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Festival of Trees: 25 years of celebrating potential

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

It's the time of year when folks like to get their holiday groove on, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County is offering several options for doing just that, all while supporting a worthy cause.

The 25th anniversary of the Festival of Trees gala and live charity auction will be held at the Oak Harbor Elks Lodge Friday, Dec. 1 from 5 to 10 p.m. Cost to attend the main event is \$125 per person and includes a catered dinner, cocktails, formal wear, exclusive auction items and of course, lavishly decorated trees.

The fun doesn't stop there. The annual Teddy Bear Breakfast will be held at the Elks Lodge the following morning, Saturday, Dec. 2, with two seatings to choose from – 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$5 for those ages 12 and under, and \$15 for those 13 and older. Those attending are also asked to bring a new stuffed animal to be donated to children in a crisis situation by police officers and first responders. This lively event will include breakfast, entertainment, raffles and a teddy bear parade. Youth must be accompanied by a parent.

But it's not over. Back by popular demand, those ages 21 and over are invited to party the night away at the second annual Mingle with Kringle casual cocktail party Saturday, Dec. 2 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Oak Harbor Elks Lodge. Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased in advance or at the door. There will be cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, door prizes and raffles, a silent auction, dancing, and Kris Kringle himself will be there to mingle with attendees.

Proceeds from all these festive events will benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County. Tickets for all are now on sale at bbbsislandcounty.org/fot. Tickets for the Mingle with Kringle event will also be sold at the door.

"What we're doing is really important and I believe in it," said BBBS of Island County Executive Director, Tiffany Scribner. "It makes me more determined to serve our community and kids. The youth is our future, we've got to support them. We have to make sure they thrive, so our future is brighter."

Because this is the 25th anniversary of Festival of Trees, Scribner said they have really tried to pull out all the stops to make this year's event extra special.

"We felt like we should go big for our 25th year, so we have 14 trees," she said. "We have seven full size trees and seven tabletop trees – which are about four feet tall. Each of the full size trees has a trip with it for accommodations at a Caribbean destination."



Photo Courtesy of BBBS of Island County
The annual Festival of Trees will feature 14 trees this year, all decorated in a variety of different themes, like those put up for auction at last year's gala. The Festival of Trees benefits Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County.

Scribner noted the trips will require whoever purchases them to pay for airfare and a small daily resort fee, which then makes the stay all-inclusive.

"Also, we have 25 live auction items in service of our 25th year. Gerald's Jewelry in Oak Harbor did a custom designed pendant that is only available at Festival of Trees," Scribner said. "They have kindly donated pieces to our auction in the past, but this is the first time they have ever done a custom-designed, one-of-a-kind piece."

According to the description on the organization's website, the white gold pendant features a Montana sapphire in the center and is surrounded by eight Yogo sapphires and 20 diamonds.

Other live auction items include a limited edition print of Oak Harbor's much-loved Kow Korner, a trip to Hilton Head, Alaska Airline tickets paired with a Napa Valley wine train tour and a year-long Seaside Spa and Salon package featuring a once-a-month massage.



Photo Courtesy of BBBS of Island County
Festive holiday spirit will abound at the 25th annual Festival of Trees, to be held Friday, Dec. 1. The festival also includes other events like the Teddy Bear Breakfast and Mingle with Kringle. All events benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County.

"People really showed up for us in terms of donations for the auction," said Scribner. "Our offerings this year – we've outdone ourselves!"

Scribner said BBBS of Island County wants to show its appreciation for all the community support it's received over the past quarter century.

"This year we feel we want to give back, so we'll be offering door prizes and things we don't normally do to say 'thank you,'" she shared. "Plus, we'll be honoring some folks who have been around a long time and doing things for us for a long time. There will be a couple of nods to the past, paying homage to where we started and where we are now."

Part of the fun of Festival of Trees for Scribner is that there is something in which all age groups can participate, such as the Teddy Bear Breakfast.

"A group of people stepped up [to sponsor it this year] and everybody came together," she said. "JR Russell is going to be the entertainment. He did it last year and it was a huge hit. We're really excited about where this is going."

As noted, the organization's Mingle with Kringle event, established last year, was another huge hit. While the Festival of Trees gala and auction is a formal event, Mingle with Kringle is a much more casual, relaxed evening that people seemed to enjoy.

"It went so well," Scribner said. "As people were leaving, they were practically begging us to do it again. We said, 'Okay, we've heard the people.' We have some fabulous raffle prizes and we also do a costume contest with prizes for best dressed or most fabulous holiday costume. We had lots of ugly sweaters. Last year the person who won the contest was dressed as a Christmas tree. It's such a fun night. It's low stress for everyone. Come dressed up or wear an ugly sweater and blue jeans."

The highlight of all these events, of course, are the decorated trees that will fill the room at the Elks Lodge, and Scribner said this year will not disappoint.

"Every year I'm shocked by what incredible designs the decorators come up with," she said. "My background is in art and design. I have two degrees in design, so for me to say that is saying something. We have some stunners this year. We have such a range in themes, from nods to Taylor Swift and disco dancing queen to woodland elves and peacocks. There is a tree for everyone in the room."

While the trees may be the highlight, the true stars, and ultimate winners, of Festival of Trees are Whidbey Island youth, something Scribner speaks about with passion.

"Making sure kids feel heard, to know they matter, to have someone there to give them that little bit of guidance and care, that makes a world of difference," she shared. "All of us can look back and see someone who showed up for us at the right time, who said the right thing and changed our lives. It's that person whose voice still rings in our heads all these years later. This program gives that to kids. We hear stories all the time about how the relationships we create last a lifetime and truly do change the course of people's lives."

"To me, at the end of the day, it's about making sure our kids are okay," Scribner continued. "It's making sure the youth in our community have the support they need. Making sure what we're doing today provides for healthier, happier youth who get to live out their potential. We are defenders of potential. The people involved with BBBS of Island County show up for kids and make sure kids know they have potential and are able to go live that potential."



Photo Courtesy of BBBS of Island County
It's time for the 25th anniversary of Festival of Trees, a fundraising event for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County at which lavishly decorated trees are put up for auction. This year's gala will be held Friday, Dec. 1. Find tickets and information at bbbsislandcounty.org/fot.

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SATURDAY, NOV. 4
1:31 pm, SW Erie St.
 Reporting party states he wants to collect signatures on petitions, and law enforcement keeps making him leave.

3:03 pm, NE 10th Ave.
 Requesting ride to Sequim, if possible; says her insurance may cover ride via taxi.

3:57 pm, SW Harrier Cir.
 Advising neighbor is upset about reporting party parking in a non-designated parking spot.

11:57 pm, SE 2nd Ct.
 Reporting party advising husband is running towards the water on SE Pasek.

SUNDAY, NOV. 5
12:02 am, NW Crosby Ave.
 Caller wants to know what to do with items that do not belong to her that are on her property.

1:07 am, SE Barrington Dr.
 Reporting party advising his dog is overdosing on fentanyl.

MONDAY, NOV. 6
8:26 am, SR 20
 Reporting party advising that she feels like her life is being threatened because the emergency room didn't give her x-rays.

11:47 am, SW Erie St.
 Advising female is walking in and outside of store just "screaming at people."

12:52 pm, NE Goldie St.
 Reporting party advising outside of location, parked directly across from entrance to 21st Court; is saying owner of location is "sabotaging" his truck.

9:24 pm, NW Falls Creek Loop
 Reporting party out of breath, says "the lunatic is in number 2," beating on walls and has music cranked up.

TUESDAY, NOV. 7
1:11 am, N Oak Harbor St.
 Advising someone parked in reporting party's driveway; being super loud; unknown what they are doing.

8:12 am, SE 8th Ave.
 Reporting party advising vehicle broke down yesterday, blocking traffic at location; advising vehicle is no longer there. Requesting to know if it was towed.

2:40 pm, SE Midway Blvd.
 Reporting party advising found tank at residence.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8
6:07 am, NE Goldie St.
 Advising three juvenile subjects are messing with the building at location.

9:30 am, NE Barron Dr.
 Advising girl that is supposedly sweeping stuff around, calling reporting party racist.

6:09 pm, NE Kettle St.
 Caller reporting wife missing; was last seen last night around 5 pm at their residence; said she was going to the store to get formula and never returned.

6:31 pm, SW Barrington Dr.
 Advising two men appear to be intoxicated and are screaming and throwing beer cans at people.

FRIDAY, NOV. 10
8:03 pm, NW Crosby Ave.
 Requesting phone call referencing someone parking in his spot; states he has tried reaching out to his landlord already.

SATURDAY, NOV. 11
12:59 am, NE Barron Dr.
 Reporting party advising a friend took her vehicle about four hours ago; reporting party advising now has no idea where female or vehicle is.

8:45 am, N Oak Harbor St.
 Reporting party states neighbor is recording them; is upset about their dog.

10:26 pm, SR 20
 Caller at Les Schwab area states there are "a shit ton of street racers;" states people were getting out of their cars and speeding.

SUNDAY, NOV. 12
4:55 pm, SE 8th Ave.
 Advising a small, white Ford pickup is in front of reporting party's apartment with its radio blaring; reporting party cannot hear his TV.

6:05 pm, SR 20
 Reporting party advising is being followed by a pickup truck that just hit reporting party's vehicle.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor,

Open letter to Island County Commissioners

Dear Island County Commissioners,

I am writing to bring to your attention some significant concerns regarding the recent allocation of two grants totaling \$500,000 to the Port District of South Whidbey for housing. The financial summary provided by the port district as of Aug. 31, identifies Grant 1 for \$150,000 and Grant 2 for \$350,000 and indicates a potential misuse of these funds based on the current zoning regulations and the terms of the inter-local agreement signed in March of 2017.

As you are aware, the property in question, located in the City of Langley, is not zoned for housing. The inter-local agreement, entered into by both the port district and Island County in 2017, explicitly restricts the use of the property, citing RCW 15.76, which does not include housing as permissible use. As you are also aware, the voters of South Whidbey, in an advisory election in 2016, approved a tax increase and property transfer from Island County to the port district to provide oversight for ongoing maintenance of the fairgrounds, not a housing project. The housing proposal's preliminary design requires the structures to encroach onto the midway approximately 15 feet, which leaves about 44 feet remaining of the midway. It is essential to adhere to the legal and contractual obligations outlined in the agreement to ensure responsible and transparent use of public funds.

Considering these findings, I urge you to reconsider the allocation of these funds to the port district and, instead, redirect them to the South Whidbey Homeless Coalition. The coalition, as you may be aware, has identified an existing Langley property suitable for a long overdue and needed women's housing and shelter space. I have personally met with the coalition, reviewed the proposed site, and found it to be feasible and capable of addressing immediate needs within our community.

Redirecting the funds to the South Whidbey Homeless Coalition for the purchase of an existing Langley property would have several advantages. First and foremost, the coalition already has a well-established local network and has identified the pressing needs within our community. This project could be implemented swiftly, providing immediate relief to those in need.

On the contrary, the fairground housing project proposed by the port district is likely to face significant delays due not only to zoning issues, but to the intended use by the Island County Fair Association, 4-H, including the annual fair. Should housing ever be permitted on this site, it would place a significant and unnecessary financial burden on both programs, essentially ending their existence. It is crucial to prioritize projects that can be implemented efficiently to address the urgent needs of our community.

Pulling these funds from the port district and redirecting to another area of greater need will allow the port to focus its efforts on completing the maintenance on this property in time for next year's fair.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust you will take the necessary steps to ensure the responsible use of public funds and the swift implementation of projects that directly benefit the South Whidbey community. If you require any additional information or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your dedication to our community, and I look forward to a positive resolution to this issue.

Steven Myres
Langley, Wash.

Editor,

Saturday, Nov. 11, at the 1st annual Mr. Oak Harbor Scholarship Competition, we crowned our 2023 Mister and Teen Mister Oak Harbor Royalty, who will represent our city while serving the community for the next year. We supported eight contestants through our six-week program and ended the evening by delivering over \$13,000 in scholarships and awards! This program is designed to encourage, inspire, and recognize the many achievements of the young men in our community.

The success of this program is not possible without the generous support of our sponsors. The Miss Oak Harbor (dba Whidbey Royalty) board of directors and the Mr. OH Club that planned the event humbly thank the following businesses and individuals for their support and contributions: 7-11, Annie Cash-The Annie Cash Team, Arby's, Ashley's Design, Caley Powers, China City, Chris' Bakery, Chris Douthitt, Dave Paul, Denick Kloewer, Dominos, Elaine's Photo Studio, Eric Marshall, Erica Wasinger, Flyers, Frances Dennis-Mary Kay, Frasers Gourmet Hideaway, Gene Kelly Barner-Edward Jones, Graeme Sandlin, Greg Smith-Edward Jones, Honeymoon Bay Coffee Roasters, Island Thrift, Island Trollers, Jeff McMahan, JuelinJoi, Karate Oak Harbor, Kate Hauter-Windermere, Kick Brass, Laura Houck Photography, Lotus Tea Bar and Studio, Mara Powers, Mark's Auto Repair, Matthew Erikson, Micki Gibson, Monica Lopez, North Whidbey Soccer Club, Oak Bowl and Mario's Pizza, Oak Harbor Café and Lounge, Oak Harbor Real Estate, Reid Schwartz-eXp Realty, River Powers-Edward Jones, Robert Sanders, Ronnie Wright-Pacific Grace Tax and Accounting, Russ Peters, Safeway, Specialty Welding and Technique, Sylvan Learning Center of Oak Harbor, The Ballet Slipper Conservatory, The Greenhouse Florist and Nursery, Tiffany Scribner, Triple C Constructions Services, and Windermere Whidbey Island.

We would also like to thank our master of ceremonies, Scott Jackson, our emcees, Hannah Kunkel and Elizabeth Hauter, our judges, Lauren Cook, Lyn Bankowski, John Geragotelis, Lynn Goebel and JR Russell, our pageant-night "parents," Dinty Musk, Elaine Torres, Marilyn Herman and Nikki Tesch, our volunteer support, Diana Bedford, Abbie Martin and Kristin Griffith, and our many pageant night volunteers.

We are so fortunate to live in such a caring and generous community that has a deep understanding of the value of our youth. We thank our supporters for their continued investment in our program, our contestants for their steadfast commitment to the program and its process, and the families who shared their sons with us and cheered them on each week.

Miss Oak Harbor is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, doing business as Whidbey Royalty, whose

mission is to inspire, challenge and mentor contestants while providing opportunities for them to develop life skills that will enhance their confidence, self-esteem and sense of accomplishment.

River Powers and the entire Miss Oak Harbor Board of Directors and the Mr. OH Club

Wyatt to Oversee New Rural Program at Washington Filmworks

Sherrye Wyatt has been named Rural Economic Development Manager for Washington Filmworks (WF) and begins the full-time position in January. There she will oversee a new program to encourage more film production in Washington state's 30 rural counties. WF is a nonprofit organization which manages the Motion Picture Competitiveness program, as well as a diversity of resources for the state's creative industries.

Wyatt has successfully served as Public Relations and Marketing Manager for Island County's tourism organization, Embrace Whidbey and Camano Islands, as a part-time independent contractor for nearly 14 years. Her contract ends Dec. 31. Currently, all seven contractual positions at the tourism committee are accepting new proposals for 2024. Deadline to submit a proposal is Nov. 27 at noon PST. Learn more at Jobs - Whidbey and Camano Islands (whidbeycamanoislands.com).

[Submitted by Sherrye Wyatt]

Virtual Public Meeting for Draft 2024 Highway System Plan Nov. 30
Draft plan recommends highway investment strategy for next 20 years

The public will have an opportunity to ask questions and comment on the draft 2024 Highway System Plan during a virtual public meeting hosted by the Washington State Department of Transportation Thursday, Nov. 30. The online meeting will be hosted on Microsoft Teams and the meeting link can be found on the Highway System Plan website (<https://wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/statewide-plans/highway-system-plan>).

The draft 2024 Highway System Plan outlines investment recommendations for preserving, maintaining, improving and operating state highways for the next 20 years, and is available for public review and comment through Monday, Dec. 18.

WSDOT last published the plan in 2007. The new draft plan used scenario planning with extensive feedback to explore different investment alternatives and make the strongest recommendation.

Draft recommendations

Communities from around the state provided input to the draft Highway System plan to reflect transportation priorities. These priorities form the core of WSDOT's recommendation to the legislature.

It proposes that new revenue for state highways over the next 20 years be dedicated first to adequately funding preservation and maintenance. It also recommends that remaining funds should be balanced between safety and efficiency strategies and highway expansion projects at a 2:1 ratio. These recommendations would provide a resilient state highway system that is sound, safe and smart.

Draft 2024 Highway System Plan open house information

When: 2:00 to 3:00PM, Thursday, Nov. 30
Where: Microsoft Teams: bit.ly/HwySystemPlanMeeting

Details: A 20-minute presentation will begin promptly at 2:00PM. Staff will be

What should you do with 'side gig' money?

As you know, the gig economy has been booming over the past several years. If you're thinking of using your skills to take on a side gig, what should you do with the money you'll make?

There's no one right answer for everyone, and the decisions you make should be based on your individual situation. And of course, you may simply need the extra income to support your lifestyle and pay the bills. But if you already have your cash flow in good shape, and you have some freedom with your gig money, consider these suggestions:

- **Contribute more to your IRA.** If you couldn't afford to contribute the maximum amount to your IRA, you may find it easier to do so when you have additional money coming in from a side gig. For the 2023 tax year, you can put in up to \$6,500 to a traditional or Roth IRA, or \$7,500 if you're 50 or older. (Starting in 2024, this extra \$1,000 "catch-up" contribution amount may be indexed for inflation.) The amount you can contribute to a Roth IRA is reduced, and eventually eliminated, at certain income levels.

- **Look for new investment opportunities.** If you're already maxing out your IRA, you might be able to find other investment possibilities for your side gig money. For example, if you have young children, perhaps you could use some of the money to invest in a 529 education savings plan. A 529 plan offers potential tax advantages and can be used for college, qualified trade school programs, and possibly some K-12 expenses. Please keep in mind that potential tax advantages will vary from state to state.

- **Build an emergency fund.** Life is full of unexpected events — and some can be quite expensive. What if you needed a major car repair or required a medical procedure that wasn't totally covered by your health insurance? Would you have the cash available to pay these bills? If not, would you be forced to dip into your IRA or 401(k)? This might not be a good move, as it could incur taxes and penalties, and deprive you of resources you might eventually need for retirement. That's why you might want to use your gig earnings to help fund an emergency fund containing several months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. To avoid being tempted to dip into your emergency fund, you may want to keep it separate from your daily spending accounts.

- **Pay down debts.** Most of us will always carry some debts, but we can usually find ways to include the bigger ones — mortgage, car payments and so on — into our monthly budgets. It's often the smaller debt payments, frequently associated with high-interest-rate credit cards, that cause us the most trouble, in terms of affecting our cash flow. If you can use some of your side gig money to pay down these types of debts, you could possibly ease some of the financial stress you might be feeling. And instead of directing money to pay for things you purchased in the past, you could use the funds to invest for your future.

As we've seen, your side gig money could open several promising windows of opportunity — so take a look through all of them.

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on hand to answer questions and take comments. A recording and presentation materials will be made available on the Highway System Plan website within two business days of the event.

The draft plan will incorporate public comments into the final document, which is anticipated to be approved in the first quarter of 2024.

Free, temporary internet access is available to those who do not have broadband service in locations throughout the state. To find the nearest Drive-In WiFi Hotspot visit: www.commerce.wa.gov/building-infrastructure/washington-state-drive-in-wifi-hotspots-location-finder/

[Submitted by Washington State Department of Transportation]

Chief Dresker Announces Retirement from the Oak Harbor Police Department

Chief Kevin Dresker notified Mayor Bob Severns of his intention to retire effective Nov. 30, 2023.

The Oak Harbor police chief is retiring after a 35-year career in law enforcement, where he served for 28 years at the City of Wenatchee Police Department. While in the City of Wenatchee, he started as a reserve officer and rose through the ranks to captain. After leaving the City of Wenatchee Police Department, he worked for a few years in the private sector, developing security plans for hospitals and clinics.

Mayor Bob Severns said, "We are fortunate to have a police chief like Kevin Dresker here in Oak Harbor. I will miss serving the community together. I wish him all the best in his retirement."

In Chief Dresker's resignation letter the mayor shared with city council, he stated, "It has been an honor working with the men and women of the Oak Harbor Police Department over the past seven years... the people who have served during

my time here at the Oak Harbor Police Department have been and are, courageous, dedicated, ethical and professional men and women. Their dedication to the department's mission: 'Dedicated to community safety and service,' and the noble profession of law enforcement, defines their daily work ethic."

The city wants to thank Chief Dresker for his service to the community and the partnerships he has developed.

Mayor Severns has appointed Captain Tony Slowik as the interim police chief. Mr. Slowik has a 20-year law enforcement career, served as the interim director of ICOM, has a 27-year service record with the United States Coast Guard, and recently graduated from the FBI National Academy, recognized as the premier program for law enforcement leaders.

The new mayor will determine the process for selecting a new police chief.

[Submitted by Sabrina Combs, Executive Services Administrator, City of Oak Harbor]

Whidbey Community Foundation Awards Over \$206,000 to 40 Nonprofits in 6th Annual Grant Cycle

Whidbey Community Foundation is excited to announce it has granted awards to 40 nonprofits from its 6th annual grant cycle. Grants this year were focused on four categories: Arts and Culture, K-12 Education, Human Services, and an Open Area. This year WCF received over 89 applications totaling more than \$715,000.

"Our Grants Committee is made up of community members from all across our island and helps WCF determine final funding decisions. This year, WCF focused on four grant programs. Through the Arts and Culture grant program, we are hoping to support organizations providing access to arts and culture programs for Whidbey residents, organizations supporting Whidbey's creative economy through

visual and performing arts or organizations otherwise working within arts and culture on Whidbey. Through the K-12 Education grant program, we are aiming to fund organizations supporting students to ensure they receive educational opportunities to enhance the course of their lives and careers. Through the Human Services grant program, we want to support Whidbey nonprofits who are ensuring Whidbey Island residents have access to vital social and human services. And lastly, our Open Area grant program was open to any organization that operates with a charitable status or for a charitable purpose on Whidbey Island," stated Jessie Gunn, executive director

WCF awarded 40 grantees totaling over \$206,000 this year spanning all parts of Whidbey Island.

"Additionally, we are excited to be able to award a limited amount of grants in the \$10,000 range this year and would like to thank our donors and community supporters who have helped us to reach this point," said Gunn.

The full list of awardees can be found on WCF's website at www.whidbeyfoundation.org.

Since grants were first awarded in 2017, Whidbey Community Foundation has provided 381 grants totaling nearly \$2,000,000.

[Submitted by Whidbey Community Foundation]

Whidbey Island Public Hospital District Board of Commissioners Appoints New President

During the Oct. 19 public meeting of the Whidbey Island Public Hospital District board of commissioners, longtime commissioner Ron Wallin announced he was stepping down from the office of

president but would continue his role as a board member. Wallin held the office of president since 2016 and has served on the board since 2008.

Wallin recommended board secretary James Golder step in as acting president to serve the remaining two months of his term. Wallin also recommended a vote be held to appoint Golder as board president for a two-year term to begin January 2024. Commissioner Greg Richardson made a motion to proceed with the appointment and vote, which was seconded by Commissioner Morgan Cooper and approved via unanimous vote.

"I think Ron has done a tremendous job in the 17 years he's been on the board. When our hospital ran into trouble, he took the bull by the horns and really worked to get everything organized to pull us out," said Golder. "He has done a tremendous job in making sure we maintain our position as one of the better hospitals in Washington state."

In his first official act as board president, Golder made a motion that Wallin move into the role of secretary to fill his vacated role through the end of the year.

"We've got a great direction where we're going and it's exciting to watch. We've got to the point where we have great services and great people here that we really need to get the word out," Wallin said.

The Whidbey Island Public Hospital District's board of commissioners is comprised of five (5) elected officials, representing the whole of Whidbey Island. The board is responsible for strategic direction and financial oversight of the hospital district. They meet monthly and act as liaisons between the hospital and community.

[Submitted by Conor O'Brien, Marketing Manager, WhidbeyHealth]



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Coupeville Rec Hall, 901 NW Alexander St.
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Country Christmas at the Fair
Friday, November 24, 7:00AM-6:00PM
Saturday, November 25, 9:00AM-4:00PM
Sunday, November 26, 9:00AM-4:00PM
Island County Fairgrounds, Langley

Come shop for unique, handcrafted gifts, collectibles and art from local vendors. Enjoy some refreshments, holiday music and kids' crafts. Located in the Coffman Building at 819 Camano Ave. For more information, call 360-221-1021.

Christmas Village
Friday, November 24, 3:00-7:00PM
Saturday, November 25, 12:00-7:00PM
Sunday, November 26, 12:00-7:00PM
Blue Fox Drive In
1403 N Monroe Landing Rd

A free community holiday event. Pictures with Santa, animals, hay rides, light displays, food, arcade, and more. For more information, call 360-675-5667 or visit bluefoxdrivein.com.

Shop Out for Kids
Saturday, November 25, 11:00AM-5:00PM
The Laughing Admiral, Coupeville

You'll laugh out loud and enjoy browsing the gifts. The Laughing Admiral, located at 10 Front St., Suite A, will donate a portion of the day's sales to the Coupeville Schools Foundation. The Coupeville Schools Foundation provides an extra measure of support to students through teacher grants, college scholarships and the Promise Fund.

Holiday Market
Sunday, November 26, 11:00AM-2:00PM
South Whidbey Tilth, Langley

Enjoy a bon fire, hot food, baked goods, gifts, winter produce, and more. New vendors welcome, email market@southwhidbeytilth.org. Snow, high winds, or ice cancels the event. The Tilth is located at 2812 Thompson Rd.

Winter Wonderland
Friday, December 1, 12:00-4:00PM
Saturday, December 2, 10:00AM-4:00PM
Sunday, December 3, 10:00AM-4:00PM
Burlington Plaza, 448 Fashion Way

The Children's Museum of Skagit County is creating a free, unforgettable experience for families. There will be indoor and outdoor activities for all ages. Huge bouncy inflatables, face painting, live reindeer, creative activities, snow to play in and more. Santa will also be there for photo-ops, noon-4:00PM each day. For more information, visit www.skagitchildrensmuseum.net or call 360-757-8888.

Community Handbell Program and Benefit
Saturday, December 2, 2:00PM
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Oak Harbor

Join The Bells of Whidbey as they present Home for the Holidays, a program of holiday favorites. The event is a benefit for Habitat for Humanity of Island County. Admission is by donation. The church is located at 555 SE Regatta Dr. For more information, call 541-272-7478.

Holiday Wine Tasting & Auction
Thursday, December 7, 5:30-7:00PM
Useless Bay Golf & County Club, Langley

This year's wines include six premium pours with Washington, west coast and international selections. Appetizers will be provided. There will be a silent auction for premium wines, gift cards for food and

services provided by local restaurants and vendors, and art and gift items donated by Whidbey artisans. Presented by the Rotary Club of South Whidbey Island with proceeds benefiting local scholarships, nonprofits and community services. For tickets or more information, email rotaryclubsouthwhidbey@gmail.com.

A Celtic Christmas with the Beggar Boys
Saturday, December 9, 3:00PM
Sunday, December 10, 3:00PM
St. Augustine-in-the-Woods, Freeland
Tickets: \$30 General/\$0 Students

Celebrate the season with traditional songs, tunes, and stories from Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. The ethereal voice of Abigail Lennox joins fiddles, whistle, and guitar along with live Irish step dancing – a perfect holiday treat for the entire family! The church is located at 5217 S Honeymoon Bay Rd. For more information, visit whidbeyislandmusicfestival.org.

Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events
See schedule below
Cost: Free

Friends of the Coupeville Library Annual Gingerbread Challenge
Saturday, November 25, 10:00AM-3:00PM
Coupeville Library

Pick up your gingerbread kit for the Friends of the Coupeville Library's Annual Gingerbread Challenge! Kits will be first-come, first-serve for the first 30 participants. Bring your completed gingerbread creation to the Coupeville Library between

Nov. 25 and Dec. 16 for display and judging. Winners will be announced Dec. 17 at 1:00PM at the Island County Historical Museum. All gingerbread creations must be picked up from the Coupeville Library by Saturday, Dec. 30.

LEGO® Block Party
Wednesday, November 29, 2:30-4:00PM
Coupeville Library Meeting Room

Create with LEGO® at the library! Build independently or with others. We'll provide the LEGO®; you provide the imagination. This is a drop-in program designed for ages 5 and up.

Stay and Play
Thursday, November 30, 9:30-10:30AM
Coupeville Library Meeting Room

This is an opportunity for children, birth to kindergarten, and their caregivers to come play with fun and educational toys

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Diamond & Ruby Ring \$1,439

Sapphire & Diamond Ring \$1,679

Diamond Halo Necklace \$1,199

Diamond Halo Earrings \$1,649

Sapphire & Diamond Necklace \$1,169

Cobblestone Pink Sapphire Heart Necklace \$1,429

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Family Guide

By Amy Hannold



The holidays are here on Whidbey! Wherever you call home, there is a holiday celebration for you, as the island's festivities shine with lights, Santa Claus, parades on foot and by boat, and lots of holiday cheer.

OAK HARBOR

Home for the Holidays: Head downtown Saturday, Dec. 2, from 3 to 5 p.m. for live music, free cookies and cocoa, and the 4 p.m. Santa Parade, which will be followed by the tree lighting. The Santa Parade route will be Pioneer Way from Midway Blvd, to Ely Street. oakharbormainstreet.org

Drive Through Christmas Nativity Scene: Mission Ministry Faith Center is hosting a drive through Christmas Nativity Saturday, Dec. 2, between 5 and 7 p.m. Community members from different churches are participating in creating scenes of the story of the birth of Jesus. missionministry.org

Teddy Bear Breakfast: Enjoy breakfast, entertainment, and a teddy bear parade at the Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, Saturday, Dec. 2. Choose from two seatings, 9 or 10:30 a.m. Please bring a stuffed animal for donation to a child in need. Tickets are \$5 for youth 12 years and younger, \$15 for ages 13 years and older. This event is a fundraiser for Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Island County. Tickets: bbsislandcounty.org.

Christmas Village at the Blue Fox Drive-In: Come to the Village for holiday photo opportunities, visiting with farm animals, s'mores, fresh-cut Christmas trees, hay rides, light displays, photos with Santa, arcade play, snack bar food and more. The Village will be open Friday, Nov. 24 through Saturday, Dec. 23. Hours of operation are Fridays, 4 to 7 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 12 to 7 p.m. Hours Monday, Dec. 18 through Thursday, Dec. 21 will be 4 to 7 p.m. Admission is free, food and other items for purchase. bluefoxdrivein.com

A Christmas Carol: Be sure to include in your holiday plans the Charles Dickens' classic story of Ebenezer Scrooge, whose reply to Christmas tidings is "Bah! Humbug!," until he meets three ghosts Christmas Eve. This all-ages show, with a variety of local actors, runs Dec. 8 through 17 at Whidbey Playhouse. whidbeyplayhouse.com

The Colors of Christmas: The Whidbey Community Chorus presents two concerts of favorite Christmas music - Friday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m., at Oak Harbor's First Reformed Church (250 SW 3rd Ave). Free admission, donations are welcome. whidbeycommunitychorus.org

Santa Photos at The Museum: Bring the kids for a free photo with Santa to the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum (270 SE Pioneer Way), Saturday, Dec. 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. The event is open to the public and all are welcome. pnwnam.org

COUPEVILLE

Christmas Parade: Saturday, Dec. 2 at 4 p.m., festive community floats decorated in lights and the anticipated welcoming of Santa to town starts at 1st and North Main Streets and continues down North Main to Front Street, onto NW Alexander Street and across Coveland Street to the library. Caroling, tree lighting at Cook's Corner Park (Main and 9th Streets) and the viewing of the lighted boat parade at the wharf will follow. coupevillechamber.com

Light Up Your Holiday at Admiralty Head Light-house, inside Fort Casey State Park, Saturday, Dec. 9 from 4 to 7 p.m. Bring your family and friends to roast marshmallows, listen to holiday music and get your picture taken with Santa. There will be children's activities and a scavenger hunt. This is a free event but a Washington State Parks Discover Pass is required to access the park. parks.wa.gov

A Very Merry Whidbey Christmas: The Saratoga Orchestra presents this musical event featuring music from "Peter and the Wolf," with special guests Troy Chapman and The Hot Club of Troy, The Shifty Sailors, and you, with the "Sing-a-Long Messiah." Enjoy this musical toast to the holidays at Coupeville High School Commons Saturday, Dec. 16, at 2 p.m. For tickets and info, visit sowhidbey.com.

FREELAND

Santa and Lights: The Greater Freeland Chamber of Commerce invites you to its Holiday Tree Lighting at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26. Caroling, Santa Claus, music, and holiday treats await you at the corner of Harbor

and Main streets. Non-perishable food donations are also welcome. freelandchamber.org

LANGLEY

The Lighting of Langley: Saturday, Nov. 25 at 4 p.m., Langley kicks off the holidays with the traditional lighting of Langley at Langley Park (2nd and Anthes). Santa Claus will be there, and there will be caroling, candy canes and cocoa. visitlangley.com

Holly Jolly Parade: Langley's annual Holly Jolly Parade is Saturday, Dec. 2 at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join the procession. Fill out the application at Visit-Langley.com/parade, and then bring your instrument, pet, antique car or float!

Holiday at Hogwart's: Experience the magic of Harry Potter Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Whidbey Island Fairgrounds, from noon to 4 p.m. Come dressed as your favorite Harry Potter character, or let your imagination run wild and create your own costume for this free, family-friendly event. All costumes and cosplay are encouraged. Whidbey Ren Faire will be hosting wand-making activities for children, and Whidbey Island Music Portal is bringing Krampus! Hot chocolate and sweets will be available for purchase from local vendors. The Fair's Country Christmas sale is also taking place on the grounds, offering a variety of gifts for those on your list. portofsouthwhidbey.com/facilities/whidbey-island-fairgrounds-event-center

Santa Visits the Fire Station: South Whidbey Fire EMS invites you to stop by, visit Santa and say hello to your local firefighters and EMS personnel at its Bayview Station (5579 Bayview Road, Langley) on one of the following dates: Thursday, Dec. 7 or Friday, Dec. 8 from 5:30 to 8 p.m., or Saturday, Dec. 9, 4:30 to 8 p.m. They will also be collecting toys for Toys for Tots. swfe.org

A FREE Winter Wonderland Experience - with Real Snow: The Children's Museum of Skagit County is creating an unforgettable, free experience for families at Burlington Plaza, Dec. 1-3. There will be indoor and outdoor activities for all ages. Real snow from Mt. Baker will be trucked in each day for kids to play in. Enjoy "meet and greets" with "Spider Guy," real reindeer, enchanting princesses, Santa photo-ops, active winter play, arts and crafts, face painting and more. This year, there is a vendor fair, offering unique gifts for those on your holiday list. skagitchildrensmuseum.net

The Nutcracker, on Whidbey: The Ballet Slipper Conservatory of Oak Harbor continues its holiday gift to the community with a production of *The Nutcracker* Saturday, Dec. 9, at 2 and 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. at the Oak Harbor High School Auditorium. TBSCOH.org

In Langley, Whidbey Island Dance Theater's production of the holiday ballet runs Dec. 8 through 17. Don't miss this magical holiday tradition, which in addition to the dancers, also includes a host of community members. widtonline.org

Winter Spiral of Light: Come experience the spiral of light, a symbol of the turning of the year from the longest night and shortest day back into the growing light. See it on your own or with family and friends at the Whidbey Island Waldorf School (6335 Old Pietila Road, Clinton), Thursday, Dec. 14, anytime between 4 and 5:30 p.m. Bring your lantern or candles. All, including children, are welcome. wiws.org

Plunge into 2024: Join a fun-loving crowd of nearly 200 jumpers for a bone-chilling dive into 2024, New Year's Day, at Double Bluff Beach. Your \$10 fee includes hot drinks, cookies, music and a bonfire after the splash. Proceeds benefit local youth programs. Day-of registration/check-in opens at 10:30 a.m., the plunge is at noon. See videos of previous events and get updates at Facebook.com/WhidbeyPolarBearDive. Order your 2024 Polar Bear Dive clothing and complete the online pre-registration: swparks.org/event/polar-bear-dive.

Run Whidbey's Marathon: The Whidbey Island Marathon, Sunday, April 24, features a marathon, half-marathon run/walk, 10K Run/Walk, 5K Run/Walk course, and a 1K Kids Run. Virtual runs are also available. Register by Dec. 31 to receive your early registration discount. RunWhidbey.com

Find Santa Photo-Ops, Festive Events, Winter Break Activities and more: WhidbeyIsland.MacaroniKid.com and "Whidbey Island Events and More" on Facebook.

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Happy Thanksgiving

We hope your home is filled with family and friends sharing joy and laughter this Thanksgiving holiday.



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provided by the library. During this hour, caregivers and children will engage in in-person play, socialize with others, and reconnect with the library. Drop in anytime during this event.

Friends of the Library Book Sale
Saturday, December 2, 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.

Snowing Ice Cream with Harmonica Pocket
Monday, December 4, 10:00-11:00AM
Freeland Library

Put on a cozy hat and celebrate the magic of winter with books, ukuleles and silly-sweet seasonal songs about snowmen, warm woolen mittens, and ice cream falling from the sky.

Religious Services

Thanksgiving Day Service
Thursday, November 23, 10:00AM
Christian Science Church, Oak Harbor

Singing, prayer, Bible lesson and testimonies of gratitude. The church is located at 721 SW 20th Court at Scenic Heights St.

Meetings & Organizations

Embrace Whidbey and Camano Islands Full Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 7, 11:00AM-1:00PM
Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce

The agenda will be emailed to committee members a week prior to the meeting and available at Whidbey and Camano Islands Tourism Committee (whidbeycamanois-

lands.com). Lunch is provided by the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce. In order to ensure an accurate head count, please RSVP to director@oakharborchamber.com or info@whidbeycamanoislandstourism.com by Dec. 4. The chamber is located at 32630 State Route 20.

Virtual Option: Join Zoom meeting <https://zoom.us/j/91748954066>
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Traveling the Dementia Journey Together

Thursday, December 7, 2:00-3:00PM
Regency on Whidbey, Oak Harbor

Do you have questions about dementia, how it progresses, what changes you can expect, what to do when your loved one won't listen, how to communicate with your loved one and maybe some insight into what they might be experiencing?

Come to share and support others as you travel on this dementia journey together. For more information, please call 360-279-2224. Regency is located at 1040 SW Kimball Dr.

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

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

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

Are you troubled by someone's drinking? Al-Anon group can help. Call Randy at 360-914-8084 for meeting information.

Alcoholics Anonymous
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For a list of local meetings visit www.district46aawa.org or call 888-360-1564 for more information.

Gamblers Anonymous
Every Tuesday, 6:30PM
The Senior Center, Mount Vernon

All are welcome. The Senior Center is located at 1401 Cleveland Ave. For further information, please call Washington State Gamblers Anonymous at 1-800-222-5542.

NAR-ANON
Every Wednesday, 6:00-7:00PM
Langley United Methodist Church

NAR-ANON family groups are worldwide for those affected by someone else's addiction. The church is located at 301 Anthes Ave.

TOPS® (Take Off Pounds Sensibly®)
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Family Bible Church, Oak Harbor

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Holidays by the Sea
Join us and celebrate the Season in Langley

The Lighting of Langley
November 25, 4 p.m.

Langley Park, 2nd and Anthes

On the Saturday after Thanksgiving, the traditional lighting of Langley will be in the Langley Park starting at 4 pm. Santa will be there, we'll sing carols and have candy canes and cocoa. And, as years past, we'll light the tree with our friends and neighbors.

Holly Jolly Parade
December 2, 11 a.m.

Downtown Langley

Langley loves a parade and we'll all be there to take part in the Annual Holly Jolly Parade on December 2 at 11 a.m. The parade will take place on 1st and 2nd Streets in Langley. All are welcome to participate. It's not too late to sign up! Visit Langley.com/Parade.

Local Gift Guide and \$500 Shopping Spree

Stop by your local visitor's center and pick up our 28 page gift guide...gift suggestions, holiday happenings and more. Enter to win a \$500 shopping spree. QR Code is in the guide or go to VisitLangley.com/Gift-Guide to enter.

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BLACK FRIDAY TROUT

The term "Black Friday" has become part of our modern vocabulary and common place when it comes to pre-Christmas shopping sales at retail stores throughout the country. Long lines, people scrambling like race horses when store doors swing open and frozen computers due to maximum bandwidth usage; these are just a few of the situations associated with Black Friday.

Here is an alternative to the Black Friday madness: TROUT FISHING. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has provided a way to help thin out the Black Friday chaos by giving people other options at the tail-end of November and through Christmas, by placing fresh numbers of rainbow trout in many of the year round Region-4 lakes. The Black Friday trout are coming from water that averages 43 degrees and put into lakes that have had time to cool down after the summer months; this makes for some great, firm-eating early winter fish.

Hatchery (stocked) fish find themselves getting a bad rap from the misinformed people who consider them inferior. Those people need to know that "hatchery fish all descended from native stock, period." And the augmentation of trout, salmon, and steelhead from well managed hatcheries should be celebrated, not looked down upon. When the roughly 10- to 12-inch trout are placed in the lakes, they will stay in small groups and in close proximity of each other for a few weeks, traveling and exploring the lake, feeding on the natural baits and insects. However, the fish will still aggressively strike and hold onto a bait that closely matches the scent of the food they were fed while growing in the hatcheries. That does not mean that the trout's natural aggressiveness will not kick in and strike at artificial lures; these fish will take spinners, small casting spoons, wobblers, and small crankbaits. Rainbow trout can be caught from a boat or bank with equal success.

Here is a quick look at what catches trout for me in the small, surrounding lakes:

Cast these baits out on a basic snelled hook and 3/8-ounce weight to hold it to the bottom, and then practice your fishing patience.

- **Power Bait** - This dough-style bait comes in a rainbow of colors; fluorescent pink and chartreuse are my two favorite colors, but there are times when yellow dough or brown nugget pieces can out fish them.

- **Power Eggs** - These are a cousin to the dough bait. They're just as effective and are not as gooey. Pink and chartreuse are the lead colors here as well.

- **Worms/Nightcrawlers** - These guys speak for themselves. Millions of trout have been caught on this natural bait, and a lot of tradition is associated with worms. Digging in the dirt with your young anglers the night before in the garden is something they will never forget.

- **Whole Kernel Corn** - Yellow or white works fine; drain the corn the night before and put it in the refrigerator. This will toughen the corn and make it harder for the trout to steal your bait. I use some of the Kokanee salmon corn recipes to enhance flavor; it can help to catch trout as well when they have seen everything else. Slowly troll these artificial lures from a boat or retrieve them from shore just under the surface. Add a couple small split shot weights to your line if they keep crawling out of the water.

- **Flatfish** - F-3 and F-4 are my go-to sizes; they wobble through the water and trout can't resist them. Yellow or perch are my two favorite colors, followed by chartreuse or fire orange.

- **Mepps Spinner** - I still have some of these spinners my dad gave me. They are brilliantly simple, light weight, and flashy. Red and silver are the primary colors Mepps are built around.

- **Dick Nite spoons** - Size#1 is my favorite, 50/50 chrome and brass. White, chartreuse, and pink also catch fish.

- **Rooster tail spinner** - This spinner has been a trout catcher for as long as I can remember; yellows, blacks, and greens are the ticket.

The majority of the stocked fish will be good biters until caught by anglers. There will, however, be some trout that will not be taken right away and will grow to be 18- to 20-inch fish, and I refer to these fish as "holdovers." Holdovers are common in seasonal lakes that normally close around Labor Day and reopen in April, but stubborn biters will continue to grow in the year round lakes and they can be caught, with some persistence. The number of trout stocked in each lake varies. Over the years, 500 to 2,000 fish seems to be the norm, and they average close to one pound per fish.

Trout fishing is simple, easy, and relaxing so when the potential stress of Black Friday shopping is eating at you, take time to catch and eat some Black Friday trout! HAPPY THANKSGIVING everyone and continue to fish on!



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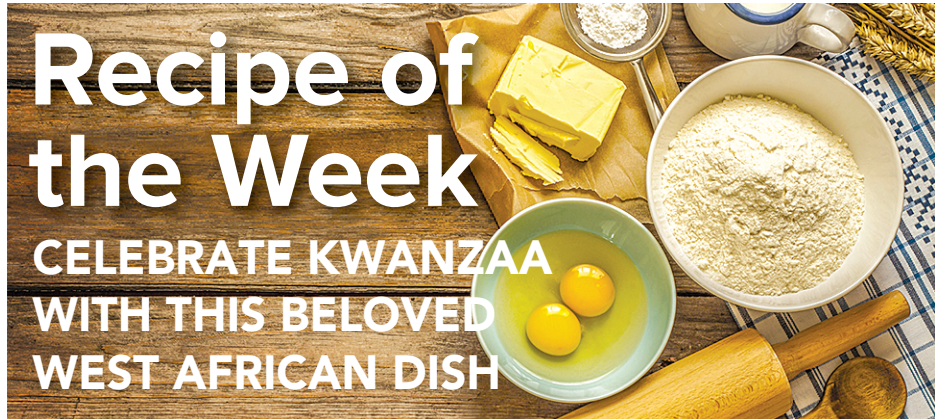
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Recipe of the Week
CELEBRATE KWANZAA WITH THIS BELOVED WEST AFRICAN DISH

Kwanzaa is an annual celebration of African American culture that begins Dec. 26 and includes the feast of Karamu, which typically is celebrated Dec. 31.

Kwanzaa celebrants typically look to incorporate African foods into their celebrations. According to the Food Network, akara has been a popular street snack in West Africa for quite some time. That popularity has extended beyond Africa's borders, and the fritters are now available in many locations, including the American South, where Atlantic Creole foods are enjoyed. This Kwanzaa, families can cook up this recipe for "Crispy Akara with Savory Smoky Sesame Sauce" courtesy of the Food Network.

- CRISPY AKARA WITH SAVORY SMOKY SESAME SAUCE** (Yields 4 to 6 servings)
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| 1 lb. dried black-eyed peas, picked through and any pebbles removed | 1 tsp. kosher salt |
| 1 1/4 cups minced shallot | Freshly ground black pepper |
| 1 cup diced "stoplight" bell peppers (red, yellow and green bell peppers) | 1 1/2 cups rice flour |
| 1/2 cup finely snipped green onion, dark green parts only | High-heat threshold oil, such as refined coconut oil or non-hydrogenated organic shortening, for frying |
| 2 Tbsp. minced garlic | Savory Smoky Sesame Sauce, below |

- Savory Smoky Sesame Sauce**
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| 1/2 cup organic tahini sauce (made from roasted sesame; see Cook's Note) | 1 tsp. granulated garlic or garlic powder |
| 1 Tbsp. smoked paprika | 1/2 tsp. kosher salt |
| 1 1/2 tsp. blue agave | Zest and juice of 1/2 lemon |
| 1 tsp. minced onion flakes, prefer organic | 2 Tbsp. unseasoned rice vinegar |

Remove and discard the pea skins in one of two ways: either rub the damp black-eyed peas (about 1/4 cup at a time) between the palms of your hands (the ancient African way); or pulse the beans in a food processor with some of the soaking water for a few minutes, then rinse and strain in batches, picking out and removing/discarding the pea skins in each session.



Transfer the peeled peas to a food processor and process, adding about 1/2 cup fresh water, into a thick paste. Mix in the shallot, bell peppers, green onion, garlic, salt and pepper to taste by pulsing until a smooth paste forms. Transfer the paste to a bowl, add the rice flour and stir until a thick batter forms.

Melt a few inches of coconut oil or shortening in a medium to large cast-iron skillet (within at least an inch from the top rim of the skillet so the oil doesn't spill once hot). Heat over medium-high heat to 375 degrees F.

In batches, gently and carefully place individual scoops (at least 1 tablespoon) of the mixture into the oil using a cooking spoon with a long handle. Deep-fry until golden brown, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Drain on paper towels before relocating to a serving tray. Bring the oil back to temperature between each batch. Serve with the Savory Smoky Sesame Sauce.

To make the Savory Smoky Sesame Sauce:
Pour or spoon the tahini into a measuring cup with at least a 2-cup capacity and a spout (large enough to stir or whisk in the ingredients and later pour from). Add the paprika, agave, onion flakes, granulated garlic, salt and lemon zest and juice and whisk or stir vigorously to combine.

Add the rice vinegar and stir; you'll notice the mixture converts to a paste-like consistency, but don't panic — this is a normal reaction of sorts. Stir in 1/4 cup warm water until the mixture converts back to a creamy consistency.

Stir and pour from the measuring cup into a festive dipping bowl; or perhaps pour into individual tiny condiment dishes used for dips and sauces.

COOK'S NOTE: The peas/beans can soak for up to 24 hours (at room temperature on the counter part of the time, then covered in the refrigerator or a cool room for overnight). The longer the soak, the easier it will be to remove the external bean skins. However, if a few of the black specks or bits of "black eye" from the pea skins stay in, that's fine. Tahini consistencies vary greatly by brand — this one is based on using a creamy, liquidy style or version that doesn't easily separate (sesame oil from paste). Don't panic when the creamy texture of the tahini turns into a dense, almost flaky paste after the vinegar is added; that's what the warm water is for — to loosen it back up!

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

- ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**
You may have difficulty reaching people this week. Whether it's difficulty getting attention or tech issues affecting communication, use the situation as an opportunity to relax.
- TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**
A challenging project may lead you to throw yourself into work even more than usual over the course of the week. Remember to take time to exhale.
- GEMINI – May 22/June 21**
Visit someone in person if you are looking to catch up or have a meaningful conversation. Skip impersonal text messages or social media posts and meet face-to-face.
- CANCER – June 22/July 22**
Unfortunate financial news may come your way. Take the developments in stride and resolve to overcome them. Seek advice on how to do so, if necessary.
- LEO – July 23/Aug 23**
There is a strong desire for romance surrounding you. Whether you want to spice up a current relationship or are seeking a new one, this is the week to put out feelers.
- VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**
Enjoy a unique chance to spend quality time with someone you love. Enjoy the experience in the moment and resolve to spend more time together.
- LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**
An unexpected meeting with a friend and subsequent conversation could leave you feeling a little shaken. You will learn things to give you a new perspective.
- SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**
You could experience a desire to make sudden changes to your home life, work situation or even a relationship. Stagnation has set in, but now is not the time for big moves.
- SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**
If a message arrives from someone who lives far away, you may be prompted to hop in the car or on a plane and visit that person. An impromptu trip could be fun.
- CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**
Look into all of the facts surrounding an offer to increase your income. It could be too good to be true, or it might be a legitimate deal. You need to sort things out.
- AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**
This week you may encounter someone who is very interested in you. The resulting attention can be quite flattering. You'll need to decide if it should go further.
- PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**
Situations arising this week could have you feeling stressed. Find ways you can separate yourself from certain situations that rile you up, even if it means a five-minute break.

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Shopping small supports strong communities

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Thanksgiving is upon us, which means the holiday shopping season is "officially" here. Although there are those who hold with tradition and don't start shopping for their holiday gifts until Black Friday rolls around, there's more competition than ever for those holiday dollars. Gone are the days, it seems, when holiday shopping didn't start until after Thanksgiving, as big box retailers start racing to win those dollars earlier and earlier every year.

But when it comes down to it, big business has a very small role to play. According to the Small Business Administration, 99 percent of businesses in America are small. That means shopping small and keeping those holiday dollars local could lead to big rewards for communities up and down Whidbey Island.

It's a message local chambers of commerce and Main Street organizations want people to hear.

For the first time, the Coupeville and Langley Chambers of Commerce have joined forces for a print and television campaign to highlight the variety and quality of gifts that can be found by shopping locally.



Photo Courtesy of Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association
Shopping reward programs like the Red Ticket Giveaway in Coupeville or the Green Ticket Giveaway in Oak Harbor are a popular way to give back to those who choose to spend their dollars close to home, and the giveaways draw a crowd no matter the weather.

"Coupeville and Langley share a lot of commonalities," said Inge Morascini, executive director of the Langley Chamber of Commerce. "Both are small shopping districts. Both attract a lot of tourists, so we did this guide and a joint television campaign called 'Stay and Shop,' about bringing visitors to the island in the off-season and during the holiday period to enjoy what we islanders enjoy."

The guide, which features walking maps of each community along with unique gift items that can be found at local stores, will be distributed locally by mail as well as at all Whidbey Island visitor centers and at local events.

"The guide itself is geared toward local shoppers," Morascini said. "But we're hoping people who have been here are attracted to come back and shop as well, using the guide as a navigational tool to help them find all these great stores."

While shopping small is great for local economies, the gesture can have an even greater impact on the people behind the small businesses.

"When our community chooses to shop locally, they are not only investing in the economic development of our community, but they are investing in someone's dream," said Magi Aguilar, executive director of the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce. "This year, it is very important to shop locally because small businesses have had inflation challenges and staff shortages. Small Business Saturday promotes a strong community and it's a perfect time to show our hardworking small businesses that we support and appreciate them."

"Small businesses in our historic downtown are the heart of the community," said Margaret Livermore, executive director of Oak Harbor Main Street Association. "Business owners each bring their own flair to their shop, their own personality, and become friends with their customers, who in return help support their business and other local businesses as well."

Added incentives to shop locally include the Red Ticket Giveaway in Coupeville and the Green Ticket Giveaway in Oak Harbor, both sponsored by the towns' respective Main Street Associations. The campaigns illustrate how shopping local can bring rewards.

"Our Green Ticket Cash Giveaway gives customers who support participating businesses a chance to win cash prizes," Livermore explained. "For every \$20 spent, a customer receives a green ticket to enter the drawing. This year the cash prizes are \$1,500, \$500, \$250 or \$100. Small Business Weekend is a double green ticket weekend. Customers can double their chance to win one of our cash drawings by receiving two green tickets instead of one for every \$20 spent."

The pandemic obviously impacted small businesses in a big way, causing many to close or causing staffing shortages that have made being in business more difficult. Despite all that, business in Oak Harbor has been booming of late, adding more incentive to shoppers to explore what's new.

"The chamber conducted over 10 ribbon cuttings in our community in November," Aguilar said. "This is a sign of a healthy business climate and a supportive community. The chamber's role for creating a prospering business climate is to advocate and provide strategic business resources to foster continued growth. We foster this growth by hosting informational monthly luncheons, providing networking opportunities, marketing strategy opportunities, one on one business analysis, and we produce community events where businesses may showcase their service or products to our community."

Aguilar said she is pleased with the direction in which the chamber is headed and is looking forward to an even bigger and better 2024.

"My vision for the Chamber is to create an inclusive atmosphere where we welcome all business types through an equitable lens," she said. "The team and I have had many in-house



Photo Courtesy of Langley Chamber of Commerce
The Langley and Coupeville Chambers of Commerce have joined forces to encourage people to shop locally this holiday season. The chambers have created a holiday gift guide as well as a television advertising campaign that encourages local residents and visitors alike to explore the shopping options available on Whidbey Island.

conversations about planning events that actively engage diverse ownerships and include a diverse Oak Harbor. We are also seeing businesses grow by moving into larger spaces, building add-ons to their storefronts, and starting/creating new business opportunities. My continued goal is to build opportunities that embrace and connect our community all year round with new events, programs and through developing their chamber membership."

Aguilar encourages people to keep their dollars local by shopping small.

"I could talk about how local sales tax money supports our schools, parks, roads, our public service workers, etc., but I want to focus on the uniqueness of small businesses in Oak Harbor," she said. "Our small businesses thrive on providing unique, hand-picked items that tell a story and have that special Pacific Northwest charm."

"Supporting small businesses this holiday season (and all year round) means a more personalized connection with local artisans rather than ordering mass-produced gifts online or through larger corporate stores," Aguilar continued. "It's a win-win situation! Small Business Saturday is where we can all find one-of-a-kind gifts while actively helping our community grow stronger."

Learn more about shopping local at oakharborchamber.com, coupevillechamber.com, visitlangley.com, oakharbormainstreet.org and coupevillehistoricwaterfront.com.

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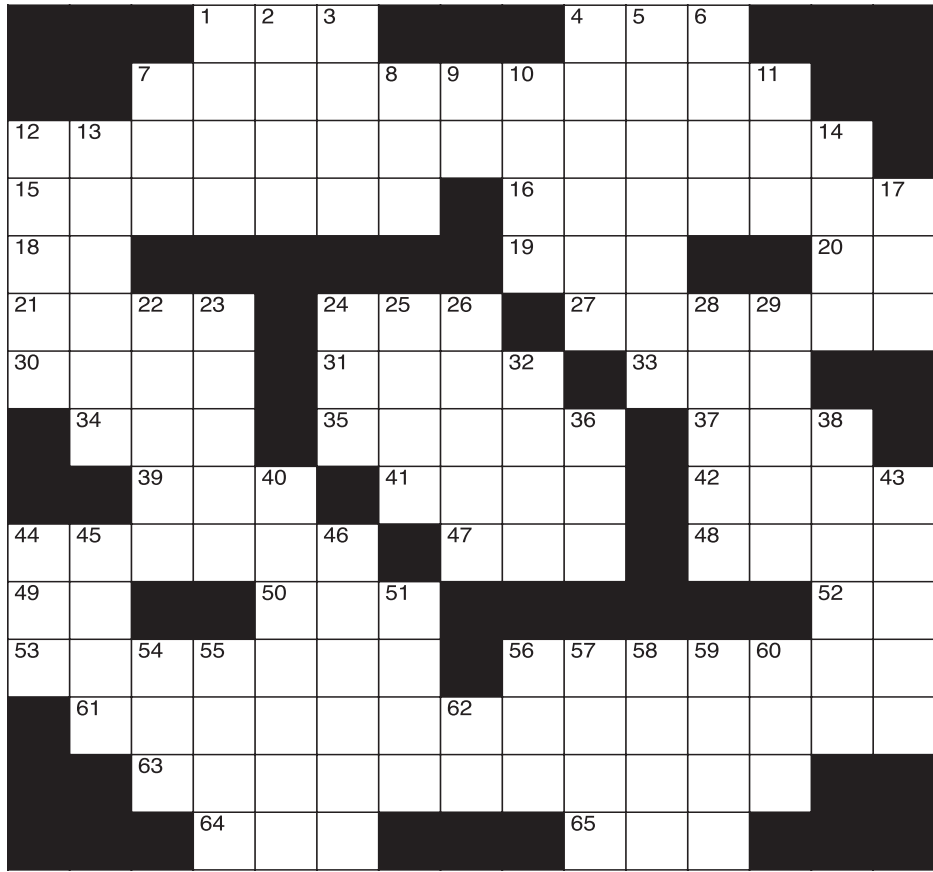
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A way to drop
- 4. Bits per inch
- 7. Ghosts
- 12. Presents
- 15. Noises
- 16. Honorable fourth name in ancient Rome
- 18. Elevated railroad
- 19. A way to drench
- 20. The Tarheel State
- 21. Lilly and Manning are two
- 24. Where golfers begin
- 27. Harvester
- 30. Unit of subjective loudness
- 31. Jewish calendar month
- 33. Dash
- 34. Armed conflict
- 35. Daisy __: Broadway actress
- 37. Jump
- 39. Get free of
- 41. A written proposal or reminder
- 42. Organic chemistry reactive structure
- 44. African country
- 47. Cool!
- 48. Used to treat Parkinson's disease

49. __ route

- 50. Ed Murrow's home
- 52. Lethal dose
- 53. Give cards incorrectly
- 56. A treeless grassy plain
- 61. Famed R.L. Stevenson novel
- 63. In an incisive way
- 64. Mark Wahlberg's screen partner
- 65. Criticize

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mountain in the Julian Alps
- 2. A domed or vaulted recess
- 3. Trade agreement
- 4. Larger
- 5. Edged
- 6. Data
- 7. Something curved in shape
- 8. Root mean square (abbr.)
- 9. Farm state
- 10. Pre-1917 emperor of Russia
- 11. Short-term memory
- 12. Indigenous peoples of central Canada
- 13. Honor as holy
- 14. Monetary unit of Samoa

- 17. Company that rings receipts

- 22. City in Finland
- 23. Small finch
- 24. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- 25. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- 26. Very willing
- 28. Partner to "ooed"
- 29. Turntable
- 32. Major Hindu deity
- 36. Move head slightly
- 38. Plain-woven fabric
- 40. Die
- 43. Shipped as cargo
- 44. Something highly prized
- 45. Individual thing or person
- 46. Humbled
- 51. Speak indistinctly
- 54. No seats available
- 55. Financial obligation
- 56. Green vegetable
- 57. Tough outer skin of fruit
- 58. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 59. Troubles
- 60. Singer Charles
- 62. Camper

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

<p>Thurs, Nov. 23</p> <p>North Isle H-51°/L-40° Rain</p> <p>South Isle H-48°/L-39° Rain</p>	<p>Fri, Nov. 24</p> <p>North Isle H-49°/L-37° AM Clouds PM Sunbreaks</p> <p>South Isle H-47°/L-38° AM Clouds PM Sunbreaks</p>	<p>Sat, Nov. 25</p> <p>North Isle H-48°/L-36° Rain</p> <p>South Isle H-48°/L-34° AM Sunbreaks PM Showers</p>	<p>Sun, Nov. 26</p> <p>North Isle H-50°/L-37° Rain</p> <p>South Isle H-46°/L-38° Rain</p>	<p>Mon, Nov. 27</p> <p>North Isle H-49°/L-43° Cloudy PM Showers</p> <p>South Isle H-48°/L-42° Rain</p>	<p>Tues, Nov. 28</p> <p>North Isle H-50°/L-44° AM Rain</p> <p>South Isle H-49°/L-42° AM Rain</p>	<p>Wed, Nov. 29</p> <p>North Isle H-52°/L-39° Mostly Cloudy</p> <p>South Isle H-49°/L-41° Partly Sunny</p>
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OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What are you most grateful for this Thanksgiving?



Rhylee R., 4th grade, Oak Harbor

I am grateful for my family because they love me a lot and they celebrate my birthday and we have family dinner every holiday. Another reason I am grateful is school, because school is to learn to do math, reading and writing. Another reason I am grateful is my friend, because on the first day of school I had no friends and after a couple days, I asked someone to be my friend and play with me. Another reason I am grateful is a home, because my mom and dad put a roof over my head and I live in that home. I am grateful to have a roof over my head. Those are all the things I am grateful for this Thanksgiving.

Nora H., 4th Grade, Oak Harbor

I am most grateful for my family. Most of them live far away but we always try to chat with them on video, which is special to me. Some people don't even have family so the fact that I can spend time with them even if it isn't "in person" makes me feel so blessed. It's also my big brother's birthday every year around Thanksgiving. He lives far away too, but we always find a way to make it memorable, whether we see him or not! Family is one of the most important things to me in life!



Brennen W., 4th grade, Oak Harbor

I'm grateful for Great Grandma Alma's and Swedish pancakes.

(Note from mom: We are going to north Idaho to visit family this year for Thanksgiving.)

Finley J., 4th grade, Oak Harbor

I am grateful for many things, but most of all I am grateful for my family and nature. I am grateful to my family because they are kind and always care for me and support me. I am grateful for nature because its beautiful sights and sounds always make me feel happy and calm.



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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. More info at our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/

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