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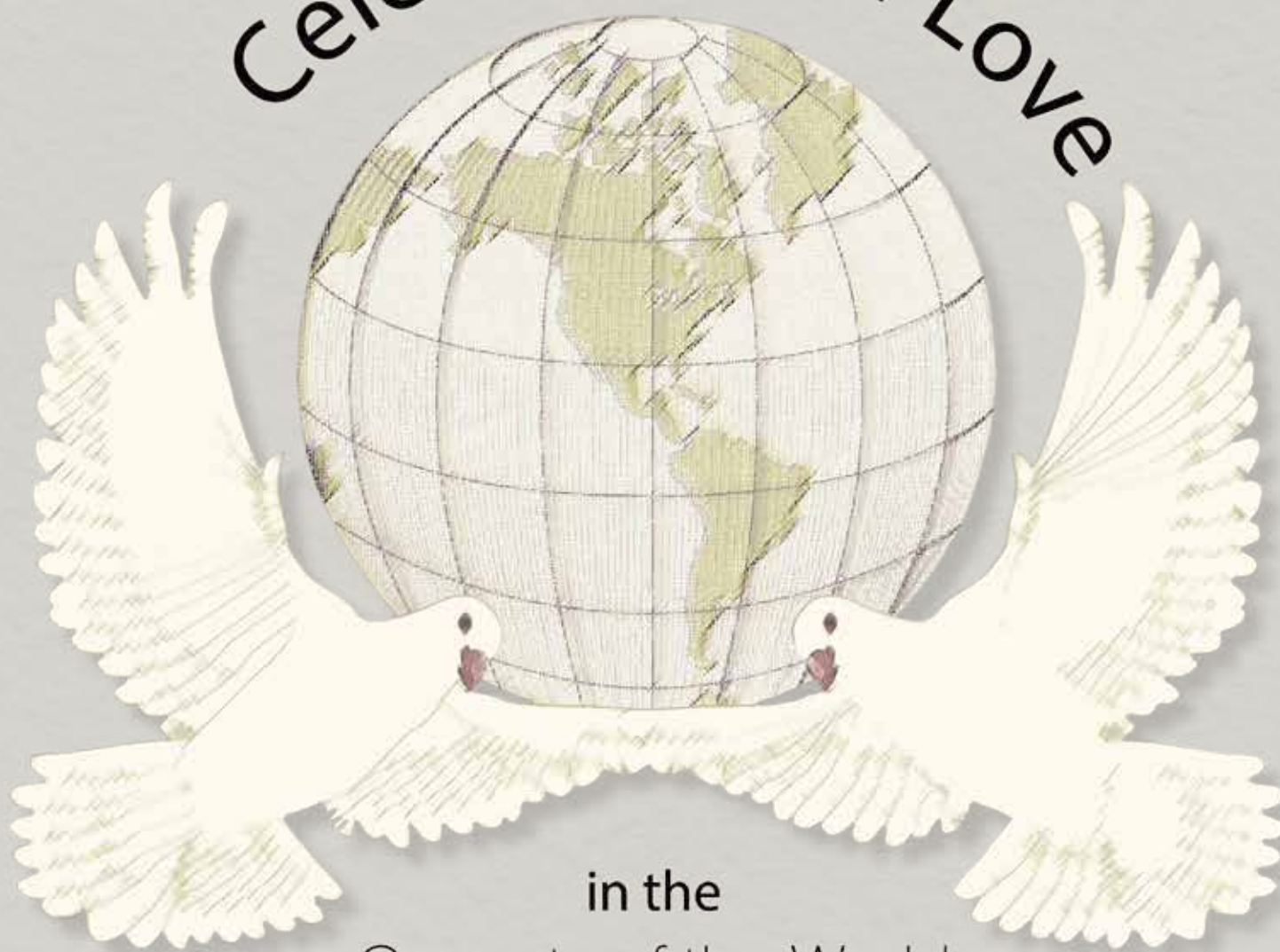
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Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge

The chefs of the Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge in Coupeville will serve up a traditional Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner Saturday. Lefse, potatoes, vegetables and a traditional dessert will also be served.

fish that had been drying on racks was left submerged in the wet ashes (which produces lye). When it was discovered, the fish was rinsed and cooked. Other stories say ashes were mixed into the water when the dried fish was being reconstituted. Whether either story is true, it is fact that lye has been used to make lutefisk for years, although the process has been refined over time.

"The old methods of making lutefisk are different than today, and I believe what used to be 'hold your nose' has become quite palatable," said Petersen, who went on to describe what the Nordic Lodge's dinner also includes.

"The menu is Lutefisk, Swedish meatballs in gravy, which is again a traditional meal item," he said. "Potatoes and a vegetable round out the meal. We will also have coleslaw and another Scandinavian delicacy, pickled herring, all accompanied by lefse, a Scandinavian flat bread, and a desert of Riskrem, which is a rice pudding with a dollop of loganberry jam."

The annual Lutefisk dinner, which began in 2019, serves as a fundraiser for the Nordic Lodge as well as an event that helps the lodge fulfill its mission.

"This event is important for our lodge and the community, as it is one of our missions to expose the community to Nordic culture, and this is one way of doing that," said Petersen. "It is a fundraiser to help keep our lodge financially sound and allow us to contribute to the community."

Petersen said he thinks people enjoy coming to the annual dinner simply because it's a lot of fun.

"It is an opportunity for Scandinavians (and others) to gather and enjoy Scandinavian food, music, laughter and mingle with others of the same heritage and/or interests," he said. "For others who have not taken the opportunity to taste lutefisk and experience Nordic food or even visit our sale of Scandinavian baked goods you cannot find in the grocery store, we say 'Please join us. You are welcome.'"

Learn more about the Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge and future events like the Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner by going to [whidbeyislandnordiclodge.com](http://whidbeyislandnordiclodge.com).

## Annual Nordic Lodge dinner celebrates the love of lutefisk

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

It may not be everyone's cup of tea, but the lure of lutefisk cannot be denied for many people of Scandinavian heritage.

The Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge, 63 Jacobs Road in Coupeville, is holding its fourth annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner Saturday and will host three different seatings at which to enjoy a traditional feast of lutefisk. While it is too late to get a ticket to this year's dinner, those curious about it can make a note to attend next year's dinner. There will, however, be a bake sale of traditional Scandinavian treats going on in conjunction with the dinner from about noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, to which anyone interested may stop by. Visit [whidbeyislandnordiclodge.com](http://whidbeyislandnordiclodge.com) for more information.

One doesn't need to be of Scandinavian descent to know what lutefisk is, but just in case, event organizers told Whidbey Weekly via email it's a dish with a long history.

"Lutefisk has been a part of the Christmas season for as long as I can remember," shared Brian Petersen, member of the Nordic Lodge and head of the dinner's planning committee. "My mother made it for Christmas when I was a child. It is my understanding that the tradition was brought to the U.S. by Scandinavian immigrants."

Lutefisk is whitefish – typically cod – that has been dried, then soaked in water and



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge

More than 200 people are expected to partake of a Scandinavian delicacy at the Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge's fourth annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner Saturday in Coupeville.

lye for several days before being rinsed, soaked again, and cooked before serving. Lutefisk aficionados claim it doesn't have much flavor on its own and by the time preparation is finished, it is said to have a rather gelatinous texture.

None of this has done much to shore up its reputation.

"I think lutefisk gets a bad rap because of the way it used to be prepared, and the texture of the fish is unusual," Petersen

said. "I don't know if I can describe it very well, but to me it has a somewhat 'Jello-y' texture and by itself has very little actual flavor. It's the butter, white sauce and bacon bits put over the fish that gives it a taste."

Just how the recipe for Lutefisk came to be created is somewhat of a mystery. Some legends claim it was created when Vikings burned down a neighboring village. Rain put the fire out, but



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge

Fun is the name of the game at the Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge, which will serve its annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner Saturday. It is too late to purchase dinner tickets, but a Scandinavian bake shop will be open to the public from noon to 4 p.m.





# Island 911

Seriously, we do not make this stuff up!

**Tuesday, Jan. 9**  
**7:36 am, SE Pioneer Way**  
 Dead seagull in front of location near the main entrance.

**5:28 pm, NW Falls Creek Loop**  
 Advising cat is missing and when reporting party tries to catch it, old roommate tries to fight her.

**10:06 pm, SW Fort Nugent Ave.**  
 Reporting party advising there is a vehicle at the stop light at Fort Nugent and Swantown with its hazards on and no one around.

**Wednesday, Jan. 10**  
**2:41 am, NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.**  
 Heard a sharp noise somewhere; unknown where in the house; reporting party is home alone and is disabled.

**9:58 am, SE 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.**  
 Party requesting call; says back in October she had refunded someone \$50; just discovered that check was cashed for \$950.

**10:20 am, SW Capital Dr.**  
 Reporting party requesting call in reference to getting a call from someone saying he was with Oak Harbor Police Department and needed to talk to her about legal matters.

**8:48 pm, N Oak Harbor St.**  
 Reporting party advising he is following up on recently reported vehicle prowler; he has noticed a female in a white four-door truck that doesn't live at complex, as far as reporting party knows; advising subject has been parking there for the last few days.

**11:03 pm, NE Midway Blvd.**  
 Reporting party advising subject was paroled and was "following them;" believed they were in danger.

**Thursday, Jan. 11**  
**11:23 am, SE Barrington Dr.**  
 Advising female keeps returning to location, knocking on reporting party's door; reporting party is trying to distance from her.

**2:28 pm, SW Heller St.**  
 Advising female friend in fit, is damaging reporting party's vehicle; physically destroying it; beating on vehicle with her hands.

**2:59 pm, NE Izett St.**  
 Caller says there is a mail truck locked up near the mailboxes; not usual happening. Says there are two males now peering into the mail truck.

**7:57 pm, NW Dory Dr.**  
 Report of barking dogs.

**Friday, Jan. 12**  
**9:11 am, NE Regatta Dr.**  
 Advising subject threw rock and spit at reporting party's car.

**9:56 am, SW Barlow St.**  
 Caller advising of gold minivan with broken windshield, occupied by subject in a black hoodie; caller is concerned for occupant's wellbeing.

**10:30 am, SW Barlow St.**  
 Advising subject at location is being aggressive and throwing food.

**11:12 am, SE Pioneer Way**  
 Reporting party states drug deal occurred in parking lot of location an hour ago.

**12:20 pm, SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.**  
 Advising transient is now laying in the field, laying down east of the church; did gather his belongings; caller requesting he be removed.

**1:49 pm, SE Midway Blvd.**  
 Difficulty understanding caller; laughing; states she went "potty" and now needs the cops.

**4:30 pm, SW Barlow St.**  
 Advising transient female is at location seeking assistance; states SPiN will not let her in.

**5:03 pm, NE Barron Dr.**  
 Party requesting call referencing a bullet hole in her vehicle.

**10:31 pm, NE 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.**  
 Party requesting call in reference to whether estranged boyfriend has been served order yet.

**Saturday, Jan. 13**  
**12:09 am, N Oak Harbor St.**  
 One shot heard. Reporting party advising he's been around firearms; was sure it was a gun.

**8:01 am, W Whidbey Ave.**  
 Party requesting phone call for incident that occurred yesterday; advising a friend came into reporting party's apartment and took items.

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

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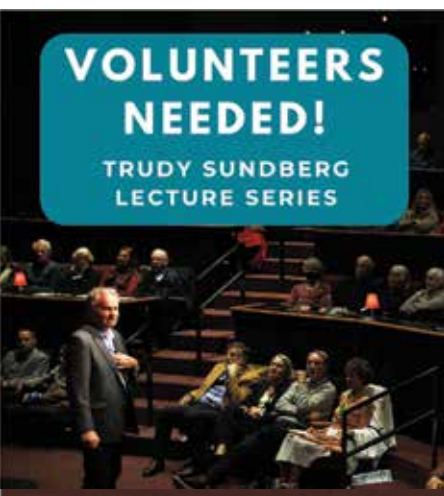
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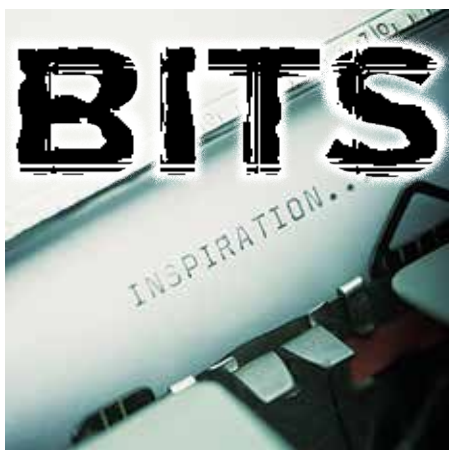


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**Skagit Valley College receives \$1 Million grant to enhance Dental Therapy Program**

Skagit Valley College recently received a \$1 million grant from Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies (MACP) to further the college's dəx'xayəbus Dental Therapy program.



Skagit Valley College has received a substantial grant toward its dəx'xayəbus Dental Therapy Program, a joint effort with the Swinomish Indian Tribe.

Running from Jan. 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026, this project focuses on teacher training, student navigation, and wrap-around support to ensure student success.

The dəx'xayəbus (pronounced Dahf-hi-ya-buus) Dental Therapy Program, a joint effort with the Swinomish Indian Tribe, successfully launched in September 2022 with prior MACP support. This grant will address lingering barriers to student success, focusing on wrap-around navigation services in crucial areas such as financial aid, tutoring, transportation, housing, and faculty training in inclusive educational practices and cultural competency.

"As we build on the success of the initial phase of the dəx'xayəbus Dental Therapy program, this generous grant from Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies will enable us to continue to improve the program and increase support for our students, stated Dr. Cheyanne Warren, dəx'xayəbus Dental Therapy Program director. "The project aligns with our commitment to fostering student success and ensuring the long-term sustainability of the program."

SVC will introduce an inclusive learning community, mandatory for all program faculty. This initiative aims to ensure that every student benefits from a culturally competent and supportive learning environment.

Administrative support funded by MACP will play a key role in overseeing program operations, ensuring sustainability, and facilitating successful student placement post-graduation.

For more information on the grant and its implications for SVC's Dental Therapy program, please contact dəx'xayəbus Program Director Dr. Cheyanne Warren at cheyanne.warren@skagit.edu.

[Submitted by Sofia Poulton, communications and social media manager]

**Island Transit unveils bold rebranding initiatives**

Island Transit, founded in 1987, is launching a comprehensive rebranding initiative, marking a departure from its longstanding visual identity, and emphasizing its dedication to progress, innovation, and environmental sustainability.

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Long associated with its original logo and branding, Island Transit recognized the need for a visual realignment to reflect its evolving mission, goals, and services under the Maximized and Zero Emission Initiatives. In collaboration with Brave New Day, a creative rebranding agency, the organization undertook an extensive rebranding project.



"As we embark on this transformative journey with our rebranding initiatives, we are not just changing our visual identity; we are redefining our commitment to progress, innovation, and environmental responsibility," said Todd Morrow, Island Transit Executive Director.

The project was a team effort, with a committee that included an employee representing each department in the agency, members of the public, a board member, and a rider who takes transit daily and relies on this service. Working collaboratively with the agency Brave New Day, Island Transit created and audited a survey that was distributed across Island County, seeking public input.

The recently completed rebranding project signifies a crucial moment in Island Transit's history, emphasizing its commitment to improving services, minimizing environmental impact, and fostering a sustainable and equitable future for residents of Island County.

This modern transformation, initiated in December 2022, involved several key components:

**Comprehensive Brand Guidelines:** Island Transit has established a set of comprehensive brand guidelines to ensure consistency across all communications and visual elements.

**New Logo and Color Scheme:** A fresh, modern logo has been designed, reflecting the agency's commitment to progress. The color scheme resonates with the island's natural beauty while conveying a sense of innovation.

**Distinct Visual Identity:** The rebrand introduces a distinct visual identity that encapsulates Island Transit's mission, values, and commitment to sustainability.

**Vehicle Schematic Drawings:** Basic vehicle schematic drawings showcase the integration of the new branding across Island Transit's fleet, aligning with the Zero Emission Initiatives.

**Engaging Social Media and Website Visuals:** The rebrand extends to Island Transit's digital presence, featuring new visuals on social media platforms and the official website for a dynamic and engaging online experience.

**Typography:** A carefully selected typography adds a modern and cohesive touch to the rebrand, contributing to a unified and recognizable brand image.

**Voice and Messaging Strategy:** Island Transit has defined a compelling voice and messaging strategy that communicates its commitment to progress, environmental responsibility, and community wellbeing.

"This rebrand represents more than a new logo – it symbolizes our agency's evolution. It is a commitment to delivering improved services, minimizing our environmental impact, and fostering a sustainable and equitable future for the vibrant community we proudly serve in Island

County," said Morrow.

The agency looks forward to the continued support of the community as it enters this exciting new chapter, confident the rebrand will not only elevate the Island Transit experience but also contribute to the collective well-being of the Island County community.

**About Island Transit**

Island Transit has been a cornerstone of public transportation in Island County since 1987. Committed to providing fare free, safe, convenient, accessible, friendly, and environmentally conscious transit services, Island Transit serves as a vital link in connecting communities while embracing innovation for a sustainable future. For more information, visit [www.islandtransit.org](http://www.islandtransit.org).

**About Brave New Day**

Brave New Day is a creative agency specializing in transformative branding and design solutions. With a commitment to innovation and impact, Brave New Day collaborates with organizations to craft compelling narratives and visual identities that resonate with its mission and audience.

[Submitted by Selene Muldowney-Stratton, Island Transit marketing and communications officer]

**Navy to host two open houses on water well sampling**

The U.S. Navy will host two Open House Public Meetings on Thursday, Feb. 1, at the Oak Harbor Elks Lodge (155 NE Ernst St.) to provide information to the public about the Navy's offer to sample drinking water wells near Naval Air Station Whidbey Island.

The sampling is for certain per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which may be present in off-base drinking water wells due to past use of firefighting foam or other PFAS-containing materials on base. Most of the properties within the Area 6 Landfill sampling area are served by the City of Oak Harbor water system and do not require sampling by the Navy.

The Open House Public Meetings, which will be held from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., will have detailed informational displays about the drinking water sampling near the Area 6 Landfill.

Additionally, information about previous drinking water sampling near Ault Field and Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Coupeville will be on display; however, the sampling areas for Ault Field and OLF Coupeville have not been changed since 2019 and 2017, respectively.

Representatives from the Navy, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Washington State Department of Ecology, Washington State Department of Health, and Island County Public Health Department will be available to answer questions you may have.

If your drinking water comes from a well in the sampling areas, and the Navy has not previously sampled your drinking water well, then the Navy would like to sample your drinking water, at no cost to you.

Property owners may schedule a drinking water well sampling appointment at either of the Open House Public Meetings, by calling and leaving a message at 1-844-WHI-PFAS (1-844-944-7327), or by emailing [naswi.pfas@jacobs.com](mailto:naswi.pfas@jacobs.com). Please include your name, property address, and telephone number.

For more information, please visit our website at: <https://pacific.navfac.navy.mil/NASWIPFAS>.

[Submitted by Mike Welding, NASWI Public Affairs]

# What's Going On?

## Bluegrass Festival

Thursday, Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m.  
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, 565 Camano Ave., Langley



The second act of WICA's first Bluegrass Festival is the Stephanie Schneiderman Trio! Stephanie Schneiderman is an award-winning singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, producer and activist based in Portland, Ore. Whether pursuing her prolific work as a solo artist (nine albums), playing drums for all-star roots pop act Swan Sovereign (formerly Dirty Martini), stepping on the stage in the musical The Full Monty, producing a wildly successful humanitarian concert series for refugees in Uganda (raising over \$70k) as well as producing the soundtrack for three popular children's DVDs – selling more than 65K combined units – Schneiderman is hands down one of the most diversely talented artists the Northwest has to offer. Tickets: wicaonline.org

## Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Saturday, Jan. 27, 8-11 a.m.  
Deer Lagoon Grange, 5142 Bayview Rd., Langley

Enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, coffee or juice, all by donation. Proceeds benefit the continued upgrades and beautification of the historic grange hall.

## Winter Stroll

Saturday, Jan. 27, 2-5 p.m.  
Downtown Oak Harbor

Warm your soul at the third annual Winter Stroll through historic downtown Oak Harbor. Enjoy hot tea, cider, cocoa and treats at participating businesses while you shop local. Sponsored by Oak Harbor Main Street Association; see the association's Facebook page for a list of participating merchants.

## Celebration of Love in the Currents of the World

Saturday, Jan. 27, 7:30 p.m.  
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, 565 Camano Ave., Langley

WICA offers up a magical evening of poetry, and music, celebrating the power of love, featuring Judith Adams, poet, and Gloria Ferry Brennan, violinist. Guest artists include Eric Mulholland, poet, Peggy Taylor, harp, Rachel Adams, memoirist and the Open Circle Community Choir. Tickets: wicaonline.org

## Make Your Own Candle

Monday, Jan. 29, 3-4:30 p.m.  
Oak Harbor Library, 1000 SE Regatta Dr.

Teens ages 12 to 19 are invited to come make a scented candle at the Oak Harbor Library. Megan from Varner Candle Co. will help participants learn how to add scents and fun decorations to their own custom candle. All supplies will be provided and attendees will take home their candle creation.

## Art Talks with Rebecca Albani: Alexander Calder

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 11 a.m.  
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, 565 Camano Ave., Langley

To enrich our appreciation of the "Calder: In Motion" exhibition celebrating the gift of some four dozen Calder artworks to Seattle Art Museum, Rebecca Albani will present the career of Alexander Calder, best known for his witty "Circus," playful mobiles, and powerful "stables"

like "Eagle" in the Olympic Sculpture Park. Tickets: wicaonline.org

## Meet the Robots with Imagine Children's Museum

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 3-4 p.m.  
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St.

Direct a fleet of mini robots around obstacles and control them using sensors and simple programming. Led by skilled educators from Imagine Children's Museum, this Museum-on-the-Go class offers engaging hands-on activities to encourage creative thinking and problem solving. For kids ages 6 and up and their caregivers. Space is limited and registration is required. Please register kids only at: <https://sno-isle.bibliocommons.com/events/65711a58067df23e002a70d17f-bclid=lwAR3fjp8UVDALiGbPX-CgLFNsOXX9cewp48zqcqIFPdz-tX5n19-GEqYnm0DYM>.

## Navy Public Meetings on Drinking Water Sampling

Thursday, Feb. 1  
12:30-2:30 p.m. OR 5- 7 p.m.  
Elks Lodge, 155 Ernst St., Oak Harbor

The Navy is conducting drinking water well sampling near Naval Air Station Whidbey Island beginning in February, to look for certain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) which may be present due to past use of firefighting foam or other PFAS-containing materials on base. The open house-style public meetings will have detailed informational displays about the proposed sampling near the Area 6 Landfill. Additional information on previous drinking water sampling near Ault Field and Outlying Landing Field (conducted in 2019 and 2017) will also be on display. Visit <https://pacific.navfac.navy.mil/NASWIPFAS> for information.

## Traveling the Dementia Journey Together

Thursday, Feb. 1, 2-3:30 p.m.  
Regency on Whidbey, Assisted Living Building, Third Floor Day Room

Do you have questions about dementia? How does it progress? What changes you can expect? What to do when your loved one won't listen? How to communicate with your loved one? Would you like to gain some insight into what they might be experiencing? Join us for a friendly, relaxing time to share and support each other as we travel on this dementia journey together. Questions? Call 360-279-2224.

## Adventures in Life Cycles

Friday or Saturday, Feb. 2 or 3,  
9:30-11 a.m.  
Deception Pass State Park,  
41229 SR 20, Oak Harbor

Learn about how tadpoles become frogs! Suitable for ages 2-5 with caregiver. This is a free, Family in Nature activity; space is limited. A Discover Pass is required for vehicle access to the park. Register at: [www.eventbrite.com/cc/family-in-nature-2024-2828599](http://www.eventbrite.com/cc/family-in-nature-2024-2828599).

## "The 25th Annual Putnum County Spelling Bee"

Fridays, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23  
@ 7:30 p.m.  
Saturdays, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24  
@ 7:30 p.m.  
Sundays, Feb. 4, 18, 25 @ 2:30 p.m.  
\*Note: Feb. 11 show will take place Saturday, Feb. 10 @ 2:30 p.m.

Whidbey Playhouse,  
730 SE Midway Blvd., Oak Harbor

This is not your parent's spelling bee! Local spelling bee contestants duke it out for a place at the National Spelling Bee. See how reading the dictionary, magic feet, helicopter dads, and speaking a whole lot of languages figures into the competition, overseen by a former champion. Juice boxes please! Rated PG13. Tickets are \$25

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and are on sale now; purchase at the box office or online at: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=179500>.

## Baroque-en Hearts

Sunday, Feb. 4, 3 p.m.  
St. Augustine's in-the-Woods,  
5217 S Honeymoon Bay Rd., Freeland

Whidbey Island Music Festival presents a musical tribute to love gone right, love gone wrong, love gone mad, and love just plain gone. From the heartwarming to the heartbreaking, enjoy music by Purcell, Handel, Strozzi, and more, performed by acclaimed soprano Danielle Reutter-Harrah, violinist Tekla Cunningham, violist da gamba Tess Roberts, and harpsichordist Henry Lebedinsky. Complementary Valentine's Day-themed refreshments will be provided. Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/baroque-en-hearts-music-for-valentines-day-tickets-774544452307?aff=oddtcreator>

## "Sleuth" Theater Series

Thursdays, Feb. 8, 15, 22 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Fridays, Feb. 9, 16, 23 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Saturdays, Feb. 10, 17, 24 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Sundays, Feb. 11, 18 @ 2 p.m.  
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, 565 Camano Ave., Langley

WICA presents "Sleuth," a staged screenplay by Harold Pinter, based on the play by Anthony Shaffer. Directed by David Churchill. Think of the perfect murder...then go one step further. Tickets are available at wicaonline.org.

## South Whidbey Hearts & Hammers Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, Feb. 9, 4:30-7 p.m.  
Langley United Methodist Church,  
301 Anthes Ave.

With delicious food and wonderful community, South Whidbey Hearts & Hammers' annual spaghetti dinner is the perfect way to spend an evening. Proceeds benefit South Whidbey Hearts & Hammers. Visit [heartsandhammers.com](http://heartsandhammers.com) for more information.

## Valentine's Pop-Up Market

Saturday, Feb. 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Greenbank Farm, 765 Wonn Road

Love is in the air for this Valentine's celebration. Shop for unique gifts at our curated artisan market featuring local makers. Enjoy special treats for all of your Valentines. Bring the kids to create their own Valentine's cards and decorations in the Kids' Craft Corner. More event details will be shared on our Facebook event here: <https://fb.me/e/1Ec6qEKdd>

## Learn to Basket Weave

Saturday, Feb. 10, 1-3 p.m.  
Island County Historical Museum, 908 NW Alexander St., Coupeville

Regina (Reggie) Kastler, basketry artist and owner of Basket Works NW, will lead you in learning the skills needed from 1 – 1:30 p.m. then those interested can make a lovely little basket from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Reggie comes from a long line of fiber

artists and has years of experience teaching this art. While there, check out the fiber arts exhibit of lovely work throughout history. Recommended for ages 5 and up (children must be supervised by an adult); free, but donations are welcome.

## Season of Love with Saratoga Orchestra

Saturday, Feb. 10, 5:30 p.m. OR 7 p.m.  
Whidbey Golf Club,  
2430 Fairway Lane, Oak Harbor

You are invited to join in supporting Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra for a special evening of wonderful music and mouth-watering dishes. Choose between option "A," a premium dinner and concert tickets at 5:30 p.m. or option "B," concert and dessert tickets at 7 p.m. Tickets and details are available online at [sowhidbey.com](http://sowhidbey.com). Your attendance helps benefit the mission and goals of Whidbey Island's only professional orchestra: to ENTERTAIN, to provide EDUCATIONAL opportunities to island students, and to ENRICH the lives of our community through the power of music.

## Whidbey Royalty Valentine's Day Ball

Saturday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m.  
Elk's Lodge, 155 Ernst St., Oak Harbor

Oak Harbor High School students are invited to attend the Whidbey Royalty Valentine's Day Ball. Students can enjoy food, music and dancing. Ticket and current high school student ID required for entry. Tickets are \$15 each or two for \$23, formal dress is required. Tickets may be purchased from a member of Whidbey Royalty.

## Whidbey Island String Trio Valentine's Concert

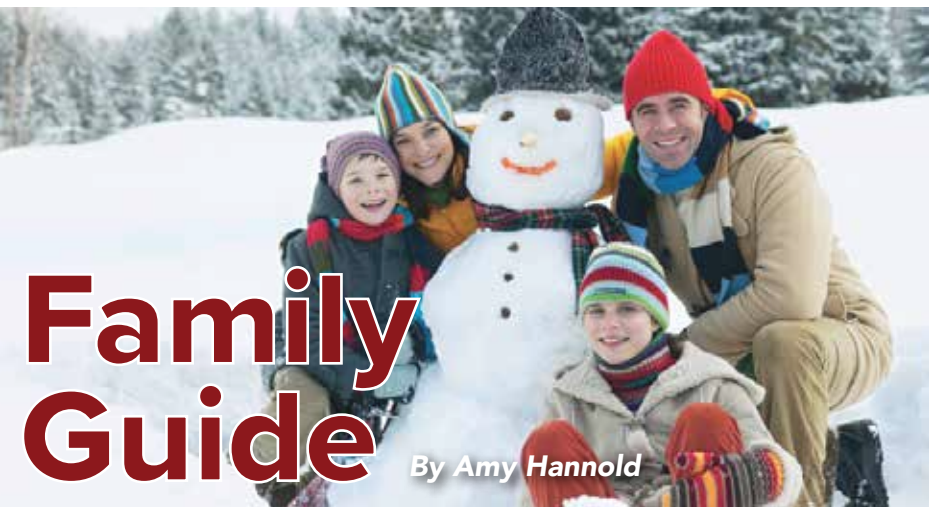
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m.  
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, 565 Camano Ave., Langley

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 bossanova, swing, hoedowns, and fiddle tunes. Their concerts combine delicate elegance with spontaneous exuberance. Tickets are available at wicaonline.org.

## Jayne Stone's Folklife

Thursday, Feb. 29, 7:30 p.m.  
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, 565 Camano Ave., Langley

Jayne Stone's Folklife treats old field recordings not as time capsules, but as heirloom seeds passed down from a bygone generation. Planting these sturdy seeds in modern soil, this versatile gathering of musicians has cultivated vibrant Sea Island spirituals, Creole calypsos, and stomp-down Appalachian dance tunes for contemporary listeners. They also play entrancing indie-pop originals. Tickets are available at wicaonline.org.



# Family Guide

By Amy Hannold

## Washington Poison Center Story Contest:

Write a 250-500-word story about household poisoning prevention and the Washington Poison Center's role in keeping everyone safe. All Washington students in kindergarten through 8th grade are welcome to compose an entry that involves a realistic household poisoning scenario. Your story must include one or more poison prevention strategies, such as safe storage, the use of Mr. Yuk stickers or reading labels/instructions closely, and mention calling the Washington Poison Center's Poison Helpline. Entries must be submitted by Feb. 4. Additional guidelines and information: Wapc.org.

## Puzzle Swap:

Exchange a puzzle you've finished with a new-to-you jigsaw puzzle at the Freeland Library Sunday, Feb. 4, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Puzzles brought to this swap must have no missing pieces, be in the original manufacturer's box and be in overall good condition. You will be able to exchange one puzzle for each one you bring to donate. All ages are welcome.

## Natural Beauties on Display:

Explore the fascinating world of rocks and gems with the Whidbey Island Gem Club, as it presents its 58th annual "Sweetheart of Gems Show" Feb. 10 and 11 at The Center in Oak Harbor (51 SE Jerome Street). Event hours are Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission to this family-friendly event is free. A variety of demonstrations will share the skills and creativity of turning rocks into jewelry and more. Vendors will be selling rough rock, polished display pieces, rock and gem tools, jewelry and other items. Educational displays, games, rock identification, and door prizes will also be featured. More information: rock9@whidbey.net.

## See The Stars:

A Star Party is scheduled Friday, Feb. 9 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at Fort Nugent Park (2075 SW Fort Nugent Road, Oak Harbor). Explore the night sky and view distant galaxies, planets and nebulas at this free event hosted by the Island County Astronomical Society. No telescope is needed and people of all ages are welcome to attend. Be sure and dress warmly and note the event will be canceled if the weather is cloudy. For future event information visit lcas-wa.org and Island County Astronomical Society on Facebook.

## Quest for a Glass Treasure:

The Great Northwest Glass Quest is Feb. 16-25. Search for plastic clue balls hidden on Camano Island and in the city of Stanwood to win a hand-blown glass ball. To begin your adven-

ture, check-in at the event's website to view and/or download the Glass Quest Guidebook at Northwestglassquest.com. You'll find frequently asked questions, easy directions to quest sites, a visitor's guide to the area and an app, with maps and all of the other information you will need. Your search for a clue ball will take you on a self-guided tour of the Stanwood and Camano area, including parks, businesses and community sites. It's free to participate, with the exception of the Discover Pass requirement for state parks.

## Solve the Mystery:

Sleuths of all ages are welcome to solve Langley's annual "Whodunnit" Feb. 24-25. Enjoy a day in the Village by the Sea as you view the crime scene, interview suspects, and then discover the solution. Work through the clues on either Saturday and/or Sunday; you need not be present to win in the grand prize drawing of correct solution entries at the "big reveal" on Sunday. Incorrect ballots will also be placed in a drawing for prizes. The cost to participate is just \$15 per map (\$12 for military, youth 16 and under, and seniors age 65-plus), which includes a chance to guess whodunnit, and possibly win great prizes. VisitLangley.com.

## Run to Swing the Gates at Deception Pass State Park:

Explore the park in either a 10K Team Scavenger Hunt, a 5K Fun Run, or a half-mile Kids Race along the trails in the park March 30. Strollers, small children and dogs are welcome for the 5K and Kids Run. All finishers (ages 5 and up) will receive a mystery award for finishing. The top three finishers of each race category in 5K Fun Run and the first-place team in the 10K Scavenger Hunt will also win a special prize. Cost is \$120 per 10K Scavenger Team, \$35 for the 5K, \$25 ages 5 - 17, before March 9. A Washington State Discover Pass is required for event parking. Proceeds benefit the park's educational programs. Registration by March 29 is required: Runsignup.com/race/wa/oakharbor/swingthegates. Volunteers are also welcome, email volunteer@deception-passfoundation.org to join the fun.

## Seeking Teens Passionate About Parks:

The Deception Pass Park Foundation is looking for two teens, ages 14-18, for a year-long volunteer experience. The students will gain experience in resource management, park operations, nonprofit functioning, and environmental science. Teen Ambassadors work along side the Deception Pass Park Foundation, park staff and others, receiving valuable mentorship, life and career skills, and they will complete a project which advances the

vision of improving conservation and restoration efforts in the park. Applications will be accepted through March 31. Deceptionpassfoundation.org.

## Get Ready, There's Still More Winter Ahead:

The Island County Emergency Management department has a wide variety of educational and informational tools to help residents be emergency ready. Learn about local hazards, connect to alert broadcasts, and educate yourself on a wide variety of pre-disaster steps you can take to minimize potential emergency effects. This vital information and connection is also available via the Island County Preparedness app for mobile phones. Connect to these resources at: Islandcountywa.gov/DEM.

## Prepare Your Pets, Too:

The Island County DEM encourages pet owners, parents, and individuals to spend some time learning about what they could encounter in an emergency, and prepare for it. Advice from experts instructs us on how to respond to a variety of disasters and be equipped to be self-sufficient for two weeks, as emergency responders cannot get to everyone at once. This includes first-aid supplies, food and water, sanitation and shelter.

**Get Children Ready as Well:** Kids can "Be a Hero" with fun games and completing activities at the "FEMA Ready Kids" website (Ready.gov/kids). Talking points and guides to help children cope with emergencies are also provided. At the same website, teens are encouraged to be a leader in their family and community by becoming an advocate for emergency preparedness and taking steps to be a part of trained disaster response. Youth educators too, can find resources for age-appropriate discussion and the types of preparedness measures they should complete.

## Find Fun for All Seasons

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## A Word with our Publisher:

I may not dedicate the rest of my life towards *Whidbey Weekly*, but it is important for me to make as much of an impact with the skills that I have while I'm here.

In our January 11th issue, Jeff Pleet talked about the importance of estate planning. This is a conversation every family, every business, and every nonprofit should be having. I find proper estate/succession planning to be a crucial element for how this paper will persevere; it has become a key pillar for me as I approach tackling *Whidbey Weekly*.

I aspire to build from what Eric, Kathy, and TJ have started with this paper, and lay new foundations to better serve all of you. I have a history of being a catalyst for change and discovering this change occurs with study. Current learning: understanding our communities, where they're underserved, what they're celebrating, and what they're looking forward to. I hope that this paper can epitomize it all in some way for future generations.

One aspect of *Whidbey Weekly* that we can develop immediately is our classifieds and directories. These resources are a common figure in local community newspapers. They're well utilized and work as a go-to guide for anyone needing a quick reference, or for someone new to our community. For us, the structural changes that ensure our success into the future involve further developing our print and digital presence today. Advertising dollars (and general contributions) will help us do that, as well as afford a few more writers and designers on our staff.

Over the next month, we'll be launching public campaigns which support the growth of *Whidbey Weekly* and *Island Times*. One of the biggest contributing factors to every surviving community paper is advertising. The pages afford to grow with more paid advertisers on board. After my January communications, I have more potential writers and graphic designers than I know what to do with. With a few more advertisers on board, we'll be able to hire new talent with the intention of developing and training their skills. If everything goes according to plan, maybe one of them will be seated in this Publisher's position to proceed me. That would bring me joy.

When I approached a local legend about my plans, he stated: "You're going to need a lot of rakes." This sentiment leads me to reiterate my favorite proverb: "Many hands (rakes) make light work."

I don't know if this legend had the insight to recognize it, but I will not be satisfied with our community newspapers until there's content for everyone, every business and entity represented, and there are comics and activities for the children too. To me, this is the best way to support our island. This is the ideal foundation that I hope to leave here.

Working together to build *Whidbey Weekly* and *Island Times* is a communal effort, and worth all the while:

A plan to support our up-and-coming journalists.

An updated website to better serve and support all of you.

An archive for the future generations.

We have more in our plans, but for now the above will do. I'm delighted to be here to see it through.

- *Samanthajoy*

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- Ryan's House
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- Toby's
- Tyee Restaurant & Hotel

### Greenbank:

- Greenbank Wine Shop

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- China City
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- Fare Market
- Freeland Cafe
- Island Athletic Club
- Payless Foods
- Shortstop Texaco
- Whidbey Coffee
- WAIF

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- Sweet Mona's
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# Recipe of the Week

## Treat your sweetheart to cheesecake



Each year, Valentine's Day presents many opportunities for couples to show one another just how much they care. One of the ways they often do so is through homemade dinners and desserts in which love and affection are two of the most vital ingredients.

Few people will turn away a bite of something sweet come February 14th, but some may have a hankering for something other than chocolate or strawberries. Atholl Brose is a fifteenth-century Scottish drink that is similar to the popular Irish cream liqueurs. When mixed into a no-bake cheesecake batter, it can be the perfect flavoring for a creamy dessert few can resist.

Enjoy "Atholl Brose Cheesecake" from "The Hebridean Baker at Home" (Sourcebooks) courtesy of Conneach Macleod.

### ATHOLL BROSE CHEESECAKE (Serves 4 to 6)

#### For the cheesecake

- 3 1/2 ounces butter
- 9 ounces digestive biscuits, crushed
- 1 pound, 5 ounces cream cheese
- 2 tablespoons + 1 teaspoon Atholl Brose
- 3 1/2 ounces icing sugar
- 1 1/4 cup double cream
- 3 1/2 ounces dark chocolate, grated

To make the Atholl Brose: Pour the whiskey over the oats in a bowl and rest under a clean dish towel for 24 hours.

The next day, use a muslin (or cotton dish towel) to squeeze out the whiskey into a fresh bowl. Be sure to get every last drop! You can discard the oats.

Warm up your honey for 10 seconds in the microwave, or over a low heat in a small pan, and whisk into the Brose mix.

Add your cream and whisk again. Now let it rest in the fridge for at least 4 hours.

To make the cheesecake: First, melt the butter in a pan, remove the heat and add the crushed digestive biscuits. Mix well until the biscuits have absorbed all the butter.

Press into the bottom of a lined 7-inch springform tin. Place in the fridge and allow to set for an hour.

#### For the Atholl Brose

- 1 cup whiskey
- 2 1/2 ounces oats
- 3 teaspoons honey
- 2 tablespoons + 2 teaspoons double cream

Meanwhile, prepare the filling. Lightly whip the cream cheese, then beat in the Atholl Brose and icing sugar. Whip the cream and fold in along with the grated chocolate. When smooth, spoon evenly onto the biscuit base.

Refrigerate and allow to set for a further 2 hours, then serve with a dram of Atholl Brose.

**Note:** Double cream is challenging to find outside of the United Kingdom. Therefore, an approximate substitution can be made by mixing 1 cup of heavy cream with 1 tablespoon of buttermilk in a lidded jar. Shake for 1 minute. Then wrap the jar in a towel and allow to sit at room temperature for 12 hours until thickened; otherwise, use heavy cream, which has a slightly lower fat content, in the recipe.

## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

### ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Something will occur this week that surprises you, Aries. You may even wonder if it is a trick being played on you. It is no trick, so buckle down for an adventure.

### TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

You have pushed your mind and body quite far over the last several days, Taurus. Now you have to slow down or pay the consequences. Do not add anything else to your list.

### GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, you may believe you have discovered a good thing and it could be right. But don't wait too long to act since this good thing has an expiration date. The clock is ticking.

### CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you might not be able to control what is happening this week, but you can control how you react to different situations. Keep your distance if an altercation arises.

### LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Something you discover about a friend this week could leave you reeling, Leo. The signs have been there for awhile and you really should have seen it coming.

### VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, if you are on the move this week, there is a chance that you will experience some interesting people along the way. At least one person might be a good networking contact.

### LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

More than anything right now, this week you need to relax and unwind, Libra. Take things at a slow pace, and spend more time at home with family than at work.

### SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Try not to take any financial risks right now, Scorpio. If you are planning to invest, then you may want to get all of the facts before gambling too much in the stock market.

### SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

This week you will be back to your best, Sagittarius. Things will work out, so use your positive attitude to the benefit of yourself and others.

### CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, even though you are conservative by nature, this week you are ready to take a chance of some sort. Enjoy the journey even if the efforts do not bring you enormous success.

### AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, a kind word from you may be all that is needed to bring a smile to someone's face. Do not underestimate the power of a kind and simple gesture.

### PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

You don't usually lack confidence, Pisces. But you may not want to push ahead with a project for fear of failure. You should be more adventurous and not worry too much.

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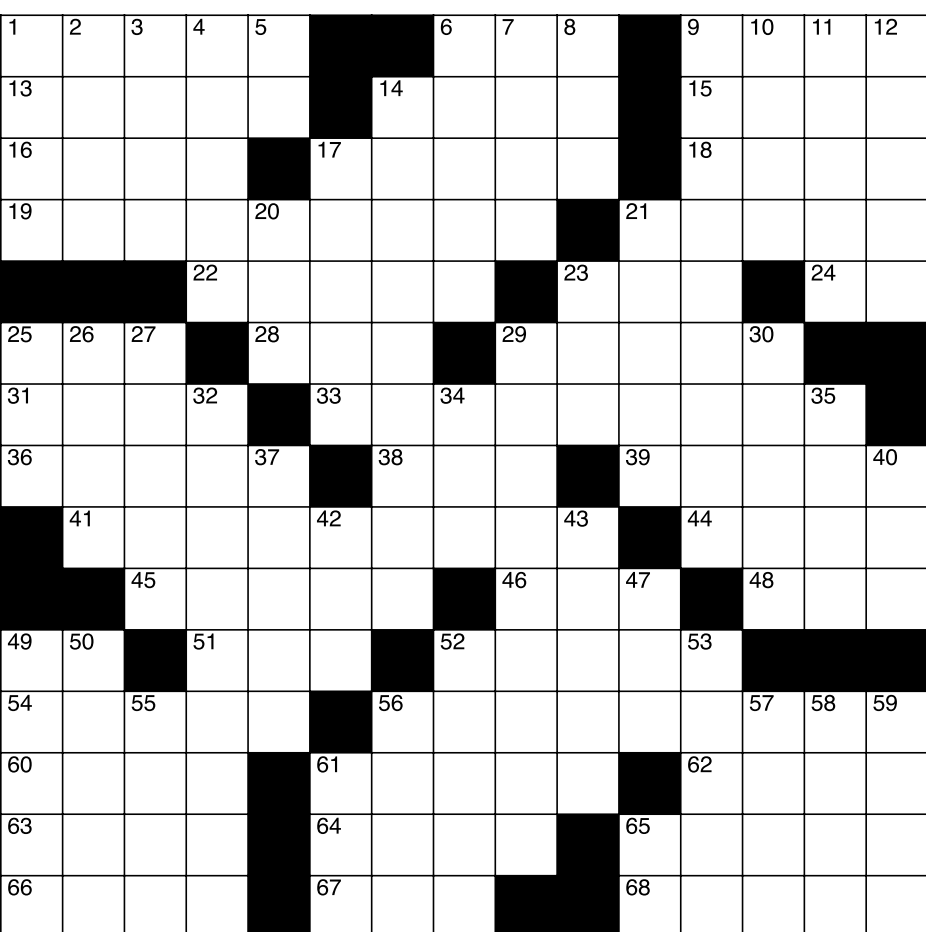
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# Crossword Puzzle



## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Bleated
- 6. Snakelike fish
- 9. Database management system
- 13. Russian-American violinist
- 14. Wendy's founder Thomas
- 15. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
- 16. Negatives
- 17. Rescued
- 18. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 19. Assigns tasks to
- 21. Island nation native
- 22. Trade
- 23. Detergent brand
- 24. Famed NY Giant
- 25. Before
- 28. Split pulses
- 29. Extremely angry; highly incensed
- 31. Body part
- 33. American state
- 36. David \_\_, US playwright
- 38. Move one's head slightly
- 39. Secret rendezvous
- 41. Improved
- 44. A place to exercise
- 45. 18-year astronomical period
- 46. Automobile

48. You can take it

- 49. A radio band
- 51. Jaws of an animal
- 52. Short-billed rails
- 54. Chinese province
- 56. Shameless and undisguised
- 60. Horizontal passage into a mine
- 61. Adult males
- 62. Fail to entertain
- 63. Dried-up
- 64. City in north-central Utah
- 65. Southern U.S.
- 66. German river
- 67. Oxygen
- 68. Make law

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Curved segment
- 2. Wings
- 3. From pentane (Chemistry)
- 4. Gradually gets into
- 5. Commercial document (abbr.)
- 6. Overhang
- 7. Christmas and New Year's have them
- 8. Type of bulb
- 9. Lacking a plan
- 10. Tattle
- 11. Rockers like it "heavy"
- 12. One who's been canonized

14. Indicate time and place

- 17. Nobel Prize winner in physics
- 20. The voice of Olaf
- 21. Fragmented rock
- 23. They \_\_
- 25. Master of Philosophy
- 26. Backside
- 27. Landmark house in L.A.
- 29. An act of undue intimacy
- 30. From which a later word is derived
- 32. Equal to 10 meters
- 34. Neither
- 35. Computer language
- 37. Sacred book of Judaism
- 40. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
- 42. A way to dedicate
- 43. Challenges
- 47. British Air Aces
- 49. Large, influential bank
- 50. Portended
- 52. Cavalry-sword
- 53. Vaccine developer
- 55. Napoleonic Wars general
- 56. Italian Seaport
- 57. Hip joint
- 58. \_\_ Clapton, musician
- 59. Insect repellent
- 61. Decorative scarf
- 65. Delaware

Answers on page 11

## YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, Jan. 25	Fri, Jan. 26	Sat, Jan. 27	Sun, Jan. 28	Mon, Jan. 29	Tues, Jan. 30	Wed, Jan. 31
North Isle H-52°/L-44° Rain	North Isle H-52°/L-45° Cloudy	North Isle H-54°/L-49° Rain	North Isle H-58°/L-51° Rain	North Isle H-57°/L-49° Rain	North Isle H-55°/L-45° Rain	North Isle H-54°/L-44° Cloudy
South Isle H-51°/L-46° Rain	South Isle H-52°/L-46° Cloudy	South Isle H-53°/L-46° Rain	South Isle H-58°/L-50° Rain	South Isle H-58°/L-48° Rain	South Isle H-54°/L-45° Rain	South Isle H-53°/L-44° Rain



# OUR Community

## An Upbeat Question of the week

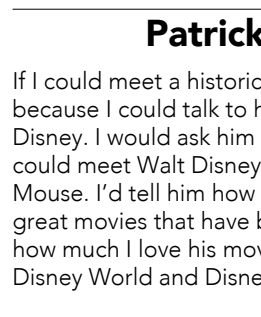
By Helen Mosbrooker

What historical person would you like to meet and why?



**Laielle H., 4th grade, Oak Harbor**

The historical person I would like to meet is Rosa Parks. She was brave enough not to give up her seat to a white man on the bus and was thrown in jail for it. She was a strong black woman and a big inspiration.



**Patrick M., 4th grade, Oak Harbor**

If I could meet a historical figure, it would be Walt Disney, because I could talk to him to know how and why he made Disney. I would ask him how he got the ideas he made. If I could meet Walt Disney, I'd ask him how he thought of Mickey Mouse. I'd tell him how big Disney grew. I'd tell him all the great movies that have been made in his name. I would tell him how much I love his movies and shows. I'd tell him how much Disney World and Disneyland grew.



**Brynn Y., 4th grade, Oak Harbor**

If I could meet any historical figure, it would be Amelia Mary Earhart. One reason why is because she is courageous, brave and strong. Another reason why is because she fought for women's rights and helped injured soldiers in World War I. The third reason is that she was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Amelia Earhart has won so many achievements and is a very respected figure. The fourth thing is that she's brave because she had to overcome an illness. I feel I could learn a lot from her about what it was like when she was alive. She had an amazing personality and sounds like someone who would stand up for what's right. These are just a few reasons why I'd like to meet Amelia Earhart!



**Laretta H., 4th grade, Oak Harbor**

If I could meet any historical figure, I would want to meet Amelia Earhart, because she was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean, and nobody knows what happened to her when she disappeared all those years ago. I want to be a pilot myself someday, like my dad, so I'd like to talk to her about her experience flying and solve the mystery of what actually happened to her. She'd have a very interesting story to tell. I think she was very brave because she proved to everyone that women could do anything, even though they were treated differently back in those days. She followed her dreams, was passionate about aviation, and I think that she would be a great person to get to know and have a conversation with.



**Keegan Z., 4th grade, Oak Harbor**

There are a lot of people in history that I would want to meet, but if I had to pick one it would be Albert Einstein. Albert Einstein is an amazing person. He invented a flying car and had a lot of ideas for military and war machines. Albert thought outside the box for so many things. He predicted the theory of relativity. I would want to ask him questions like, how did you come up with these ideas, and how did you learn all this? Albert Einstein did not let the things others say bring him down. One of his most famous quotes is 'Life is like riding a bike to keep your balance you have to keep moving.' I like that quote because it is true you cannot let others bring you down.



**Isla M., 4th grade, Oak Harbor**

I would like to meet Anne Frank because she was curious like me and she almost survived the Holocaust. She was very brave. I think we would be good friends because I like to write, too.



# COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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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](mailto:mostermick@servalt-cfs.com)

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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@bbbsislandcounty.org](mailto:admin@bbbsislandcounty.org) for more information.

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