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## The 25th Annual PUTNAM COUNTY

Music & Lyrics By: William Finn  
Conceived By: Rebecca Feldman

Book By: Rachel Sheinkin  
Additional Materials By: Jay Reiss



Originally Directed on Broadway By: James Lapine  
Originally Produced on Broadway By: David Stone, James L. Nederlander, Barbara Whitman, Patrick Catullo, Barrington Stage Company & Second Stage Theater



Director: Matt Montoya  
Musical Director: Erin Tombaugh  
Produced by Jaime Montoya

Feb 2 - 25, 2024

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## New Playhouse production hits all the right n-o-t-e-s

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

The newest Whidbey Playhouse production is a little bit n-a-u-g-h-t-y, is full of wit and c-h-a-r-m, and makes for a whole lot of f-u-n with a capital "F."

The musical production of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" opens Friday and will run every weekend through Feb. 25, with evening performances at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. (There is one exception – there is no show Sunday, Feb. 11; that matinee has been rescheduled to Saturday, Feb. 10.) Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased online at whidbeyplayhouse.com or at the box office, located at 730 SE Midway Blvd. in Oak Harbor. Some content may not be suitable for young children; consider it a PG-13 kind of show.

With music and lyrics by William Finn, the show was originally conceived by Rebecca Feldman and is based on the book by Rachel Sheinkin with additional material provided by Jay Reiss. The show is directed for Whidbey Playhouse by Matt Montoya, his first time in this role, although he has been on stage in numerous productions. Erin Tombaugh, also a seasoned Playhouse performer, is the musical director.

"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" takes place at the fictional Putnam Valley Middle School in Anywhere, USA. While the setting may be generic, the cast of characters is anything but.

"The show is about a group of quirky, sometimes eccentric kids that love spelling," Montoya described. "They all have their own special methods of spelling. It appealed to me, as I won a spelling bee back in middle school. There was no song and dance, however."

With a strong cast of actors and equally strong vocal talent, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" is a charming romp that is sure to stir up memories of middle school for those watching. Every performance will be different, as "guest spellers" from the audience will also compete.

"It has been very fun having some of our family and friends at rehearsals to get the cast used to that little wrinkle," Montoya said. "I hope the guest spellers have as much fun! I have not left a rehearsal without a smile and great laughs throughout. Also, my directing has been a bit hands off. The actors are the ones that perform the show, and I, hopefully, have given the cast enough room to fill their characters, rather than forcing my perspective of the character on them."

While the music may not be well known or familiar, it is engaging. A live band on stage is a fun element as well. And it is through the music we learn the most about the characters – their quirks, their habits, their heartbreaks.

"Almost every main character has a featured solo, each varying in style," Tombaugh described. "Not only does this show each character's unique style, but the variety keeps the show interesting and progressing. Most of the show takes place in the present, but a few songs and scenes include flashbacks that offer a peek at the spellers' background and family life, sharing insight into why the children are the way they are."

Another element that makes "Spelling Bee" so fun to watch is that most of the characters are portrayed by actors who are years – in some cases decades – removed from their middle school years. Cast members say that was both challenging and helpful.

"Every character is relatable. If not to you directly, then you know someone like them," said Andrew Huggins, who plays Chip Tolentino, the reigning spelling bee champion. "For 13-year-olds, we have some pretty complex back stories. As the oldest actor in the show (49 playing 13), remembering back to adolescence and how awkward those moments can be [was challenging]."

"I wasn't super familiar with this show, but I had heard it was really funny, and when I got the script, I was not disappointed," said Karina Andrew, who plays Marcy Park, whom she described as a "burned out, gifted kid." "The characters in this show



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Leaf Coneybear (Dany Stahl) is still learning who they are, but gains confidence through participating in the spelling bee. See Leaf and the rest of the cast of unique characters in "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" at the Whidbey Playhouse, starting Friday and running through Feb. 25.

are all so quirky—they don't really fall into any of the typical boxes you see in musical characters, which was really fun for us as actors, and I think will be fun for the audience as well.

"I actually identify with Marcy pretty deeply," she continued. "Growing up, I also participated in an excessive number of extracurricular activities and put a lot of pressure on myself to be the best at everything I did. I learned later the same thing Marcy learns during the course of the show—that I don't need to wear myself ragged chasing arbitrary achievements to prove my worth."

"You ask me to throw on an accent - great! You want me to sing and dance - absolutely! But a socially awkward, frustrated, overachieving 12-year-old? That took me a minute to develop," shared Andrew Pierzchala, who plays William Morris Barfee. "The characters of this show go so deep, you really need to put yourself in that mindset to find what the character needs to come to life. I had to really go back in time to when I struggled in school at that age – I was socially awkward, had difficulty fitting in, and definitely wanted to be an overachiever. Thinking back on how it felt helped me get into character - all I really had to do after that was throw on Barfee's genuinely 'jerk' attitude to make the perfect combo."

"I play Logainne SchwartzandGrubenierre, the youngest competitor in the bee," said Shelby Montoya. "She is very politically driven and is the president of the gay/straight alliance at her school. My character has a speech impediment; learning that has been my biggest challenge because I want it to be as accurate as possible. I love how much I can relate to this character! Logainne is not shy about speaking her mind. Logainne is what a lot of people would probably consider 'outspoken,' but she really is just a strong, competent young woman."

Stina Queeno, who has multiple roles in the play, said the show appealed to her because of the comedy.

"Constance Rose, like many 6th graders, is a little nervous to be competing," Queeno said. "She is sensitive and has a big heart but also can't help but join her peers when they laugh at the unfortunate misfortune of other contestants. The most challenging thing for me has been that it has been such a long time since I was a terrified, insecure,



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Olive Ostrovsky (Laurie Russell) is a shy girl whose best friend is her dictionary. Many of the characters' back stories come to light through the musical score of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," opening Friday at Whidbey Playhouse.

self-conscious 6th grader. I remember being terrified to perform in front of an audience or give oral reports at school, but it feels like that child existed a few lifetimes ago."

Dany Stahl, who plays Leaf Coneybear, is pleased this musical has broadened their theatrical horizons.

"My favorite part of this character is I just get to play myself, but amplified. They're about 12 years old and heavily remind me of myself at that age," Stahl said. "Very unsure of themselves, still learning who they are but confident in who they are becoming. I think the hardest thing about my character is just how similar we are. There are times where they don't always feel supported by their family and I feel that in more ways than one. It's hard when you know you're loved, but not the way you want to be loved."

There are also a couple of newcomers to the Playhouse stage in this production...

"I thought it would be a great experience to be a part of [this show], and super fun," said Boden Lemley, who plays Robert Random. "I've only been a part of the audience before. My favorite thing about my character would be that I was able to create my own name. There was not really much difficulty with having to play my character; [he's] just a normal kid."

Laurie Russell said the hardest part of playing her character was, well, the spelling.

"Olive Ostrovsky is a shy girl that has found a talent for spelling. Her best friend is her dictionary and her home life is not very happy," Russell shared. "I didn't participate in spelling bees in school. I've never been a



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Just who will win "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee?" That is the question at the heart of this witty and charming musical opening Friday at Whidbey Playhouse in Oak Harbor. Cast and audience members, pictured in the front row from left are: Dany Stahl, Shelby Montoya and Laurie Russell. Middle row, from left: Andrew Pierzchala, Stina Queeno, Eric George and Boden Lemley. Back row, from left: Micki Gibson, Karina Andrew and Andrew Huggins.



Kathy Reed/ Whidbey Weekly  
Rain Davidson plays Rona Lisa Peretti, host of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," who shares interesting, and sometimes just plain odd, tidbits about the middle school students participating in the bee.

particularly good speller unless I can write it down, so spelling out loud was scary.

"I love how much we see Olive grow throughout the show," she continued. "I feel very connected to her, starting out shy and gaining confidence, despite her circumstances."

The young spellers are at the heart of this story, but there are adult characters that lend a lot to both the comedy and the warmth of the story.

"My character is Rona Lisa Peretti, and I have been told she is the exact opposite of my personality," said Rain Davidson. "She is a realtor who is the host of the Bee, and takes delight in making mean jokes about contestants under the guise of 'fun facts.' It was certainly a challenge to play a character that is so catty and mean, but at the same time is a great challenge."

Wesley Moran plays vice principal Douglas Panch.

"One of the biggest challenges is maintaining the balance between humor and sincerity. Panch is funny, but he's also a real person with depth. It's important to me that he doesn't become a caricature," he said, adding it is difficult to pick one favorite scene in the show. "I love the moments of unexpected interaction with the spellers. The improvisational aspect of these interactions keeps the show fresh and exciting."

The cast member who may have had the biggest challenge getting into character was likely Grace Jones.

"The most challenging thing for me was DEFINITELY turning a short, 17-year-old female into a tall, male, ex-felon, especially as one of the youngest people in the cast," she said. "Mitchell (Mitch) Mahoney is on parole, doing his community service for the Putnam Bee after being in prison for an unknown reason. Despite his past, he sympathizes with the kids because 'they don't yet know that the good don't always win, so there's nothing you can say to them when they lose,' so he does his best in giving them hugs and juice boxes to cheer them up. Mitch looks rough on the outside, but he's a very gentle and caring person."

So break out the dictionary – or not – and get ready for an entertaining night at the Playhouse. Visit [whidbeyplayhouse.com](http://whidbeyplayhouse.com) for tickets and information.

"I hope audiences leave with a sense of joy and a reminder of the importance of empathy and understanding," said Moran. "While the show is undoubtedly funny, it also has a lot of heart and speaks to the experiences of growing up and facing challenges."

"The middle school moments will have you looking back on your own pre-teen days (hopefully fondly!), the jokes will have you laughing hysterically, and the music and dance numbers will have you tapping your toes or maybe even wanting to do a kick line," said Tombaugh.

"I hope [people] will enjoy being reminded of those awkward years, which were anything but funny when we were in 6th grade," said Queeno. "It is easy to laugh looking back, because we survived."



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly  
Grace Jones, left, plays Mitch Mahoney, an ex-convict with a soft spot in his heart for the students participating in the Putnam County spelling bee, like Chip Tolentino, played by Andrew Huggins. "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" opens Friday at Whidbey Playhouse in Oak Harbor.



Kathy Reed/ Whidbey Weekly  
Cast members will come close to the audience in the Whidbey Playhouse production of the musical, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," which is performed in the round. Some lucky audience members will even have the chance to test their own spelling skills. Pictured from left are Karina Andrew, Shelby Montoya and Andrew Huggins.



# Island 911

Seriously, we do not make this stuff up!

**Saturday, Jan. 13**  
**10:14 pm, SR 20**

Caller advising saw someone take a tire off a car, walked off with the tire; associated to gray truck.

**Sunday, Jan. 14**  
**2:40 pm, SE 9th Ave.**

Advising there is a trailer parked near a stop sign; advising is blocking view of the stop sign.

**5:43 pm, NW Crosby Ave.**  
Male subject on Crosby is throwing rocks.

**11:06 pm, S Oak Harbor St.**  
Rock hit reporting party's window.

**Monday, Jan. 15**  
**8:20 am, SW Barlow St.**

Caller is upset; advising has a stalker; "This bitch is f\*\*\*ing annoying."

**2:15 pm, N Oak Harbor St.**  
Caller advising of ongoing issue with subject harassing wife; just received flowers sent to location after months of not hearing from male.

**8:30 pm, NE Midway Blvd.**  
Subject took dumpster.

**Tuesday, Jan. 16**  
4:39 am, SW Klickitat Ter.

Advising motorcycle in the area is too loud.

**Wednesday, Jan. 17**  
**10:25 am, NE 11th Ave.**

Reporting party states vehicle slid down hill and hit reporting party's fence.

**11 am, SW Barrington Dr.**  
Reporting party advising Suzuki is stuck at the top of the hill; hit the curb; unable to move; blocking.

**1:53 pm, SW Leschi Dr.**  
Reporting party advising is in a garbage truck; slid and hit a parked vehicle.

**11:49 pm, SW Barlow St.**  
Reporting party advising there is a subject laying in the snow by the grass near the drive-thru area; last seen 10 to 15 minutes ago; subject appeared to be shivering; requesting someone go check on the subject.

**Thursday, Jan. 18**  
**8:27 am, SW Navigator Loop**

Advising bike is gone.

**9:35 am, Lark St.**

Dog left outside. Ongoing problem.

**10:28 am, NE 7th Ave.**

Caller advising subjects banging as hard as they can on the floor/jumping. Ongoing issue.

**12:47 pm, SR 20**

Caller had information on cold burglary that occurred at location; placed on hold to find if it's been reported yet; caller disconnected and didn't answer when called back.

**5:12 pm, SW 10th Ct.**

Reporting party advising of vehicle in front of house; he doesn't want to be abandoned; thinks it's the one that was down the street.

**6:18 pm, SW 10th Ct.**

Party requesting call referencing the abandoned vehicle reported earlier; caller states is wondering if the vehicle can be moved back to where it was at.

**6:37 pm, NE Izett St.**

Caller advising she parked car at North Whidbey Middle School; doesn't want to be in trouble; requesting phone call to advise if she is or not.

**Friday, Jan. 19**

11:15 am, E Whidbey Ave.

Subject walking in the middle of the road.

**12:20 pm, NE 9th Ave.**

Next door to reporting party, white house with blue shutters, there is a barking dog.

**4 pm, SW Barlow St.**

Reporting party states is currently at location; picked up all her weapons (five knives) and is currently inside. States law enforcement has a pick-up order for her.

**4:44 pm, NE Goldie St.**

Advising road rage occurred. Reporting party states vehicle raced around in front of them and then intentionally brake-checked the reporting party; yelled profanities.

**11:41 pm, SW Judson Dr.**

Reporting party advising someone drove their vehicle into the side of his house.

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

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# BITS & PIECES

## WHIDBEY CAMANO LAND TRUST REACHES HUGE MILESTONE

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust is proud to announce that, in less than two years, it has fully paid off the beautiful Keystone Preserve property on central Whidbey Island. The preserve, which was purchased for \$9.1 million in April 2022, is one of the largest acquisitions in the Land Trust's 40-year history. Paying off the property will enable the Land Trust to move forward with ambitious plans for this very special 216-acre forest and farm preserve with two-thirds of a mile of precious shoreline along Admiralty Inlet.



Jann Ledbetter Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Camano Land Trust

"No matter how you look at it, buying Keystone Preserve was a huge leap of faith for the Land Trust. It is one of the biggest and most important projects we have ever undertaken. Now that it's fully paid off, we can put all our efforts into getting this spectacular place open to the public," said Ryan Elting, executive director.

When the Land Trust learned the preserve had gone up for sale, it worked quickly to secure bridge loans from a nonprofit lending organization as well as a local resident and conservation hero. The organization also added most of its own reserves to pay the purchase price. Originally, it was thought that paying off the loans and replenishing the reserves would take several years.

But, working quickly and diligently, the Land Trust team secured enough grant funding to pay off the loans and replenish its reserves by the end of 2023. The generous funding came from the U.S. Navy, the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Washington Department of Commerce and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

"We are so grateful to all who originally funded the purchase and then helped pay it off so quickly and for recognizing the importance of Keystone Preserve and protecting it as a public resource," Elting added.

The Land Trust is now ramping up its plans to restore forested areas, create trails and public access points, and partner with the Organic Farm School to sustainably manage the preserve's farmland. Initial public access is expected sometime in 2025.

By partnering with willing landowners and the broader community, the Whidbey Camano Land Trust works to preserve, protect and expand healthy, diverse and connected natural areas, public parks and family farms. Its work benefits climate resilience, clean air and water, safe local food, refuges for fish and wildlife, and provides places for people to connect with nature. Smart conservation also helps the local economy by attracting new people and businesses to these treasured islands. Visit the website, [www.wclt.org](http://www.wclt.org) or call us at 360-222-3310.

[Submitted by Whidbey Camano Land Trust]

## Measuring the Heartbeat of the Planet—Through Birds

"It's easy to feel hopeless these days. Our planet is on the edge, nearer than ever to the point of no return. Bird populations are crashing, as ecosystems around the world suffer from climate change, habitat loss and myriad forms of anthropogenic deterioration," says Brian Sullivan, who will be describing ecosystem tools anyone can use to monitor bird populations and behavior at the Whidbey Audubon Society meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. Sullivan's presentation will be made via Zoom and is free and open to the public. Those interested are asked to register online at [www.whidbeyaudubonsociety.org](http://www.whidbeyaudubonsociety.org). A short meeting will begin at 7 p.m., the program will follow at 7:30 p.m.



Brian Sullivan will be the guest speaker Thursday at the Whidbey Audubon Society meeting.

Sullivan is the digital publications lead for Information Science at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. His team creates apps to engage a global community of birders to generate the best, most actionable science from the data and get these data into the hands of decision-makers around the world — all in a collective effort to "bend the curve" for birds, biodiversity and humanity.

"Learn how you are making a difference in this battle, or how you could," Sullivan urges. "Together, we can measure the heartbeat of our planet through birds."

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, Whidbey Audubon Publicity chair]

## SNO-ISLE LIBRARIES

### LANGLEY LIBRARY SPRINGS INTO ACTION

Sno-Isle Libraries is ready to turn the page in its next chapter at the Langley Library. The Langley Library remodel and revitalization project will begin Tuesday, Feb. 20. Sno-Isle Libraries has awarded Whidbey Island contractor, Valdez Construction, the contract to complete this project. The current timeline for construction completion is nine to 12 months.

The last day of service at Langley Library is Saturday, Feb. 17. A temporary library space will be available for at the South Whidbey Community Center beginning Friday, Feb. 23.

While construction is underway, Sno-Isle Libraries' commitment to providing library services in Langley remains unwavering. The community will be able to pick up holds, get help from staff, and more.

The cherished library in the heart of Langley will have its storied walls enhanced while preserving its rich history. Sno-Isle Libraries collaborated with the City of Langley and the community as it collectively envisioned the next 100 years. After this project is complete, the community will be able to enjoy reading nooks, an interactive children's area, and a new meeting room to gather with neighbors and friends.

This project is moving forward following approval from the City of Langley's Design Review Board, Historic Preservation Commission, and the Langley City Council. In 2021, Sno-Isle Libraries was awarded a \$700,000 Washington State Library Capital Improvement Grant to improve accessibility and update the building, while preserving the historic nature of the Langley Library. The total project cost is around \$4 million with contributions from Sno-Isle Libraries, a state grant, and generous contributions by the Friends of the Langley Library and Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation.

This impactful investment in the historic Langley Library will set the stage for the next 100 years of library services for the Langley community.

[Submitted by Katie Leone, Sno-Isle Libraries]



### "Sleuth" Debuts at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts

An elaborate game of cat and mouse is set to open on the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts (WICA) mainstage with the Feb. 8 premiere of "Sleuth." A staged screenplay by Harold Pinter and based on the Tony Award Winning play by Anthony Shaffer, the WICA production is directed by David Churchill and coincides with the City of Langley's Murder Mystery Weekend (Feb. 24-25). With a three-week run (Feb. 8-24), "Sleuth" has been called a "quick-witted [and] theatrical" play with numerous plot twists and homage to literary icons like Agatha Christie and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

"Think of the perfect murder...then go one step further," said Churchill. "'Sleuth' has been entertaining audiences for more than 50 years. WICA's February production melds the original script with the screenplay by Harold Pinter, one of the most revered playwrights in the world of theater. The result is a fast paced, twisting thriller ride that is sure to keep audiences guessing until the final shocking moments."

Set in the quaint English countryside in the house of celebrated mystery writer Andrew Wyke, the play pits Wyke against his young rival, Milo Tindle, in an elaborate revenge and power game. Originally premiering on Broadway in 1970, the 1972 film adaptation featured Laurence Olivier (Wyke) and Michael Caine (Tindle) and earned four Academy Award nominations. The second film adaptation in 2007, directed by Kenneth Branagh, starred Michael Caine (Wyke) and Jude Law (Tindle).

WICA's adaptation of the play features Seattle-trained actor David Mayer as Andrew Wyke. Mayer is a veteran of other WICA performances, including his recent portrayal as the Duke of Aumerle and King Henry the Fourth in the December production of Scott Kaiser's "Falstaff in Love." He is joined by cousins Ethan Berkley and Jonathan Janus. Berkley, a Whidbey Island local who is no stranger to the WICA mainstage, will play Milo Tindle. His cousin, Jonathan Janus, who is making his WICA debut, will be playing Inspector Black.

"I've loved this script for years," said Deana Duncan, WICA's executive artistic director. "'Sleuth' won the Tony Award for best play in 1971, but I wasn't sure it was 'fresh' enough for today. Then we stumbled upon the script to the 2007 Harold Pinter screenplay version, knitted it together with the original brilliant/heart stopping Shaffer ending and realized we had a new, original, and tantalizing revenge play. This clever, caustic game of deception escalates into psychological warfare; if you love games and mystery you won't want to miss this production!"

Tickets for "Sleuth" are on sale now. To learn more about the production and to purchase tickets, visit [www.wicaonline.org](http://www.wicaonline.org).

[Submitted by Whidbey Island Center for the Arts]

# What's Going On?

## Ranger Hour: Nocturnal Nature

Friday, Feb. 2, 4 - 5 p.m.  
Oak Harbor Library, 1000 SE Regatta Dr.

Some animals go to bed just like us when the sun goes down... but not all of them! Learn all about animals who are awake after dark. Join staff from Deception Pass State Park to learn about parks, wildlife, native plants, and more! Play games, be creative, and discover the natural world in our own community. All ages welcome. Adult caretakers must be present for the duration of the entire program.



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

## Sound Waters University

Saturday, Feb. 3, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Coupeville High School, 501 S Main St.

Cost: \$70; \$50 Zoom;

Field Trips: \$30 each

Sound Waters University is a journey of discovery about our beautiful natural world and the Salish Sea. The 2024 theme is "You, Me, and the Salish Sea: Responding to a Sea of Change." All tickets have additional processing fees. [www.soundwatersuniversity.org](http://www.soundwatersuniversity.org)

## Langley First Saturday Art Walk

Saturday, Feb. 3, 5-7 p.m.

Downtown Langley

It's almost like "happy hour," but for art! Stroll the streets of Langley and visit galleries that are open late and treat your "inner artist!"



## Baroqu-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/baroqu-en-hearts-music-for-valentines-day-tickets-774544452307?aff=oddtcreator>

## Flying Fingers

Friday Feb 2, 6-7p.m.

Langley United Methodist Church, 3rd St. and Anthes Ave.

This is a social for deaf and hearing impaired. We offer a time when we meet in the Fireside Room behind the church; follow posters. Free parking located across the street on 3rd St. and Anthes Ave. A casual gathering of individuals, we meet to celebrate our birthdays, holidays and share food. American Sign Language can be seen whenever deaf person is in attendance. For information, please contact Susan at [sisoleil973@yahoo.com](mailto:sisoleil973@yahoo.com).

## "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](http://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.

## Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, Feb. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Freeland Sno-Isle Library, 5495 Harbor Ave.

Hundreds of books for all ages are available by donation, or fill a bag for \$20! Cash, check, credit or debit cards, and Venmo are all accepted. All proceeds go to the Friends of the Freeland Library.

## 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](http://wicaonline.org).



## Whidbey Wonders:

### All About Hummingbirds

Thursday, Feb. 15, 4-5 p.m.

Oak Harbor Library, 1000 SE Regatta Dr.

Tiny but pugnacious, Whidbey Island's three hummingbird species are some of the most fascinating of our local bird life. Their physical characteristics and behaviors make them unique in the avian world. In this program led by local naturalists and Coupeville residents Steve and Martha Ellis, you'll discover how hummingbirds feed, fly, and raise their young, and you'll marvel at the intricacies of their nest. You'll also be awed by the Rufous Hummingbird migration and the ability of Anna's Hummingbirds to cope with winter. Steve and Martha Ellis have been leading walks and giving talks on a wide range of natural history topics for more than 30 years. Steve is a former president of Whidbey Audubon Society; Martha is a member of the Washington Native Plant Society.

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## BEATING THE HIGH COST OF TACKLE

Fishing lures, fishing reels, fishing rods, and proven fish-attracting scents are now all made with varying amounts of either gold or platinum, saffron, or truffle oils; how else on earth can we explain the ridiculous price of fishing tackle, right? Salmon spoons that had an average cost of \$4.29 three years ago are now an average price of \$8.79, and a good majority of these products are not even made in the USA anymore. Don't get me wrong, all addicted salmon fishermen will bite the bullet and spend the \$10 on the hot lure of the season, but the old term "what the market will bear" has got to kick in soon.

Is there any way to cut costs? Yes. I'm a do-it-yourself (DIY) fisherman, so I make a lot of my own lures and baits, and make reasonable repairs to my tackle whenever possible. Here are a few things fishermen can do to cut tackle costs:

- Use sharpie pens, fingernail polish, or automotive paint pens to recolor the chipped or scratched paint on your salmon lures.
- Before you buy a new color of salmon lure, add shrimp, anchovy, or herring oil to the old one, you may be pleasantly surprised.
- I always carry a squeeze tube of anchovy paste from the grocery store to smear on my salmon spoons; some days this stuff causes a red hot salmon bite.
- Practice sharpening dull hooks instead of buying new ones.
- Use Christmas tree tinsel instead of expensive flash materials on salmon trolling flies, and lead-head jigs to add flash and color.
- Use slip-on pencil head erasers as Hoochie squid heads.
- Cut the paddle tail off a medium size rubber (storm style) swimbait, then slice the spin-cut on the large end to make a durable cut-plug trolling lure. (Works great on coho.)
- Mix shrimp-based aquarium fish food flakes and grocery store shrimp paste for a game changing lure scent.
- Contrary to legend, WD-40 does not contain fish oils. However, WD-40 does not necessarily repel fish. I squirt WD-40 in the herring I use for halibut. "Mothers" mag and chrome wheel polish used to shine casting spoons can also turn on the bite.
- Use the narrow, thin stainless steel silverware spoon handles to make casting and trolling lures; cut to desired length, drill a small hole in each end, then bend in a shallow s-shape.
- Tie a small piece of red, pink, or chartreuse yarn or a few frayed strands of nylon rope to the split-ring on the hook end of your salmon lure to add color. The yarn/nylon also helps with short strike hook-ups by tangling in the salmon's sharp, needle-like teeth.
- Use solid stainless steel kitchen knife handles to make bottom (lingcod) fish jigs. Carefully cut off the blade portion of the knife and sand or grind off any sharp edges; drill a 3/16-inch hole in each end and add a strong split-ring to each hole and a hook on the end of your choice. Tip: dull stainless generally drills easier than polished chrome; use Windex as a lube/coolant.
- If you have old bass soft plastic worms, use an exacto knife and cut them into small, dice sized chunks to use as steelhead soft beads, especially if you have them in your favorite steelhead color.
- Use a single hole paper punch and some craft adhesive mylar in red, yellow, or silver to make sick-on eyes for lures and jigs.
- "Double clutch" your braided line. I don't always use a backing material when I load my bottom fishing reels with braid. Generally, only the first 50 to 100 feet gets abused and weakened by UV rays, so I double clutch the braid - I wind the braid onto an empty reel that I plan to use for bottom fishing. This puts the used, weakened braid at the bottom of the spool.
- If you build your own twitching jigs, embroidery thread works great as finishing thread. It's a little thicker but still gets the job done cheaper.
- Large, lightweight halibut spoons make great Kokanee dodgers. Add strips of pink, orange, or purple-colored mylar tape to increase the flash.
- Wine corks make great bobbers; drill a very small hole through the length of the cork. Feed the mainline through the hole and use half of a toothpick to pin the bobber in place. Tip: let the kids custom paint their cork bobbers.
- Octopus is great halibut bait but can be pricey; save your lingcod skin and cut it into strips and hook three or four 12-inch long strips of skin on your hook before sending it down to the halibut.
- Herring helmets are great but with a little practice, a thin bamboo kabob skewer can be threaded down the center of a herring that will hold a bend in the herring for the perfect spin.
- If you do a lot of egg drifting, slide two 1/4- or 3/8-inch glistening sequins up the leader line above the hook. Place one sequin below the gob of eggs and one above the gob on the egg-loop, then gently draw the egg-loop tight; the sequins help prevent the egg-loop from cutting into the soft eggs, allowing more drifts with the same clump of eggs.

These specific money saving tips and techniques have helped me stretch my fishing dollar, afforded a few extra gallons of gasoline, and helped put fish in the cooler as well. On a broader scale, cutting tackle costs means trips to the thrift stores, summer yard sales, wandering the aisles of hobby/craft stores, sometimes looking at online auction sites, and checking out the kid sections of variety stores for rubber creatures that may enhance your bottom fishing success. Tackle manufacturers spend time and money on research and development which may justify some of the pricing, but the current prices are bitter. During these winter months it is more important than ever to take the time to care for our rods, reels and tackle we already have. This is where the real savings begin.

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**Messages from the Edge of the Universe**

Friday, Feb. 16, 2-3:30 p.m.  
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave.

Our concepts of the universe have been expanded and challenged by images and data from decades of space exploration. Deep space imaging systems like the James Webb Space Telescope have provided new insights on our universe and beyond. Join NASA Solar System Ambassador Greg Donohue to find out what's new and amazing in the universe.

Please reserve your seat online. The doors will open to reserve seat holders at 1:45, please arrive early for best seat selection. At 5 minutes to show time all seats become general admission on a first come basis. www.sno-isle.org



**Northwest Glass Quest**

Ongoing, Feb. 16-25  
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Isn't it time you went on a quest? You know, searching for something elusive and beautiful, something other people want. Now is your chance with the 15th Annual Northwest Glass Quest. Search Camano Island and Stanwood for plastic clue balls. The clue balls are hidden in plain sight in area parks and stores. They are in public locations, but are sometimes cleverly disguised. Is that an orange in the supermarket, or is it something else? Is that a pine cone or your key to art? When you find one, follow the instructions inside and get a beautiful hand-blown glass ball from the father-son team of Mark and Marcus Ellinger. For those who just want to try their luck, there is also a daily drawing for a beautiful Glass Quest ball.

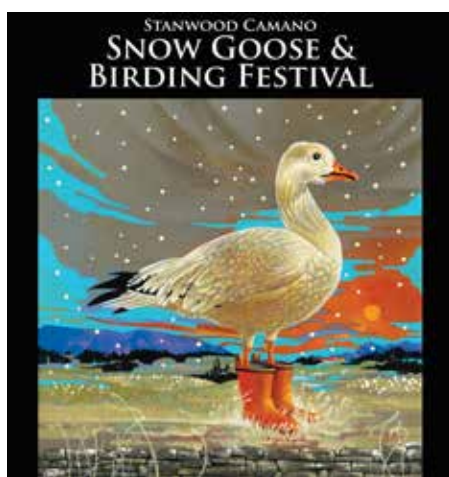
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**Langley Mystery Weekend: Silence of the Mime**

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 24-25,  
10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Downtown Langley

The theme for 2024 is "Silence of the Mime." What does that mean? We're not sure because nobody's talking. Mystery Weekend is where amateur detectives (you) scour the seaside village of Langley for clues, question an odd group of characters, and try to solve a murder. It's all in good fictional fun, and the clues keep everyone guessing, laughing, eating and shopping throughout this two-day event. Cost is \$15. Tickets are available at VisitLangley.com.



**Snow Goose and Birding Festival**

Saturday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center, 27130  
102nd Ave NW, Stanwood

Sound Water Stewards of Island County is pleased to share the reasons why the shores and waters surrounding our community are internationally recognized as crucial habitats for countless sea, shore, and land birds at the Snow Goose and Birding Festival. Tours and guides will help you experience one of Western Washington's most spectacular natural events – the annual winter gathering of thousands of Snow Geese and Trumpeter Swans. In addition, there will be flocks of wintering seabirds and shorebirds, along with many raptors that call the area home. soundwaterstewards.org/event/snow-goose-and-birding-festival-2024

**9th Annual Community Luncheon**

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
\*RSVP by Feb. 20  
Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St., Oak Harbor

Join the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum for its annual community luncheon and volunteer awards ceremony. Learn about how the move from the downtown location to its new museum location is progressing and how you might help! The organization's annual report to the community will highlight this year's special benchmarks. In addition, there will be photo updates on the new building, the latest news on the museum's collection and new exhibition and plans for 2024. RSVP by Feb. 20 to info@pnwnam.org or call 360-240-9500.

**Jr. Ranger Explorers: Clear Blue Water**

Thursday, Feb. 29, 4-5 p.m.  
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St.

No one wants to drink dirty water. Explore ways water gets dirty and what we can do to help keep it clean. Join Ranger Jen and other Washington State Parks staff to explore the world around us. We'll be getting wet and wild to explore the world of water in this new series (January-May). For ages 5 and up and their caregivers.



**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.

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Each February, the United States commemorates the impressive contributions of Black individuals. Black History Month traces its origins to 1915, 50 years after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. In that same year, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (later known as ASALH) was founded to promote the achievement of Black Americans and others of African descent. In 1926, a more formal holiday was established by Dr. Carter G. Woodson with a national Negro History Week, which evolved into today's Black History Month. February was chosen because it coordinates with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass — two individuals who were essential to the fight for equal rights for Black people. Black History Month is loaded with opportunities to learn more about influential Black individuals. Local libraries, television channels and schools often focus on such individuals throughout the month of February, providing ample chances for individuals from all walks of life to learn more about people and events that have shaped the nation. that highlight certain Black figures.

- Support local Black farmers and business owners.
- Watch documentaries. During Black History Month, many networks feature documentaries on influential figures who made their marks in the Black community and beyond. Streaming services also may have documentaries or special interview series available
- Watch movies. Curate a collection of films that were directed by Black directors or feature Black actors in lead roles. Films that chronicle the biographies of Black historical figures also can be educational.
- Learn about local Black history. There may be specific Black individuals in your local community who are notable for their accomplishments or efforts. In addition, many people might be surprised to learn about events in their own communities that helped to shape Black history.
- Read MLK Jr's famous letter. People can revisit the words of Martin Luther King, Jr. by reading his "Letter From Birmingham Jail." The letter is considered vital for anyone hoping to understand the Civil Rights movement in the United States. Black History Month provides plenty of chances to learn about influential figures and historical events.

Scan to learn more about black history from centerracialjustice.org

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# Oak Harbor couple celebrates 70 years together



Photos Courtesy of Shelley Farmer

**Jim and Connie Matthews of Oak Harbor have reached a marriage milestone. The couple celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with a private family dinner in the basement of what used to be the Christian Reformed Church and is now the Whidbey Playhouse.**

**By Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

Jim and Connie Matthews, Oak Harbor, are still going strong after 70 years of marriage. The couple was honored with a surprise family dinner over the weekend in the spot where they tied the knot all those years ago – the basement of Whidbey Playhouse.

Seventy years ago, Whidbey Playhouse was actually the Christian Reformed Church, and where Jim and Connie took their vows on Jan. 28, 1954. The couple still attends the Christian Reformed Church and says without their faith, their marriage would not have survived according to one of their daughters, Shelley Farmer.

Connie was born and raised in Oak Harbor, the ninth of 12 children, while Jim came here from Montana after joining the Navy. They married and remained in Oak Harbor after Jim left the service, raising their four children, all of whom reside in Oak Harbor today. They have 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

According to Farmer, both Jim and Connie knit, and have given all of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren hand-knit treasures.

"Knitting keeps their minds sharp and their hands busy when they take time to sit," Farmer shared in an email to *Whidbey Weekly*. "Their family is so grateful for all the love they show through gifts and a readiness to talk to each of us by phone, text, video or in person. They are the absolute best!"

A family friend, Caleb Tatum, who is also a violinist and music history enthusiast, performed a private concert following the catered dinner at the Playhouse.

Not all of the Matthews' family could be in attendance over the weekend, but Farmer said they were still there in spirit.

"The grandchildren and great-grandchildren compiled videos to express their love, gratitude and congratulations," she said. "They would not pass up the opportunity to honor the faithful love of their grandparents."



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# Recipe of the Week

## OUTSTANDING BERRY GRILLED CHEESE



Grilled cheese is a beloved comfort food that can be enjoyed any time of the day. Although there isn't much that needs to be added to cheese to make it delicious, the inclusion of tart strawberries and blackberries in this recipe titled "The Sweet Sheep Grilled Cheese" from "The Reading Terminal Market® Cookbook" (Camino Books) by Ann Hazan and Irina Smith, pushes this sandwich over the edge of deliciousness. An additional cookie butter spread and chocolate chips makes this grilled cheese much more dessert than lunch, and can be an indulgent treat anyone can enjoy.

### The Sweet Sheep Grilled Cheese (Makes 5 servings)

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| 2 cups Valley Shepherd whipped sheep milk ricotta | 1/2 cup cleaned blackberries, cut into quarters |
| 1 cup mascarpone cheese                           | 3/4 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips     |
| 10 slices soft brioche sandwich bread             | 1 cup speculoos cookie butter (see note)        |
| 3/4 cup blackberry jam                            | 1/2 cup softened unsalted butter                |
| 1 cup hulled and diced strawberries               |   |
| 1 cup diced peaches                               |   |

In a bowl, mix together ricotta and mascarpone.

On a clean, dry surface, lay out five slices of the brioche. Spread equal parts blackberry jam on each slice. Place a large spoonful of the mascarpone ricotta mix on top of jam (it may be helpful to use a piping bag) until all the mixture is used.

Evenly divide strawberries, peaches, blackberries and chocolate chips among each slice. Spread the speculoos cookie butter on the remaining five slices of brioche and place on top of the first slices.

Spread the softened butter in a thin layer on the outer parts of the brioche. Grill in either a panini press or in a hot pan. Slice and serve hot.

Note: If speculoos is too hard to find, here's how to make it. Place 2 cups of ginger snaps in the bowl of a food processor and blend to very fine crumbs. Add 4 tablespoons of softened unsalted butter, and process until a smooth paste forms (similar to consistency of peanut butter). Refrigerate leftover portion and bring to room temperature when using.

Do you have a recipe to share with our Whidbey community?

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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

### ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

There is a new person in your life who may become a source of inspiration, Aries. It's a new year and you are ready for all the novel experiences you can encounter.

### TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you could be feeling more grounded in your personal life than you have in some time. The people you surround yourself with accept and love you unconditionally.

### GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, if a suggestion goes against your instincts this week, give it careful consideration nonetheless. This person may have some good ideas that you may not have thought of.

### CANCER – June 22/July 22

Cancer, you tend to be good about not letting work life bleed into your personal affairs. However, this week you may need to have some carryover to accomplish all that lies ahead.

### LEO – July 23/Aug 23

Some good news may arrive this week that will put you on cloud nine, Leo. Just don't let this enthusiasm distract you from getting all of your business wrapped up on time.

### VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

A charming person may come into your life this week, Virgo. At first he or she may be a whirlwind and confuse you for some time. Eventually, you may catch on and go with the flow.

### LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, use whatever opportunities you have to speak to older family members and jot down the memories they have. Time is fleeting and you want to learn all you can.

### SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Surround yourself with people who bring positivity into your life, Scorpio. It is alright to take inventory and distance yourself from others who do not generate positive vibes.

### SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

People who believe they have a lot of power are going to be all around you this week, Sagittarius. Don't fall prey to any intimidation tactics. Continue to do your own thing.

### CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Dreams have been entertaining and awfully vivid lately, Capricorn. But you can't put too much stock in them. They may simply be your subconscious mind trying to work through things.

### AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Express gratitude when you are gifted something both thoughtful and expensive, Aquarius. This is something you have had your eye on for some time but never purchased yourself.

### PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

You're likely to be very busy soon enough, Pisces. Some loud and busy people may come into your life in the next few days. It may prove hard to find a quiet moment afterwards.

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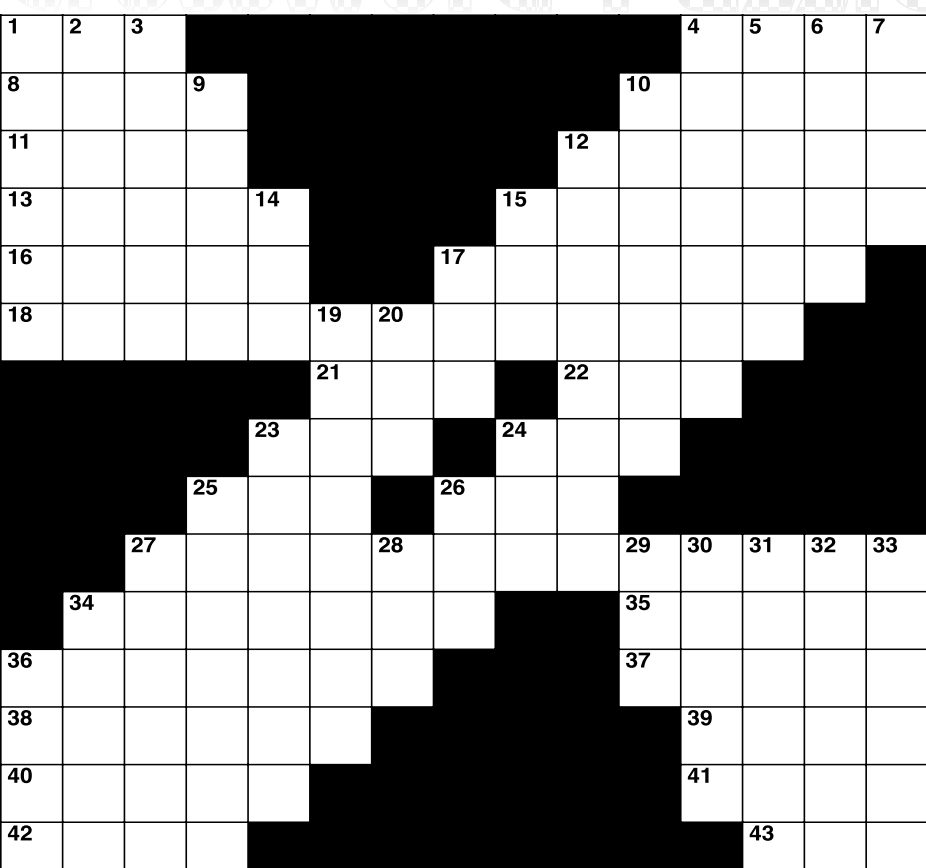
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# Crossword Puzzle



### CLUES ACROSS

1. One point south of due east
4. Coagulated blood
8. Fortifying ditch
10. Devotee of Hinduism
11. Trunk of a tree
12. Bank note
13. Capital of Guam
15. Study again
16. Covered with hoarfrost
17. Opening
18. Legendary Rolling Stone
21. Stray
22. Computer storing system
23. Signal
24. Pitching statistic
25. Human being
26. Malaysian isthmus
27. The "Blonde Bombshell"
34. A gland
35. Bluish greens
36. Endangered
37. Three-dimensional
38. In a way, precipitated
39. God associated with dissolution
40. Blemished
41. Flow or leak slowly
42. Disco legends The Bee \_\_\_
43. Midway between south and southeast

### CLUES DOWN

1. A way to board
2. Get down
3. Highly seasoned sausage
4. First day of month
5. Eurasian shrubs
6. The organ that bears the ovules of a flower
7. Small lake
9. Belief
10. Sunrooms
12. Metric weight unit
14. Vasopressin
15. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
17. One-time family room staple
19. Got back together
20. Anger
23. Sang merrily
24. Sea eagle
25. Military men
26. Kilo yard (abbr.)
27. Found in the sea
28. Protects from weather
29. Type of medicine
30. City along the Rhine
31. Animal disease
32. Martini ingredients
33. Get away
34. Lack of disunity
36. One-time European Commission officer

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## YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

<b>Thurs, Feb. 1</b> North Isle H-55°/L-45° Rain	<b>Fri, Feb. 2</b> North Isle H-52°/L-41° Cloudy	<b>Sat, Feb. 3</b> North Isle H-54°/L-49° Cloudy	<b>Sun, Feb. 4</b> North Isle H-45°/L-36° Cloudy	<b>Mon, Feb. 5</b> North Isle H-47°/L-38° Cloudy	<b>Tues, Feb. 6</b> North Isle H-55°/L-45° Cloudy	<b>Wed, Feb. 7</b> North Isle H-54°/L-44° Rain
South Isle H-57°/L-44° Rain	South Isle H-52°/L-41° Cloudy	South Isle H-53°/L-46° Cloudy	South Isle H-46°/L-39° Cloudy	South Isle H-45°/L-38° Cloudy	South Isle H-46°/L-37° Cloudy	South Isle H-53°/L-44° Cloudy



# OUR Community

## An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What is your favorite event or festival in Oak Harbor, and why?



### Ashley Gonzales Oak Harbor

I would have to say my favorite event in Oak Harbor is the annual Music Festival! I have not yet experienced every event Oak Harbor has to offer, but so far I have great memories from attending two years of the Music Festival. There are genres for everyone to enjoy! My husband, two teens, and I met up with another family last year. We all enjoyed Kick Brass and the youth talent portion of the show.

It was so much fun we stayed with the crowd in the rain till the end of the show! To be there, united with everyone smiling, singing, and dancing felt so good...like the "old times." It was very carefree and wholesome. No one seemed to mind the rain and cheered on the band right through it! There are great food vendors and very talented sales booths as well! As far as viewing and audio, well it's up to the individual how close and loud you want it to be! Front, center, and loud or back in the sidelines, enjoying the view. Some people bring their own chairs and blankets. It's amazing Oak Harbor is able to gift this event to the community. I highly recommend this event! A great way to wrap up summer!

### Eric Marshall Oak Harbor

Oak Harbor has so many amazing events and festivals - the Music Festival, 4th of July, Hydros for Heroes, Festival of Trees, Sasquatch Walk - but my favorite is Holland Happening. Since we moved to Oak Harbor in 1980, Holland Happening has held so many special memories. It is the first parade I ever walked in as a child. I vividly remember the town crier and street sweepers leading the parade and how they were wearing traditional Dutch clothing and wooden shoes. I loved watching the wooden shoe carver, the dancers and seeing the tulips. As the son of a Dutch immigrant, Holland Happening provided me with a small glimpse into my family's heritage and filled me with a sense of community pride.



### Christina Stewart Oak Harbor

My favorite has always been Pigfest. Being able to sample so many different barbecue dishes reminds me of home, as I come from the South. I know from experience that the people making all this wonderful food have put a lot of time into making them too and I'm able to share that with my family. We haven't had one since COVID, but I'm hoping that the organizers bring it back at some point. Now, I don't know if the Whidbey Ren Fair is going to be held in Oak Harbor, but I am really looking forward to that this year.

(Note: Whidbey Ren Fair will return May 25-26 this year at the Whidbey Island Fairgrounds, Langley.)

### Jackie Huerta Oak Harbor

My favorite festival in Oak Harbor would be the music festival. This festival brings so much to our community. Not only the musical acts that are booked and come from afar with so many different genres to satisfy everyone's likes, but the local bands that play on the main stages with hopes that they too one day will be coming back to this festival when they make the big time, makes my heart sing. Oh, and the people - the people who come from all over to enjoy the music, local crafters, and food! What a great opportunity to be able to call a few friends, grab a bite from your favorite food vendor and cozy up to the beer garden for a glass of wine and listen to the beautiful music. They say that music soothes the soul and I truly believe that. I must add that when you share it with such a beautiful community and special friends, it doesn't get much better than that!



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

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

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

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