-53°/L-43° Cloudy PM Rain</p> <p>South Isle H-51°/L-41° Cloudy PM Rain</p>
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## OUR Community

### An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

As a volunteer firefighter, what is the most interesting and rewarding experience you have ever had?



**Bryan Fick, Oak Harbor**

Almost every day, I respond to numerous emergencies with North Whidbey Fire and Rescue. Since I became a firefighter over this last year, I have seen people's worst days. I remember earlier this year, we received a call for CPR. As we arrived, made contact, and began compressions, we realized the individual had regained a pulse. We continued with our patient care and quickly transported the individual to the hospital. As we were about to leave, I remember looking back at the family and seeing how relieved they were at our efforts. That moment, I was overcome with joy and pride as

we were able to rely on our training to literally save a life. For the rest of my career, I can remember that feeling and use it to help those that need us.

**Travis Dotson, Coupeville**

As a volunteer with Central Whidbey Island Fire and Rescue, I have many rewarding experiences. There are the scenarios typically associated with firefighters, like helping pull people from overturned vehicles or putting fires out before they cause significant damage. Just as gratifying is seeing a family's pure joy as Santa waves from the fire engine I'm driving through their neighborhood or hearing laughter as kids spray me with water as part of the elementary school field day. If I had to boil it all down to a single instance, my most rewarding experience was seeing a mother's terror and worry transform to tears of relief as we brought home her missing 7-year-old son. As a parent, I connected with the intensity of that moment and I will never forget it.



**Jake Keating, Coupeville**

During one of our big wind storms, I was out with the full-time crew on the engine just trying to help out where I could as we kept getting call after call, rarely getting back to the station for a rest. Nothing terribly dramatic happened, but it was very rewarding, essentially driving around working to solve people's problems as they came up (using the expertise of the career crew and this giant Swiss Army knife on wheels we call a fire engine). Sometimes it was a downed tree that needed a little chain sawing or someone having a minor emergency that was made a bit more unsettling by the lack of power. But meeting and serving the members of

this community, even under less than ideal circumstances, has been rewarding beyond measure.

If you have an interest in becoming a volunteer firefighter, please contact the following: North Whidbey Fire and Rescue at 360-675-1131 or go to its website, www.nwf.org. OR Central Whidbey Island Fire and Rescue at its website, www.cwfire.org. There is a place where you can click that says, "join." Click on that and you will get information about how to become a volunteer firefighter for Central Whidbey.

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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.

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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](mailto:njlish@gmail.com). More info at our Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/NorthPugetSoundDragonBoatClub?ref=hl](http://www.facebook.com/NorthPugetSoundDragonBoatClub?ref=hl)

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**

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@islandshakespearefest.org](mailto:angelica.metcalfe@islandshakespearefest.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 the potential of youth in our community through their time, skill sets, and influence

**How'd you do?**

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in the community. To complement the existing board, candidates with expertise in accounting, law, nonprofit management, networking, or fundraising are of particular interest. Committed to diversifying its board to better represent our community, BBBSIC encourages BIPOC and LGBTQIA community members to inquire. Please contact [admin@bbbsislandcounty.org](mailto:admin@bbbsislandcounty.org) for more information.

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.pnwam.org](http://www.pnwam.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](mailto:wamothermentors@gmail.com) or call 360-321-1484.

**JOB MARKET**

Nurture with Care Kids Academy is seeking lead teachers for its childcare center in Oak Harbor for Young Toddlers, Toddlers and Preschool classrooms. The working hours are 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday - Friday. We offer great benefits. For more information, please refer to our career page at <https://nurturewithcarekidsacademy.com/career>. To apply, please send your resume to [admin@NurtureWithCareKidsAcademy.com](mailto:admin@NurtureWithCareKidsAcademy.com) with the specific position in the subject line. (2) Island Transit is Hiring! If you are looking for a solid career with great pay and benefits including two retirement plans, we are hiring. Visit [www.islandtransit.org/employment](http://www.islandtransit.org/employment) to apply. Island Transit is a drug and alcohol free workplace and an equal employment opportunity employer.

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