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Murder Mystery in Langley: Who silenced the mime?



Photo Courtesy of Langley Chamber of Commerce

Langley Chamber of Commerce director, Inge Morascini, right, is grateful for Buncha Dufus Roofers' help at the Langley Visitor Center, just in time for Mystery Weekend, happening Saturday and Sunday.

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

For a quiet, quaint, seaside village, the city of Langley seems to have an inordinate number of murders – 39 in as many years, all at about this time. And it's happened again!

This time, local businessman, Cyrus Lenzio, dressed as a mime and riding a unicycle, was tracked down and run over by a driverless car. It's a true mystery of epic proportions and there are multiple suspects, but officials from the Langley Chamber of Commerce feel certain the case will be wrapped up and the killer revealed by Sunday afternoon.

If you're wondering just what's going on in Whidbey's Village by the Sea, let us put your minds at ease – it's simply time for the 39th annual Mystery Weekend, a fun, engaging event designed to bring smiles to the faces of participants – those involved in the story and those here to solve the case.

The sleuthing begins at Mystery Weekend Headquarters (Langley Visitor Information Center) at 208 Anthes Avenue Saturday at 9 a.m. for those who have already purchased their tickets and at 10 a.m. for anyone else who wants to figure out whodunnit. (Go to visitlangley.com/product/2024-mysteryweekend-tickets/ to buy tickets in advance. Cost is \$15.) The fun will continue through Sunday at 4 p.m., when all participating detectives must turn in their ballots. The killer will be revealed Sunday at 4:30 p.m. them and interview them to help solve the mystery. I should mention that they can lie and make up a story as they go along. But in reality, the cast doesn't know who the murderer is, either – only the writer knows."

This year, the story of "Silence of the Mime" is written by Rachel McDougald with contributions from Loretta Martin and Mike Hill.

"Every year it's a new story, always with a ton of puns and plays on words," said Freeman. "So there are many characters with interesting names, like Saffron Meadows, Major Irriten, or Ranger Chase Ketchum. This year there's a whole group called Buncha Dufus Roofers. They're all clever plays on words."

Mystery Weekend, based loosely on the board game Clue, began in 1984 with just a small cast and was just one day. The Langley Chamber has put on the event every year since, with the exception of 2021, due to the pandemic.

"It started as a way to get people to come to Langley in the winter," Freeman explained. "Our economy in town is dependent on tourists. The majority of people who participate in Mystery Weekend come from off island. There are a lot of island people who have never played it. But the whole point is to showcase our village and encourage people to come back."

It seems that strategy has worked well for nearly 40 years and Mystery Weekend has evolved into a major event in Langley – one that definitely draws repeat participants.

"A lot of people have come every year, families come to this every year," said Freeman. "One fellow, Jay Scott Williams, came to Langley one year and it happened to be on Mystery Weekend. He was walking around town wondering what was going on and inquired about it. The next year he came with his own costume. He wasn't an official character, but he pretended to be one. He's been in the cast for several years now."

Speaking of costumes, it's not just cast members who dress up, according to Freeman.

"Some people come in costume," she said. "Sometimes it's related to the theme or they'll wear a Sherlock Holmes hat or overcoat. We've even had dogs in costume. People really get into it a lot. It's a ton of fun."

When people purchase their tickets for Mystery Weekend, they receive a program, a ballot for their solution and a copy of the specially printed "Langley Gazette," which shares background information about the case and characters. When people think they have solved the murder, they can turn in their completed ballots at Mystery Headquarters. The culprit is revealed at 4:30 p.m. Sunday and is "arrested." All correct solutions go into a grand prize drawing. However,r ALL entries are included in another drawing for other prizes, whether the mystery was solved correctly or not.

All in all, it makes for a grand weekend for lovers of mysteries and good clean fun.

"I think people enjoy it because it's such goofy fun," Freeman said. "There are so many creative little puns and things that go into it, it's just wacky. People who come to play the game are in good moods, they're excited, and they enjoy it."

For more information or to purchase tickets, go to visitlangley.com.



Orchestra goes pop



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Orchestra The chamber orchestra, Skylark, part of Whidbey Island Orchestra, will be featured in the group's upcoming Pop Goes the Symphony! program March 2 and 3.

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Ahh, spring is in the air and the energy it brings with it can put a bounce in one's step and a song in one's heart.

For Whidbey Island Orchestra, spring also brings the group's annual salute to popular music, which is sure to have audiences tapping their toes and humming some tunes. Pop Goes the Symphony!, as WIO's program is called, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 2 at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley and at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 3 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Freeland. Tickets to the March 2 concert are available at wicaonline.org. The March 3 concert is free, but donations are gratefully accepted.

"WIO always presents a popular music concert of some type in early spring," shared Cynthia Morrow, WIO executive director and principal conductor. "In previous years, we've spotlighted The Beatles, Broadway, classic rock, and jazz. This year, though, we are doing a true Pops concert in the style of the Boston Pops. This means we're featuring popular music from many different countries, eras, styles, films, Broadway shows, operas and contemporary recording artists. There's going to be something for everyone."

Pops concerts originated in the 1960s, according to Morrow, and have become true crowd pleasers.

"They are enjoyed by audiences of all ages because they are light-hearted and varied," she said. "In keeping with this tradition, our orchestra performs a mix of full orchestral pieces with brass and woodwinds, some pieces with just strings, and we even have our newest chamber orchestra, 'Skylark,' featuring two different violin soloists, our concertmaster Jennifer Ruthensteiner on John Williams' movie score, 'Themes From Memoirs Of A Geisha,' and another first violinist, Brigitte Tennis, bringing to life the beloved and passionate 'Jalousie Tango.'"

at Whidbey Childrens Theatre, 723 Camano Avenue.

After 39 years, Mystery Weekend has garnered a large following, said chamber officials.

"About 2,500 people show up, so it's a big deal for our little town," said Langley Chamber representative Betty Freeman. "This year we have 48 clues and most of our businesses are participating. One thing this year that is different, is there will be five or six characters distributing clues for businesses who no longer operate from the immediate downtown area."

Freeman said they have almost 30 cast members this year, several of whom are new.

"The characters are all in town, dressed in costumes," she shared. "People can find

Photo Courtesy of Langley Chamber of Commerce

Del Orien, Scooter Orien, Ed Sill, and Saffron Meadows discuss Lackey Valet and its mobile app benefits in Langley at the scene of the crime for this year's Mystery Weekend, happening Saturday and Sunday in Langley. Inset: Lackey Valet App

With so much music to choose from, Morrow said making the final selections for the program takes a lot of thought.

"Choosing the music for a Pops Concert is a balancing act between fast and slow, humorous and heartfelt, old and new, and always with an international flair," she said. "We've included music that represents Spain, France, Mexico, South America, Russia, pioneer America as it was in 1849,

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Sunday, Feb. 4 10:31 am, NE Sumner Dr. Advising of female on foot, walking, carrying boots and two purses.

2:03 pm, SR 20 Caller irate with call-taker and lack of response for female being suspicious in public.

3:09 pm, SE Pioneer Way Reporting party states female is banging on the reporting party's baby blue Honda Civic; female is now taking off her clothes.

5:01 pm, SE Pioneer Way Advising female is standing in front of the airplane and "acting a fool" by dancing and shaking her head.

6:54 pm, SW Barlow St. Reporting party advising of new graffiti on side of building closest to SPiN Café.

7:04 pm, SE Midway Blvd. Reporting party is locked out of building.

10:19 pm, SW Scenic Heights St. Reporting party advising there are two subjects talking in the garage.

Tuesday, Feb. 6 7:28 am, SW Bayshore Dr. Caller advising a pile of trash was left near the employee door; nobody seen

around. 10:50 am, SW 10th Ct.

Caller says he was notified to move his 2003 Volkswagen Jetta; reporting party is waiting on parts and can get it moved by Friday.

11:40 am, SR 20

Reporting party believes son was arrested last night from this location; believes son has car keys and reporting party needs to get them back.

12:29 pm, NE 11th Ave.

Advising son pulled cords out of wall so reporting party cannot call police.

PHONE: 360-682-8283

2:19 pm, SR 20

Caller advising of "junk" on the side of the building.

5:27 pm, SW Swantown Ave. Reporting party advising bike was stolen from location on Friday.

Wednesday, Feb. 7 9:57 am, SR 20 Party requesting call; has questions about noise ordinance.

5:39 pm, S Beeksma Dr. Advising gray Tesla brake-checked reporting party near location.

7:07 pm, NE Regatta Dr. Advising white Subaru Outback doesn't have headlights on.

7:33 pm, SR 20 Male walking in the middle of the road on Pioneer.

7:46 pm, SE Bayshore Dr. Caller states male just jumped up on the roof.

7:50 pm, SE Barrington Dr. Reporting party states she did an online Facebook Marketplace purchase and was not given the item that she purchased.

Thursday, Feb. 8 8:56 am, SE Barrington Dr. Party requesting phone call referencing people not disposing of dog poop.

12:35 pm, SE Barrington Dr. Advising incident occurred on Tuesday; student on school bus shot off cap gun.

8:51 pm, S Beeksma Dr.

Reporting party states they are being harassed; being blocked in in a red CRV.

Friday, Feb. 9 6:06 am, SW Erie St. Reporting party advising there is a female in front of the store by the customer bench who is screaming and yelling profanities.

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

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with these items: oatmeal (of any kind) cereal mac & cheese individual packaged crackers

canned meat (chicken, etc.)

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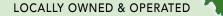
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EMBRACE WHIDBEY AND CAMANO ISLANDS WELCOMES ADDITIONS TO CREATIVE TEAM

Embrace Whidbey and Camano Islands is delighted to announce new members to its creative team, marking a significant milestone in the organization's commitment to fostering a regenerative tourism industry that supports the local community and provides deep experiences for visitors.

Inge Morascini will lead marketing efforts in the position of Public Relations and Marketing Director, overseeing implementation of the county's new approach to regenerative tourism. She will act as spokesperson for the destination marketing organization, representing tourism in Island County at the county, state, and national level.

As the new Embrace Whidbey and Camano Islands Regenerative Program Support, Krista Loercher will engage the community, businesses, nonprofits and government in the principles of regenerative tourism. Building on the Regenerative Places program conceptualized in partnership with the Transformational Travel Council, this approach to tourism supports and builds healthy relationships with local communities. It promotes care and involvement of our islands' environment and culture from our visitors. New team members at

"We are pleased to add Inge Morascini and Krista Loercher to the Camano Islands include Inge Embrace Whidbey and Camano Islands team," notes Embrace Morascini, top, Marketing Whidbey and Camano Islands board president Jackie Henderson. and Public Relations Director and Krista Loercher, Program "We are confident and excited about the new direction for the Manag coming year."

Embrace Whidbey and

Morascini comes from both corporate and agency marketing backgrounds, having held executive level vice president positions in both marketing and creative direction, and most recently served as executive director at the Langley Chamber of Commerce. Since coming to Whidbey Island in 2013 following a career spent in metropolitan cities coast to coast, she has found her forever home and has embraced the people and lifestyle of Whidbey Island. Passionate about art, writing, and the environment, she looks forward to enticing visitors to fall in love with the islands that she now proudly calls home.

Morascini has been on the board of Island County Tourism since 2016, and has an extensive background in marketing; she will take the position previously held by Sherrye Wyatt. Loercher, who owns Whidbey Island Kayaking, will support the new Regenerative Tourism effort in her new role as Embrace Program Manager.

Loercher, as the owner and operator of Whidbey Island Kayaking, has been supporting people as they nurture their nature by offering safe, fun, and active ways to experience the Salish Sea for almost ten years. Loercher believes that park and recreation facilities and programs enable individuals, families, and communities to thrive and was recently re-elected to her second term as a South Whidbey Park and Recreation District Commissioner. When she isn't working in, advocating for, or actively recreating in the outdoors, she is probably enjoying the simple pleasures of throwing a ball for her dog or doing a crossword puzzle.

Morascini and Loercher join the current creative team, including: Laura Hilton as film liaison; Jack and Diane Penland with Computerpix digital marketing; Osborne Northwest Public Relations in media and influencer relations; and Rosencranz Productions in graphic design.

more information about Embrace Whidbey and Camano Islands, visit whidbeycamanoislands.com. Connect on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook via @ GoWhidbeyCamano.

New Whidbey Affordable Housing Fund

Whidbey Community Foundation is pleased to announce a new partnership with JADE Craftsman Builders in creating a field-of-interest fund for the community—the Whidbey Affordable Housing Fund. To start, this fund will make grants to nonprofit organizations working on affordable housing on Whidbey Island. JADE made the first donation to the new fund



People who live and work on Whidbey are facing increasing challenges in finding affordable housing. When teachers, restaurant workers, farmers and so many others struggle to afford a place to live on the island, it affects the entire community.

"Everyone in our community is impacted by the fact that so many people, including families with children, simply can't find housing here—even when they're offered a decent job," said Dan Neumeyer, owner of JADE Craftsman Builders. "Wanting to make housing affordable for all is what motivated us at JADE to create this fund. We're grateful to partner with the Whidbey Community Foundation to make this happen."

Rural island communities have housing affordability needs and development challenges



Work Underway to Bring the Musical Justice to WICA's Mainstage

In April, the groundbreaking musical Justice will open in Langley with a three-week run (April 11-27) at the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts (WICA), the 2023 winner of the Gregory Award for Outstanding Theatre in the North Puget Sound Region.

A new American musical by playwright Lauren Gunderson (of "The Revolutionists"), "Justice" features the "firsts" of the Supreme Court justices – exploring the first women of the Court, Sandra Day O'Connor, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor. With music by Bree Lowdermilk and lyrics by Kait Kerrigan, the play is "an intimate, epic new musical built with sweeping songs, urgent conversations about equality, and deeply relatable heroines.'

Directed by Rose Woods and with musical direction by Sheila Weidendorf, the WICA production is currently auditioning for the roles of Justices O'Connor, Ginsburg, and Sotomayor. Auditions will take place this month, with interested actors sending in a video with one monologue and one song.

To learn more about the application process, please visit the audition posting on the Theatre Puget Sound website. For more information about WICA, please visit WICAonline.org.

County Changes Building Permit Requirements

The Island County Board of Commissioners has approved a change in building permit requirements.

To submit a building permit in Island County, a site registration and septic design, along with approved access permit, address, and water availability verification, will be required starting March 1. Septic dCesign does not require approval but must be completed by a qualified septic designer. Permits without these items will not be accepted.

[Submitted by Island County Planning Department, Public Works and Public Health]





Ziply® Fiber lights up new fiber network in Coupeville

Ziply® Fiber, home to America's Fastest Internet, today announced it has begun construction of a new, ultra-high-speed, 100-percent fiber-optic network in Coupeville, which will serve more than 850 homes and businesses across the city when construction is complete. Fiber internet – with speeds ranging from 100 Mbps to America's fastest home internet at 50 Gig – is now ready for service at the first 200 addresses in Coupeville today, with the remaining addresses coming online over the next several weeks.

This launch means that besides Coupeville now having access to the fastest household internet speeds in the nation, customers at every speed tier can be confident they're on the best and fastest network available, giving them great speed and reliable service for everything they want to do online today and well into the future.

Residents and business owners can check for fiber availability at Ziplyfiber.com and sign up to be alerted when service is available at their location. When fiber is shown as available at their address, Ziply's existing DSL customers can upgrade by calling 1-866-699-4759.

Residential customers can switch to fiber internet for as little as \$20 per month and receive a \$50 bill credit for themselves and any friend they refer. Details can be found at referafriend.ziplyfiber.com

"We've often heard from island residents that internet reliability and speed are two of their top factors when choosing a provider, which is why we are so excited to unveil Ziply Fiber's new 100-percent fiber-optic network in Coupeville today," said Harold Zeitz, CEO of Ziply Fiber. "If you're working from home or just looking for a great connection for gaming, streaming or everyday life, what fiber provides is second to none.

Coupeville residents can learn more about the work Ziply Fiber is doing and what to expect during construction at ziplyfiber.com/fiber-construction/construction-process. Ziply Fiber's goal is always to leave an area in a condition as good if not better than it was before construction. If residents notice something has been missed the company wants to know about it and asks that details be shared at ziplyfiber.com/new-fiber-locations/ construction-process/construction-feedback.

that are different than urban and suburban communities, including limited capacity for new development and limited existing inventory, among many more complicating factors.

There are several agencies on the island working together to face these challenges in various ways. Solutions are not simple and will involve multiple approaches.

All funds distributed from the Whidbey Affordable Housing Fund must be approved by WCF's board of directors. JADE and WCF will form an advisory committee to develop guidelines for funding, review applications, and make recommendations to WCF's board. If you are interested in learning more, and/or joining the advisory committee, please contact WCF at info@whidbeyfoundation.org or 360-660-5041.

Any member of the community who cares about affordable housing can make a contribution to the fund. All donations to the Whidbey Affordable Housing Fund held at WCF are taxdeductible to the extent allowed by the law. Whidbey Community Foundation, a 501c3 nonprofit, accepts many forms of donations, including cash, check, credit card, IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions, appreciated securities, and real property. Visit whidbeyfoundation. org and jadecraftsmanbuilders.com for more information about either organization.

[Submitted by Whidbey Community Foundation]

The work in Coupeville is part of Ziply Fiber's commitment to invest hundreds of millions of dollars to build an advanced, 100-percent fiber network to both suburban and rural communities across the Northwest that have been underserved when it comes to internet access. The company believes everyone should benefit from amazingly fast, gamechanging internet, not just people in big cities. Ziply Fiber has been actively building fiber across the Northwest since June 2020 and continues to build and deploy new fiber-optic cables, local hubs, new offices, and new hardware to run the network as part of hundreds of projects across its 250,000-square-mile footprint. That's how the company will deliver what its customers need and deserve as they learn, work, play and move into the future with ease

A full listing of products and services can be found at ziplyfiber.com.

[Submitted by Dan Miller and Jessica Christopher, Ziply Fiber]





What's Going On!



"Clue" at Oak Harbor High School Thursday -Saturday, Feb. 22-24, 7 p.m. Oak Harbor High School SUB

The Oak Harbor High School drama club presents the classic whodunnit, "Clue, High School Edition." Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; tickets are \$10 and are available at the door.

"Sleuth" Theater Series

Thursday - Saturday, Feb. 22-24, 7:30 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.

SEED SWAP

Seed Swap

Thursday, Feb. 22, 5-7 p.m. Deer Lagoon Grange, 5142 Bayview Rd., Langley

The public is welcome to attend this third annual event. Bring your seeds to swap!

"The 25th Annual Putnum County Spelling Bee"

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23-24, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 25, 2:30 p.m. Whidbey Playhouse, 730 SE Midway Blvd., Oak Harbor

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. 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.

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 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 The shores and waters surrounding Island County are internationally recognized as crucial habitats for countless sea, shore and land birds, and the Snow Goose and Birding Festival, put on by Sound Water Stewards of Island County, shares the reasons why. Enjoy tours of the annual winter gathering of thousands of Snow Geese and Trumpeter Swans, in addition to flocks of wintering seabirds and shorebirds, along with many raptors that call the area home. soundwaterstewards. org/event/snow-goose-and-birding-festival-2024



Naval Aviation Book Launch & Signing Saturday, Feb. 24, 1-4 p.m. Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum, 270

Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum, 270 SE Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor

The Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum welcomes local aviation photographer Joe Manhardt for an exclusive premier book launch of his two new books at the museum's Ship Store. Manhardt will be on site to answer questions and sign copies of his updated, revised and expanded photo inventory of the aircraft well known on Whidbey Island.



Coupeville Lions Dinner & Auction Saturday, Feb. 24, 5 p.m. Elks Lodge, 155NE Ernst St., Oak Harbor

The Coupeville Lions Club will hold its 18th annual scholarship dinner and auction to fund scholarships awarded to graduating Coupeville area seniors. Catered dinner will be followed by a live auction. Tickets are available at www. CoupevilleLions.org.

Movement for Healthy Aging

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 3-4 p.m. Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave.

As we age, we naturally become less agile. Movement coach Sarah Ruggenberg will teach you how to move safely and mindfully by sharing practical, adaptable, and efficient movements that will give you more confidence to enjoy physical activities. Sarah will demonstrate some safe movements, and attendees will go home with better body awareness as well as resources allowing them to practice these movements on their own. 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.

Jayme Stone's Folklife

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

Jayme 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.

Andre Feriante in Concert

Friday, March 1, 2-3 p.m. Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave.

Join us for a special concert featuring award-winning virtuoso guitarist Andre Feriante. His musical stylings can be heard on 43 of the instruments in his collection, some of which are the Spanish guitar, harp guitar, ukulele, charango, oud, ruan, and sitar.

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, first served basis. This concert is funded by the generous support of the Friends of the Freeland Library.

RANGER HOUR

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.

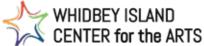
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donation and are available on EventBrite. com. Donations to attend will also be accepted at the door. Learn more at www.heartsandhammers.org, 360-499-2005.

Sourdough Bread Making Class

Friday, March 1, 6 p.m. Deer Lagoon Grange, 5142 Bayview Rd., Langley

Back by popular demand, Deer Lagoon Grange is pleased to offer its Sourdough Bread Making class. This class will cover techniques and methods for beginners and experienced bakers to take their bread to the next level. Please bring a clean jar in which to take home some starter. No RSVP needed. This class is free, but donations are gratefully accepted.



Comedy Night Friday, March 1, 7:30 p.m. Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, 565 Camano Ave., Langley

Originally from Seattle, comedians Bo Johnson and Andrew Sleighter (as seen on Conan, James Corden, Comedy Central) come to Whidbey Island for a hilarious night of stand-up comedy. Intro by our own Patrick Moote! Tickets: wicaonline.org



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 region looking for great advice on how to improve their 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 Musselfest

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

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Saturday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Cornet Bay Marina,

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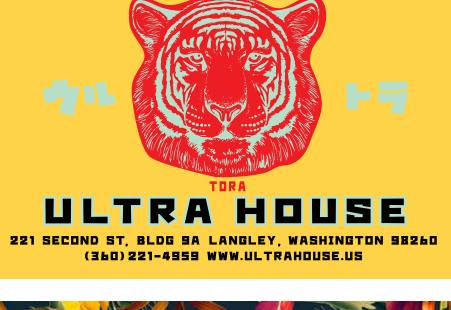
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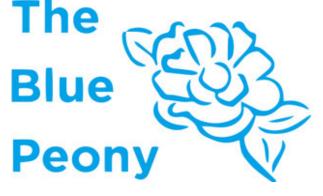
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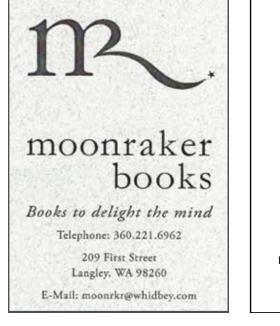
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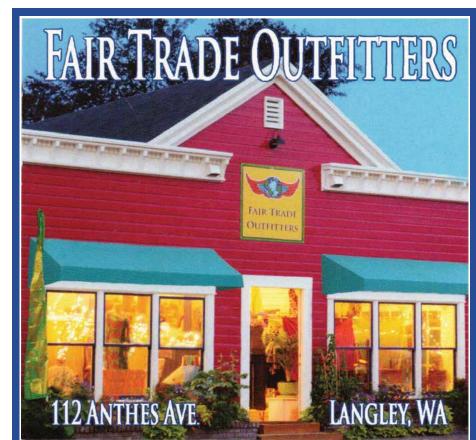


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WED 2/21 - MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS SVC @ PENINSULA - TIPOFF 7:00PM

SAT 2/24 - WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS WHATCOM @ SVC - TIPOFF 2:00PM

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the world of Hollywood cartoons, and a number of operas and Broadway shows. We've added hits by Taylor Swift and Lady Gaga."

One surprising thing Morrow discovered in planning this program is how the music of the countries represented is often written by people from different countries.

"The 'Habañera' from Carmen was composed by Bizet, a Frenchman. 'Capriccio Español' was composed by Rimsky-Korskov, a Russian, while the American jazz-inspired 'Waltz No. 2' was written by another Russian, Shostakovich," she shared. "The 'Can Can,' which we think of as quintessentially French, was actually written by Offenbach, a German-born Jew who eventually moved to France. Dvorak, a visiting Czech composer, gave us the glorious 'New World Symphony' as his impression of America as it existed out West at the time of the Gold Rush. His themes for this and other works, such as his 'American Quartet,' are richly flavored by slave spirituals, indigenous rhythms and melodies that would have been otherwise lost, as Native American culture was being suppressed, and the songs the new settlers brought with them across the plains, such as 'My Darling Clementine.

"One of the medleys we're playing in this concert is 'Mexicano,' an authentic collection of traditional dances and folk songs that have been artfully arranged for orchestra by Robert Bauernschmidt, an American. And so it goes," Morrow continued. "Is this the dreaded 'cultural appropriation' that has become such a crippling force in the arts today, or are these works the result of inspiration in one of its greatest forms? A Pops Concert is the perfect place to explore the musical blending and sharing that makes certain pieces enduringly popular with the musicloving public."

Whidbey Island Orchestra is a nonprofit organization, with members ranging in age from 11 to 86 and with experience ranging from "enthusiastic amateurs," as Morrow puts it, to professional musicians. WIO's youth program provides scholarships annually to young members, so no child under 18 ever pays to play with the group.

"Whidbey Island Orchestra remains a true

cultural gem on the island, primarily South Whidbey," said Morrow. "We are a pay-toplay orchestra, but our fees are modest, and money is never an obstacle to belonging. Every youth member is seated next to an adult who models protocol and is there to explain and assist them as they tackle the music. We have doctors, attorneys, farmers, teachers, and every aspect of life in our community. We welcome anyone with an orchestral instrument who is at least an intermediate player and who seeks to make music with others. We are, in essence, a teaching orchestra and a fun, collaborative group. We are certainly helped by the generosity of community donations."

WIO rehearses regularly at Island Church in Langley and performs regularly at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley, Island Church and at Trinity Lutheran Church in Freeland. WIO's chamber orchestra, Skylark, has also been performing for special events at Useless Bay Golf and Country Club, which Morrow said has expanded its audience even more.

"Playing at WICA is always a great experience for us because it's a beautiful setting and brings a discerning audience to our concerts," Morrow said. "Management has been supportive and enthusiastic. We also enjoy performing and rehearsing at Island Church in Langley and have been welcomed at Trinity Lutheran in Freeland for every concert program we do during our season, which enables us to provide free concerts for the community four times a year. Community support is everything to a group such as ours."

Following the March 2 and 3 Pop Goes the Symphony! concerts, Whidbey Island Orchestra will present its annual Mother's Day Concert, which features solos by young members of the group as well as showcasing the orchestra's versatility with classical works. Learn more about WIO by visiting whidbeyorchestras.org.



Rethrement Honors

Friends and family gathered Jan. 20 to celebrate Luana Anderson-Lubchuck's retirement from the U.S. Postal Service in Langley.

The celebration comes after a rather surprising end to her career. She finished her route Nov. 30, 2023, but was unceremoniously told to leave her badge and key and leave the office after returning from her route. She did not expect to be treated like this on her last day of work. Several co-workers learned about how she was abruptly dismissed; to make up for this oversight, one of them contacted former Langley Postmaster Alan Lam (Retired), to help show the espect they felt Anderson deserved. They decided to hold a small party to honor her 34 years of dedicated service. Lam also reached out to District Manager Trent McNeal for a certificate of appreciation for Luana.



SAT 2/24 - MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS WHATCOM @ SVC - TIPOFF 4:00PM

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WED 2/28 - MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS BELLEVUE @ SVC - TIPOFF 7:00PM

McNeal came to the celebration in person to give Anderson-Lubchuck a letter of gratitude for her service and dedication and showed appreciation for all fellow carriers. It was very heartening for all present to see management honoring carriers.

[Submitted by Laura Aries]

Do you have a special celebration you'd like to share with our Whidbey Island community? Send them to Whidbey Weekly! We welcome submissions for milestone events such as retirements, engagements, weddings and 25th, 50th, 60th+ wedding anniversaries. Send photos and announcements to news@whidbeyweekly.com.

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Winter dinner tables tend to look a lot different at meal time than they do in summer. Come winter, people look to balance flavor with additional qualities that can chase away the chill.

In spite of its name, chili can warm anyone up quickly. Chili is often spicy, which means the dish gives off warmth in a multi-layered approach.

This recipe for "Totally Excellent Chili" from "Clueless in the Kitchen" (Firefly) by Evelyn Raab is spicy, but not too hot, and thin enough to be eaten with a spoon, but not to be mistaken for soup. Home cooks can customize the recipe further depending on their desired flavors

TOTALLY EXCELLENT CHILI (Serves 6)

- 11/2 pounds lean ground beef
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced or pressed
- 1 28-ounce can diced tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon Mexican chili powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 11/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon curry powder

To serve:

In a large saucepan or Dutch oven, combine the ground beef with the onions and garlic, and cook, stirring to break up the clumps, until the meat is no longer pink and the onions are softened — about 10 minutes. Add the tomatoes, chili powder, cumin, salt, curry powder, and cayenne or jalapeño, cover, and simmer for about 30 minutes. Add the beans and cook for another 30 minutes, stirring often.

Serve this chili sprinkled with shredded cheese and accompanied by plain rice or freshly baked corn bread. If the chili is too spicy for you, a spoonful of plain yogurt or sour cream will help cool things down.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Take a few days off from work if you find you have been running yourself ragged, Aries. The pressure to be the best may have gotten to you and you need a rest.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Powering through a situation sometimes works, but not if you are feeling ill or injured, Taurus. Prioritize your health right now and take a step back if need be.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, there are always two sides to every story, so resist the urge to weigh in on a situation between friends right now. Get all of the information first and then stay neutral.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Listen to someone's feelings when they come to you and try to vent, Cancer. Exhibit some patience and help this person work through his or her issues.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

A great opportunity is coming down the pike, Leo. You will have to get your timing correct to maximize its impact on your life. Organize all of the elements you can control.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

It is important to take the reins this week, Libra, particularly if you want to get noticed by those in positions of power. You need to be your own best advocate.

1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper (or one small fresh jalapeño pepper, minced,

2 19-ounce cans red kidney or pinto beans,

1 pound, 2 ounces mature cheddar cheese,

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper,

or both)

grated

to taste

drained and rinsed

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Sometimes the hardest thing to do in a situation is to stay silent when you don't agree with things, Scorpio. Keep in mind that others may not be ready to hear your advice.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Take ownership of any mistakes you have made and learn from them this week, Sagittarius. That is the only way you can grow as a person and make a difference in others' lives.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, are you ready to accept the consequences of your actions? If you go out on your own path when others are warning against it, you will need to confront the consequences on your own.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, you may be ready to make a big move in your life, but others may not be there with you just yet. You need to find the timing that works for as many as possible.

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VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Advice from a loved one prompts you to reevaluate your plans for the coming weeks, Virgo. Step away from the situation to see how things might work.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, it may not be possible to put blinders on for every situation. However, sometimes it is adviseable to look the other way in the name of keeping the peace.

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CLUES DOWN

3. Indian king

4. Type of milk

8. Red mineral

10. Therefore

19. Satisfy

35. Tease

39. Inoffensive

41. Consume

51. Swiss river

52. Prejudice

47. Fix

9. Breezed through

24. Brass instrument

26. Ribonucleic acid

28. Woman (French)

36. Actress Gretchen

40. Yellowish cotton cloth

42. Does not tell the truth

44. Improved something

48. Evergreen tree genus

53. Major C. European river

46. Abba __, Israeli politician

45 Spiritual leader

27. Snakelike fish

25. Domesticated animal

1. Pacific Standard Time

6 More comprehensible

2. Protruding ridge on nematodes

5. One who brings home the bacon

7. Connected with sense of touch

12. Supplement with difficulty

23. They confuse doctors (abbr.)

29. Economically-minded aircraft

34. When you hope to get somewhere

37. Midway between northeast and east

14. Early kingdom of Syria

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Golf scores
- 5. Shock therapy
- 8. Ballplayer's tool
- 11. Quench one's thirst
- 13. Female relatives of American war vets (abbr.)
- 14. Every one of two or more things
- 15. Member of Muslim people
- 16. Plav
- 17. Type of cheese
- 18. Type of lounge chair
- 20. __ King Cole, musician
- 21. Fellows
- 22. North, Central and South
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Foes
- 31. Georgia rockers
- 32. Cryptocurrency
- 33. Narrow path along a slope
- 38. Disallow
- 41. Jovousness 43. Inaccessible
- 45. Evoke emotions
- 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 49. Boston Celtic punk rockers (abbr.)
- 50. Sword
- 55. Actor Idris
- 56. Affirmative (slang)
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. One point north of northeast
- 60. Born of
- 61. Arabic name
- 62. Traumatic brain injury (abbr.)
- 63. Extremity
- 64. Post

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An Upbeat Question of the week By Helen Mosbrooker

In two paragraphs, what is your life story?



Kathy Wagoner, Oak Harbor

I was born in Tillamook, Ore. I'm the oldest of five siblings. In 1972, I joined the Navy. I was stationed in San Diego, Calf., where I met my husband of 49 years, Ron. The Navy brought us to Whidbey Island in 1984 and we've been here since. I retired from Island Title Company but had temporary jobs with Fakkema and Kingma, Oak Harbor Fire Department, and Oak Harbor Public Works.

When I was no longer working, I went to Beaver, Ore., to help take care of my middle sibling. She was diagnosed with heart and kidney disease and spent five years on dialysis. She passed away in 2019 and a day doesn't go by that I don't miss her.

Ada Moseley, Oak Harbor

I've been a resident of Whidbey Island for over 20 years. I moved here from Memphis, Tenn. It's been one of the best decisions of my life. I've had the privilege of being married to Jerome for 18 wonderful years and we have six adult children, one teenager, and a lot of grandchildren together.



We owned and I operated a hair salon here in Oak Harbor until I retired two years ago. I don't regret it, however, I do miss the camaraderie and caring for the

community in that capacity. As I heal from back surgery, I have not allowed that to stop me from staying active in our city, church and caring for others in need. I'm not certain of what's next, but I am looking forward to whatever is to come.



Bev Heising, Langley

My journey has been one of passion, perseverance, and adventure. I was born in 1955 in Ft Monmouth, N.J., to Tom and Marie Taylor and was the second oldest of six kids. I met my husband, Steve, in 1974 and together, we braved the Pacific Ocean, sailing from California to Hawaii and settling on Maui from 1974 to 1986 and later Colorado Springs, San Diego and now the last 18 years

on Whidbey Island. We have two sons and now five grandchildren, ages 10-17.

I have had many diverse careers, including coaching and teaching swimming, fiddle and mandolin. I released an award-winning CD in 2004 with original music compositions and currently perform with several Island bands. For the last 14 years, Steve and I have been the founders and owners of Whidbey Island Distillery. WID produces award-winning spirits including Rye Whiskey and Berry Liqueurs. I look forward to sailing into my next unwritten chapter.

Capt. Mike Henderson, Oak Harbor

I worked pretty hard on this to get it down to less than 135 words. I had to leave out 60,000 miles on a Harley the last 20 years, playing bass in a band with my wife for 25 years, and lots of international travel.

I'm a leap year baby, born on February 29th (year omitted) in Seattle. We did lots of camping and fishing when I was a kid. We lived in Huntsville, Ala., for two years and moved to Shoreline, Wash., in 1966. I finished school and met my wife, Catherine, there. Boeing hired me in



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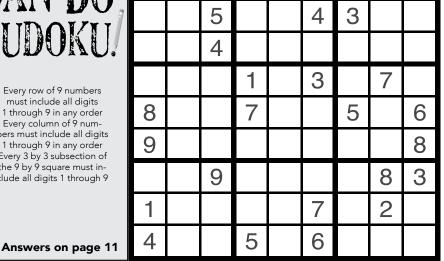


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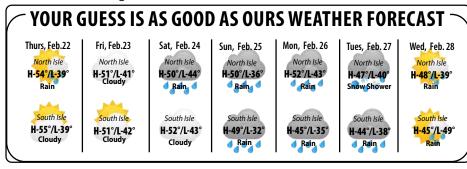
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1978. I left Boeing in 2000 and did IT support for Shoreline Fire Department. In 2015 we found a lot on Whidbey and in 2017 we retired, built a home, and moved here. Since retiring I obtained my USCG Masters License, and we volunteer in the NWFR Marine Search and Rescue program. I get to fish, shrimp, and crab in our local waters. I enjoy fly fishing in PNW lakes, rivers, and saltwater. We have three children and seven grandchildren.



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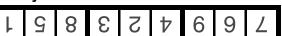
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Wednesdays, 2-5 p.m. -Good Cheer, 2812 Grimm Rd., Langley 360-221-4868 Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

How'd you do?





For families with schoolaged children to 18 within S Whidbey School District can choose weekend groceries or ready-to-eat sack lunches; Delivery on Thursday - Self-serve Program: Youth and others in need can request a sack lunch from Good Cheer food bank, Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Women, Infants & Children (WIC):

-Oak Harbor/North Whidbey: 1791 NE 1st Ave. Mon-Thurs 360-240-5554 Text: 360-544-2239

-Langley/South Whidbey: 5475 Maxwelton Rd. Thurs Only 360-221-8880 Text: 360-544-2238 -Camano Island: 127 N East

Camano Dr. Mon Only 360-544-2633

Island Senior Services: meals@senior-resources.org - Meals on Wheels: Email or call 360-672-6416 for home-delivered meals by noon

-Frozen Take-Out Meals: Call 360-321-1600 Mon, Wed, Fri to arrange pickup -Brookhaven Community Meals: 150 4th St, Langley Thurs, 5-5:45 p.m. -Leo's Place Community Meals: 14594 SR 525, Bayview Hot lunches Mon, Wed, Fri 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sack

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Lunches Tues 11:45 a.m.-12:30

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confidential referral to crisis programs and services statewide; wa211.org 9-1-1: Call for threats to life, fire, accident or crime -Non-emergency lines: Oak Harbor Police Department-360-279-4600 -Island Communications Dispatch (ICOM) - 360-679-9567 -Langley Police Department -360-321-4400 Island County Sheriff's Office - 360-678-4422 9-8-8: Suicide and crisis lifeline, free & confidential - 741-741: 24/7 Crisis Text Line -800-584-3578: 24/7 Northwest Washington Crisis

Services - 360-678-7880: Island County Behavioral Health 866-789-1511: Recovery help; warecoveryhelpline.org 800-215-5669: CADA 24/7 confidential domestic violence crisis support; 360-675-

2232; text LOVEIS to 22522 866-488-7386 Trevor Project: 24/7 support for LGBTQIA2S+; text 678.678



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

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

tia friendly setting. For information: 360-720-4535 SHELTERS/HOUSING

CADA Emergency Shelter -Confidential crisis shelter for women and children fleeing domestic violence/sexual assault/stalking. This is NOT a homeless shelter. Office: 360-675-7057 Crisis Line: 360-675-2232 Toll Free: 800-215-5669

County Housing Island Support - 105 NW 1st St., Coupeville 360-678-8284 For homeless or at risk of los-

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