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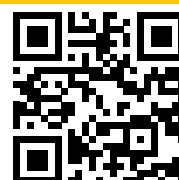
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Let the good times roll at Goosefoot's Mardi Gras Party

By Kathy Reed

Nobody on Whidbey Island throws a party quite like Goosefoot and the organization's upcoming Fat Tuesday festivities should put the proof in the pudding.

Goosefoot's 8th annual Mardi Gras Party will be held Tuesday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Bayview Hall in Langley. This is a free, family-friendly event that will feature live music, lots of fun and camaraderie and even prizes. Event organizers say several things come together to make the evening extra special.

"Goosefoot is well known for throwing a party," acknowledged Sami Postma, events and education coordinator for Goosefoot Community Fund. "On top of that, February or March (whenever Mardi Gras falls that year) is the perfect mix of not a lot of other events going on that people have to choose from, especially being a Tuesday night, but far enough into winter that people are starting to get stir-crazy in their houses. They just want a nice, relaxed, fun time. Our Mardi Gras party is such a welcoming environment to people of all ages and backgrounds, it's impossible not to come away with a smile on your face."

Postma said most people who attend the Mardi Gras party come from Whidbey Island or the surrounding area. It's a good mix of people and age groups.

"Attendance really runs the gamut," she said. "We have older couples, excited groups of friends, and every year we see more and more families with kids of all ages. I think last year's grand prize was a family with kids from teenage to really small, and everyone was having a great time. We have our usual crowd that comes to almost every party Goosefoot throws,

mixed in with people who are new to the area, haven't heard of Goosefoot or what we do, but thought this might be a fun thing to do."

Adding to the festive nature of the party this year is live music from Zydeco Explosion.



David Welton Photo Courtesy of Goosefoot

Break out the beads, don your best costume and get ready to enjoy a little Mardi Gras fun Tuesday at the 8th annual Mardi Gras Party at Bayview Hall in Langley, sponsored by Goosefoot Community Fund.

"We're so lucky that for the first time since pre-COVID, we've got our Zydeco band back," said Postma. "Ken Pickard and Zydeco Explosion plays a mix of new, old, and some very old authentic Zydeco and Cajun music. Zydeco music, native to Louisiana, is a true melting pot of French and Caribbean music and blues, with some

really unique instruments like washboard and accordion. These folks have played for us for most of the Mardi Gras parties we've had, and we're so excited to hear those tunes back in the hall."

Obviously, Whidbey is a long way from New Orleans, but Goosefoot tries hard to pay

for the busy times to come. At the heart of Whidbey is an artistic, creative soul that's all about community, and that's what this party is about, too.

"We also translate the fun [of Mardi Gras by] handing out free beads as people come in the hall, which we've spent a couple of days decorating to the hilt," she continued. "And the costumes! Whether people are just wearing Mardi Gras colors, a fun mask they picked up somewhere, or if they went head to toe on a fun idea, the costumes are truly something to behold."

Prizes will be awarded in a few categories, such as best costume, best in show, most comical and best child costume as well as a prize for best mask. There are no entry forms to fill out and community judges will simply roam the crowd to check out all the costumes before selecting the winners. Postma said the community has stepped up and provided all kinds of fun things for party goers to win.

"I'm grateful and also deeply jealous that I'm not eligible for any of them," she joked. "But we currently have 25 prizes, from gift cards to date nights to shuttle trips to awesome gift baskets. [They are] truly the best prizes we've had to date. I'm hoping the costumes are just as awesome to match them; they have been getting better and better each year!"

When asked, Postma confirmed the Mardi Gras party is not a fundraiser, but more of a "fun" raiser.

"Fun"raiser is the perfect way to put it! Goosefoot isn't trying to raise money at all at this event, it really is just to bring the community together and have some fun," she said, adding there will be beverages

homage to the spirit of what Mardi Gras is about.

"Mardi Gras is all about one last big party before getting down to business," Postma shared. "Even if many of us don't participate in the religious side of things, it's a great way to wake Whidbey up from the winter slumber and start getting ready

Whidbey club is a true hidden gem

By Kathy Reed

A small, nondescript, brown building next to The Center in Oak Harbor holds one of Whidbey Island's hidden treasures – the Whidbey Island Gem Club.

The club will hold its 58th annual Sweetheart of Gems Show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Center, 51 SE Jerome Street. Literally thousands of people will make the pilgrimage to see this small, but mighty, display of lapidary arts. Admission is free and those attending will see live demonstrations, educational displays, information on rock identification, vendors with handmade jewelry and other items, games, door prizes and rocks - lots and lots of rocks. There will also be a food truck on hand for those who work up an appetite.

"It's our really big, small show," said Harriet Vick, treasurer of the Whidbey Island Gem Club and one of the show's organizers. "We had around 2,000 people attend last year. I like to say some came from out of the country - they came from Canada. I was so excited to hear that, to find out someone came all the way from B.C. to come to our show, it was like, 'Wow, that's pretty cool.'"

Vick said many of the people who attend the show come from Bellingham, Bremerton, Seattle and the surrounding areas. She said one family, who has family that lives in the area, has planned their vacation around the club's show for the past two years, which goes to show people know a gem when they see it.

"They'll find everything rock related – rocks, gems, minerals; there should be some jewelry," Vick described. "We go from opals to raw opals to crystals – kind of everything. You can buy



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly

One never knows what could be revealed when a rock is cut open. That is part of the fun of lapidary arts, say members of the Whidbey Island Gem Club. The group will hold its 58th annual Sweetheart of Gems Show this weekend at The Center in Oak Harbor.

little fluorite towers. And demonstrations. We have a knapping group that makes arrowheads and knives, things like that, and one of them will be doing demos.

"There are also display cases. I do one on beach rocks," she continued. "I show what it looks like plain, then I show a slice of it and then a finished piece of it. It's really pretty and educational, too. We will also have games for kids, but adults can play, too. We'll have prospector bags with lots of goodies in them, but you have to soak them in water in order to find the goodies, so that's pretty fun. We sold out last year."

There are nominal charges to participate in the games and all the funds raised through the games and the prospector bags go directly to the club to help maintain and replace equipment.

And there is a lot of equipment. When one walks through the door of the club's workshop, it is abuzz. There are rock saws, tumblers, grinders and polishers. Finished pieces adorn shelves and buckets full of rocks await their turn on one of the saws. The rock shop, as club members refer to it, is open to the public every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon and Wednesday evening from 6 to 9 p.m.

"We're open for anybody who wants to come in," said Vick. "We teach people to use all the machines, teach them how to cut rocks, how to shape rocks, and how to polish rocks. We promote the lapidary side of things. We do like people to join the club – because we need new members and new people all the time – but our membership fee is only \$15 a year for a single person and \$20 a year for a family."

The Whidbey Island Gem Club has been around since 1936 and has about 70 members today, ranging in age from 8 to 85 (or so). When Whidbey Weekly paid a visit last week,



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly

Shaping and polishing rocks can reveal color and texture that might go unnoticed if it weren't for lapidary arts. Members of the Whidbey Island Gem Club are always willing to share their knowledge and skills with those interested.



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for sale at the bar and people are welcome to bring meals in with them – there will be Cajun specials available at the Taproom across the parking lot and the Chef in the Black Bandana food truck will also be there with Mardi Gras favorites like muffaletta, gumbo, jambalaya, King’s cake and more.

“We appreciate folks who tip the band to build on what we pay them, but even folks struggling for their next paycheck are welcome to come and have fun, no questions asked or expectations raised,” Postma said. “Times are tough on everyone, so we just want to have fun without shutting anyone out.”

And that attitude, Postma believes, is part of the magic of Mardi Gras on Whidbey.

“Standing in the middle of the Hall during Mardi Gras and just taking it all in really buoys me in an otherwise quiet time of year where I’m stuck behind my desk organizing all the things that happen months later,” she said. “There’s a particular kind of magic that happens at all the Bayview Corner events—even the shyest person, if they can just get up the courage to go sit near others or say hello, often gets adopted at Street Dances and other celebrations. It’s a wonderful place to make friends even if you didn’t already bring your own.

“But Mardi Gras is extra special,” Postma continued. “It’s a masquerade, after all! If you’re in a mask and wig, you can truly be anyone, so even the shyest among us can

break out of their shells and really have fun for the night. I really encourage people to be open to swapping contact info, too. I love making friends at these parties!”

Learn more about Goosefoot Community Fund as well as its Mardi Gras Party at goosefoot.org and “laissez les bon temps rouler!”



David Welton Photo Courtesy of Goosefoot
The annual Mardi Gras Party at Bayview Hall in Langley is an all-ages, family-friendly night of fun. The 8th annual celebration will be held Tuesday, starting at 6 p.m.



David Welton Photo Courtesy of Goosefoot
After a pandemic-induced break, Ken Picard and Zydeco Explosion will once again fill Bayview Hall with authentic sounds of Louisiana at the 8th annual Mardi Gras Party Tuesday.

there were a few members there working on projects – all of them women.

“I think there’s actually more women in the group now, come to think of it,” said Vick. “Six years ago [when I joined] it was really male dominated, but a lot of them moved away or they got too old and don’t come anymore. And then COVID hit and we lost a lot of members. I would like to do more with kids so they can have this experience, too. They just have to be really safe and [a parent] has to be right there with them.”

Vick said she has always looked at rocks, and said when she lived in Tennessee, the roads in her housing area were covered with fossils, so she always picked them up. Her natural curiosity led her to learn more.

“I think I’ve always had that interest, but to cut a rock open and see what’s inside it – oh, my gosh! – it’s glorious,” she shared. “I’ve only ever had one bad rock. And it was gorgeous on the outside. I was so excited, I couldn’t wait to get here and cut it open. And it was the ugliest rock inside I’ve ever seen.”

Vick encourages people to not only come check out the Sweetheart of Gems Show this weekend, she ighly encourages people to check out the Whidbey Island Gem Club, which meets at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at The Center. Visitors are always welcome.

“If you’re walking on the beach and you find something and it’s just a plain little rock and it has all this depth and color to it, bring it in, see if it polishes. If it polishes, you cut it. It’s fun. I enjoy it immensely,” she said.



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly
Members of the Whidbey Island Gem Club work on shaping and polishing rocks they have found and cut. The group is preparing for its 58th annual Sweetheart of Gems Show and sale, going on this weekend at The Center in Oak Harbor.

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North Whidbey Hearts & Hammers Hosts Community Dinner

North Whidbey Hearts & Hammers is excited to announce an upcoming Community Dinner at The Center, located at 51 SE Jerome St. in Oak Harbor. The event will take place March 1 at 5:30 p.m. and is open to the public, offering a wonderful opportunity for neighbors to come together, network, converse, and enjoy delicious food in the spirit of community. Join us for this "magical" evening!



The theme of the evening, "Neighbors Helping Neighbors," reflects the core mission of North Whidbey Hearts & Hammers, which is dedicated to supporting and assisting local homeowners in need. This community dinner serves as a precursor to an upcoming workday where volunteers will be conducting repairs on a local neighbor's house.

"We believe in the strength of community and the impact we can make when neighbors come together to support one another," said Reid Schwartz, president of North Whidbey Hearts & Hammers.

This is an opportunity for Hearts & Hammers to extend its reach and make a positive impact in the lives of neighbors who may be facing challenges with home repairs.

The North Whidbey Hearts & Hammers Community Dinner promises to be an evening of camaraderie, connection, and anticipation for the upcoming workday. For more information about the organization, the community dinner, the Homeowners Assistance program, or other ways to get involved through volunteering or donating please visit www.nwhh.org.

North Whidbey Hearts & Hammers is a community-driven nonprofit organization dedicated to helping neighbors in need with essential home repairs. Through volunteer efforts and community support, the organization aims to create a safer and more comfortable living environment for those facing challenges in maintaining their homes.

[Submitted by North Whidbey Hearts & Hammers]

Outcast Productions announces its 2024 season

Outcast Productions in Langley has announced its 2024 theater season, which includes five productions.

The selections for this season are: "A Doll's House, Part 2," written by Lucas Hnath. The show is directed by Amanda Goodwin and will be on stage March 8-24.

Synopsis: Nora walks out of her marriage and her family at the end of Ibsen's 1879 masterpiece. It is 15 years later and she walks in through the same door from which she left. You will enjoy this witty, intelligent and sometimes humorous exploration of gender roles and relationships.

"Borderlands," by Eric Samuelsen, directed by Jim Carroll.

On stage May 10-26.

Synopsis: "Borderlands" is a play about coming out, about cars and salesmanship, about death and God and sexual desire, and a space, perhaps in a minivan, where these characters dare to tell themselves the truth.

"The Godfather Buck," a staged reading of a new play by Frederick Keeve, directed by Ned Farley, with two readings June 29 and 30.

Synopsis: Two brothers meet once a year at a cabin in the woods in Big Bear Lake, Calif., where they hunt white-tail deer. In the course of the play, hidden family secrets and lies are revealed when their step-brother unexpectedly drops by for an evening, changing their lives forever.

World premier of "Hyde and Seek, the Musical," book and lyrics by June Rachelson-Ospa, music by Phil Goodbody, with additional music by Allison Brewster-Franzetti. Directed by Ned Farley this show will be performed Sept. 13-29.

Synopsis: Meet Henry Jekyll, age 15. He appears to be an angel of a child... or is he? Henry has a playmate named Edward Hyde. Is he an imaginary friend? Is he a man? Or is he a dangerous monster hiding inside of Henry? Come meet Henry – but please don't invite Hyde to come along.

"The Roommate," by Jen Silverman, directed for Outcast by Phil Jordan, on stage Nov. 15-Dec. 1.

Synopsis: Sharon is in her 50s, recently divorced and needs a roommate to share her Iowa home. Robyn, also in her 50s, needs a place to hide and a chance to start over. As Sharon begins to uncover Robyn's secrets, she begins to discover her own desire to transform her life completely. "The Roommate"



is a dark comedy about what it takes to re-route your life completely – and what happens when the wheels fall off.

Season passes are available through the end of February. An adult season pass is \$80, student/senior passes are \$65. Passes include four full productions. They do not include the staged reading in June. Order on the website at outcastproductions.net or email ocp@whidbey.com to request and order form. Outcast Productions' Black Box Theater is located at Whidbey Island Fairgrounds in Langley.

[Submitted by Ned Farley, Outcast Productions artistic director]

South Whidbey Fire/EMS adopts 2024 budget

South Whidbey Fire/EMS has adopted its 2024 budget. The fire district operates under a balanced budget and its funding decisions are guided by a strategic plan, which identifies the operational and capital needs to provide fire and EMS services to the community.



The strategic plan is approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners, who are locally elected to represent the community's priorities. All board meetings are open to the public and meeting information can be found on the fire district's website.

In addition to operating under a balanced budget, SWFE has passed all financial and accountability audits by the state.

"Transparency and accountability are key to maintaining public trust," said Fire Chief Nick Walsh. "We report to you and believe it is critical for our community to understand how we are funded. This is a partnership to save lives and property and we're grateful for the community's support."

How we fund emergency services

SWFE funds its daily operations through a fire levy. In 2021, voters approved a fire levy rate of \$0.95. Since then, the levy rate has dropped to \$0.81.

"There is a common misconception that revenue for the fire district increases annually by the same percentage as assessed property values," Walsh said. "That is not the case."

Each year SWFE is allowed to collect a set amount of revenue. State law limits the organization to that amount plus a small annual increase approved by voters. Revenue does not increase at the same rate as property values. This means the fire levy rate falls as property values rise, to limit the budget to the approved amount each year. This is called "levy compression" and impacts SWFE's ability to provide emergency services.

"Revenue from our current fire levy of \$0.81 is not keeping up with call volumes and costs to provide service," Walsh said. "We need additional personnel to respond to calls."

SWFE relies on full-time and volunteer personnel to provide emergency services. Like other fire districts across the country, SWFE is struggling to recruit new volunteers to respond to calls. The fire district needs more full-time personnel, in addition to volunteers, to respond to emergencies. Additionally, some of SWFE's fire engines and apparatus have reached the end of their usable lives and need to be replaced to ensure service reliability when responding to calls.

SWFE is considering asking voters to reset the fire levy rate from \$0.81 to \$1.20 in the August 2024 primary election.

The final decision to ask voters for a levy lid lift will be made after a public process is conducted before the Board of Fire Commissioners later this year.

Learn more at www.swfe.org. Fire Chief Nick Walsh also welcomes your questions at 360-321-1533 or chief@swfe.org.

[Submitted by South Whidbey Fire/EMS]

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What's Going On!

WHIDBEY ISLAND CENTER for the ARTS

"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. Tick-
ets are available at wicaonline.org.



"The 25th Annual Putnum County Spelling Bee"

Fridays, Feb. 9, 16, 23 @ 7:30 p.m.
Saturdays, Feb. 10, 17, 24 @ 7:30 p.m.
Sundays, Feb. 18, 25 @ 2:30 p.m.
*Note: Feb. 11 matinee is rescheduled to
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 speak-
ing 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](https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=179500).

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. Pro-
ceeds benefit South Whidbey Hearts &
Hammers. Visit heartsandhammers.com
for more information.

Sweetheart of Gems Show

Saturday Feb. 10, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday Feb. 11, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
The Center, 51 SE Jerome St.,
Oak Harbor

Whidbey Island Gem Club presents its
58th annual Sweetheart of Gems Show
Saturday and Sunday. The event fea-
tures live demonstrations, educational
displays, rock identification, handmade
jewelry, vendors, door prizes, games
and lots and lots of rocks for sale. Free
admission.

Crafter's Swap

Saturday, Feb. 10, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Oak Harbor Library, 1000 SE Regatta Dr.

Is that fabric in the back of your closet
no longer your style? Has that yarn just
not found the right project? Come swap
materials with fellow crafters at this
buy-nothing event! Attendees can also
brainstorm ideas or create a crafting
team for the upcoming Wearable Art
event, happening Saturday, April 20 at
The Center in Oak Harbor. Participants
create wearable art made from reusable
materials on the runway, all while sup-
porting the Oak Harbor Senior Center

Foundation and the City of Oak Harbor
Parks and Recreation.



Open house: Island County's Compre- hensive Plan

Saturday, Feb. 10, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
County Commissioners Hearing Room,
1 NE 6th St., Coupeville

Island County is updating its compre-
hensive plan to guide growth in the county
over the next 20 years. During an update,
the public can provide input on how and
where growth should occur, and how their
community may look in the future. Learn
more about the comprehensive plan, visit
stations to talk with staff about specific
elements, and provide input. No formal
presentation will be given, stop by at
any time during the open house hours.
Can't make it to a meeting? Give input
online: www.islandcounty2045.com For
questions or assistance, contact Planning
and Community Development at [Comp-
Plan@islandcountywa.gov](mailto:Comp-Plan@islandcountywa.gov).

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 avail-
able 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 teach-
ing this art. While there, check out the
fiber arts exhibit of lovely work through-
out 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. Your attendance helps

benefit the mission and goals of Whid-
bey Island's only professional orchestra:
to ENTERTAIN, to provide EDUCA-
TIONAL opportunities to island students,
and to ENRICH the lives of our commu-
nity through the power of music.



Scream Your Heart Out! A Valentine's Haunted House

Saturday, Feb. 10, 6-10 p.m.
Roller Barn, 98 NE Barron Dr., Oak Harbor

Explore this special Valentine's weekend
haunted house experience, designed
with you and your valentine in mind!
Welcome to the Roller Barn's first ever
Haunted Valentines! Do something
different this year and give yourself a
reason to wrap your arms tightly around
your sweetheart as you enter a full scare,
high intensity haunted house! Don't have
a Valentine? Don't worry, this scare is for
you, too! Reserve tickets online as space
is limited for this ONE NIGHT only event!
\$25 per person (tax included). There will
also be a special photo booth available
for this event. www.therollerbarn.com

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.

LEGO® Block Party

Monday, Feb. 12, 3:45-5 p.m.
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St.

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

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 cham-
ber group whose music is a nod to the
past and leap toward the future. Gideon,
Gloria and Aniela all have a classical foun-
dation and love for musical adventure.
Their repertoire includes elegant waltzes,
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Measuring Mourning: A Ritual for Loss

Thursday, Feb. 15, 3-4:30 p.m.
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St.

Join the Coupeville Library in welcoming
Humanities Washington speaker Maia
Brown for her presentation, Measuring
Mourning. This participatory presentation
explores a recently-resurfaced Ashkenazi
women's tradition of feldmestn—the
practice of measuring ancestors' burial
places with candlewick, later burned
for the living and the dead. How can
this two-century-old Eastern European
Jewish tradition help us grapple with
contemporary catastrophes, as well as old
displacements, genocides, and assimi-
lation? When we do not know where our
people are buried, what do we measure?
Brown will share some of her own art

practices and conclude with an open-
ended maker space where participants
will have an opportunity to work with
materials, including wick, to measure and
reflect. Participants are invited to bring
simple crafting materials or meaningful
objects that they would like to work with.
Materials will also be provided.

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.

Messages from the Edge of the Universe

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

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glassquest.com](http://www.northwest-
glassquest.com)



Family in Nature: Super Senses

Friday, Feb. 16, 9:30-11 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 17, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Deception Pass State Park, 41229 SR 20,
Oak Harbor

Test your senses against different park
animals with fun crafts and activities.
Nature based learning through games
and crafts for families with children ages
2-5 (pre-registration required). Family in
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ship with the Deception Pass State Park,
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the Fidalgo Nature School. Programs
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Whidbey Island Arts Council announces winners of member grants program

Whidbey Island Arts Council, known within the island's arts community as WIAC, recently announced open applications for five \$500 grants to its members with creative and artistic practices. After careful consideration, WIAC wishes to congratulate the following 2024 WIAC Member Grant Winners: Denice Bonchatin, ceramics/pottery (emphasis on teaching elementary student artists) Jill Lipoti and Lindsey Strand-Polyak, clay/ceramic arts Beth Rahi, bronze sculpture Danette Sulgrove, handwoven textiles and teaching Sheila Weidendorf, classical and improvisational pianist and composer.



During the month of January, visual artists, musicians, dancers, actors, chefs, and others considered how those funds could help them take the next steps in their creative projects or dreams. A simple, online application with a description of the artist's medium, how they would use the funding, and examples of their creative work were requested. Last week, seven independent jurors considered the applications and ranked those applications by merit. Five winners emerged, among the 15 applicants, although all of the applications exhibited strong merit.

The following local artist/jurors volunteered to review and rank the applications: Angie Alkove of River Horse Writing Studio; Olena Hodges of Island Shakespeare Festival; Cara Jung of Whidbey Clay Center; Kim Kelzer of Kim Kelzer Studio; Janis Saunders of Stonepath Textile Studio; Rob Schouten of Rob Schouten Gallery; and Don Wodjenski of Wodjenski Creative.

WIAC wishes to thank our community, the jurors, and especially the winners of these grants. It is our belief that the strength of the arts in our community is one of the most important qualities that make our island such an incredible place to live!

Funding for WIAC's Member Grants program in 2024 was provided by the 2023 Community Accelerator Grant.

[Submitted by Kim Tinuviel, administrative coordinator, WIAC]

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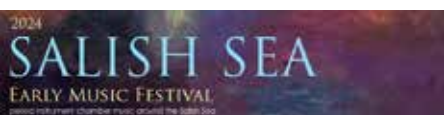
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Whidbey Island Roller Derby

Saturday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m.
OHHS Fieldhouse, 1 Wildcat Way,
Oak Harbor

Whidbey Island Roller Derby takes on the Bellingham Roller Betties Grit Pit at the Oak Harbor High School Fieldhouse. Seats are limited and on a first come, first served basis. Track-side seating and bottom row of bleachers is 18 and over only. Online ticket sales close 24 hours before the start of bout; tickets will be available at the door. Adults (age 12+): \$12; Children (5-12) \$6; children 5 and under are free; Senior Citizens (65+); and Military w/ID \$10. Children must be supervised at all times. www.whidbeyrollerderby.org



2024 Salish Sea Early Music Festival

Sunday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m.
Unitarian Universalist Congregation,
Freeland

The Salish Sea Early Music Festival continues with Simphonie Nouvelle: France and Bach, with Stephen Stubbs on baroque guitar, Susie Napper (Montreal) on viola da gamba and Jeffrey Cohan, baroque flute. The festival offers an unusual and expansive journey through the music of the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries. Suggested donation: \$20-\$30; those 18 and under are free. All are welcome, regardless of donation.



Langley Mystery Weekend:

Silence of the Mime
Saturday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 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.

Bird Walk

Saturday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Cornet Bay Marina, Deception Pass
State Park

Spend your Saturday morning exploring Deception Pass State Park and discover some of the common, and not so common, bird species found in Washington. Each walk is an exploration of a different area of the park. Walks are designed in partnership with the Whidbey Audubon Society and are a great opportunity for birders of all levels. Practice bird identification skills, explore unique bird habitats and learn from other birders. Participants are encouraged to bring their own binoculars and scopes,

although there will be some on hand to borrow. Bring snacks, water, warm clothes and hiking boots or sturdy shoes. No registration required.



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

Eagles Crab Feed

Saturday, Feb. 24, 3-6 p.m.
*RSVP by Feb. 19
Eagles Club, 16691 SR 525, Freeland

Join us for a mouthwatering crab feed with all the fixings. Price per person is \$30. RSVP, closing date is February 19. This is a membership drive, so the public is welcome. Tickets will be available for pickup at the bar. For more information, please call 360-321-5636.

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.



Family in Nature: Marine Mammals

Friday, March 1, 9:30-11 a.m.
Saturday, March 2, 9:30-11 a.m.
Deception Pass State Park, 41229 SR 20,
Oak Harbor

Learn about seals, whales and porpoises, oh my! Family in Nature is a free, 90-minute program for children ages 2-5 where families get to play games, do activities and learn about the natural world through the lens of the park. Register at eventbrite.com/cc/family-in-nature-2024-2828599.



Ranger Hour: Bird Beak Bonanza

Friday, March 1, 4-5 p.m.
Oak Harbor Library, 1000 SE Regatta Dr.

What tools do you use to eat your supper? Birds use their beaks! Explore the many different beak adaptations that help birds get their food. 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.

Community Dinner

Friday, March 1, 5:30 p.m.
The Center, 51 SE Jerome St., Oak
Harbor

North Whidbey Hearts & Hammers will hold a community dinner fundraiser, featuring an evening with friends and neighbors. Magical entertainment will be provided by JR Russell. Tickets are by donation and are available on EventBrite.com. Donations to attend will also be accepted at the door. Learn more at www.heartsandhammers.org, 360-499-2005.



Whidbey Gardening Workshop:

Back to Our Roots
Saturday, March 2, 7:45 a.m.-4 p.m.
Oak Harbor High School

The Whidbey Gardening Workshop attracts gardeners from all over the Puget Sound region who are looking for great advice on how to improve their own gardens. From beginners to advanced, everyone will come away with new information, new ideas, and new enthusiasm! Class topics include everything from composting to beginners' tips, from tool selection to herb gardens, from small space gardens to drought resistant gardens – there's something for everyone, from the novice to seasoned gardener. New this year are Make-n-Take classes where participants will learn a technique and take their project home with them. This workshop is produced and presented by the Island County Master Gardener Foundation in affiliation with the WSU Extension Service of Island County. www.whidbeygardening.org

Penn Cove Mussel Fest

Saturday, March 2, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Sunday, March 3, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Downtown Coupeville

Penn Cove Mussel Fest is a culinary celebration of the mussels grown offshore from Coupeville. These tasty mollusks quickly grow in the clean river-fed waters of Penn Cove. Each year area restaurants compete to see who can serve the best chowder, and those who buy tasting tickets get the chance to vote on who is the winner! There are also mussel cooking demonstrations by both local and regional chefs, beer gardens with live music and plenty of shopping in downtown Coupeville. Buy a ticket, take a boat tour of the mussel beds, and finish the day by watching who can chow down on mussels the fastest. Buy your tickets early, as it's almost always a sellout! Buy tickets at eventbrite.com/cc/penn-cove-mussel-fest-2024-2958309.

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Saturday, Jan. 20
5:57 am, SW Barrington Dr.
Reporting party advising there is a subject in the area chasing and yelling at people.

3:46 pm, SW Barlow St.
Male subject is throwing his belongings into the roadway.

8:26 pm, NW Crosby Ave.
Advising of dogs barking from the right of reporting party's address.

Sunday, Jan. 21
3:41 am, NE Izett St.
White car with loud music is parked on Izett.

Monday, Jan. 22
9:32 am, NW Rigging St.
Caller wants to file report; advising power at the breakers has been turned off.

2:01 pm, NE Midway Blvd.
Reporting party advising male in front is staring at individuals driving by; wearing all black with gray jeans.

2:56 pm, SR 20
Reporting party advising male is outside in gravel parking lot behind location with pants down.

7:09 pm, SW Barlow St.
Reporting party advising a male is walking around in front of Dairy Queen with pants down; last seen wearing a beanie, jacket, dark colored pants.

Wednesday, Jan. 31
8:35 am, SE 8th Ave.
Caller advising less than five minutes ago saw white female with brown hair, light pink hoodie, dark blue pants and sandals yelling at houses and flailing her hands around.

9:02 am, SR 20
Gray Ford Super Duty "rag to shell" is tailgating, throwing golf balls out window.

10:23 am, SW Barlow St.
Caller advising transient is digging in pothole and making it bigger.

2:34 pm, SW Erie St.
Advising subject is gathering debris and piling it up.

6:08 pm, SR 20
Reporting party advising "knocking" heard from an RV in the parking lot near Tractor Supply.

10:53 pm, SR 20
Reporting party hit a deer; non-injury; unknown where the deer is now.

11:08 pm, SR 20
Advising of deceased deer for pickup by the Westgate Homes sign.

Thursday, Feb. 1
10:51 am, SW 6th Ave.
Caller advising of mini van parked in handicap spot for over a year; believes it to be abandoned.

11:47 am, NW Oxford Pl.
Advising of subject over phone posing as police, trying to get money.

3:16 pm, SW 6th Ave.
Reporting party advising had a cup stolen and hung up.

11:53 am, SW Barrington Dr.
Reporting ongoing issue of subject "laying on his horn" while driving by reporting party's home.

Friday, Feb. 2
2:27 am, SR 20
States cashier "signaled" for reporting party to call 911; states he signaled 911 with his fingers.



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

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From boot camp romance to golden wedding anniversary: A Whidbey love story

By JoAnn Hellmann

In early 1973 I felt like a real Nowhere Woman: a young twenty-something with a going-nowhere job, a not-ready-for-marriage mindset and a hankering to go anywhere well west of my little Jersey Shore town.

So I decided to boldly go where few women were going then and joined the U.S. Navy. Little did I know the Navy would bring me not only a career but the man with whom I'm about to celebrate a 50-year marriage.

Our journey began by fluke ... or was it fate? For starters, my future husband, John, born and bred in Kentucky, wasn't sent to nearby Navy boot camp in Great Lakes, Ill., but to Orlando, Fla., the only Navy boot camp for women then.

Next, we arrived at boot camp on the same day: May 25, 1973. However, the day before, John met a girl on his plane who later joined my company. She told me all about this big, blond guy she hoped to see again but only knew his first name and had no idea what company he was in.

Ah, boot camp romances. They were nearly impossible in the military pre-coed 70s, when men and women didn't share classrooms, gyms, chow halls or even church services. How to get beyond that obstacle? Cultivate lots of pen pals and weed out the undesirables!

To get a letter to its proper destination, a company number was needed. As the cadence caller for my company, I could maneuver our marches within permissible proximity to a brother company. That allowed a glimpse of said number emblazoned on a flag held high as our targets marched by. Soon I had a dozen company numbers.

As the "resident writer" of Company 3084, I was elected to pen the prose that would flood us with replies. But "Operation Pen Pal" was short on stamps and stationery, two prized commodities among those with limited communication opportunities (i.e. prisoners and military recruits). Between three cohorts and myself, we managed six stamps and large postcards with an aerial view of Recruit Training Center Orlando; not romantic, but it would get the job done.



Photo Courtesy of JoAnn Hellmann
John and JoAnn Hellmann are celebrating 50 years of marriage, following a true blue boot camp romance.

I addressed the postcards, choosing company numbers willy-nilly. I noted our names and our wish for pen pals, signing my name as my company's cadence caller. (Thus, John got to hear me before he ever met me.) Oh, and I was looking for a good-looking guy from New Jersey, 23 or older.

One card found its way to the barracks bulletin board of Company 117. Reading it was its Master at Arms – a good-looking guy ... from Kentucky ... who was 22. He chose my name, promptly sending me a letter, asking if I knew the girl he met on the plane.

Well, that's not all he said. His letter was witty, intriguing and humorous, and I wanted to get to know him better. We exchanged several letters a week, a couple with photos. In each letter, I wouldn't mention the girl on the plane, and in each letter, he would ask less and less about her.

Soon we discovered that Jewish service was so small, there was no segregation of the sexes. That's how two Catholics met for the very first time; enjoying bagel and lox while watching a film about Israel.

Fast-forward to the end of boot camp and many, many letters, culminating in a day of liberty together. John asked me then to visit him in Louisville and I did, before heading off to Naval Station San Diego and he to Avionics "A" School in Memphis.

The next two months were a flurry of phone calls and letters and we knew we were meant to be together. On Oct. 20, 1973, John flew to San Diego to slip an engagement ring on my finger and we got married as close to Valentine's Day as we could arrange, on Feb. 9, 1974, in Point Pleasant Beach, by my little Jersey Shore town. Surprisingly, we were only physically together all of ten days during our courtship!

For years afterwards we were often hundreds, sometimes thousands of miles apart. But for us, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder," held true.

After my three years of active duty in San Diego and Lemoore, Calif., we decided one full-time sailor in our family was enough. I transferred to the Naval Reserve, finishing up 23 years as a Chief Journalist at



Photo Courtesy of JoAnn Hellmann
The first time JoAnn laid eyes on John.

not being told for how long, making the actual four months seem longer. Or the two months in limbo in Pensacola, calling each week saying, "no orders yet."

Still, the Navy gave us more good times than bad. Like the two weeks in Louisville near John's high school speaking to teenagers about life in the Navy, thanks to its Hometown Area Recruitment Area (HARP) program.

We got to live in Hawaii for four years. Plus, the steady income and reenlistment bonuses allowed us to buy our first two homes in our own version of paradise, Whidbey Island.

After the Navy, John graduated from Western Washington University, taught at Oak Harbor High School, was a volunteer Oak Harbor Police Department officer and started Oak Harbor's first home-based computer business, Computer Clinic. I wrote columns and feature articles and founded the Impaired Driving Impact Panel of Island County (IDIPIIC), which I ran for 16 years.

But we both agree, the best thing the Navy gave us was each other. I still have that postcard (with its 8-cent stamp). More importantly, I still have my boot camp beau.

Unlike Madonna's song, I'm not a "Material Girl." I prefer experiences and living in the moment. But there is something I won't half a century ago that is my most prized possession: the love of the man who became my husband.



Photo Courtesy of JoAnn Hellmann
John and JoAnn Hellmann, who met in Navy boot camp, were married Feb. 9, 1974 and are celebrating 50 years together this week.

NAS Whidbey Island in 1996. John retired as a Chief Aviation Electronics Technician (AW) in 1993.

The Navy took us coast to coast and John all over the Far East. Our son was born at NAS Lemoore, our daughter at NAS Whidbey. And now 50 years have flown by. How could it go so fast? Especially when I remember how sloooowly those cruises dragged by. Or when John went to Adak,



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Recipe of the Week

Homemade pizza is what's for dinner



Pizza tends to be a one-size-fits-all meal. One would be hard-pressed to find an individual who doesn't like pizza in all of its many iterations.

Preparing homemade pizza is an activity the entire family can get behind, with each person customizing his or her toppings and flavors accordingly. This recipe for "Ratatouille Pizza with Chicken," courtesy of "Cooking Light Dinner's Ready" (Oxmoor House) from the Cooking Light Editors, is a satisfying pizza that is a complete meal with all of the vegetables and chicken as a protein source. Using a pre-made crust or dough ensures that it can be prepared in no time at all.

Ratatouille Pizza with Chicken (Serves 6)

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 Japanese eggplant, halved lengthwise and cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into 1/4-inch strips
- 1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- 3/4 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 10-ounce Italian cheese-flavored thin pizza crust
- 1 cup chopped skinless, boneless rotisserie chicken breast
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded cheese
- 3 plum tomatoes, cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices
- Cooking spray
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

1. Preheat oven to 375 F.
2. Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add oil to pan. Add eggplant, bell pepper and onion; sauté 3 minutes or until eggplant begins to soften. Reduce heat to medium. Add mushrooms; cook 3 minutes, stirring frequently. Add Italian seasoning, salt and garlic; cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.
3. Place crust on a baking sheet. Spread vegetable mixture evenly over crust, leaving a 1/2-inch border. Arrange chicken over vegetable mixture; sprinkle evenly with cheese. Arrange tomatoes over cheese, and lightly coat with cooking spray. Bake at 375 F for 25 minutes or until cheese is bubbly and tomatoes are softened. Sprinkle with parsley. Cut pizza into 6 wedges.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Creativity may prove elusive this week, Aries. You want to get into a crafty project but you simply can't find traction just yet. Don't give up too soon.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, a distracted friend or loved one may not be good company over the next few days. Reach out and offer to be a sounding board to help this person re-center their focus.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Are you feeling preoccupied, Gemini? You can't seem to focus on one thing or another and friends will start to notice when you are in their company.

CANCER – June 22/July 22

Romantic matters are going very well right now, Cancer, even if you may not feel entirely confident. The person who cares for you will not notice your insecurities.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23

The more challenging path may prove the best one to take as your work on a certain task, Leo. Dig in and start figuring a way out to the other side.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, there is so much to do around the house that you may not know where to start. Spring cleaning comes a month or two early. Ask for help if you're feeling frazzled.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

You may be in the mood to expand your knowledge on one or more subjects, Libra. Visit the library or a bookstore and pick up something that piques your interest.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you may pick up on some vibes when hanging out with others that just don't fit in with your line of thinking. Give it some time before you cut any ties. You may be misinterpreting.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

There has been a lot going on in your life, Sagittarius. You may be experiencing some apprehension about the future. Take every concern individually and give it thought.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Information coming to you could have you feeling nervous about your financial security, Capricorn. If this is outside your area of expertise, you may want to sit down with a planner.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Confusing messages from work may find you reconsidering plans that you already put into motion, Aquarius. Get more information before modifying your plans.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, your mind is all over the place right now, so it could be difficult to focus on mundane things like chores or other activities right now. However, don't push them off.

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DUCK CONFIT RAVIOLI 42
SLOW ROASTED DUCK SERVED OVER SMOKED MOZZARELLA RAVIOLI IN A BING CHERRY BRANDY CREAM SAUCE AND BRAISED GREENS

BRAISED FENNEL AND LEEK STUFFED STEELHEAD 45
PEPPERED STEELHEAD WITH A LEMON CAPER BUTTER SAUCE, FARRO RISOTTO, ASPARAGUS AND GREENS

ROASTED PARSNIP, LEEK & PORTOBELLO MUSHROOMS 35
WITH GNOCCHI IN A SWEET PEPPER BASIL TOMATO SAUCE

DESSERT

RASPBERRY CRÈME BRÛLÉE 15

PISTACHIO DECADENCE 15
WITH VANILLA ICE CREAM

BLACK FOREST BREAD PUDDING 15
WITH CHERRY BRANDY CHOCOLATE SAUCE

MANGO SORBET 8



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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Database management system
- 5. Medical procedures
- 11. ___ Clapton, musician
- 12. Defender
- 16. Exert oneself
- 17. Indicates position
- 18. Quay
- 19. Atrocities
- 24. A way to address an adult man
- 25. Ends
- 26. Unable
- 27. Taxi
- 28. Gratuities
- 29. A famous train station
- 30. Japanese persimmon
- 31. Sours
- 33. Beneficiary
- 34. Baseball official
- 38. Confused situation
- 39. Unworldly
- 40. Yemen capital
- 43. Type of soil
- 44. Beloved beverage ___-Cola
- 45. Lying down
- 49. ___ Angeles
- 50. Fail to amuse
- 51. Collapsible shelter
- 53. Commercial

CLUES DOWN

- 54. Taste property
- 56. Lordship's jurisdictions
- 58. It cools your home
- 59. Dismounted
- 60. Charge in a court of law
- 63. One less than one
- 64. Spoke
- 65. Famed garden
- 7. "Westworld" actor Harris
- 8. Belonging to me
- 9. Shoelace tube
- 10. Takes to civil court
- 13. Early multimedia
- 14. Produces anew
- 15. Horse races
- 20. Of I
- 21. Equally
- 22. Changes color
- 23. A place to stay
- 27. Town in Galilee
- 29. Mathematical figure

- 30. Klingon character
- 31. They ___
- 32. Atomic #58
- 33. Showed up extinct
- 34. Loosen grip
- 35. Unpleasant smell
- 36. Innermost membranes enveloping the brain
- 37. Esteemed college "league"
- 38. Partner to Pa
- 40. Small American rail
- 41. A salt or ester of acetic acid
- 42. Sodium
- 44. Military figure (abbr.)
- 45. Lighted
- 46. Paid to get out of jail
- 47. All of something
- 48. Ohio city
- 50. More abject
- 51. A radio band
- 52. Scientific development (abbr.)
- 54. Monetary unit
- 55. Scored perfectly
- 57. A punch to end a fight
- 61. The Golden State (abbr.)
- 62. The Beehive State (abbr.)

Answers on page 15

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

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| <p>Thurs, Feb. 8</p> <p>North Isle</p> <p>H-47°/L-41°</p> <p>Rain</p> | <p>Fri, Feb. 9</p> <p>North Isle</p> <p>H-46°/L-40°</p> <p>Cloudy</p> | <p>Sat, Feb. 10</p> <p>North Isle</p> <p>H-49°/L-42°</p> <p>Cloudy</p> | <p>Sun, Feb. 11</p> <p>North Isle</p> <p>H-50°/L-43°</p> <p>Cloudy</p> | <p>Mon, Feb. 12</p> <p>North Isle</p> <p>H-52°/L-40°</p> <p>Rain</p> | <p>Tues, Feb. 13</p> <p>North Isle</p> <p>H-54°/L-39°</p> <p>Sunny</p> | <p>Wed, Feb. 14</p> <p>North Isle</p> <p>H-54°/L-44°</p> <p>Sunny</p> |
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Life Tributes

Terrence "T.J." Lamont



Terrence "T.J." Lamont passed away peacefully at his home with his wife by his side Jan. 19, 2024. He was 75 years old and will be greatly missed by many.



T.J. was born Aug. 27, 1948, in Coral Gables, Fla. He grew up spending time in central Florida and Southern California. In the 1960s he met Patricia Miller at Eau Gallie High School in Florida. They began dating and, after high school, T.J. went to work at Cape Canaveral as a missile electrician on the Apollo program. In December 1968, T.J. and Pat were married.

In February 1969, T.J. joined the U.S. Navy as a safety equipment mechanic, and in January 1970, he and Pat were sent to NAS Whidbey Island. He made two West Pac cruises in support of Vietnam working on the flightdeck of the USS Kitty Hawk aircraft carrier. Pat and T.J.'s intention was to return to Florida after his active-duty commitment, but the Pacific Northwest and its beauty grabbed them permanently. In March 1973, their son, Jason, was born and they bought land outside Oak Harbor in 1975 to start a small farm. Pat worked at Whidbey General Hospital while T.J. worked as a vehicle mechanic and then as an NAS Whidbey firefighter, while also maintaining his Naval Reserve status and volunteering as a firefighter with North Whidbey Fire and Rescue.

T.J. eventually became a part of the elite group of Navy personnel known as Mustangs, progressing through the enlisted ranks from Airman Apprentice to Senior Chief and then crossing over to the officer ranks. He eventually retired from the Navy as a Commander, after 40 years of military service.

As a volunteer firefighter, he completed Emergency Medical Technician training and rose to the position of Captain at North Whidbey Fire and Rescue. After retiring with 26 years as a firefighter, he ran for and won election as a Fire Commissioner and served in that capacity for 18 years. He recently won re-election to another 4-year term but had to resign due to declining health.

In T.J.'s civilian life, he worked as a heavy equipment mechanic and a fuels inspector for NAS Whidbey and retired in 2008 as the Operations Officer.

For fun T.J. rode horses in competitive trail riding; helped Pat on the farm; was a fantastic father and grandfather; worked on his classic Mustangs; crabbed, shrimped, and fished; ran his dog in agility competitions; and played pickleball.

He had a VERY full and enjoyable life and leaves behind his wife of 55 years, Pat, in Oak Harbor; his son, Jason, and daughter-in-law, Christine, in San Antonio, Texas; and two grandsons, Marshall and Carson. There will be a celebration of T.J.'s life at 2 p.m., Feb. 17 at Wallin Stucky Funeral Home.

A scholarship is being set up in the name of "Mustang T.J." in memory of T.J. through the Oak Harbor Education Foundation. Donations can be made at www.ohedfoundation.org or by sending a check to OHEF, PO Box 1801, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Please make a note on any donation that it be contributed to "Mustang T.J." or in the memory of T.J. Lamont. Thank you.

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OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What has been your most memorable Valentine's Day and why?



Ashley Rivera

Oak Harbor

My first valentine was when I was 16. At the time I was grounded for having a C in history, so I wasn't allowed to go anywhere on the weekends. My boyfriend would wait for me and walk me to my classes. So that day after first period he greeted me with beautiful red roses, some chocolates and a card. When I got to my class, I was able to open my card, where I found movie tickets to go see "Safe Haven" that night. He went to my parents and asked for permission to let me go with him. As a 16-year-old girl, it was the most romantic thing I could've dreamed of and it's something I will always remember.

Hector Powell

Oak Harbor

Growing up, valentines were a chance for a shy kid to give a secret crush a cartoon card that promised hugs or even, perhaps, kisses. While I have celebrated my love for my wife with romantic cards or token gifts on February 14th, our most memorable was on a snowy day in 2021. The Greenhouse Florist and Nursery offered the North Whidbey Island Sunrise Rotary Club the opportunity to deliver bouquets and Valentine's Day gifts as a fundraiser for our club. My wife and I shared navigating, driving and delivery duties for a day of excitement and spectacular rewards. Slippery roads led to the homes of loved ones receiving gifts skillfully crafted by the artists at the Greenhouse. Each visit filled us with joy and the knowledge that this day was brightened with love and caring.



Nancy Whittaker

Langley

I'm thinking, "Every Valentine's Day is memorable because I always get a new little painting from my husband."

Mercedes Monarch

Clinton

Valentine's Day is always special to me because it is the day before my beloved husband's birthday! I can say most especially that 2016 was very memorable because we were on a Disney cruise for our honeymoon! We had a relaxing day at the spa, watched a terrific musical performance, played a fun trivia game, and had a wonderful fine dining experience. It was as magical as you could possibly imagine. I think about it often enough that I feel like I am always on my honeymoon.



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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

To place an ad, email classifieds@whidbeyweekly.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Be the difference in a child's life and become a foster parent today! Service Alternatives is looking for caring, loving, and supportive families to support foster children. 425-923-0451 or mostermick@servalt-cfs.com

The Whidbey Island community is encouraged to try out the paddling sport of dragon boating with the Stayin' Alive team. Our team's mission is to promote the physical, social, and emotional benefits of dragon boating. It has been shown to be especially beneficial to cancer survivors. Practice with us for up to 3 times for free. Life-jackets and paddles provided. Saturdays at the Oak Harbor Marina, 8:45am. Contact njlish@gmail.com. More info at our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/NorthPugetSoundDragonBoatClub?ref=hl

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

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, 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@bbbsic-landcounty.org for more information.

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

If you are looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity, look no further! When you volunteer at one of the Habitat for Humanity of Island County stores, you are helping local families attain decent, affordable housing. Income from the stores is vital to giving families a path to homeownership. We need people who can commit to help out in our Oak Harbor or Freeland store at least two-hours per week. Schedules are flexible. Our friendly volunteers provide customer service, help with receiving donated household items and furniture, and maintain the store. We also need drivers and driver helpers who will professionally represent Habitat as they pick up donated items using our trucks. Please call either store for more information. Oak Harbor: 360-675-8733, Freeland: 360-331-6272.

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

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

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Caregiver/Nursing Assistant: Professional, dependable, honest. Hospice and after surgery care OK. Call or text Jackie at 425-985-1659 or email jl-3@comcast.net (1)

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If you or someone you know needs help in feeding pet(s), WAIF Pet Food Banks may be able to help. Pet Food Banks are located at WAIF thrift stores in Oak Harbor (465 NE Midway Blvd) and Freeland (1660 Roberta Ave) and are generously stocked by donations from the community. If you need assistance, please stop by.

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