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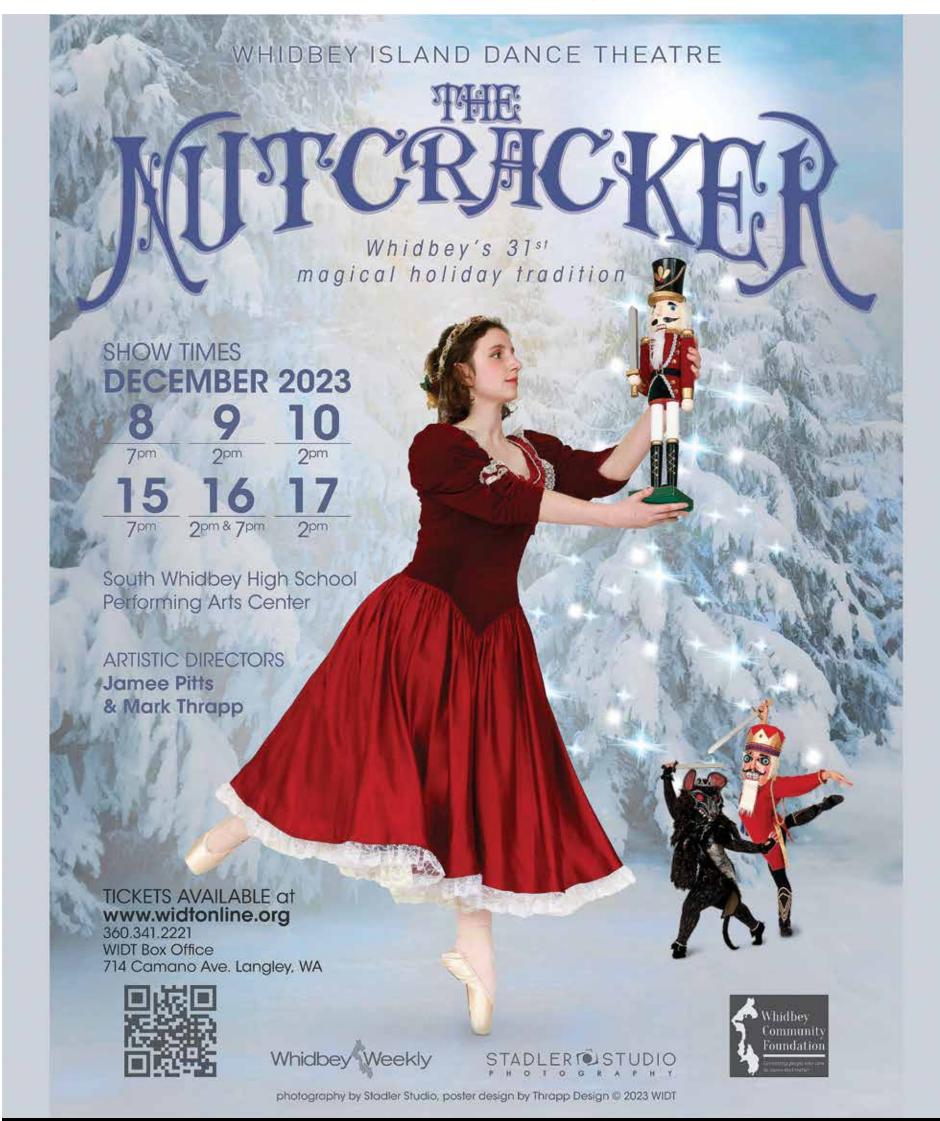
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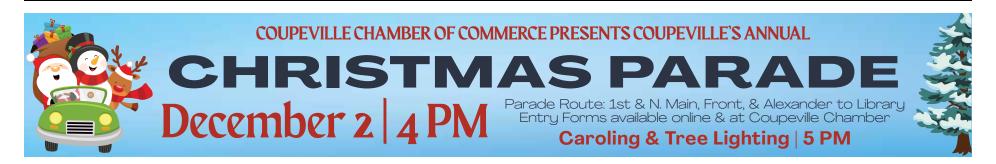
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Michael Stadler Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Dance Theatre
While the first act of "The Nutcracker" by Whidbey Island Dance
Theatre is traditional, the second act of the ballet has been
customized for Whidbey Island audiences. Always popular is the
battle between the Nutcracker, danced this year by Melyssa Smith,

and the Rat King, danced by Tay Pitts.

Whidbey Island Dance Theatre keeps "The Nutcracker" fresh

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

For many Whidbey Islanders, the holiday season isn't truly official until it's time for Whidbey Island Dance Theatre's annual "Nutcracker" ballet.

Everyone is in luck, because performances of the 31st annual WIDT production of the "The Nutcracker" will take place Friday through Sunday, Dec. 8-10 and 15-17 at the South Whidbey High School Auditorium. Showtimes are at 7 p.m. Dec. 8, 15 and 16 and at 2 p.m. Dec. 9. 10, 16 and 17. Tickets are \$28 for adults, \$24 for seniors/military and \$18 for youth ages 2-17. Tickets may be purchased online at widtonline.org.

Originally produced by WIDT founder Charlene Brown in 1993, this year's performances fall under the watchful eyes of WIDT co-artistic directors, Jamee Pitts and Mark Thrapp. The two are new to their positions this year, and bring with them a fresh perspective for an already unique version of "The Nutcracker."

Michael Stadler Photo

Courtesy of Whidbey Island

South Whidbey High School.

Tabitha Metts dances the role of

the Forest Queen in Whidbey Island

Dance Theatre's 31st annual presentation

of "The Nutcracker." Performances begin

Friday, Dec. 8 and run through Dec. 17 at

"What's so special about WIDT's 'Nutcracker,' in my opinion, is year after year we create new moments and/or props, to keep our audiences on their toes as to what will be special about this year's show," Pitts shared in an email to Whidbey Weekly. "Both Mark and I have enjoyed, while honoring the traditions, finding ways to create something new. We've added a new perspective to

We've added a new perspective through some new elements with more dynamic choreography, new special effects and some interesting new storytelling."

The popularity of "The Nutcracker" is something for which Brown always hoped.

"When Jan Burrow and I choreographed the abbreviated "Nutcracker" produced by Island Dance, we had hopes and dreams that it would grow to a full-scale production and become a beloved community, must-go-to show," she wrote in an email to Whidbey Weekly.

Brown, who began the nonprofit Whidbey Island Dance Theatre as a pre-professional dance program after gaining success with her Island Dance business, said she has always kept the first act of "The Nutcracker" fairly traditional, but enjoys the creativity of the second act of the ballet.

"We live in such a beautiful area on South Whidbey and we based the look and feel of our second act to take place in the magical forests," she described. "Herr Drosselmeyer makes all his magic happen with the Forest Queen and King, Clara and the Nutcracker, magical creatures, animals, fairies and children of the forest. We are introducing the new Dragon Flyers to our second act and then we have the Swallow Tails. This year's Act Two will be one to remember and not to miss!"

"Between the brilliant music of Tchaikovsky, the holiday theme in the living room and the pure magic of every scene, The Nutcracker' has become a must see this time of year," agreed Pitts. "WIDT's version of The Nutcracker' having most of its second act customized to have a northwest feel, audience members really feel at home when they come to watch our productions." Speaking of feeling "at home," Pitts is long familiar with Whidbey Island Dance Theatre. She is also Brown's daughter and became co-owner of Island Dance at the beginning of the year. She has participated in

many WIDT productions over the years and is pleased with her new

role as co-artistic director.

"Mark [Thrapp] and I both heard of the opening and saw ourselves being perfect for the job and decided to put our names in," Pitts said. "Both of us being so involved at Island Dance, we both saw this as an extension to the work we do there. Work that supports both the for-profit Island Dance and the nonprofit work of WIDT.

"We have immense respect for the organization, what it stands for and the opportunities it offered to training students of Island Dance," she continued. "As for my personal journey, now being in the position I saw my mother in for so many years, it's very humbling and special. It makes me appreciate so much more of all she did and the pathway she laid for previous artistic directors, and now Mark and me."

Pitts said she is pleased with this year's company of dancers as well.

"Our company consists of 18 very talented artists this year, ranging in age from 10 to 18," she said. "Each and every one of them has a great work ethic to their training and growing themselves as artists. Mark and I are greatly enjoying working with each of them and see a brilliant future for them all and the company as a whole."

Pitts and Thrapp cordially invite the community to come and enjoy this seasonal favorite, saying it's their way of sharing their appreciation for 31 years of community support.

"WIDT wouldn't be where it is today without the support of our community and surrounding communities," said Pitts. "One of the much-appreciated ways to support WIDT is to attend our shows, 'The Nutcracker' and/or 'Celebration of Dance' [in the spring]. We not only appreciate the financial support of your attendance but the opportunity to entertain and share our passion for with you. As a performer myself, there is nothing more fulfilling than having a full audience to perform to."

Learn more at widtonline.org.

Michael Stadler Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Dance Theatre

Whidbey Island Dance Theatre's 31st annual "Nutcracker" ballet features Dancer

Yarrow Batiste as the Snow Queen. Tickets are now on sale at widtonline.org.





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#### **TUESDAY, NOV. 14** SE Barrington Dr.

Reporting party wants to make officer complaint about officer who gave marriage advice.

#### 9:19 pm, SW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Reporting party wants law enforcement to go to location; brother is smoking at location and won't stop when reporting party tells him to.

#### FRIDAY, NOV. 17 4:13 pm, SR 20

One just blew off of motorcycle; in middle of intersection; motorcycle accident.

#### 4:29 pm, SR 20

Advising very large orange sign is obstructing south exit of Haggen; says "Bump," and is anchored on the median.

#### 6:15 pm, NW Kitsap Ter.

Advising of slow-moving, large aircraft for the last hour at approximately 20,000 feet. Moving east to west very slowly; no strobes; white lights, non-blinking.

#### **SATURDAY, NOV. 18** 11:24 pm, NE 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Reporting party advising neighbors are having a party; being obnoxious and loud.

#### SUNDAY, NOV. 19 12:32 am, NE 7th Ave.

Reporting party advising of ongoing issue; as soon as law enforcement left, music got louder; recall; noise is getting worse.

#### 9:30 am, SE Pioneer Way

Males throwing a frisbee across traffic; almost hit reporting party's vehicle.

#### 9:50 pm, SW Nienhuis St.

Caller advising juvenile is having a temper tantrum; can officer come as a scare tactic; ICOM advising law enforcement does not do "scare tactics," but can request law enforcement give reporting party a call.

#### MONDAY, NOV. 20 3:36 pm, SR 20

Reporting party advising of female in the parking lot, at the end near "Exit Only sign," dancing and staring at the line; white female, black hoodie, purple shirt, jeans; unknown weapons; with backpack.

#### 6:22 pm, NW 2nd Ave.

Reporting party advising 12 teenagers wandering around the parking lot of

Hillcrest; they were driving vehicles, and it appears a tire fell off of one of them; reporting party requesting a check.

#### **TUESDAY, NOV. 21** 2:04 am, NW Crosby Ave.

Advising juvenile threw a rock at reporting party's vehicle's window.

#### 8:38 am, SW Fairway Point Dr.

Reporting party advising they saw a coyote crossing the street at location.

#### 8:35 pm, SR 20

Reporting party advising there are people screaming in the parking lot and are surrounding her car.

#### **WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22** 3:25 am, SW 6th Ave.

Advising of someone knocking on doors, saying he needs an ambulance.

#### 9 am, SE 8th Ave.

Reporting party's truck was stolen in August; person who stole truck is now harassing reporting party.

#### 9:41 am, SE Pioneer Way

Caller advising 12-year-old at location is getting aggressive with staff.

#### 11:34 am, SE Pioneer Way

Reporting party slapped supervisor.

#### 1:07 pm, SW Overway St.

Advising finishers just got in a fight; one of them has a machete in his truck.

#### 3:38 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

Reporting party advising somebody stole her "greens" as she was decorating.

#### 6:55 pm, E Whidbey Ave.

Occurred 40 minutes ago; male came to location, opened their door and threw some stuff into the house for the kids; father of child.

#### **SATURDAY, NOV. 25** 8:30 pm, N Oak Harbor St.

Advising male subject with a shopping cart with a fire in it is walking on N Oak Harbor

#### 10:27 pm, SE Pioneer Way

Caller advising male fell into bushes and can't get out.

#### Report provided by OHPD & Island County Sheriff's Dept. PHONE: 360-682-2341 FAX: 360-675-2162 SIMO aldu

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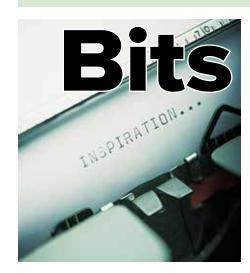


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## Letters to the **Editor**

#### Editor,

You might recall in the Oct. 19 Whidbey Weekly Voter Guide, District 3 Port of Coupeville Commissioner John Callahan said in a statement "Due to personal issues that require my full attention, I cannot devote the time and energy necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of commissioner. Because it is too late in the process to officially have my name withdrawn from the ballot, I want to go on the record as supporting and endorsing my opponent." He also said: "In the event I am elected, I will resign my position as commissioner." Well, now he wants to continue.

During the Nov. 21 Port of Coupeville regular meeting, Commissioner David Day mentioned Commissioner Callahan had won the election. Callahan said: "I think you're right, and so I've rethought that. The voters have spoken so I will get sworn in." Rethought what, Commissioner Callahan?



# NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 6, 2023 LOCALLY OWNED Whidbey Weekly Bits & Pieces

You made a public statement ceding the race to your opponent, and gave "focusing on your health" as the reason. I won't speculate on why you changed your mind, but I would like you to tell us why. It raises a concern for me about taking your word at face value. You voted for the port to buy the airport, you insisted the Port of Coupeville create an ethics policy, and now you've reversed your very public decision to concede. Wonder what's next.

Mike Diamanti Coupeville, Wash.

#### 2024 Miss Oak Harbor Scholarship **Pageant Informational Meeting**

The 8th annual Miss Oak Harbor Scholarship Pageant is scheduled for March 9, 2024. High schoolers who would like information about this life-changing program are encouraged to attend the informational meeting Dec. 4 at 5:30pm at Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce. Meet the board of directors and current royalty, and have all your questions about the pageant

Applications are available online at MissOakHarbor.com and are being accepted until Jan. 9. The pageant is limited to the first 20 candidates who register.

Since 2015, Miss Oak Harbor (dba Whidbey Royalty) has delivered over \$128,000 in scholarships and awards. Miss Oak Harbor is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization 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. The unique six-week high school program focuses on personal and professional growth through the development of leadership, communication and marketability. Whidbey Royalty also produces the Mr. Oak Harbor Scholarship Competition and the Miss Pioneer Way Pageant. Additional information can be found at MissOakHarbor.com.

[Submitted by River Powers, Board President, Miss Oak Harbor]

#### Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra **Presents A Very Merry Whidbey Christmas**

Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra and music director Anna Edwards invites you to celebrate the season with holiday favorites and more Saturday Dec. 16, 2:00PM at Coupeville High School Commons.

The program features a telling of the timeless classic, Peter and the Wolf by Serge Prokofiev with Karl Olsen serving as narrator, as well as three "sing-along" choruses

from Handel's Messiah. Those wishing to be part of an ad-hoc choir may arrive at 1:00PM for a brush up rehearsal.

Special quests include local favorites, The Shifty Sailors, as well the sensational Troy Chapman and his Hot Club of Troy Django Jazz Trio with Eric Vanderbilt-Mathews and Keegan Harshman swinging the festive tunes of the holidays.

General admission concert tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors/military and free admission for students 17 and under. Pre-concert ticket sales with cash or check are available at Click Music in Oak Harbor, bayleaf in Coupeville and Moonraker Books in Langley. Cash/checks/credit cards accepted at the event.

More information and online tickets at www.sowhidbey.com or 360-929-3045.

[Submitted by Larry Heidel, Saratoga Orchestra]

#### **Skagit Valley College Joins Education First to Boost Postsecondary Enrollment**

Skagit Valley College is partnering with Education First as a part of its 'Limitless' Postsecondary Enrollment Learning Network, for the next four academic years through 2026-27.

The \$25,000 grant, secured by the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation, will drive collaborative efforts between SVC and the Oak Harbor School District. The primary goal is to develop and implement strategies to increase higher education enrollment. Key responsibilities will involve close coordination with the Sno-Isle Libraries for effective planning and implementation.

SVC representatives will actively participate in meetings at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation as members of the Limitless Network. This collaboration aims to enhance SVC's existing initiatives while also opening avenues for additional grant opportunities.

"We are excited to be in partnership with the Sno-Isle Library and Oak Harbor School District to improve post-secondary enrollment," said Yadira Rosales, associate vice president for Equity and Inclusion at SVC. "This partnership provides the opportunity to develop innovative strategies by focusing on the strengths of community voice and that of the partnership with the school district and library to increase student enrollment in higher education.'

#### **Grant Overview**

Education First, generously supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, is establishing "Limitless," a Postsecondary Enrollment Learning Network. Comprising up to 25 partnerships across Washington state, this initiative focuses on strengthening the pathway from high school to postsecondary education. The core principle of equity guides the Learning Network, with a special emphasis on serving students facing significant barriers, including those from Black, Latinx, and Indigenous communities, as well as students from low-income backgrounds and rural areas.

Each partnership within the Learning Network, including SVC, is mandated to include at least one K-12 district and one institute of higher education based in Washington state. Practitioner leaders within these partnerships will concentrate on key objectives: building awareness and improving access to strategies supporting postsecondary enrollment, enhancing partnership capacities, and advancing data

For more information about Education First's "Limitless" Postsecondary Enrollment Learning Network, visit education-first.com/limitless-learning-network.

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

#### **Local Business News**

#### **Local Author Launches New Book**

Reverie Wing & Fin Fur & Scale, by poet Marian Blue and photographer Cherie Ude-Crowe, captures humor, beauty and the unexpected with stunning photos and insightful poetry. Called a "...powerful love song to the planet and her cohabitants and a call to action!" by author Malaika King-Albrecht, this new book release ushers in joy about our earth. The 8x10-inch format provides a good display for several dozen brilliant photographs and poems.

Blue, a Whidbey Island resident for 30 years, is the author of five other books and editor of several others. She taught creative writing and communication at Skagit Valley College for 20 years. See more about her at sunbreakpress.com.

Ude-Crowe, a former Whidbey Island resident, has traveled extensively, from Antarctica to Canada and throughout Europe. Her photography has appeared in many magazines and books. Her eye for detail and ability to capture the split second of perfect light, composition and story help bring the poetry in this collection alive.

Because Blue is Ude-Crowe's mother, this was a very special project for them both, enabling them to celebrate the world they each love and have often explored together.

Local author Lois Edstrom has noted, "This is a wonderful collection that should woo a plethora of readers!

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# What's Going On

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

#### **Country Christmas at the Fair**

Friday, December 1, 9:00AM-4:00PM Saturday, December 2, 9:00AM-4:00PM Sunday, December 3, 9:00AM-4:00PM Island County Fairgrounds, Langley

Come shop for Whidbey Island handmade gifts. Enjoy some refreshments, holiday music and kids crafts table. Located in the Coffman Building at 819 Camano Ave. For more information, call 360-221-1021.

#### Winter Wonderland

Friday, December 1, 12:00-4:00<sub>PM</sub> Saturday, December 2, 10:00<sub>AM</sub>-4:00<sub>PM</sub> Sunday, December 3, 10:00<sub>AM</sub>-4:00<sub>PM</sub> 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 photoops, noon-4:00PM each day. For more information, visit www.skagitchildrensmuseum. net or call 360-757-8888.

#### **Christmas Village at Blue Fox Drive In**

Friday, December 1, 4:00-7:00PM Saturday, December 2, 12:00-7:00PM Sunday, December 3, 12:00-7:00PM

A free community holiday event. Visit Santa and his elves, petting zoo, holiday crafts, and games. The drive in is located at 1405 N Monroe Landing Rd.

#### **Christmas Spirit: An Accordion Eve**

Friday, December 1, 6:00-7:00<sub>PM</sub> First United Methodist Church, Oak Harbor

Featuring David Locke. Free admission, donations accepted for a cause. The church is located at 1050 SE Ireland St.

#### **Holiday Market**

Saturday, December 2, 9:00AM-2:00PM The Center in Oak Harbor

Over 30 vendors including many local artisans. Come find the perfect gift. The Center is located at 51 SE Jerome St.

#### **Holiday Model Train Exhibition**

Saturdays, December 2 & 9, 10:00AM-4:00PM Sundays, December 3 & 10, 10:00AM-4:00PM Little Brown Church, Clinton

Experience 2,000 square feet of model trains as you enjoy hot chocolate and sweet treats. A fundraiser for Good Cheer Food Bank – please bring a cash donation or canned goods (especially hearty soups, chili and stews). Santa will be available Dec. 10. The church is located at 7027 Maxwelton Rd. For more information, email hello@cascadiameadows.com.

#### **Holly Jolly Parade**

Saturday, December 2, 11:00AM

Langley loves a parade and everyone is invited to take part in the Annual Holly Jolly Parade. The parade will take place on 1st and 2nd Streets. Dress up the dog or children and join in the fun! Fill out the application at visitlangley.com.

### Community Handbell Program and Benefit

Saturday, December 2, 2:00<sub>PM</sub> 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.

#### Coupeville Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 2, 4:00рм

Parade starts at 1st and N Main and continues down N Main to Front, onto NW Alexander and across Coveland to the library. Come welcome Santa to town and see the many community floats decorated with holiday lights, walkers and more. Following the parade, enjoy tree lighting and caroling at Cooks Corner Park. After the tree is lit, head down to the Coupeville Wharf to catch the Oak Harbor Christmas Boat Parade of Lights (weather permitting). For more information, visit coupevillechamber.com or call 360-678-5434.

### Island Shakes Party, Silent Auction and 2024 Season Reveal

Sunday, December 3, 3:00-5:00<sub>PM</sub> Bayview Cash Store, Langley

This interactive and fun event with a silent auction, door prizes, and moments with actors, will have you counting down the days until the beginning of ISF's 15th season. Come and celebrate with Island Shakespeare Festival's biggest fans and learn about what is in the wings for shoulder season projects, and of course, next summer's plays! A \$50 ticket gets you in the room for the fun and food. Light food and beverages will be provided. A \$15 ticket gets you access to a live stream of the event, so you'll still be able to celebrate the announcement. Get tickets at

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December 1-3, 2023

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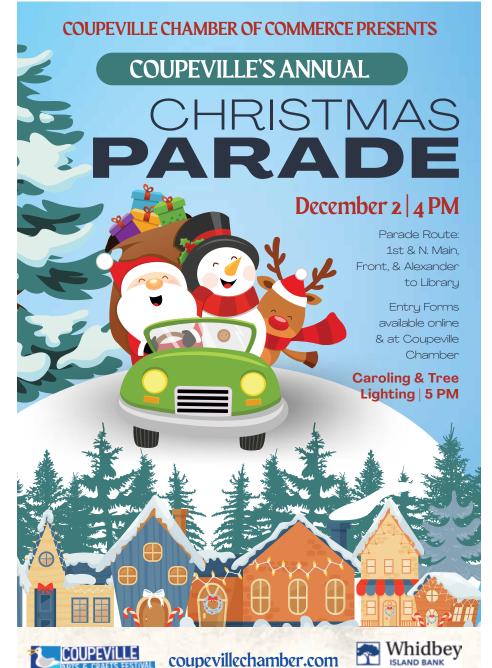


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#### **Central Whidbey Island Fire and Rescue Santa Neighborhood Tours**

Monday, December 4 Town of Coupeville, N Main side of SR20

Thursday, December 7

Town of Coupeville, S Main side of SR 20 and Crockett Lake

Monday, December 11 Parker Rd, Long Point, Rhodena, Harrington

Wednesday, December 13

Ledgewood, Bon Air, Teronda, Elwood Dr

Friday, December 15 Holmes Harbor, North Bluff

Monday, December 18 Lagoon Pt, Dines Pt, Honeymoon Bay

Thursday, December 21

Race Rd, Shangri La, Admirals Cove

Neighborhood tours start around 5:30pm each night. All dates subject to weather conditions. Please see www.cwifr.org to track Santa's whereabouts and more specific route information. CWFR will be accepting non-perishable food bank donations. Please call 678-3602 or visit www. cwfire.org for further details.

#### **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.

#### The Colors of Christmas

Friday, December 8, 7:00pm Sunday, December 10, 4:00PM First Reformed Church, Oak Harbor

A Christmas concert presented by Whidbey Community Chorus. Directed by Darren McCoy, accompanied by Sharon Burge, piano. Admission is free, donations gratefully accepted. The church is located at 250 SW 3rd Ave.

#### **Holiday Open House**

Saturday, December 9, 11:00AM-3:30PM Island County Historical Museum, Coupeville

There will be live Christmas caroling, museum bingo for the kids, and see the brand new Victorian Christmas-Toys of Christmas past exhibit. See a re-created Victorian parlor, including a Christmas tree decorated accurately for the period, real Christmas cards from the 1800s, and so many toys - including a beautiful handmade doll house from the era. Admission is free. The museum is located at 908 NW Alexander St.

#### A Celtic Christmas with the Beggar Boys

Saturday, December 9, 3:00pm Sunday, December 10, 3:00<sub>PM</sub> 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.

#### What Are the Origins of Santa?

Saturday, December 9, 4:00-5:00<sub>PM</sub> Island County Historical Museum,

Favorite local speaker Michael Ferri will be giving his acclaimed talk about the history of Santa Claus. Learn how Santa came to be, and all the fun, interesting, and sometimes shocking stops along the way. There will be cake for all guests.

This talk is not recommended for children. Space is limited, so reservations are required. Reserve at www.islandhistory.org/ upcoming-events/museum. The museum is located at 908 NW Alexander St.

#### Whidbey Island String Trio Concert

Saturday, December 9, 7:00PM UUCWI, Freeland

Suggested Donation: \$25 at the door

The Whidbey Island String Trio is a chamber group whose music is a nod to the past and leap toward the future. Gideon, Gloria and Aniela all have a classical foundation and love for musical adventure. Their repertoire includes elegant waltzes, playful blues with forays into bossa nova, swing, hoedowns and fiddle tunes. Their concerts combine delicate elegance with spontaneous exuberance. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island is located at 20103 WA 525.

#### **Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events**

See schedule below Cost: Free

#### 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 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.

#### Ranger Hour: Seasonal Senses

Friday, December 1, 4:00-5:00PM Oak Harbor Library

Rain or shine, December is a great time to take a hike at Deception Pass! Join park staff to discover how to explore outside

using your senses. All ages welcome. Adult caretakers must be present for the duration of the program.

#### 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 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.

#### An Afternoon with Oyster Bay Saturday, December 2, 2:00-3:30<sub>PM</sub>

Coupeville Library

Enjoy an afternoon of music from Oyster Bay, featuring a mix of country, light jazz, and folk rock. Tom and Jill Hudon and

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#### WHAT'S GOING ON CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

John Slayer play many instruments (acoustic, bass and electric guitars, mandolin and keyboard) for a wide array of popular songs and pleasing sounds from the last few decades.

#### 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 sillysweet seasonal songs about snowmen, warm woolen mittens, and ice cream falling from the sky.

#### Candy Construction: Build a Gingerbread House

Thursday, December 7, 2:00-3:00рм Oak Harbor Library

Join us for a delicious construction extravaganza! We will be building gingerbread houses out of graham crackers, complete

with candy and frosting decorations. Appropriate for children ages 3+ and their caregivers.

#### **Religious Services**

#### Hanukkah Menorah Lighting

Thursday, December 7, 4:30-5:30<sub>PM</sub> South Whidbey Community Center, Langley

Join the Chabad Jewish Community of Island and Skagit Counties to celebrate the Festival of Lights. Community Menorah lighting ceremony and Hanukkah goodies! Free admission. The South Whidbey Community Center is located at 723 Camano Ave. Enter through main entrance. For more information, email chabadskagitcounty@gmail.com.

#### **Teaching Through God's Word**

Sundays, 9:00 & 11:00<sub>AM</sub> Calvary Chapel, 3821 French Road, Clinton For more information, visit ccwhidbey.com.

#### **Unitarian Universalist Sunday Service**

Sundays, 10:00AM

Unitarian Universalist Congregation,

All are welcome. Values-based children's religious exploration classes and childcare will be provided. Visit www.uucwi.org for more information. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation building is located at 20103 Highway 525, two miles north of

#### **Unity of Whidbey**

Sundays, 10:00AM 5671 Crawford Road, Langley

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

#### **Whidbey Quakers**

Sundays, 4:00-5:00<sub>PM</sub> Unitarian Universalist Congregation,

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

#### First Church of Christ, Scientist

Worship, 10:00AM

Sunday School to age 20, 10:00AM Wednesday Testimony Meeting, 2:30PM **Christian Science Reading Room** 

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 11:00 АМ-2:00 РМ

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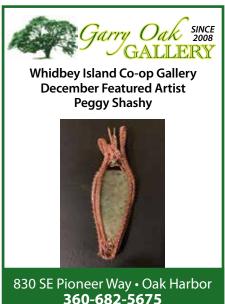




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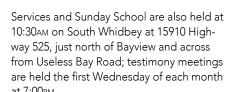
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#### **Galleries & Art Shows**

## Whidbey Allied Artists Show and

Friday, December 1, 10:00AM-5:00PM Saturday, December 2, 10:00AM-6:00PM Sunday, December 3, 10:00AM-4:00PM Coupeville Recreational Hall

Thirteen local artists from Whidbey Allied Artists (WAA) will be presenting a show and sale. You'll find photography, oil, watercolor, ceramics, pen and ink, mosaics, wood artistry, glass, mixed media, pastels, and acrylic. Admission is free. The Coupeville Recreational Hall is located at 901 NW Alexander St.

#### **Meetings & Organizations**

#### **Deaf Social -Flying Fingers**

Friday, December 1, 6:00-7:00PM Langley United Methodist Church

Parking located across the street at 3rd St/ Anthes Ave. We celebrate holidays and our birthday. A fun way of learning to fingerspell names, numbers, greetings. Some people sign, others do not use signs, but have impaired hearing. We share food, not mandatory. For further information, contact Susan Ishikawa, teacher of deaf at 360 221-0383 (text preferred) or email sisoleil973@yahoo.com.

#### **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 (whidbeycamanoislands.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.

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#### **Traveling the Dementia Journey Together**

Thursday, December 7, 2:00-3:00<sub>PM</sub> 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

#### Al-Anon

Every Wednesday, 9:30-10:30AM

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

#### Al-Anon Group

Every Tuesday, 5:30-6:30<sub>PM</sub> 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.









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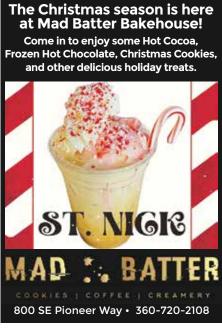
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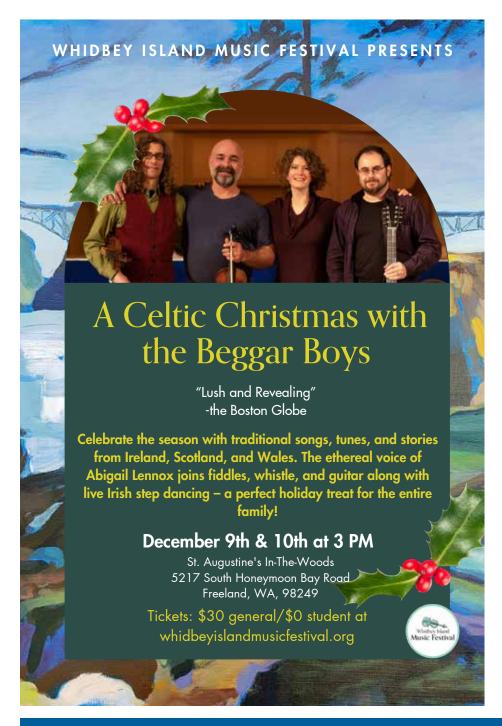
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Bacon has undeniable appeal. With its smoky and salty flavor, bacon often can transform dishes from tasty to delicious.

There are many ways to enjoy bacon during meals, and not just at the breakfast table. In this recipe for "BLTs with Pimiento Cheese," bacon is the star of the show and enhanced by pimiento cheese, which is a spread traditionally made from shredded cheddar, mayonnaise and pimiento peppers. It's often called the "pâté of the South" because it is frequently utilized in cuisine popularized in the southern United States.

Those seeking a sandwich that is full of flavor, look no further than this recipe, courtesy of "Cooking Light (SHOULD THERE BE A COLON AFTER COOKING LIGHT?) Fresh Food Superfast" (Oxmoor House) by The Cooking Light Editors.

#### **BLTS WITH PIMIENTO CHEESE** (Yield: 4 servings)

1/2 cup light pimiento cheese spread (such as Price's)

8 (1-ounce) slices whole-wheat

12 reduced-fat bacon slices,

4 green leaf lettuce leaves

12 (1/4-inch-thick) slices tomato

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1. Spread 1 tablespoon pimiento cheese over each bread slice

2. Top each of four bread slices with three bacon slices, one

lettuce leaf, and three tomato slices. Sprinkle with pepper. Cover with remaining four bread slices. Cut sandwiches in half; secure with wooden picks. Serve with a mixed fruit salad.



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# WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

#### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, if you work or spend time with an introvert, reach out to him or her and strike up a conversation. This person may only need a little nudge to become a good friend.

#### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, a friendly competition that may have started out lighthearted is now starting to transform into something a bit more competitive. Dial it back a bit.

#### GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, things are starting to slow down in your life, and your to-do list has gotten shorter. Expect things to ramp up again soon enough, but enjoy the break for now.

#### CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

This is a good week to begin something that you've been thinking about tackling, Cancer. You'll have pep in your step and others willing to lend a hand if it is needed.

#### LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, someone may offer you some honest feedback that is a little too raw for your ego at this point in time. You will simply have to take it with dignity and lick your wounds elsewhere.

#### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

You need to be the driving force on a project that will pop up, Virgo. Even though you're not sure of your readiness for this type of work, you can give it a good attempt.

#### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Whatever you tackle this week, it shouldn't revolve entirely around money, Libra. Finances may have gotten in the way of things for some time; focus now on relationships.

#### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Don't let a dream you had put you all in a tizzy, Scorpio. That was just your subconscious working through some things and not a prediction of things to come.

#### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Don't be shy about receiving credit for something that you did, Sagittarius. You deserve the recognition no matter how large or small the task. Celebrate all your victories.

#### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

You may be coveting something of late, Capricorn. However, only when you stop actively wanting that thing or person will you finally get what you

#### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, your positive attitude is an asset in life. Even as challenges come your way this week, you can prove the naysayers wrong by maintaining your rosy outlook.

#### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, standing up for yourself this week is challenging, but you need to do it to get your point across. Don't worry, you have many supporters in your corner cheering you on.

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# Sounds of the season ring out this weekend on Whidbey

There is no shortage of holiday fun to be had on Whidbey Island this weekend! There are concerts, carol sing-alongs, tree lightings, parades and more:

#### **BELLS OF WHIDBEY**

The Bells of Whidbey will ring in the holidays with the group's second annual Christmas concert at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Stephens Episcopal Church, 555 SE Regatta Dr., Oak Harbor. Admission is by donation and all donations will benefit Habitat for Humanity of Island County.

This is the group's second annual holiday concert and it is entitled "Home for the Holidays."

"Since we selected Habitat for Humanity as our organization for this program, 'Home for the Holidays' seemed like a very appropriate title for our program and part of our repertoire," said Cheryl Waide, Bells of Whidbey director.



Photo Courtesy of Cormac McCarthy

 $Following\ a\ lot\ of\ hard\ work,\ the\ grand\ opening\ of\ the\ Clinton\ Arts\ District$ will be held Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festive celebration will include hot food, hot cider and joyful holiday carols at 2 p.m. The new plaza will be home to four art galleries/studios and five retail businesses. Pictured above are artists Cormac McCarthy, Melissa Koch and Louie Rochon, all of whom have galleries at the spruced up plaza.

to home: 'Over the River and Through the Woods,' with thoughts of Grandma's house; while 'Let It Snow' and 'I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas' conjure up thoughts of a cozy and warm home. And that is our vision, that more families will have a new home this season. Liz Chaffin, chief development officer of Habitat for Humanity of Island County, will be on hand to share what's happening on Whidbey Island.

"We've also thrown in a classic for the young and young at heart, an upbeat version of 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town!" she continued. "This seemed appropriate, since we precede the Oak Harbor Christmas parade and tree lighting on Pioneer Way."

Since forming about a year-and-a-half ago, the group has been pleased to lend a fundraising hand to causes like SPiN Café in Oak Harbor and Gifts from the Heart Food Bank in Coupeville.

"We hope that we have in some way increased public awareness about the causes we've championed," Waide shared. "We know that needs continue to be great on Whidbey and we hope we are helping, in a small way, by calling attention to the various agencies who lead the way in supporting these needs."

Anyone interested in becoming part of the Bells of Whidbey can call Waide at 541-272-7478 for more information. The ability to read music is required, as is regular rehearsal attendance. Experience ringing handbells is helpful, but not

#### **CLINTON ARTS DISTRICT GRAND OPENING**

Holiday carols will play a big role in the grand opening celebration of the Clinton Arts District Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 4777 Commercial Street

All are invited to enjoy free hot food and warm cider while exploring four new art galleries and studios and five new businesses. The community is also invited to join in a carol sing-along, set to begin at 2 p.m.

is just the beginning of what they hope will be a newfound appreciation of Clinton as a Whidbey Island destination.

"There's no reason why Clinton has to be considered some place to drive through, when it has the potential to be a true destination, the first place people want to stop when they get off the ferry," said Cormac McCarthy, a local artist and owner of one of the fine art galleries in the updated plaza, which is located behind the food mart.

The plaza is also home to Louie Rochon Fine Art, Melissa Koch Fine Art and Myra Mae Studios, as well as five other retail businesses. McCarthy said Rochon was the driving force behind turning this plaza into something special for Clinton.

"There's a real drive, dedication and work ethic to build a new, positive personality in Clinton," he said. "Clinton is one of the oldest communities on the island. It was first established as a port town to ferry people here to fish. There's a lot of old culture and history here, as well as a lot of very, very nice people with the passion and dedication to ignite the fire of Clinton's

"I'm not saying there was nothing here before us – it just needed support," he continued. "It's not going to happen this year and maybe not next year, but over time, as we build and change perception, I believe there is more potential here than honestly, anywhere on the

#### **LANGLEY'S PARADE**

The 15th annual Holly Jolly Parade in Langley will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday. This holiday tradition will include musicians, youth groups, families, pets and floats. The parade route will travel up and down First and Second Streets. A cash prize will be awarded for the "best" float



Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Main Street Association One never knows who might show up at the annual tree lighting in Oak Harbor Saturday. Although the tree will be new this year, the holiday spirit will be as joyful as ever as the community festivities begin.

#### **HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AND TREE LIGHTING**

The annual Holiday Open House and Tree Lighting in downtown Oak Harbor gets underway at 1 p.m. Saturday and there will be lots of entertainment leading up to the traditional Santa Parade and the tree lighting.

"We will have music inside Harborside Village from 1-3 p.m.," said Oak Harbor Main Street Association Executive Director, Margaret Livermore. "There will be free cocoa and cookies at 810 SE Pioneer Way, suite 101. At 3:35 p.m., at the Pop-Up Plaza [at the corner of SE Pioneer Way and Dock Street] the Oak Harbor Intermediate School choir will perform. The Santa Parade starts at 4 p.m. and will travel from MidwayBoulevard to Ely Street. At the end of the parade, Santa will be riding on 'Wally' the fire truck. Santa will disembark at the corner of Dock and Pioneer Way and will walk back to Harborside Village to meet with the children."

The Oak Harbor High School Choir will sing at the Pop-Up Plaza from 4:45 to 5:15 p.m. and

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then Santa will return to the corner of Dock and Pioneer to help light the Christmas tree. Immediately following the tree lighting, the OHHS choir will lead everyone in a round of "Deck the Halls," Livermore said. Members of the Whidbey Playhouse cast of "A Christmas Carol" will perform some scenes from the classic holiday tale from 5:30 to 6 p.m.

The Oak Harbor Main Street Association's Holiday Markets will also continue every Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Dec. 17

"The markets are located at 890 SE Bayshore Dr. #2," said Livermore. "There are seven or eight vendors each weekend, selling things like honey, fudge, paintings, blankets, hooded towels and more."

#### **COUPEVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE**

The annual Coupeville Christmas Parade is set to take place Saturday at 4 p.m. This traditional parade features floats and entries all lit up for the holidays. The parade begins at First and North Main Streets, then winds its way down North Main to Front Street, to NW Alexander Street, crossing Coveland to end at the Coupeville library. Be on the lookout for a very special guest at the end of the parade.

Immediately following the parade, there will be a tree lighting and caroling at Cooks Corner Park

#### **LIGHTED BOAT PARADE**

Speaking of being all lit up for the holidays, those interested can head to the Coupeville wharf at about 5:30 p.m. Saturday to enjoy the

Oak Harbor Yacht Club's Lighted Boat Parade. Decorated boats will leave Oak Harbor at about 4:30 p.m., but the best viewing is at the Coupeville wharf. Awards will be given for best decorated power and sail boats. In the event of inclement weather, the parade will take place Sunday

#### **HOLIDAY AT HOGWARTS**

Those venturing out for the Holly Jolly Parade in Langley can head over to the fairgrounds to spend the Holiday at Hogwarts from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday. This free, family-friendly event will feature entertainment, hot chocolate and sweets for purchase, holiday shopping and more. Those attending are encouraged to dress as their favorite character from the Harry Potter book/movie series. Learn more at portofsouth-whidbey.com/event/holiday-at-hogwarts/.

#### **BLUE FOX CHRISTMAS VILLAGE**

Enjoy the Christmas Village at the Blue Fox Drive In every weekend until Christmas. The village is open from 4 to 7 p.m. on Fridays and Dec.18-21, and will be open from noon to 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 22. There will be photo opportunities with Santa, animals, light displays, s'mores, and much more, including freshly-cut trees. Visit bluefoxdrivein. com/christmas-village for details.

#### **GREENBANK FARM TREE LIGHTING**

Santa will be paying a visit to Greenbank Farm Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. The jolly old elf will arrive by tractor just in time for the tree lighting at 4:30 p.m. There will also be carolers and those attending can enjoy shopping at the Holiday Market.



Photo Courtesy of Bells of Whidbey

The handbell group Bells of Whidbey will present its second annual holiday concert Saturday at 2 p.m. at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Oak Harbor. Admission to the concert is by donation. All donations will benefit Habitat for Humanity of Island County.



Island Transit's Community Outreach Coordinator

Island Transit is excited to introduce its new Community Outreach Coordinator - an enthusiastic and dedicated individual committed to fostering stronger connections between our organization and the vibrant communities we serve. We extend a warm welcome to Tony, who is already familiar with Island Transit, having previously served as the Maintenance Coordinator. Tony earned his degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Western Washington University and has been a resident of Whidbey Island with his partner for over three years.



In his role as the Community Outreach Coordinator, Tony will concentrate on enhancing Island Transit's presence in our service areas by organizing events, conducting surveys and actively listening to the needs and concerns of our riders and the communities we serve. This role aims to strengthen our commitment to providing accessible, reliable and environmentally friendly public transportation.

One of Tony's primary objectives is to increase ridership through collaboration with local schools, businesses and community organizations as well as educate the public about the services and benefits our organization provides to passengers and the broader community. Through close collaboration with stakeholders, Tony will play a pivotal role in ensuring Island Transit continues to be a valued and integral part of daily life throughout Island County

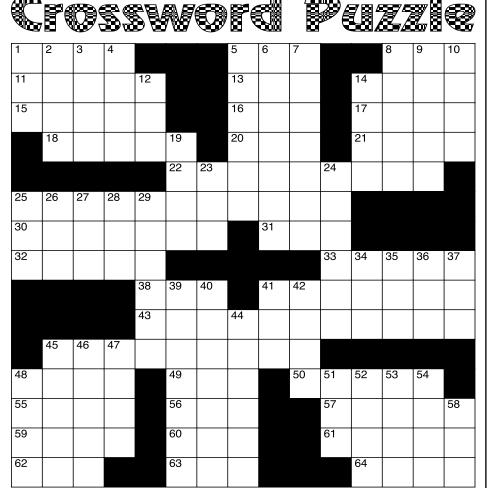
Island Transit eagerly anticipates the positive impact Tony will bring to our organization. As your new Community Outreach Coordinator, Tony is a friendly and approachable advocate excited to engage with passengers, community members and partners. We encourage you to reach out and greet Tony and stay tuned for upcoming events and initiatives that will bring Island Transit closer to you.



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#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. A way to injure
- 5. Mutual savings bank
- 8. Rock TV channel
- 11. Large number of fish swimming together
- 13. Military mailbox
- 14. Female of a horse
- 15. Category
- 16. City
- 17. Breezed through
- 18. Officer who bears a mace
- 20. Tax collector
- 21. "Cheers" actress Perlman
- 22. Pauses before acting
- 25. Extracted information from a wave
- 30. Tendency to revert to something ancestral
- 31. No seats available
- 32. Nocturnal rodents
- 33. Moves gently to and fro
- 38. Not good
- 41. A way to ready
- 43. One who makes something better
- 45. Things associated with American history
- 48. Ancient Phoenician fertility god
- 49. A continuous portion of a circle

- 50. Volcanic craters
- 55. Units of electrical resistance
- 56. Gamble on
- 57. Ethiopian town
- 59. One point east of northeast
- 60. Polynesian garland of flowers
- 61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 62. State of fuss
- 63. Keyboard key
- 64. Partner to relaxation

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. "The world's most famous arena"
- 2. Polite interruption sound
- 3. Private school in New York
- 4. Refuse of grapes
- 5. Tomei, actress
- 6. Adult beverages
- 7. Supporter
- 8. Papier-\_\_, art material
- 9. Forests have them
- 10. Most ancient Hindu scriptures
- 12. Downwind
- 14. Marketplace
- 19. Flowering plant genus
- 23. Street where nightmares happen

- 24. Admirer
- 25. Dip lightly into water
  - 26. When you hope to get there
    - 27. Partner to cheese
    - 28. Egg
    - 29. A way to disqualify
    - 34. South American plant
    - 35. Fold-away bed
    - 36. Debbie Harry album Koo"
    - 37. Swedish krona
    - 39. Displaying warmth and friendliness
    - 40. Official orders
    - 41. Bowling alley necessity
    - 42. Stray
    - 44. About milk
    - 45. Expressed pleasure
    - 46. Caribbean dance
    - 47. If not
    - 48. \_\_ fide (Latin)
  - 51. Swiss river
  - 52. Hebrew calendar month
  - 53. One easily swindled
  - 54. Point that is one point south of southwest
  - 58. Small island (British)

Answers on page 15

# **OUR Community**

# An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

If you could live anywhere in the world, would you still choose Whidbey Island?

#### Nicki Evans, Freeland

Did I choose Whidbey Island or did Whidbey Island choose

I wasn't born on Whidbey or stationed here or dragged here in a family move. I choose Whidbey Island for the jets, for the bridge, for the opportunity to sail on the 100-year-old Schooner Suva, for the renewed general aviation DeLaurentis Airport.



I choose Whidbey Island for the farmlands and the woods that meet the sea, for the local food. I choose Whidbey Island for the horses, for the orcas, for the miles of trails and

open spaces. I choose Whidbey Island for the communities, for the dichotomy, for the balance, for its past and for its future.

I've made my choice and I choose Whidbey Island over anywhere else in the world.

#### Kathy Jones, Oak Harbor

I never thought we would stay forever on Whidbey Island. The Navy sent us here and kept us here for a long time. I grew to love island living. The people are friendly, kind and giving. My children received everything they needed to be successful from Oak Harbor Schools. My church, St. Augustine Catholic Church, helps keep my focus on God, parish life and community and what's important for me to focus on. On top of all this, I was able to create a successful business and retire from it.

My family has grown here and I am blessed to have my son,

Brian, daughter-in-law, Donna, and grandchildren and great-grandchildren so close by. My daughter, Meghan, and son-in-law, Sean, and grandchildren in San Diego give us a warm place to visit frequently.

In addition, there is the daily beauty I see out my window. Mountains, water, eagles, deer and beautiful trees and flowers. I thank the Lord every day for blessing me this way. I'm so grateful for having been led to Whidbey Island.

#### **D.Y.,** Coupeville

I grew up in New England and lived in several locations there, both urban and rural. My next stage of life took me to a number of other states representing very different regions of the U.S. I have seen all 50 of our states. I found Whidbey Island in the 1970s on my quest to choose a place to settle down. Coming across Deception Pass in late September at sunset reminded me of the coast of Maine. What I missed of New England was the close proximity of urban and rural areas, as well as enjoying four seasons and their accompanying outdoor activities. What I did not like was the intensity



of lifestyle and excessive competitiveness there. The West offered a far more friendly and relaxed environment. I have visited more than a dozen countries in the world, and returning from all of those trips getting on the Clinton ferry gives me the very same sense that I had just returning from a day trip to Seattle back in the 1970s. So glad that I live on

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#### Intermediate

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Sun, Dec. 3 North Isle H-53°/L-44° South Isl

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Mon, Dec. 4 North Isle H-57°/L-47° Cloudy M Shower South Isle H-53°/L-41° H-55°/L-45°

Tues, Dec. 5

H-57°/L-42° South Isla H-53°/L-42°

Mixed Clouds and Sun South Isla H-50°/L-40° PM Showers

North Isle

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lions clubs are volunteers serving our community through various projects. Come and visit us at one of our meetings – both meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. North Whidbey Lions meet at noon at the VFW Post, 3037 Goldie Rd. in Oak Harbor. Oak Harbor Lions meet at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St. in Oak Harbor. LIONS motto is "WE SERVE." This is an opportunity to help your neighbors and have fun doing it.

Think you may be pregnant? Stop by Whidbey Island Women's Clinic for free pregnancy testing. We are also here to support our community with diapers, formula, baby clothes, and more. All our services are free. Open Tue and Thu, 10am-4pm, and Wed, noon-7pm. Located at 670 SE Midway Blvd in Oak Harbor.

Be the difference in a child's life and become a foster parent today! Service Alternatives is looking for caring, loving, and supportive families to support foster children. 425-923-0451 or mostermick@servalt-cfs.com The Whidbey Island community is encouraged to try out the paddling sport of dragon boating with the Stayin' Alive team. Our team's mission is to promote the physical, social, and emotional benefits of dragon boating. It has been shown to be especially beneficial to cancer survivors. Practice with us for up to 3 times for free. Life-jackets and paddles provided. Saturdays at the Oak Harbor Marina, 8:45am. Contact njlish@gmail.com. More info at our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/

NorthPugetSoundDragon-BoatClub?ref=hl

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

If you or someone you know has been a victim of homicide, burglary, robbery, assault, identity theft, fraud, human trafficking, home invasion and other crimes not listed. Victim Support Services has advocates ready to help. Please call the 24-hr Crisis Line 888-388-9221. Free service. Visit our web site at http://victimsupportservices.org

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteer for Island Shakespeare Festival! Many hands help keep the island's only outdoor classical summer theater going and growing! Can you help? There are many opportunities throughout the year to join the ISF family as a volunteer. These opportunities are a great way to get acquainted with the organization. • Distribute Ad Packets and Posters for our Summer Season • Production: Help set up Henry the Tent/Help with scenic painting, props, or costumes • Front of House: Usher, gate, greeter, sell snacks • House an Artist: Actors/Designers need free housing June-Sept./Or partial summer • Loan a Vehicle: Actors are housed on various areas of the island and need loaner cars; can you help? • Work at the Bard's Boutique: This fun and easy volunteer job is at the Bayview Cash Store and requires only a few hours per week. • Become a Board Member: Development/Outreach/Special Skills. Please

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contact Angelica, angelica. metcalfe@islandshakespearefest.org, if interested in volunteering.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County (BBBSIC) is actively seeking new member(s) for its board of directors. Join the board's exciting array of professionals! BBBSIC is seeking individuals who are committed to defending the potential of youth in our community through their time, skill sets, and influence in the community. To complement the existing board, candidates with expertise in accounting, law, nonprofit management, networking, or fundraising are of particular interest. Committed to diversifying its board to better represent our community, BBBSIC encourages BIPOC and LGBTQIA community members to inquire. Please contact admin@bbbsislandcounty.org for more information.

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

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College student? Student of history? History buff? Opportunities are available to spend constructive volunteer hours at the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum. Go to www.pnwnam.org and click on "Volunteer" or just stop by and introduce yourself.

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

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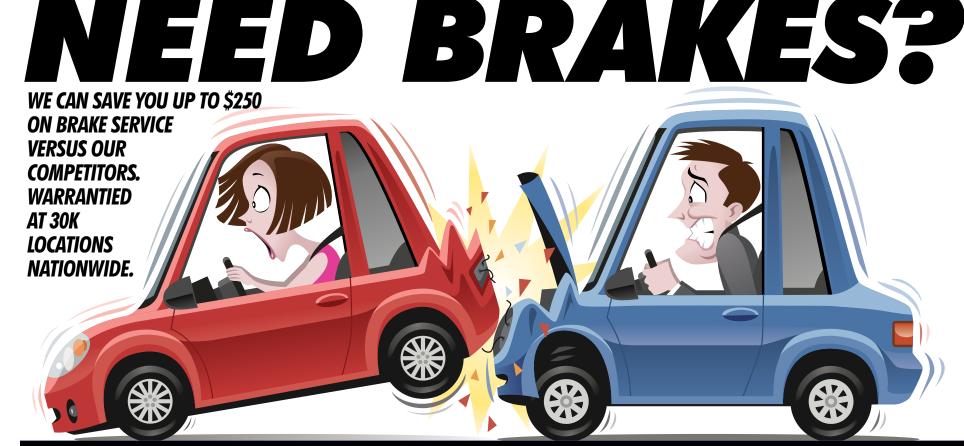
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