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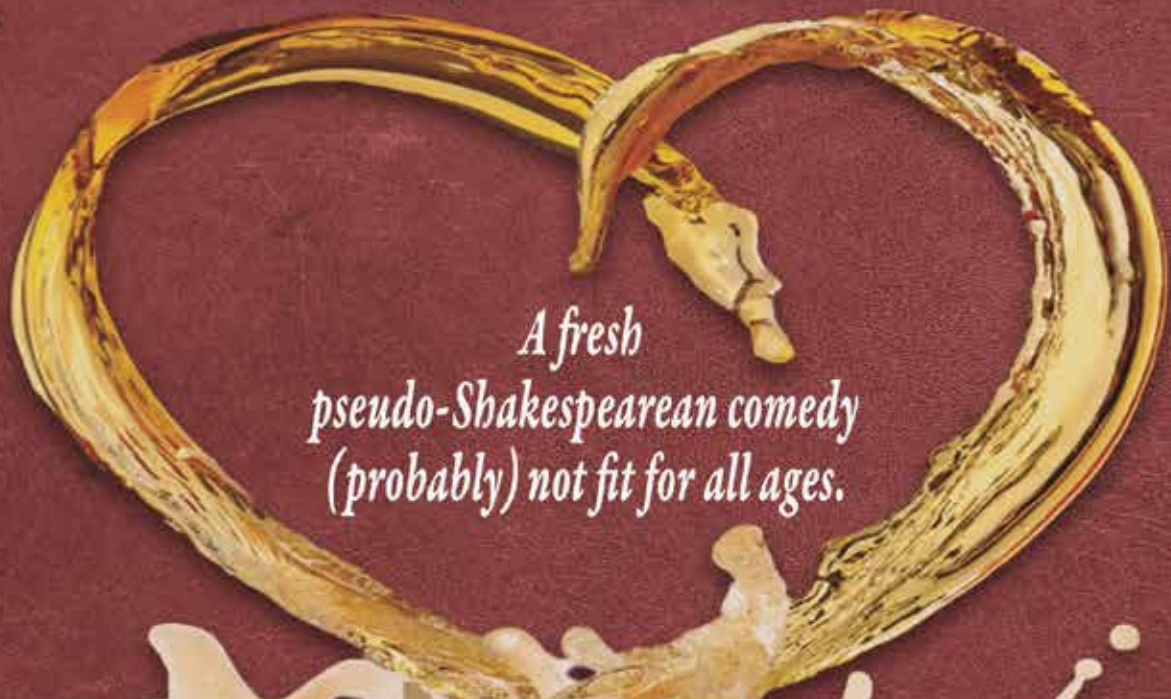
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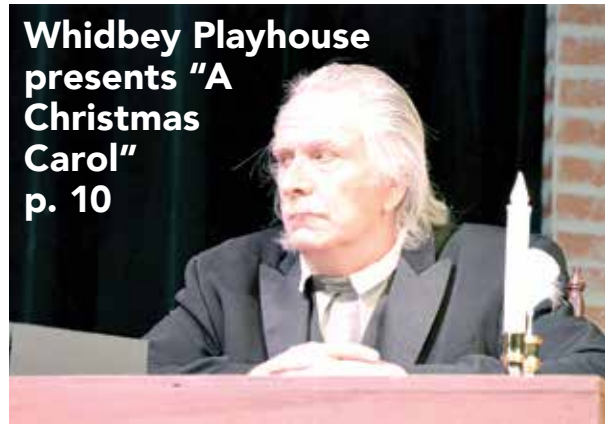


Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts
The cast of "Falstaff in Love" will have audiences in stitches during performances of this Scott Kaiser play, written in the style of William Shakespeare. The play opens Friday at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley. Pictured from left are Shelley Hartle, Sommer Harris, Rosaletta Curry, Jameson Cook, Tom Harris, David Mayer and Andrew Yabroff.

Add WICA's "Falstaff in Love" to your holiday wish list

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley has something special to offer for the holiday season – a production of what promises to be a "new" classic in the genre of William Shakespeare.

"Falstaff in Love," a play by Scott Kaiser, opens on WICA's main stage Friday and will run through Saturday, Dec. 23. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, with additional evening shows Thursday, Dec. 14 and Wednesday, Dec. 20. There will also be two matinee performances at 2 p.m. Sunday Dec. 10 and 17. Tickets may be purchased online at wica-online.org.

WICA Artistic Executive Director, Deana Duncan, directs the production.

"Falstaff in Love" is a new American play and WICA is thrilled to showcase it in hopes other theaters may pick it up," she told *Whidbey Weekly* via email. "The play takes place over the course of a year and opens at Christmas time 1399, just before the Epiphany Rising, a failed rebellion against King Henry IV of England. It was this mention of Christmas time that gave me the idea.

"I wanted something really fun and unexpected for the holidays," Duncan continued. "'Falstaff in Love' is a comic romp with nods to Shakespeare's bawdy humor and deep knowledge of humanity. I asked Scott Kaiser if I could 'holiday' it up a bit and he said yes! This is a fresh pseudo-Shakespearean comedy, (probably) not fit for all ages, and a fun way to ring in the holiday season."

For those unaware, Sir John Falstaff is a character whom William Shakespeare included in three of his plays. In fact, Queen Elizabeth I was so taken by the Falstaff character in "Henry IV," parts one and two, in which Falstaff served as a companion to Prince Henry (who would become Henry V), that she asked Shakespeare to write a play about Falstaff being



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts
The character Sir John Falstaff was featured in three plays by William Shakespeare. But what was Falstaff like before he was introduced to the world? That is the premise of the Scott Kaiser play, "Falstaff in Love," opening Friday at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley. Pictured from left are cast members Jeff Natter, Jameson Cook, Andrew Yabroff and Rosaletta Curry.

in love. It is said Shakespeare obliged by writing "The Merry Wives of Windsor" in 14 days.

"Assuming that these belated reports are accurate, it should be clear to anyone who has read or seen 'Merry Wives' that Shakespeare slyly side-stepped the Queen's request, for in that play, Falstaff is most certainly not in love," wrote playwright Kaiser in the introduction to "Falstaff in Love," which he shared in an email to *Whidbey Weekly*. "While it's true that much of the comedy of 'Merry Wives' revolves around couples in love, Falstaff is not one of them—unless you count an abiding passion for money and sack."

Kaiser, on the artistic staff at Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF) in Ashland for 28 years, is familiar with all of Shakespeare's works. He said he felt Shakespeare had not fulfilled the Queen's request. He wanted to create a work that actually showed Falstaff in love and tell Falstaff's "origin" story as Shakespeare might have done.

"Falstaff in Love" is written as an alternative prequel to the 'Henry IV' plays—with the usurpation of King Richard II by Henry Bolingbroke running continuously in the background," wrote Kaiser. "And while I've made every effort to adhere to the plot laid out in Shakespeare's 'Richard II,' I've also taken liberties where needed—both with historical timelines and with characters."

Andrew Yabroff, from Santa Cruz, Calif., plays Sir John Falstaff. He has spent five summers on Whidbey Island working at the Island Shakespeare Festival and he said he has made Shakespeare the "cornerstone" of his career.

"When the opportunity to work on this play came my way I jumped at the chance," he said. "Falstaff has been one of my all-time favorite Shakespeare characters. He is the anti-hero, yet lovable knight who makes sure the young prince has enough fun in his life. [He's] funny, irreverent and lovable.

"When I heard that a great author and mentor of mine from OSF, Scott Kaiser, wrote him an origin story, I knew it was gonna be good," Yabroff continued. "I have loved discovering what the young man was like before we meet him in 'Henry IV.' Was he always this way? What events in his life helped him become the knight we know? As an actor it is a goldmine of possibility, a great script, and your imagination can run wild."

The cast for "Falstaff in Love" is relatively small – 10 actors portray 12 characters. Cast members come from California, Port Townsend, Canada and Whidbey Island.

"We have a cast which has experience in performing Shakespeare and who have embraced Scott's hilarious play with enormous enthusiasm," shared Shelley Hartle, who plays Lady Katherine. "It's been so much fun! Watching what the director, actors, production crew, light technician, and music director have all created to bring this delightful story to our local audiences [has been the most rewarding part of this production]. It's been such a treat to be involved!"

See FALSTAFF continued on page 8

Whidbey Island Music Festival celebrates the coming seasons

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

The Whidbey Island Music Festival knows how to put the "festive" in holiday festivities.

The festival is pleased to present A Celtic Christmas with the Beggar Boys this weekend. Sunday's concert is already sold out, but as of this writing, there were still tickets left for Saturday's show, taking place from 3 to 5 p.m. at St. Augustine's in-the-Woods Episcopal Church, 5217 S Honeymoon Bay Rd., Freeland. Tickets and information are available online at whidbeyislandmusicfestival.org.

"This concert weaves together traditional Irish and Scottish music, Irish step dancing and dramatic storytelling into a beautiful and festive tapestry," described WIMF founder Tekla Cunningham. "The Beggar Boys have been playing together for 23 years and bring a camaraderie and deep friendship to their performances

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Editor,

I would like to thank everyone who voted in our local election. I really appreciate all those who supported me and voted for me for city council. I will strive to be transparent, address your concerns regarding Oak Harbor and work with other council members to provide answers for the problems in our city that need to be addressed. I promise to be there for you.

Thank you again,

Barbara Armes, Oak Harbor City Council
Position 4

Board of Island County Commissioners Adopts Budget for 2024

With a focus on maintaining and improving services to the public, the board of Island County commissioners approved a \$138.4 million budget for 2024 following a public hearing Monday, Dec. 4.

In addition to revenue concerns, this year's budgeting process was complicated by inflation, according to Director of Budget and Risk Management Susan Geiger. Costs have increased nearly across the board for county government as they have for the public. And whether a recession is on the horizon remains an unknown.

"There were guard rails placed on the process to create more of a 'status quo' budget," Geiger said.

Describing the budget as "conservative," the Island County commissioners said they are pleased no vital programs or services were cut, even as revenues that bolstered the budget during the COVID-19 pandemic diminished. In fact, Human Services and Public Health will receive increased funding through state grants this coming year.

"From my perspective, this budget recognizes the priorities of government with an emphasis on public safety," said Janet St. Clair, who chaired the board of commissioners this past year. "It's supportive of the sheriff's office, addresses public safety threats and enhances public health initiatives."

The budget also includes cost-of-living increases for Island County employees and absorbs a jump of between 5-10 percent in employee premiums for health insurance, according to the commissioners.

"I think it's a good budget with a significant investment in maintaining our facilities," said Commissioner Jill Johnson, adding it includes funding to conduct a "needs assessment" to look at construction of a much-needed new Island County Jail. Money was also included in the budget to better support children who are going through the court system.

"I'm confident we will be able to meet our service level commitments to the public," Johnson said.

"We were much more conservative this year," said Commissioner Melanie Bacon. "We weren't applying frosting; we were just looking for genuine meats." That included funding for some "one-offs" that will help county employees do their jobs more efficiently. For example, the Island County Coroner will be purchasing a new

gurney this coming year. There is also money allotted for resources and training for an emergency such as a natural disaster.

Because projects such as road work and facilities maintenance were delayed during the pandemic, money that was held in reserves will see those kinds of projects launched this coming year, according to Geiger.

Details of the 2024 budget are available on the Island County website.

For more information about the 2024 Island County Budget, contact Susan Geiger at SM.Geiger@islandcountywa.gov or call her at 360-678-7837.

[Submitted by Keven Graves, Island County Communications Manager]

Larsen, Smith, DelBene, Kilmer and Jayapal Applaud \$4.8 Million to Refurbish Washington State Ferries Funding Comes from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) awarded \$4.8 million to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to refurbish aging passenger spaces on six Issaquah-class ferries. The funding comes from FTA's Urbanized Area Passenger Ferry grant program, which was reauthorized in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

WSDOT plans to use the federal funding to help address passenger spaces on the M/V Cathlamet, M/V Chelan, M/V Issaquah, M/V Kitsap, M/V Kittitas, and M/V Sealth, which were built between 1979 and 1982. WSDOT estimates the project will extend the useful life of the aging vessels for another five to ten years.

What WA Leaders and Stakeholders are Saying

Members of Washington's house delegation, led by Rep. Rick Larsen (WA-02), the lead Democrat on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and WSDOT Secretary Roger Millar celebrated FTA's announcement.

"Thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, WSDOT can upgrade its aging ferry fleet to ensure passengers can safely travel to and from Snohomish County, Whidbey Island, Skagit County, the San Juan Islands and communities across Northwest Washington," said Larsen. "In Washington state, ferries are a necessity, not a luxury. I will continue to be a champion of increased federal funding for Washington's ferry systems so people in our state can have cleaner, greener, more accessible, more reliable and more frequent service."

"WSDOT sincerely appreciates the work of Washington's Congressional delegation in

helping secure \$4.8 million in federal funding to refurbish passenger spaces on six Washington State Ferries Issaquah class vessels," said Millar. "This federal support will extend the useful life of these aging 40-year-old vessels for another five to 10 years and allow them to remain in service while new vessels are built. Without this critical funding for refurbishment, these vessels would continue to deteriorate and service disruptions would become even more commonplace preventing emergency travel and interfering with riders' ability to access home, work, school and other quality of life necessities."

"Ferries play a critical role in our state's transportation network, helping Washingtonians commute to work, visit loved ones, and explore our beautiful state," said Rep. Suzan DelBene (WA-01). "This nearly \$5 million bipartisan infrastructure law investment will improve and expand Washington's ferry system, helping ensure ferry networks are reliable and accessible in our communities."

"Having the federal government step up and assist Washington State Ferries in its efforts to improve service for folks in our region has been a priority for me – and for our community," said Rep. Derek Kilmer (WA-06). "Thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the costs of these improvements won't be borne just by folks in our neck of the woods, including local taxpayers and ferry passengers. Investments like this are winners for our economy!"

The BIL is Working for Washington Ferries

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, passed by congress and signed by President Biden two years ago, provides record ferry funding through both dedicated annual funding and competitive grants. In the first year of the law, Washington state received \$42 million in dedicated yearly funding for its ferry system, the largest ferry system in the United States. In January 2023, FTA awarded \$11.6 million in competitive grant funding to WSDOT for three projects:

FTA announced \$6.7 million in grant awards for two WSDOT projects to upgrade Washington State Ferries' electronic payment system and build a new Southworth Ferry Terminal.

FTA also awarded \$4.9 million to build an electric charging facility at the Clinton Ferry Terminal, part of WDOT's plan to electrify the Mukilteo-Clinton ferry route.

In July, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg visited Mukilteo and Port Orchard to emphasize the importance of investing in reliable ferry service in Washington state.

[Submitted by Joseph Tutino, Rep. Rick Larsen's Office]

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Can life insurance provide retirement income?

If your children are grown and your mortgage is paid off, do you still need to carry life insurance? It depends on your situation, but for many people, a cash-value life insurance policy, such as whole life or universal life, can be a valuable, tax-efficient source of retirement income.

And by drawing on the cash value of your policy, you might be able to temporarily reduce the amount you take out from your retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k). This ability could be especially important when the financial markets are down — you'd probably like to avoid liquidating your assets when their prices have dropped.

Basically, you can use the cash in your policy in these ways:

• **Withdrawals** – You can typically withdraw part of the cash value of your life insurance without losing coverage. You generally won't incur income taxes on these withdrawals, up to the amount you've put into the policy — that is, the premiums you've paid. Once your withdrawals exceed this amount, you would generally owe taxes. Also, keep in mind that any withdrawals will reduce your policy's death benefit and the available cash surrender value.

• **Policy loans** – Rather than taking a withdrawal from your policy, you could take out a loan. You won't have to go through an approval process or income verification, and policy loans typically have lower interest rates than bank loans and don't assess closing costs. Plus, because your insurer will be lending you the money and using the cash in your policy as collateral, your policy's cash value can remain intact and still potentially grow. However, policy loans do carry some issues of which you should be aware. For one thing, while a loan usually isn't taxable, you could end up owing taxes on any unpaid loan balance, including interest. And if this balance exceeds the policy's cash value, it could cause your policy to lapse. Also, outstanding loans can reduce your death benefit.

• **Cashing out** – If you cash out, or "surrender," your policy, you can receive the entire cash value, plus any accrued interest. You will have to subtract any money needed to pay policy loans, along with unpaid premiums and surrender fees, which can be significant. Also, any amount you receive over the policy's cash basis — the total of premiums you've paid — will be taxed as regular income.

• **1035 Exchange** – Through what's known as a Section 1035 Exchange, you can transfer your life insurance policy to an annuity, which can be structured to pay you a lifetime income stream. The exchange won't be taxable but surrender charges may still apply.

Given the potential tax implications of the above options, you may want to consult with your tax advisor before making any moves. Also, be sure you are comfortable with a reduced or eliminated death benefit. Specifically, you'll want to be confident that your spouse or other family members don't need the proceeds of your policy. This may require some discussions about your loved ones' plans and needs. And don't forget that life insurance can help your family pay for final expenses, such as funeral costs and unpaid medical bills.

Whether it's providing you with needed retirement income or helping your family meet future needs, your cash value life insurance policy is a valuable asset — so try to put it to the best use possible.

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KOKANEE, THE LANDLOCKED SALMON

The Kokanee is a freshwater sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) that has ceased to be anadromous. The name Kokanee originated as a Kootenai Indian word meaning "red fish," even though the Kokanee does not spend any time in saltwater; the lake or reservoir in which they live is their ocean. After three to four years, the Kokanee will migrate into the lake or reservoir tributary streams to spawn. They will turn a brilliant red and green and finally perish just the same as their larger sockeye relatives. Kokanee are plankton feeders that cover large areas of water using their oversize gill rakes (plankton combs) to filter out zooplankton. Fisheries biologists say that a Kokanee will attack and eat small bait fish, but I know of no one who has found bait fish in a kokanee's stomach. I think the bait fishes they choose to feed on are so small they are digested very quickly, leaving no trace.

I compare Kokanee biting a baitfish and artificial lure to their larger cousins, the sockeye. Sockeye are plankton feeders too, however once in the freshwater rivers, sockeye will strike sand shrimp and other baits big enough to choke a horse! This goes against everything we think we know about plankton feeders. That is why many anglers tip their trolling lure hooks with worm, corn, salmon eggs, and maggot-type baits; the Kokanee have proven they are not bait shy. Except for Alaska and British Columbia, the State of Washington has the largest number of lakes on the continent that contain Kokanee. Here are a few that are close to us Island Anglers:

- Baker Lake - north of SR 20 heading towards the town of Concrete.
- Lake Shannon - the south end of Baker Lake.
- Lake Samish - on the west side of I-5, south of Bellingham.
- Lake Padden - southeast of the city of Bellingham.
- Lake Whatcom - east of Bellingham, between I-5 and Hwy-9.

All of these lakes will produce limits of fish using the same techniques and terminal tackle once the fish have been located. Baker Lake is where my son and I landed our first limits of Kokanee in 1997. We were trolling in a 12-foot aluminum boat pushed by a 1976 Evenrude 6hp outboard. Our light weight rods were rigged with 15-pound mainline with a one ounce banana weight, followed by a small Seps brand chrome dodger, attached to 18 inches of eight-pound leader and a pink "Wedding-Ring" lure, tipped with a kernel of corn.

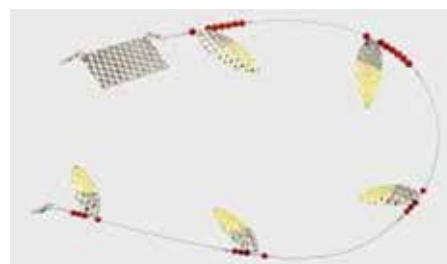
We slowly trolled around the lake using birds and other anglers to help clue us in to where the fish were, since we did not



Small dodger for attracting the fish

have a fish finder on the boat. The Kokanee averaged eight inches long and chrome silver, which is on par for the Baker Lake fish. We found our fish in the center of the lake near the dam. If you prefer to still fish, there were anglers in boats fishing near the mouths of the feeder creeks using baits like maggots, corn, and homemade clumpy dough-bait from krill powder and cornmeal that were landing fish as well. Kokanee are actively attracted to flashy objects; small chrome dodgers to large, light-weight salmon spoons slowly trolled in front of a small spinner will get bit. There is another successful attracting device that has been around for many years used to attract all trout species - it's a daisy chain of flashy chrome/brass blades. I grew up knowing this gear as "ford fenders," however these devices have other recognizable names like "Pop-Gear," "Flex-I-Troll Cowbells," "Lure Jensen Lake Troll" and "Gang Trollers," just to name a few.

Many Kokanee fishermen swear by these devices. The large amount of sparkling flash they produce can make even the weirdest fish come running. "Wedding ring" lures, size#1, "dick nite" lures and "rooster tail" lures are some of the more popular terminal gear that anglers pull behind the Gang Trollers. Almost everyone will tip the lure with a piece of corn, a small pinch of night crawler, or a salmon egg to entice a bite. Springtime is when Kokanee fishing normally heats up, but they will bite year-round if you are patient enough. Kokanee salmon are an avid fisherman's alternative to winter blackmouth salmon. I know they don't measure up to a chinook salmon, but until Olympia's recreational fishing representatives of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) stand up to the tribal co-managers' demands on our behalf, we will fish for what we can. Black Friday trout are biting in nearby lakes so get out and catch a few for the smoker or the frying pan. And continue to Fish On!



Example of a gang trolling rig



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What's Going On

Central Whidbey Island Fire and Rescue Santa Neighborhood Tours

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
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.

Dine Out for Kids

Friday, December 8, 9:00AM-3:00PM
Little Red Hen, Coupeville
The Little Red Hen, located at 901 Grace St., has freshly baked pastries, breads and other items just waiting for you to try. The Little Red Hen will donate a portion of the day's sales to the Coupeville Schools Foundation which provides an extra measure of support to students through teacher grants, college scholarships and the Promise Fund.

Christmas Village

Friday, December 8, 4:00-7:00PM
Saturday, December 9, 12:00-7:00PM
Sunday, December 10, 12:00-7:00PM
Blue Fox Drive In, 1403 N Monroe Landing Rd
A free community holiday event. Visit Santa and his elves, petting zoo, holiday crafts, and games.

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.

The Nutcracker

Fridays, December 8 & 15, 7:00PM
Saturday, December 9, 2:00PM
Saturday, December 16, 2:00 & 7:00PM
Sundays, December 10 & 17, 2:00PM
South Whidbey High School Auditorium, Langley
Our community comes together for Whidbey Island Dance Theatre's 31st annual "The Nutcracker." This year, Callahan Dobmeier takes the role of Clara, Tabitha Metts plays the Forest Queen, Melyssa Smith reprises the role of the Nutcracker with Tay Pitts as the Rat King, Lars Larson returns as Herr Drosselmeyer, and Yarrow Batiste plays the Snow Queen. Get tickets at www.onthestage.tickets/show/whidbey-island-dance-theatre/64f76b1. SWHS Auditorium is located at 5675 Maxwelton Rd.

Holiday Model Train Exhibition

Saturday, December 9, 10:00AM-4:00PM
Sunday, December 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 on Dec. 10. The church is located at 7027 Maxwelton Rd. For more information, email hello@cascadiameadows.com.

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 hand-made doll house from the era. Admission is free. The museum is located at 908 NW Alexander St.

What Are the Origins of Santa?

Saturday, December 9, 4:00-5:00PM
Island County Historical Museum, Coupeville
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

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Playhouse production aims for “warm fuzzies”

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

Whidbey Playhouse in Oak Harbor has a classic gift for audiences this holiday season. Its production of Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol” opens Friday and will run just two weekends. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets to the show are \$15 and are available online at whidbeyplayhouse.com or by calling the box office at 360-679-2237.

Directed by Eric George, this adaptation was written in 2017 by longtime Playhouse volunteer Stan Thomas. Although streamlined slightly this year, this production delivers everything one might expect from this beloved story.

“It’s Dickens’ story,” said Thomas. “If you listen carefully, it’s all his dialogue. It’s not my dialogue, it’s his dialogue. I just tried to make it come alive.”

George, who was the assistant director of the show in 2017, said he had things he wanted to accomplish with the production this time around.

“I wanted to do something different from the last time I directed,” he said. “I have grown so much as a director since that production, and I set out to do things with our show that I felt had never been seen by our audience before, while staying true to what Charles Dickens’ wrote and keeping the stuff that people expect from ‘A Christmas Carol.’”

Audiences will not be disappointed. The set is done in a modified black box style, meaning it’s simple and there are just enough



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly
The ghost of Jacob Marley (Lisa Judd), right, comes to warn Ebenezer Scrooge (Ben Honeycutt) he will be visited by three spirits overnight in the classic Charles Dickens story, “A Christmas Carol.” The show opens Friday at Whidbey Playhouse in Oak Harbor and will run through Dec. 17.

props to set the scenes. The costumes are well done and fit the era perfectly. It’s a large, all-ages cast; of the 39 actors, about half of them have never been on stage before. It’s clear actor Ben Honeycutt, who plays Ebenezer Scrooge, thoroughly enjoys the role and does an outstanding job, as does the rest of the cast.

“We have an amazing cast; I can’t put into words how great they are,” said George. “When we had auditions for this show we had almost 60 people come. I do want to take a minute and give this cast a round of applause. Every single one of them stepped up and has all given 100 percent to this show and we have thrown a lot at them.”

George is talking in part about the short time frame in which they’ve turned the production around.

“From the time we had auditions until opening night, we will have mounted a full production in seven weeks,” he said. “That includes all the stage work, costumes for 39 people (some playing more than one character), tech work, rehearsals, as well as having one production on the Playhouse stage, and two others in rehearsal. This has truly been the most challenging, but one of the most rewarding, shows I have ever done at the Playhouse.”

“It’s great fun. People love this story,” said Thomas. “It’s a story that way deep down we have a sense for, because we want to be like Scrooge. We want to be able to come out of all the problems, all the things we might have done in the past that we regret, and one day shine like he does. That moment of personal redemption.”



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly
Lachlan Waterbury appears as the Ghost of Christmas Present in the Whidbey Playhouse production of “A Christmas Carol,” playing through Dec. 17.



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly
In his adaptation of Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol,” longtime Whidbey Playhouse volunteer Stan Thomas uses a group of madrigal singers to help tell the story of what is happening to Ebenezer Scrooge. Pictured from left are Allenda Jenkins, Geri Thomas, Ellie Alexander and Susan Larsen.

Whidbey Playhouse is located at 730 SE Midway Blvd. in Oak Harbor. Information and show details can be found online at whidbeyplayhouse.com.

“This is a great family show,” said George. “It’s got everything you could want in a show – dancing, music, great acting. It’s family friendly. I also hope it leaves the audience with a warm, fuzzy feeling in their hearts.”



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly
Try as they might, Mr. Wright (Charles Abell) center, and Mr. Fairley (Steve DeHaven), right, can’t convince Ebenezer Scrooge (Ben Honeycutt), left, to be the slightest bit charitable during the Christmas season. Charles Dickens’ classic, “A Christmas Carol,” is Whidbey Playhouse’s holiday production. The show opens Friday in Oak Harbor.

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that results in shows that are both thrilling and touching.”

Cunningham said the Beggar Boys combine music from Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The group features the voice of Abigail Lennox, storytelling by Larry Young and traditional Irish step dancing.

“This magical, festive experience transcends time and borders,” Cunningham said. “It’s a perfect family holiday treat, bringing the magic of Celtic heritage to the heart of the Pacific Northwest.”

This is not the first time the Whidbey Island Music Festival, known for its classical summer concerts, has featured something for the holidays.

“During the pandemic we did a digital Christmas concert,” explained Cunningham. “The Celtic Christmas has proved to be a very popular event!”

“At this time of year, there are few things better than gathering together to experience the joy of holiday music,” she continued. “There’s a phenomenon called collective effervescence – the uplifting, connecting joy that we feel when experiencing live performance together with other people. It’s a great way to ‘fill your tank’ as we enter the busy holiday season.”

Providing more opportunities to share musical events like the Beggar Boys is something Cunningham said WIMF has been doing to accommodate a rising demand from Whidbey audiences.

“The festival has been expanding the number of performances we are presenting on Whidbey,” she said. “We’ve had a lot of requests for more concerts on the north end, so we are busily working on that.”

Whidbey Island Music Festival has a full calendar of concerts for 2024. Here’s what is already on the schedule for the spring, with more north Whidbey locations and dates in the works:



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Music Festival
Enjoy the sounds of a Celtic Christmas with the Beggar Boys, courtesy of Whidbey Island Music Festival. There are still tickets available to Saturday’s concert, which will be held at 3 p.m. at St. Augustine’s in-the-woods Episcopal Church in Freeland.

Barqu-en Hearts: Music for Valentine’s Day

3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4
St. Augustine’s in-the-woods
This musical tribute is all about love – love gone right, love gone wrong, love gone mad and love just plain gone! Featuring soprano Danielle Reutter-Harrah, violinist Tekla Cunningham, cellist Adaiha MacAdam-Somer and harpsichordist Henry Lebedinsky performing music by Purcell, Handel, Strozzi and more.

The Deer’s Cry: Songs of the Celtic Saints

3 p.m. Saturday, March 16
St. Augustine’s in-the-woods
Traditional Irish music, both mystical and jovial, will be featured. This family-friendly concert will feature vocalist Natalie Ingrisano, fiddler Brandon Vance and guitarist/keyboardist Henry Lebedinsky.

Northern Exposure: Musical treasures from the frozen North

3 p.m. Sunday, April 14
St. Augustine’s in-the-woods
Not to be outdone by Italian musicians, composers and performers in northern Germany,

Denmark, Sweden and England used that Italian influence and developed their own distinct sound and style. Join baroque violinist Tekla Cunningham, Tess Roberts on viola de gamba and harpsichordist Henry Lebedinsky as they perform compositions by Buxtehude, Westhoff, Sidon, Butler and Roman. This program will also introduce WIMF’s Young Artist Program and will feature high school student Rylie Patching on baroque bassoon.

Lift Every Voice: A Celebration of Black Voices in Art Song

3 p.m. Sunday, May 5
St. Augustine’s in-the-woods
Celebrate the musical contributions of Black composers Florence Price, Margaret Bonds, Harry T. Burleigh and Moses Hogan with soprano Michele Kennedy and pianist Henry Lebedinsky, who will bring this collection of Spirituals, art songs and solo piano works to life.

Find information and check for new locations and concerts online at whidbeyislandmusicfestival.org.

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“I haven’t had this much fun in a very long time,” Duncan said. “To be in the rehearsal hall with these amazing actors and working with a strong design team, I’m reminded how important live theater is. This art form is rare in that it’s not perfect—perfectly imperfect actually. Theater allows space for our humanness and then shares that with an audience, creating a once-in-a-lifetime ‘moment’ every night.”

WICA was recently named the top theater in the Northern Seattle Region by Theatre Puget Sound Gregory Awards. Duncan said “Falstaff in Love” will be seen by the nominating committee in Seattle for consideration for Best Play and other awards. All the more reason to add “Falstaff in Love” to your holiday wish list.

“Oh, you don’t want to miss this,” she encouraged. “We’ve never produced anything like ‘Falstaff in Love.’ It’s not a Shakespeare play, but because Scott Kaiser is such a genius, the play feels like one of Shakespeare’s strongest comedies. There are all the normal plot twists: mistaken identities, multiple plot lines cleverly intertwined to keep the audience guessing, bawdy/naughty wordplay, stock characters like the young couple, the fool, the clever servant, the drunk... they are all here. Add in some strong fight choreography, two songs with live music and some audience interaction—oh, and don’t forget the Butter Brew we’re serving in the Boarshead Inn Bar preshow—this is a GREAT date night, holiday event!”



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts
Andrew Yabroff and Jameson Cook lend their talents to the latest production by Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley. “Falstaff in Love” opens Friday and will run through Dec. 23.

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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

Candy Construction: Build a Gingerbread House

Thursday, December 7, 2:00-3:00PM
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, 4:30-5:30PM
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.

Holy Communion- Advent II

Sunday, December 10, 8:00 & 10:30AM
St. Augustine's-in-the-Woods, Freeland

We'll light candles on the Advent wreath and sing hymns that look toward the promise of Emmanuel, God-With-Us. Godly Play for children, which invites discovery and wonder around Biblical stories, the Church year, and worship, is offered at the 10:30AM service. All are welcome. The church is located at 5217 Honeymoon Bay Rd.

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 (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.

Virtual Option: Join Zoom meeting https://zoom.us/j/91748954066

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Joint Dec. 7 Commemoration and Deceased Veteran Bell Tolling Luncheon

Thursday, December 7, 11:30AM
Oak Harbor Elks Club

Join the PBY Memorial Foundation, the Association of Naval Aviation and other local veteran organizations for a luncheon gathering commemorating Dec. 7, 1941 "The Day of Infamy" and "Tolling of the Bell" Ceremony in honor of WW-II, Korea and Vietnam veterans who have recently passed away. Free admission. Buffet lunch provided by Elks, \$15. The Elks is located at 155 NE Ernst St.

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.

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THE HUNGER GAMES: BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS AND SNAKES (PG-13) FRIDAY – TUESDAY: 2:00PM & 7:00PM

WISH (PG)
FRIDAY – TUESDAY: 2:30PM, 4:30PM & 7:30PM

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Take it easy this week, Aries. You may need to coast for a little bit rather than racing that car around every turn. Enjoy all the simple things you can do and cherish the memories.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, if you cannot be yourself with your friends, then with whom? Let down your defenses and do what you want this week, especially if you are celebrating at a social event. No one will be judging.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, devote some time to planning your vision of the future, rather than just focusing on the work in front of you. It is wise to be planning months ahead to set yourself up for success.

CANCER – June 22/July 22

Others may tell you to get your head out of the clouds, Cancer, but you can leave it right there. It pays to dream a little because you never know when great ideas will come to you.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23

Put your emotions first, Leo. Rather than thinking with your head, you need to think with your heart. You have to trust your gut and make decisions based on intuition right now.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, empathy will come very easily to you this week, when you can easily put yourself in someone else's shoes and know just what they are feeling. Continue to support your friends.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Motivations may be running low right now regarding improving your health, Libra. You can start thinking of strategies to put into effect for New Year's resolutions.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Try to keep your feet firmly planted on the ground this week, Scorpio. Various distractions are trying to knock you off course, but you don't have time for that now.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

You need to put family first right now, Sagittarius. Every other thing that is in your orbit should take a back seat to familial obligations and the needs of loved ones.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, a conversation with a neighbor or colleague can begin on a casual note and then grow into something much more profound. Always keep your eyes open to possibilities.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

There are more ways to increase your income without having to resort to back-breaking work, Aquarius. Look around to explore the possibilities that might be out there.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, rather than trying to fit in this week, march to the beat of your own drummer. You'll soon find a squad who thinks similarly to you. Then you can enjoy longlasting friendship.

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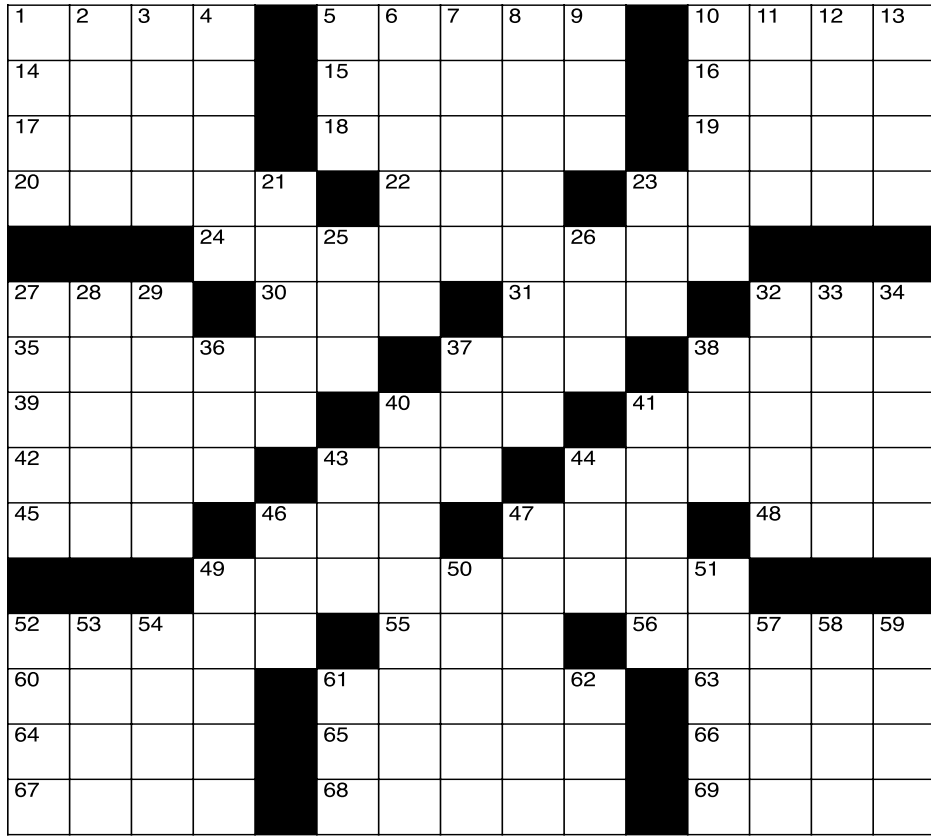
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Droops
- 5. Subatomic particle
- 10. Not in danger
- 14. Nursemaid
- 15. Black band worn in mourning
- 16. Long song in opera
- 17. Edible seed of a Philippine tree
- 18. Chicago political family
- 19. Pursues pleasure from one place to another
- 20. Appetizer
- 22. Hill (Celtic)
- 23. Simple shoe
- 24. Songs to one you love
- 27. Secret activities
- 30. Upset
- 31. Popular hot drink
- 32. Body art (slang)
- 35. Fired
- 37. Blood relation
- 38. Identical
- 39. Porticos
- 40. Partner to cheese
- 41. Type of sword
- 42. Enough (archaic)
- 43. Surface layer of ground
- 44. Cotton fabric woven like satin
- 45. Choose for a post
- 46. Father
- 47. Tell on
- 48. Indian title of respect

- 49. Fonts
- 52. Fencing sword
- 55. Mock
- 56. Vaccine developer
- 60. Atmosphere surrounding a person or place
- 61. Marten with a short tail
- 63. Chinese temple
- 64. Invests in little enterprises
- 65. Popular cut of meat
- 66. Charity
- 67. Iron-containing compound
- 68. River in Northern Europe
- 69. One point east of southeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Exhausts
- 2. Genus of fish related to gars
- 3. Impudent behavior
- 4. Adherents to Islam
- 5. They come after A
- 6. Spoke
- 7. Room to receive guests
- 8. About opera
- 9. End-blown flute
- 10. Heroic tales
- 11. Member of a Semitic people
- 12. Dog's name
- 13. Opposite of west
- 21. Political divisions in ancient Greece
- 23. Ocean

- 25. Cool!
- 26. Young woman about to enter society
- 27. One from central Caucasus
- 28. Indian city
- 29. A way to serve ice cream
- 32. Emaciation
- 33. Escort aircraft carrier
- 34. Italian city
- 36. Mythical settler of Kansas
- 37. Unhappy
- 38. High schoolers' test
- 40. Measured in pace
- 41. Satisfies
- 43. Gullible person
- 44. Enclosed space
- 46. Substance used to color something
- 47. Shirt type
- 49. Discover by investigation
- 50. ___-Castell, makers of pens
- 51. Semitic Sun god
- 52. Grads wear one
- 53. French river
- 54. Part of a cap
- 57. Digestive fluid
- 58. Metrical foot
- 59. Body part
- 61. Very fast airplane
- 62. Supplement with difficulty

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, Dec. 7	Fri, Dec. 8	Sat, Dec. 9	Sun, Dec. 10	Mon, Dec. 11	Tues, Dec. 12	Wed, Dec. 13
North Isle H-50°/L-40° Showers	North Isle H-47°/L-37° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-46°/L-42° Windy and Rainy	North Isle H-50°/L-36° Cloudy with Sunbreaks	North Isle H-46°/L-37° Showers	North Isle H-48°/L-38° Mostly Sunny	North Isle H-51°/L-40° Mostly Sunny
South Isle H-47°/L-36° Showers	South Isle H-46°/L-35° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-43°/L-39° Windy and Rainy	South Isle H-46°/L-32° Cloudy with PM Rain	South Isle H-42°/L-36° Rain	South Isle H-48°/L-36° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-49°/L-38° Mostly Sunny



OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What is your favorite holiday tradition?

Nicole Breaux, Oak Harbor

We have so many little holiday traditions that it is hard to pick just one of my favorites. However, if I had to pick one, as far back as I can remember growing up as a kid a family tradition that I've carried on with our children is on Christmas Eve allowing the kids to open a gift that contains new Christmas pj's, hot cocoa and a movie. We get dressed in our Christmas pj's, get our hot cocoa and coffees ready, grab a Christmas blanket, hop in the car, turn on Christmas music and drive around looking at Christmas lights. When we feel we've seen it all, we head home for the night, watch our Christmas movies, and then the kids go to bed. Dad and I stay up wrapping last minute gifts for the Christmas tree the next morning. I love this little tradition, and just having that moment when we are all together and just enjoying the simplicity of the holiday and feeling the Christmas spirit and magic.



Emily Terao, Freeland

My favorite holiday tradition is gathering and feasting with family. On Christmas Eve, we visit my father-in-law for a feast of the seven fishes. Christmas morning is spent at my parents' house for a breakfast of eggs benedict. How lucky we can continue traditions from both sides of our family.



Jason Magee, Coupeville

One of my favorite holiday traditions is the Greening of Coupeville and the parades, on land and sea, that come with it. As a crew member of the Whidbey Island Maritime Heritage



Foundation's schooner Suva, I have participated in both. Following the parade(s), my wife and I join friends for a warming and festive chili dinner with friends, their daughter, son-in-law, and five grandchildren. What could be better?

Rev. Cadan Sacart, Oak Harbor

Our family's holiday traditions are deeply rooted in the ancient practices of paganism, aligning with the natural rhythms of life and the interconnectedness of all beings. Yule, the winter solstice, holds a special place in our festivities. During this time of darkness and introspection, we stay awake on the longest night, welcoming the sun's return. Lighting the previous year's Yule log symbolizes divine warmth, while mistletoe brings hopes of good fortune. Decorating the Yule tree with lights and ornaments fills our home with festive cheer. Our celebrations extend beyond materialism, becoming sacred occasions to honor the deities and energies of the universe. As we embrace nature's rhythms, Yule becomes a spiritual time of renewal and reflection for our family.



Fred Lundahl, Langley

My favorite holiday tradition? It's a toss-up between the Lighting of Langley and the Holly Jolly Parade.



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Winter Barn Sale: Wednesdays-Saturdays, 9am-6pm, beginning Nov. 1 and continuing through the holidays, 3475 Day Road, Greenbank. Tools, warm clothing, antiques and collectibles. 360-900-4713 (3)

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/NorthPugetSoundDragonBoatClub?ref=hl

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

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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@bbbsic-landcounty.org for more information.

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

If you are looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity, look no further! When you volunteer at one of the Habitat for Humanity of Island County stores, you are helping local families attain decent, affordable housing. Income from the stores is vital to giving families a path to homeownership. We need people who can commit to help out in our Oak Harbor or Freeland store

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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.

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