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Mobile Turkey Unit marks 25 years of community service

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

For Whidbey Islanders living in Coupeville and points south in need of a Thanksgiving Day meal, now is the time to put in a request with Mobile Turkey Unit.

The nonprofit organization provides free meals to those who are ill, elderly, financially vulnerable, living alone, disabled or working on Thanksgiving Day and would not have a meal otherwise. Requests should be made by Nov. 16 for delivery on Thanksgiving Day morning. Those interested can call 360-321-9782 or email mobileturkeyunitwi@gmail.com. Find details and online request forms at mobileturkeyunit.com. Physical request forms are also available at many social services organizations on south Whidbey.

This year marks 25 years of service for Mobile Turkey Unit, something organizers can hardly believe.

"Is that cool or what?" remarked Gwendine Norton, co-president of MTU. "I think we're all kind of in awe, because this started out so small. It was basically a coffee can fund and we didn't incorporate until 2017 and get our nonprofit status, so the fact so many community members have carried the torch for all these years is remarkable."

Mobile Turkey Unit was founded by Tom Arhontas in 1999, a well-known and much-loved figure on south Whidbey. Arhontas passed away in 2009, but the community of volunteers have continued his legacy. In fact, the organization has seen steady growth over the past quarter century.

"The first year, MTU delivered 25 meals," Norton said. "Last year, we did 700 meals. I joined this team 11 years ago and at that time, we were doing just over 200 meals. In 2020, when COVID hit, we hit the peak and it hasn't gone back down. But we're happy to do it. We just want everybody to have a meal."

Norton said it takes about 200 volunteers in total to make Mobile Turkey Unit run smoothly each year. Preparations begin in advance and everything culminates on the morning of Thanksgiving, when plates are filled with turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cranberry



Photo Courtesy of Mobile Turkey Unit of Whidbey Island

Volunteers with Mobile Turkey Unit will be filling plates with all the traditional Thanksgiving Day fare to be delivered to those in need Thanksgiving morning. Call by Nov. 16 if you or someone you know on central or south Whidbey Island is in need of a meal.

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sauce, rolls and pie – all the traditional holiday favorites – and are then packed into bags for delivery. From there, approximately 60 drivers load deliveries into their vehicles and hit the road. After 25 years, the operation is a well-oiled machine that provides satisfaction for volunteers and leaves them plenty of time to enjoy their own holiday meals.

"So many people give up part of their morning to do this," she said. "By the time we get everything cleaned up and have sent stuff off to storage, I'm usually home by 10:30 a.m. That means that that morning we have served all the meals, packed the bags, loaded them in vehicles and are off and running. We're done so early we can still come home and have dinner, but I know everybody else is having a meal, too."

Norton said the MTU board has worked hard to put systems in place that will easily last another 25 years.

"We have set everything up with total transparency and accessibility for anyone to take the baton," she shared. "Now that we have our 501(c)3, are incorporated, and we have funding, we've been able to purchase all our equipment, so we are in good shape to keep this moving for many years to come. We're finding the next generation behind our board to start getting involved and aspire to lead this event every year.

"We're trying to set this up for generations to come, so having youth involved and learning about a life of service is critical," Norton continued, sharing that third and fourth grade students at Coupeville Elementary School make cards to be delivered with the meals. "It seems like everybody enjoys a handwritten card. So we're involving 200 volunteers – that is people cooking, driving, and additionally, all these children are contributing, too. The youth involvement is beautiful. The South Whidbey High School Interact Club has a team coming out to help, too. When kids have the opportunity to do this, they find it's something that fills your heart. You can't buy that. My hope is that some of these kids have exposure to Mobile Turkey Unit and will someday be running it."

Not only would MTU board members like to see future leaders get involved, they're willing to share what they've learned with other communities.



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THURSDAY, OCT. 19
2:26 am, SW Erie St.

Husky in the middle of the road, appears to be blind.

6:33 am, SR 20

Caller states two vehicles have been left in parking lot all night; unknown if occupied.

6:47 am, SE 2nd Ct.

Requesting call referencing law enforcement being at his house earlier tonight about his barking dog; states his dog was probably barking as it protects chickens from raccoons.

12:59 pm, SE 6th Ave.

Advising political sign at location is up very high and blocking the view of bus drivers.

3:114 pm, SE Barrington Dr.

Party requesting call to find out if the bike he bought is stolen.

3:35 pm, SR 20

Reporting party advising someone opened a card in his name at Oak Harbor Home Depot; reporting party lives in Texas.

3:55 pm, SE Barrington Dr.

Reporting party advising subject has been knocking on door for last hour-and-a-half.

4:20 pm, SE 8th Ave.

Advising some kind of alarm has been sounding on and off since this morning.

5:05 pm, SW Cooper Way

In progress, advising male is walking around the house, pounding on windows and doors.

5:18 pm, SE Jerome St.

Reporting party states juveniles at location are asking reporting party if she is racist or if she likes black people; reporting party states it makes her scared to walk through the park.

6:54 pm, SE Pioneer Way

Vehicle last seen turning onto Regatta from Pioneer about three minutes ago was "driving all kinds of crazy;" was flashing its lights, was following reporting party very closely.

7:28 pm, SW 4th Ave.

States neighbor told reporting party there is a broken window at reporting party's home; it is the patio window in the back yard.

10:17 pm, SW Rock Rose Dr.

Advising someone threw pumpkins at caller's front door, broke glass.

10:23 pm, SW Nienhuis St.

States subject is trying to open reporting party's front door; dog is barking at subject.

10:32 pm, SW Barrington Dr.

States vehicle has been honking at reporting party's house and neighbor's house for months; reporting party followed it to Walmart.

FRIDAY, OCT. 20

3:08 am, SE Bayshore Dr.

Caller states someone stole her trailer on Monday and she hasn't been able to report it until now.

9:14 am, SW Nienhuis St.

Advising last night a man knocked on front door and proceeded to open door.

1:56 pm, SW Cooper Way

Advising of note left on reporting party's front porch, "Scared yet bitch;" another note found out back, "will be back."

2 pm, SE Hathaway St.

Fed Ex truck blocking the road; driver told reporting party he could if he wanted.

2:48 pm, NE Midway Blvd.

Four-point buck walking through town.

6:55 pm, SR 20

Advising male is standing outside yelling at customers, "being obnoxious;" keeps trying to come into store and reporting party is telling him he's not welcome.

SATURDAY, OCT. 21

2:09 am, NE 3rd Ave.

Reporting party advising there were animals fighting in her back yard; heard scratching and scraping around; unknown if it was people or animals; advising her dogs were barking and she is concerned.

12:52 pm, SW Mulberry Pl.

Reporting party states residence lockout; no extenuating circumstances other than reporting party has no jacket on.

4:48 pm, SE Midway Blvd.

Advising customer broke off gas nozzle to pump, drove off, brought it back and then left again.

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



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Bits & Pieces

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

Civility begins at home

Small town politics is supposed to be non-partisan. It's a group of citizens running for office that should have only one purpose, to make this community a better place to live, play, and work.

When I entered the race for Oak Harbor City Council, that was my only reason. Never did I realize how "political" our small community really is. Just because you are associated with someone, does not mean you align completely with their political values, it could just mean you respect their right to differ.

I asked not to be endorsed by either political party because it should have no bearing on our local race. The decisions we make on the council should be in the best interests of most of our citizens and should not be guided by outside political interests. The city council candidates are all good people just trying to do the right thing for our community.

All I ask is that you do your research, and at a minimum, read the Voter Pamphlet, and make an informed decision about who to vote for. In the end, we all have the city's best interests at heart. Let Oak Harbor set the example as a community that can differ in opinion yet respect each other's views.

Together, we will all contribute to Oak Harbor's success for future generations to enjoy!

John Chaszar
Oak Harbor, Wash.

Editor,

We have known Shane [Hoffmire] and his family for over 10 years. In that time, we have seen him volunteer his time in support of a variety of community-focused efforts.

We have seen Shane show strength in the face of adversity, and we know he will stand up for what he believes in. And what he believes in is what is best for Oak Harbor. That focus on "what's best for all" drives his style of servant-leadership, which is exactly what we need in our elected representatives.

Shane is a family man with deep roots in this city, and years of commitment towards making Oak Harbor the best it can be, and he is the right candidate for Mayor of Oak Harbor.

Dan and Dawn Brown
Oak Harbor, Wash.

Editor,

I have thought a lot about each candidate on the ballot, especially the mayoral race. In part, because of my research and in talking with others, I actually changed my mind about who I will be voting for in the Oak Harbor Mayor race. One candidate runs about like a show pony while the other, Ronnie Wright, is doing important work for the people and business of our town and by extension our county.

I came to my decision in part by looking at the level of and history of each of their involvement in local organizations. From

my point of view, Ronnie Wright has an established history of selfless donation of his time, not for the purposes of building a resume, or of shaking the right hands, but instead to serve our community out of a desire to work for its betterment. In other words, Ronnie is walking the walk, not just talking the talk.

Here are just a few of the many ways Ronnie Wright has been quietly and selflessly giving his time and talent to several of our local nonprofit board of directors:

- Greater Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce (Past President and Financial Chairperson)
- Northwest Hearts and Hammers (Current Board of Directors- Treasurer/Financial Chairperson)
- Oak Harbor Creative Arts Foundation (Current Board of Directors - Treasurer/Financial Chairperson)
- PBY Memorial (Current Board of Directors)
- Whidbey Golf and Country Club (Past Board of Directors)
- STEPS (Formerly known as Toddler Learning Center) (Current Board of Directors -Treasurer/Financial Chairperson)

You may see that he serves as treasurer and/or the financial director for many of these local nonprofits. What you don't see, nor would you ever know, is that he offers those services either at no charge or at a significantly reduced rate, allowing the nonprofit to be able to direct more of their money to the causes they, and by extension, Ronnie support.

Ronnie has also given of his time and expertise, and yes, his money, to support local events and organizations like: Boys and Girls Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County, Oak Harbor Music Festival, Oak Harbor Education Foundation, Oak Harbor Athletic Booster Club, Habitat for Humanity, Lions Club and Greater Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce.

In the past, he was a volunteer for the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, teaching our young troops the skills they need to effectively budget and manage money in planning for a sound financial future. He is looking forward to doing that again.

It's a long list! Ronnie Wright has more than demonstrated to me that in running for mayor, he is not simply a political opportunist who says what he thinks people want to hear but is genuinely motivated by the opportunity to continue his quiet work in making Oak Harbor a better place for all of us. In case it wasn't clear, I will be casting my vote for Ronnie Wright to be the next mayor of Oak Harbor. I hope you do too.

Dana Ledford
Oak Harbor, Wash.

Police Respond to Reports of Shots Fired

On Oct. 29, at approximately 11:30PM, ICOM Dispatch advised Oak Harbor patrol units of a domestic disturbance that turned into a report of shots being fired at a residence in the southwest quadrant of the city. Oak Harbor Police Department officers responded to the scene with assistance from Island County Sheriff's Office deputies. Two uninjured victims were located and interviewed at the residence, and they advised the suspect, identified as Jordan McCully of Oak Harbor, Wash., was the resident's estranged husband.

McCully had arrived and attempted to kick or shove his way into the residence, at which time the female victim contacted 9-1-1. During the 9-1-1 phone call, the female advised ICOM Dispatch that McCully was outside the residence and shot a firearm through the door, striking her friend with debris. McCully proceeded

to shoot at the friend's vehicle parked in front of the residence, shooting a magazine of ammunition at the vehicle. The incident prompted approximately 37 phone calls to ICOM Dispatch reporting the sound of gunshots.

Officers and deputies secured a perimeter and began to search backyards for McCully, who had been seen jumping fences to avoid apprehension. He was located hiding in a nearby backyard and taken into custody without incident. The firearm, an AR-15-style rifle, was located and recovered in a different backyard. No one was injured and the incident is still under investigation. McCully was booked into the Island County Jail for Assault 1st Degree Domestic Violence, Assault 1st Degree, Burglary 1st Degree, and Malignant Mischief 1st Degree and 3rd Degree. During the preliminary arraignment in Island County Superior Court, McCully was held on \$500,000 bail.

The Oak Harbor Police Department would like to thank the community for its patience and cooperation during this incident.

The incident was successful due to the resources and teamwork of the ICOM Dispatch, Island County Sheriff's Office, Oak Harbor Police Department, and the Washington State Patrol.

[Submitted by Meg Massey, Oak Harbor Police Department]

Deer Lagoon Preserve Described

"Between the Tides: Whidbey's Birding Gem — Deer Lagoon Preserve" is the featured program of the Whidbey Audubon Society (WAS) general meeting Thursday, Nov. 9. Carlos Andersen shares images and stories to illustrate his love and passion for birds and the natural environment.

Deer Lagoon is a state recognized Important Bird Area (IBA) with at least 211 different bird species having been documented at the lagoon. Washington State Fish and Wildlife has concluded Deer Lagoon is the single most important site on Whidbey Island for use by waterfowl year around. The lagoon is a critical resting and feeding site for migrating shorebirds in the spring and fall. It has been labeled the most important wetlands in Island County and for this reason alone deserves the highest levels of protection.

The meeting is hybrid, free and open to the public at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation meeting house, 20103 State Route 525 in Freeland. Doors open at 7:00PM for socializing and refreshments, a brief meeting at 7:15PM and the program begins at 7:30PM. To register to attend virtually, visit the WAS website, www.whidbeyaudubonsociety.org.

Andersen is a Whidbey Audubon Society member, field trip leader and former Conservation Committee member. He has dedicated his life to environmental protection and preservation. You can often find him down at Deer Lagoon, looking through his scope or binoculars at the incredible diversity of life that lives at or passes through.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, Whidbey Audubon Publicity Chair]

Skagit Valley College Hires Dr. Cheyanne Warren as new Dental Therapy Education Program Director

Skagit Valley College recently hired Dr. Cheyanne Warren as its new dæx'xayəbus (pronounced dahf-hi-ya-buus) Dental Therapy Education Program Director.

Dr. Warren was born and raised in Vermont and completed all of her undergraduate and post-graduate education in Virginia.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from James Madison University (JMU), a master's degree in biochemistry from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), followed by a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from VCU. After completing her Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) residency at VCU, she and her husband returned to Vermont to begin practicing general dentistry.

After the birth of her first child in 2017, Dr. Warren transitioned from practicing general dentistry and became the Dental Therapy Program Director at Vermont Technical College (VTC). In her capacity as the Dental Therapy Program Director at VTC, she was tasked with creating a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited hygiene-based dental therapy curriculum for the state.

"At the time, Vermont was the fourth state nationwide to pass dental therapy legislation," said Warren. "This career has allowed me to take my education and training as a former dentist and use it in a way that is much more impactful for communities and oral health across our nation."

Dr. Warren's selection at SVC comes after a rigorous national search conducted by stakeholders at the college and the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community.

"I had the pleasure to meet and talk with Dr. Warren about our Dental Therapy Education Program Director position and as a Senator for the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community and Chairman of the Swinomish Dental Licensing Board," said Swinomish Tribal Senator Brian Wilbur. "Dr. Warren's positive attitude and passion for dental therapy will help drive Swinomish's goal for the program."

Dr. Warren values community service and has volunteered in dental service projects including Mission of Mercy in Virginia, providing care at a free dental clinic and internationally with Hands for Honduras before the COVID-19 pandemic shut-down in 2020.

She also served on the Vermont Oral Health Collation and is currently on the executive committee of the National Collation of Dentists for Health Equity. Warren said her research background has solidified a firm belief that sound evidence should dictate oral health practice across all providers.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Warren to SVC and to the larger community," said Darren Greeno, dean of Workforce Education at SVC. "Her expertise and dedication to student learning and to the improvement of oral-health outcomes will contribute to the Dental Therapy program's success and further strengthen the establishment of a community-based education program."

About the dæx'xayəbus Dental Therapy Education Program

SVC, in partnership with Swinomish Indian Tribal Community (SITC), developed the first Dental Therapy (DT) Education Program in the State of Washington to address on-going disparities in the oral health workforce. Specifically, among American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities. The name of the DT program is dæx'xayəbus, which is a Lushootseed phrase that translates to Place of Smiles. The program aims to grow primary oral health providers who enhance a dental team through excellence in education, research, patient care, and community service.

For more information about SVC's Dental Therapy Education program, please email DentalTherapy@skagit.edu.

[Submitted by Sofia Poulton, SVC Communications and Social Media Manager, SVC]

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Saturday, November 4

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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.

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.

Uncommon Threads

Friday, November 3, 10:00AM-7:00PM
Saturday, November 4, 10:00AM-3:00PM
Nordic Hall, 63 Jacobs Road, Coupeville
Start your holiday shopping early. Beautiful handcrafted wearables, rugs, baskets, gifts and more by local fiber artists. Don't miss this sale; it's amazing. www.whidbeyweaversguild.org

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.

The Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 4, 9:00AM-1:00PM
Grace by the Sea Anglican Church, Oak Harbor
The church is located at 540 E Pioneer Way.

Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 4, 9:00AM-2:00PM
Concordia Lutheran Church, Oak Harbor
Shop for crafts, secondhand treasures and baked goods. All proceeds benefit missions. The church is located at 590 N Oak Harbor St.

Holiday Open House

Saturday, November 4, 9:00AM-6:00PM
Sunday, November 5, 9:00AM-5:00PM
Christianson's Nursery, Mount Vernon
There will be artists, food vendors, a European Christmas Market, antiques, Yuletide in the Garden Store. Christianson's is located at 15806 Best Rd. For more information, call 360-466-3821 or visit www.christiansonnursery.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.

Holiday Decor Fundraiser

Saturday, November 4, 11:00AM-3:00PM
Garage of Blessings, Oak Harbor
Located at 800 SE Barrington Dr. Call 360-679-1239 for more information.

Live Music: Nathaniel Talbot

Saturday, November 4, 6:30PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland
Raised in the wooded foothills southeast of Portland, Ore., the big firs and wide 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

Saturday, November 4, 7:30-9:00PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland
Drummond is a mainstay in the Emerald City. Whether performing solo with nimble fingers and elastic vocals or backed by some of the region's best players, from the renowned organist Joe Doria, celebrated guitarist Cole Schuster, or the pocket-perfect combination of bassist Mark Mattrey and drummer Ehssan Karimi, Drummond brings his sonic cornucopia to audiences in rooms of all sizes and states. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Coffee with a Cop

Thursday, November 9, 2:00-4:00PM
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Community Veterans Day Ceremony

Saturday, November 11, 11:00AM-12:00PM
Oak Harbor High School

Presented by the Navy League of the United States, Oak Harbor Area Council. The ceremony will feature the Oak Harbor High School band and choir. Color guard is from Oak Harbor High School, Navy JROTC. Featured Speaker is Captain J.T. Pianetta, USN. Veterans Day is observed the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month to memorialize the signing of the Armistice in 1918 ending World War I. The federal holiday honors all who have served in America's Armed Forces.

Veterans Day Parade

Saturday, November 11, 2:00PM
Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor

The parade will run from Midway Blvd to Ely St. Rain or shine. For more information, email director@oakharbormainstreet.com or events@oakharborchamber.com.

Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below
Cost: Free

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.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, November 4, 10:00AM-2:00PM
Freeland Library

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

Meetings & Organizations

Embrace Whidbey and Camano Islands Full Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 2, 11:30AM-1:30PM
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St

The agenda will be emailed to Committee Members prior to the meeting and available at Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism Committee (whidbeycamanoislands.com). No lunch is provided, you may wish to bring a brown bag lunch. Virtual Option: Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/91748954066> Meeting ID: 917 4895 4066
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Deaf Social -Flying Fingers

Friday, November 3, 6:00-7:00PM
Langley United Methodist Church

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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 Al-anon. For more information, visit <https://wa-al-anon.org>.

Al-Anon Group

Every Tuesday, 5:30-6:30PM
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Whidbey weavers spin uncommonly good sale

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

If you haven't already started, it's as good a time as any to begin your holiday shopping and the Whidbey Weavers Guild just might have what you need.

The guild's 18th annual Uncommon Threads sale will be held Friday and Saturday at the Nordic Hall, 63 Jacobs Road, just south of Coupeville. Hours Friday are from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It's an event people look forward to every year, and for good reason, according to organizers.

"The Whidbey Weavers Guild Uncommon Threads Sale is popular because it gives people the chance to see and buy the amazing fiber arts creations of WWG members and it only happens once a year, the first Friday and Saturday of November," said Dianne Bolton.

Typically, at least 40 members of WWG contribute items for the Uncommon Threads sale. Of those participating, some have been working on their craft for years, while others may just

be starting their creative fiber arts journey. That means there is a great variety of items available for sale and several different types of fiber arts represented.

"Even though we are named the Whidbey Weavers Guild, our members are skilled in many different fiber arts, including, spinning, felting, knitting, tapestry weaving, dyeing, basket weaving and more," Bolton described. "There will be items for sale to fit every budget. From less expensive items such as catnip cat toys made from handwoven cloth and handmade cards to more expensive garments, scarves, rugs and blankets."

The Whidbey Weavers Guild began more than 50 years ago and boasts more than 160 members from not only Whidbey Island but from the greater Seattle area, even some from out of state. The guild's presence on Whidbey is one of the reasons Bolton now calls the island her home.

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Photo Courtesy of Dianne Bolton
Weaver Dianne Bolton creates a piece of fiber art on one of her looms. A member of the Whidbey Weavers Guild and an organizer for the group's Uncommon Threads sale this year, Bolton credits the group with helping her choose to move to Whidbey Island in 2009.



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Weavers Guild
The 18th annual Uncommon Threads sale by the Whidbey Weavers Guild will be held Friday and Saturday at the Nordic Hall in Coupeville. Dozens of fiber artists contribute their handmade items to the sale each year, offering shoppers the opportunity to find unique gifts and more.

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Recipe of the Week

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PUREE OF SPLIT PEA SOUP (Makes 8 servings)

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| 4 strips bacon, minced | 1/2 pound split green or yellow peas, or lentils |
| 1 medium onion, diced (about 1 1/4 cups) | 1 smoked ham hock |
| 1 carrot, diced (about 1/3 cup) | Sachet: 1 bay leaf, 1 whole clove, 1 garlic clove, and 4 to 5 peppercorns, enclosed in a large teaball or tied in a cheesecloth pouch |
| 1 celery stalk, diced (about 1/2 cup) | Salt, to taste |
| 1 leek, white and light green part, diced (about 1 1/4 cups) | Freshly ground pepper, to taste |
| 6 cups chicken broth | 1 cup croutons |
| 2 yellow or white potatoes, peeled and diced (about 2 cups) | |

Cook the bacon in a soup pot over medium-high heat until crisp and brown. Remove the bacon with a slotted spoon; drain on paper towels and set aside. Pour off all but 3 tablespoons of the bacon fat. Add the onion, carrot, celery, and leek; stir to evenly coat with fat. Cover the pot and cook the vegetables over medium-low heat, stirring occasionally, until the onion is tender and translucent, 6 to 8 minutes.

Add the broth, potatoes, peas, and ham hock. Bring to a simmer and cook over medium heat, 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the sachet and simmer until the split peas are soft, about 30 minutes. Skim away any scum during simmering.

Remove the sachet and discard. Remove the ham hock and set aside to cool. When cool enough to handle, cut the ham off the bone, dice, and set aside.

Strain the soup through a sieve, reserving the liquid. Puree the solids and return them to the pot. Add enough of the reserved liquid to achieve a thick consistency. Blend well. Stir in the ham and bacon. Season with salt and pepper. Serve in heated bowls, garnished with croutons.



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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Play to your strengths to reach your goals, Aries. You do not have to change much about yourself to get ahead. In fact, people will appreciate you being honest about who you are.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, do not worry about being passionate about what you do. If you weren't this passionate, you may not be able to persuade others to listen up and follow your suggestions.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, you may not have had the entire story, but you certainly will get it this week. It's up to you to make up your mind how you want to act on the information you gather.

CANCER – June 22/July 22

For some reason you are really interested in a friend or family member's behavior and comings and goings, Cancer. Are you having trust issues? Give them the benefit of the doubt.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23

Leo, this week's cosmic energy could see you pushing some boundaries. It's fine to take risks as long as you have someone to pull you back if you go a bit too far.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

A romantic adventure may prove the catalyst for change in your life, Virgo. Many exciting prospects are ahead if you allow yourself to get swept along in the momentum of your feelings.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Unchecked anxiety can lead you down a slippery slope, Libra. It's not easy facing new situations, but worrying about things before it is necessary will not do right now.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you are no stranger to psychic feelings. This week you know what a loved one is thinking and want to help this person out in any way you can.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you cannot control the world or others' behaviors. All you can do is control how you react to situations. Don't be sidetracked by noisy distractions in the days ahead.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, you have been making pleasure and play time your priority of late. It's now time to get down to business. Own up to your responsibilities.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Unraveling old patterns or actions will be good for you right now, Aquarius. If you can't do it on your own, work with a friend or therapist to get to the root of any issues.

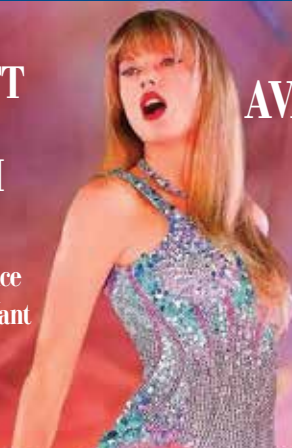
PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

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Photo Courtesy of Mobile Turkey Unit of Whidbey Island
It takes about 200 volunteers to cook, pack and deliver approximately 700 Thanksgiving meals to residents of central and south Whidbey Island, but Mobile Turkey Unit has it well in hand.

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"When we incorporated, we added 'of Whidbey Island' to our legal name with the hope somebody may want to have a Mobile Turkey Unit in, say, Anacortes, for example," Norton said. "I know personally I have the energy to help another community start one of these. That's what we would like to see happen. We'd like to spread the love to other communities."

Norton said it costs about \$5,000 to purchase everything necessary to provide so many meals. The organization relies on resources in the community to make it happen. Kitchen and refrigeration facilities are provided by St. Hubert's Catholic Church and Langley United Methodist Church, with additional refrigeration space provided by Whidbey Island Nourishes as well as one of the rotary clubs.

"We assemble meals on the grounds of South Whidbey Elementary School," she explained. "So this takes community collaboration with churches, the school district and WIN. It's amazing stuff."

For those who are unhoused, Norton said there will be meals at the Mobile Station at Bayview and the Short Stop in Freeland.

"They are there for whoever needs them," she said. "You need a meal, you call us. That's what we're here for."

Meals can be requested online at mobileturkeyunit.com, by emailing mobileturkeyunitwi@gmail.com or by calling 360-321-9782.

"For a tiny little nonprofit like ours to pop up and last 25 years, I can't take credit for it," Norton said. "It's a community effort. I'm just shocked this tradition has kept going. It fills my heart."

For those who live outside MTU's delivery area (north of Coupeville) and who need help with a Thanksgiving meal, North Whidbey Help House in Oak Harbor may be able to assist, although registration is required. Sign up by Nov. 10. Go to northwhidbeyhelphouse.org for information or call 360-675-0681 during normal business hours.



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"I joined WWG when we moved to Whidbey Island in 2009," she said. "One of the many reasons Whidbey was an attractive place to live was the excellent weaving guild here. I started weaving in the 1980s when my sister passed a small table loom on to me. I learned how to weave on it, and I was hooked. I now have three floor looms and a large stash of fiber."

Bolton said it's not just members of the public who enjoy coming to the Uncommon Threads sale every year.

"The sale is so much fun for WWG members," she said. "We get to see all our beautiful fiber art together in one place. The colors and textures of the display are simply overwhelming."

Fiber arts education is a large part of what the Whidbey Weavers Guild is all about.

"WWG is nationally recognized in the fiber arts community as an outstanding guild with well-

known artists and teachers," shared Bolton. "Our goal is to foster an inclusive, supportive, positive environment in which to share and grow our diverse interests in fiber arts. Education through programs and workshops are a priority. Anyone with an interest in fiber arts will find inspiration and joy in WWG."

The Whidbey Weavers Guild meets at 10 a.m. the first Thursday of each month, in person or online. Find more information online at whidbeyweaversguild.org.

In the meantime, everyone is encouraged to check out the unique, handmade creations that will be on display Friday and Saturday at the Uncommon Threads fiber arts sale.

"If you like warm, cozy shawls and blankets or shimmering, soft silk scarves or rugs and tapestry wall hangings to brighten your home, come and touch and try on one-of-a-kind pieces created for you," Bolton encouraged.

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Life Tributes

Cynthia Ann Porter



Cynthia just celebrated her 88th birthday with family and friends at her new residence of Harbor Towers Village. She passed away peacefully holding her daughter's hand during the early morning hours of Oct. 27, 2023.

Cynthia was born Sept. 24, 1935, in Jamestown, N.Y. to Marion Wilbur and Everett Jerome Edson. The family had a dairy farm in nearby Sinclairville, where Cynthia grew up. Cynthia was an outgoing middle child; she had an older sister, Thelma, and younger brother, Grant. After graduating high school Cynthia moved to Jamestown, where she worked

as a secretary for the Norman Rockwell company. She went on to Airline Stewardess school in Los Angeles and returned home to marry Roy Wayne Porter Aug. 27, 1955. The two moved soon after to Ithaca, N.Y. so Roy could attend Cornell University, where Roy continued to study and eventually obtained a PhD in Biochemistry for Food Science

During college breaks the two loved to travel and took trips overseas to explore Europe and even camping around the countryside. After graduating, they moved to Ketchikan, Alaska. This was the beginning of many moves in his career and Cynthia enjoyed living all across the United States, including St Louis, Chicago, Minneapolis, Dixon, Calif., and eventually ending up on the outskirts of Seattle, then finally retiring in Coupeville on Whidbey Island. They continued to travel all over the world, exploring many historical sites and points of interest. Travel was ingrained in her from a young age, with her Aunt Hattie having told her many stories of faraway places, but being on a dairy farm where cows needed milking twice a day, she never got to get far. Her mother, Marion, had traveled to Europe on a steamship after her college graduation and regaled stories of the adventure throughout Cynthia's childhood.

Cynthia is survived by her son, Doug, and wife Anna, of Salem Ore., and their daughter, Renae, currently studying at Oregon State University in Corvallis. Cynthia's daughter, Ann, and her husband Greg, live on Whidbey and have three children, Tyler and Margie Abrahamse of Oak Harbor; Logan and Maddie Abrahamse of Terrace Heights, Wash.; and Zoey Abrahamse of Oak Harbor.

Cynthia enjoyed her eight great-grandchildren, Bentley, Brody, Wyatt, Justin, and Eli (Tyler and Margie); Aiden and Hallie (Logan and Maddie); and Daisy (Zoey).

Cynthia enjoyed the Oak Harbor Senior Center activities and was an avid weekly participant. She also enjoyed gardening and scrapbooking, although the past few years that has lessened. Yahtzee was her favorite game, and she would carry spare dice and a score pad around in her purse just in case she found anyone who would play. She was known as the ice cream lady, always wanting ice cream; making her homemade banana ice cream was a family favorite treat.

Cynthia was preceded in death by her daughter, Cheryl, in 1959; her brother, Grant, in 1983; her granddaughter, Sadie, in 1997; her sister, Thelma, in 2013; and her husband of 61 years in August, 2016.

A Celebration of Cynthia's life was held Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 2 p.m. at Coupeville Community Bible Church, 502 NE Otis Street, Coupeville.

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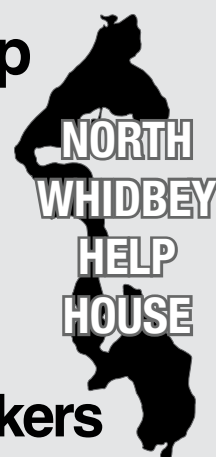


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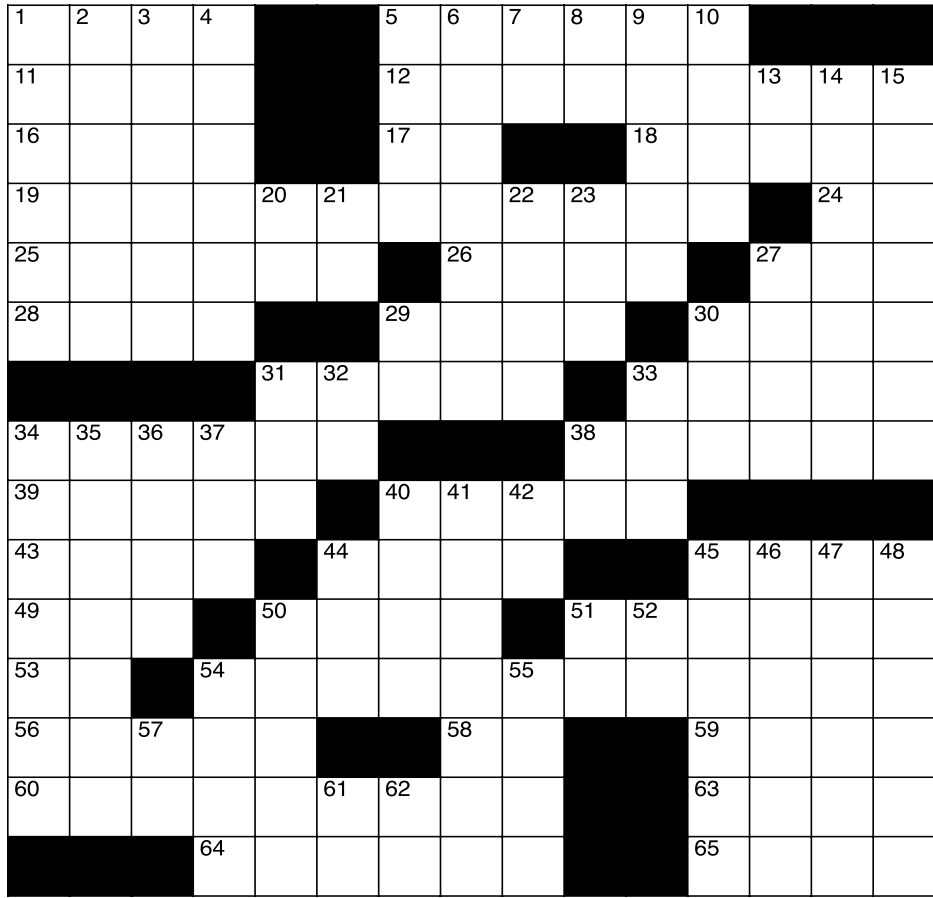
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 5. Requesting
- 11. Give temporarily
- 12. Happiness
- 16. Military branch
- 17. -, denotes past
- 18. Middle Eastern city
- 19. Air hostesses
- 24. Partner to Pa
- 25. Percussion instrument
- 26. Popular computers
- 27. Decrease light
- 28. Valley in the Osh Region
- 29. "To ___ his own"
- 30. Absence of difficulty
- 31. Notice announcing intended marriage read out in church
- 33. Trims by cutting
- 34. Impact
- 38. Military member
- 39. A French river
- 40. Member of prehistoric people in Mexico
- 43. Messenger ribonucleic acid
- 44. Musician Clapton
- 45. Greek sophist
- 49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 50. Narrow valley
- 51. A way to disentangle

CLUES DOWN

- 53. Indicates not an issue (abbr.)
- 54. Recommending
- 56. Genus of legumes
- 58. Friend to Larry and Curly
- 59. Off-Broadway theater award
- 60. Fencers
- 63. Small Eurasian deer
- 64. Denoting passerine birds
- 65. Separate by category
- 1. Colorless fluid part of blood
- 2. Of a main artery
- 3. Photographic equipment
- 4. Confirms a point
- 5. Developed over time
- 6. Not the leader
- 7. ___ Lang (country singer)
- 8. Adults need one
- 9. Nests of pheasants
- 10. Antelopes
- 13. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- 14. Japanese three-stringed lute
- 15. Type of cat
- 20. Cools your home
- 21. The ancient Egyptian sun god
- 22. Pouches

- 23. Trigraph
- 27. Form of Persian spoken in Afghanistan
- 29. ___ route
- 30. Body part
- 31. Bridge building degree
- 32. Indicates position
- 33. Political action committee
- 34. Tasty snack
- 35. Part of a quadruped
- 36. Locate
- 37. Pitching statistic
- 38. Of I
- 40. City in Utah
- 41. Football players in the trenches
- 42. Hammer is one
- 44. A "nightmarish" street
- 45. Performers
- 46. Slang for cut or scrape
- 47. More breathable
- 48. Most slick
- 50. Provokes
- 51. Home to college's Flyers
- 52. Sodium
- 54. Large fish of mackerel family
- 55. Zero
- 57. ___ and behold
- 61. The Palmetto State
- 62. Popular Tom Cruise movie franchise (abbr.)

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

<p>Thurs, Nov. 2</p> <p>North Isle H-55°/L-49° Rain</p> <p>South Isle H-55°/L-47° Rain</p>	<p>Fri, Nov. 3</p> <p>North Isle H-56°/L-50° Partly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-53°/L-47° AM Showers PM Sunbreaks</p>	<p>Sat, Nov. 4</p> <p>North Isle H-57°/L-48° Partly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-54°/L-48° Partly Sunny</p>	<p>Sun, Nov. 5</p> <p>North Isle H-56°/L-49° Partly Sunny</p> <p>South Isle H-55°/L-45° Partly Sunny</p>	<p>Mon, Nov. 6</p> <p>North Isle H-56°/L-47° Mostly Cloudy</p> <p>South Isle H-52°/L-45° Mostly Cloudy</p>	<p>Tues, Nov. 7</p> <p>North Isle H-55°/L-48° Rain</p> <p>South Isle H-53°/L-44° AM Rain PM Clouds</p>	<p>Wed, Nov. 8</p> <p>North Isle H-55°/L-47° Rain</p> <p>South Isle H-52°/L-42° Showers and Windy</p>
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OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What is the kindest thing you have ever done?



Stefanya Huerta, Oak Harbor

I can't tell you how difficult this question was for me. I have done many kind things; I live a kind life and I encourage genuine kindness on the daily. As I was thinking of one moment that stood out for me, I just kept thinking of all the kindness I have received and why and how I am so kindhearted. So, the kindest thing I've ever done was the work on myself to be able to view people with genuine compassion and understanding. Even strangers; when a stranger is rude towards me that rudeness has nothing to do with me, but it's bigger than me and the situation. I think to myself, "Who hurt you when you were 12?" That allows me to not only live a genuinely kind life but to encourage it as well.

Anna Bailey, Coupeville

People do nice things every day, but may not take it a step further to true kindness. When I saw this question, I thought of one of my relationships that has consistently demonstrated kindness.



I was fortunate to grow up right across the street from my grandma. She has always been supportive and kind, whether it was buying Girl Scout cookies or making me a delicious lunch whenever I walked over to say hi. Throughout the years, no matter how busy, I have continued to prioritize visiting my grandma. We sometimes just sit and chat, but typically I also help with household tasks to make her life a little easier as she ages. Each of these little acts of kindness have built a strong and special relationship that I cherish.



Maryann Bast, Coupeville

Years ago, as a young occupational therapist, a referral came down from a doctor to do sensory stimulation for a comatose patient. This was new to me, so I read up on it and found out that hearing is the last sense to go. I found out that the comatose lady was religious, so I took a Bible to read to her, as well as feathers, light sandpaper, and different aromas. For three months, I saw her one hour a day, talking to her and stimulating her. She never opened her eyes or gave me any indication that the stimulation had any effect. Fast forward three or four months, and I was in an elevator with a nurse from that unit and another lady. We were talking as we went down in the elevator, when the nurse turned to the lady and asked, do you know who this is pointing to me. It was clear the woman was just getting her speech back because she spoke very carefully and said, "Yes, that's the woman who used to hold mustard under my nose." Recently my daughter passed away, and I used the same techniques on her. I do not know if any of it got through, but when we left, I told her that we were going home now, and that it was time for her to go home to the Lord. I believe she was waiting for us to get there, and after we left, she died at four o'clock the next morning.

Larry Thompson, summer resident, Oak Harbor

While on a trip I, stopped at a convenience store for a Diet Coke and a chocolate bar. I noticed a man huddled up under the eave of the building away from the breezy weather. He was dressed neatly and had a small duffel bag with him. I spoke with him briefly before bringing him a hamburger and drink. Shortly after departing for home in my car, it began to rain. I had only gone a few miles when I did a U-turn and returned to the store. I had my favorite rain jacket in the back seat and was reluctant to part with it. I gave it to him and wished him well in resolving his family issues. I then continued my trip. In spite of my generosity, I still miss that jacket.



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How'd you do?

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