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Whidbey Celebrates Earth and Ocean Month

By Jon Bach Whidbey Weekly

Have you ever made your own paper using recycled materials (even plants and flowers)?

How about surrounding yourself with blooming rhododendrons as an expert helps you notice the supporting habitat that makes them thrive? These events are just two of over 40 immersive experiences in April, Whidbey Island's annual "Earth and Ocean Month."

For nearly 20 years, the Goosefoot Community Fund has coordinated and facilitated a diverse set of events to help reacquaint us with the fact we're living on an active planet – something many of us may too easily overlook as we drive around the island running errands.

"As an island community, we need to be more conscious of climate change than most other places," said Sami Postma, Events & Education Coordinator for Goosefoot. "Natural systems from bluffs to beaches, to ocean life and water tables, to invasive species and sustainable agriculture and more. They all play together to make this an incredibly beautiful and unique place to live."

She added we all need to work together to take care of this fragile place we call home.

"The participating groups always bring a lot of unique and interesting events each year," Postma said.

The goal is to instill a deeper awareness through a variety of events specifically designed to appeal to our senses.

Hear chamber music from Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra, with special guests, Mary Elizabeth Himes ("A Poet on Whidbey"), OKK Taiko Drums of Oak Harbor, and singer/songwriter performer Celia Farran.

Feel the dirt as you weed and seed fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers at Good Cheer Garden behind the old Bayview School building, or one of the restoration work parties at Trillium Community Forest, Strawberry Point and Silliman Preserve.

See thousands of blooming rhododendrons at one of Meerkerk Gardens Peak Bloom Season Tours (8 different days during April).

Smell the sea air as you immerse yourself in history through the story of the Schooner Suva, a 68-foot, two-masted wooden boat designed and built in 1925 on which to sail the Salish Sea and anchored in Penn Cove for you to experience.

Taste a spice mix you create -- with seaweed as a base! -- when Langley Library staff member Karen Achabal guides you through the recipe.

Even if your "something" is as majestic as gray whales, Earth and Ocean Month has you covered. Each year, a small group of beloved and well-known gray whales (known as The Sounders) returns to Puget Sound to feed on ghost shrimp.



Photo Courtesy of Goosefoot
2015's Earth and Ocean Month Celebration

The "Welcome the Whales" Festival April 13 and 14 honors them with various activities like costume-making, a "critter parade," a waterside ceremony, a beach clean-up in Langley, a special presentation from the Cascadia Research Collective, and a fund-raising boat trip. (see orcanetwork.org/events for details)

Also on April 13, electric vehicle expert and evangelist Bruce Bell will be available at the Unity Church in Langley from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for an "Electric Vehicle Roundup." He'll show a variety of EVs and answer questions about them. You can even bring your own vehicle!

A week later is Earth Day weekend. Everybody's likely already familiar with April 20

being Earth Day, which goes as far back as 1970. That day is on a Saturday this year, and here on the island, there are several events.

The Coupeville Wharf offers self-guided tours every day, but anytime during Earth Day is a great time to get a dose of Penn Cove's famous marine ecosystem. Exhibits include marine mammals (including resident Orcas), Pacific Blue Mussels, and the Saratoga Passage Marine Stewardship Area.

Earth Day 9 a.m. starts with a community work party and seeds-and-starts swap at the Whidbey Island Waldorf school. The event also includes a community potluck and live music at noon.



Photo Courtesy of Goosefoot
2023's Earth and Ocean Month Celebration

At 10 a.m., Deception Pass will kick off six hours of events, including a bird-watching walk with members of the Whidbey Audubon Society, then a lunch break at water's edge before helping with invasive dune grass removal, or attend a micro-plastics demo and collection, accompanied by a beach clean-up.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., join kids who will get a chance to plant a western red cedar seedling at Greenbank farm with the help of WSU Extension Master Gardeners.

Not far away at Meerkerk Gardens from 1 – 2 p.m. will be one of their Peak Bloom Season Tours to see those colorful rhododendrons.

Then, close the day from 3 – 4 p.m. at the Freeland Library for the seaweed pressing and crafting (including creating that spice mix).

The day after Earth Day, there are two Sunday events focusing on sustainability and celebration.

The first is the "rePurpose Repair Cafe" in Langley – a two-hour meet-up where you can bring a broken item from your home and either use available tools or volunteer expertise to have it repaired. You can also just observe or volunteer your own handiwork skills.

Later that day is an Earth Day celebration concert at St. Augustine's In-the-Woods in Freeland, featuring Celia Farran. Farran is a singer/songwriter and humorist whose 13 albums have made her known for her skill in using "looping" technology as she performs duets, trios, and ensembles with – herself – in real time. (Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 day-of-show, with a percentage of the proceeds going to the Whidbey Climate Fund.)

These and all other events culminate on "Earth and Ocean Month"'s last Saturday, April 27, at the "Last Saturday Climate Change Salon," where Whidbey residents can gather at the Coupeville Library to have conversations meant to inspire and support climate change volunteers and address the rate of climate change effects.

Though Earth and Ocean Month focuses on April, there's something to look forward to on May 1 at the Hierophant Meadery to continue environmental awareness. Postma said Goosefoot has brought back the "Sip and Science" series, which hasn't happened in years.

"This is where we bring an environmentally-focused speaker into coffee shops, wineries, distilleries, and restaurants across the island for a quick talk. They'll cover a wide variety of topics throughout the island and at different times of the day, so there should be something for everyone."

To learn more about all Whidbey Earth and Ocean Month activities, a complete list is available at goosefoot.org.



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Seriously, we do not make this stuff up!

Tuesday, March 5
12:27 am, SE 2nd Ct.
Reporting party advising dog at location is barking; ongoing issue; says dog is outside all the time, just barking.

9:21 am, SE Neil St.
Advising dog has been out since this morning and has been barking all morning.

1:14 pm, SE Pioneer Way
States there is a male with dog in vehicle; dog is aggressive towards passersby.

5:04 pm, NE Barron Dr.
Reporting party advising they claimed nephew on taxes and nephew's sisters are mad at reporting party.

8:12 pm, SR 20
Advising of vehicle parked in parking lot for an hour; female customer said the driver was "watching her very closely."

Wednesday, March 6
12:02 am, NE Ernst St.
"Young lady standing outside staring at my window."

3:26 am, SR 20
Reporting party advising red van is parked in the "pull over" lane on the same side as Jack in the Box; reporting party found this suspicious; had parking lights on.

8:43 pm, SE Glencoe St.
Caller states boots were stolen from location; nothing further.

9:49 am, SE Glencoe St.
Party still reporting boots stolen on Wednesday.

1:36 pm, SE 4th Ave.
Party requesting call; states gave money to scammer.

4:37 pm, NE 5th Ave.
Caller advising Yorkie is loose on NE 5th Ave., between O'Leary and Ronhaar.

5:08 pm, SW Erie St.
Reporting party states there was a motor vehicle accident in the parking lot, non-injury; driver didn't know how to drive.

8:10 pm, NW Delta Ct.
Caller states there are "annoying noise things" planted in her house; "they" planted them in my house; "the people that haven't been very friendly to me for a while."

9:28 pm, SW Kimball Dr.
Party wanting to know if he can "temporarily" turn in his firearms to law enforcement; requesting phone call.

Tuesday March 19
6:06 am, SR 20
Transient female requesting help, wanted a blanket and asked reporting party to call 911

10:09 am, NE Goldie st.
Reporting party requesting check on cousin, has not heard from him in 3 months

10:46 am, SE Barrington
Reporting party requesting contact in police department about a domestic disturbance. Refusing to talk to dispatch about what happened.

3:41 pm, SE 8th Ave. & SE Castle park Ct.
Deer with trick or treat bucket stuck on its face.

3:59 pm, N Oak Harbor St.
Reporting party advising that daughters boyfriend just showed up at there home after daughter says he "grabbed and squeezed her."

4:14 pm, Wildcat Way
Reporting party is driver for Bellingham school, is blocked in by other vehicle, confirmed it is not being threatened but would like assistance leaving.

4:48 pm, SE Cabot
Reporting party just got a call from dermatologist female, was at the office asking questions about "how to hire a hitman."

10:39 pm, SR 20
Reporting party advising there was a male subject who came into the location and said people were after him.

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

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Climate Change & Cattle Island Nosh, April 9, 4 PM

Welcome Sounders Gray Whales Beaver Tales Oak Harbor, April 12, 1 PM

Socially Responsible Investing Cedar & Salt Coffee, April 14, 11 AM

Demographic Studies of Orcas Old Spots Bistro, April 18, 4 PM

Whidbey's Water Future Cosmic Veggies, April 23, ?M

The Zero Waste Community Hierophant Meadery, May 1, 5 PM

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BITS & PIECES

Free-Style Textile Sculptures Celebrate Nature and the Artistic Process

It was an experience at the Bellevue Art Museum that set textile sculptor Sandy Rubini-Rochon on her current artistic path. The free-style weaving exhibit that had “charmed” her in 2017 was the inspiration for her own pursuit—nature-based pieces made from driftwood, jute, and repurposed textiles. Today, these one-of-a-kind sculptures grace the walls of the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts (WICA) Lasher Gallery, on display throughout the months of March and April and open to the public during WICA’s regular business hours or by appointment.

“Each sculpture begins with the driftwood. It’s difficult to find pieces that aren’t your ‘run-of-the-mill’ logs,” says Rubini-Rochon. “The hunt for unique wood is part of the fun. They need to have character. As far as the textiles are concerned, they’re all repurposed...I love the colors and textures, especially earth tones. I love matching fabrics that may be diabolically opposite but somehow meld together beautifully as I create a sculpture.”

Rubini-Rochon’s sculptures can usually be seen at the Clinton-based Rochon Fine Art Gallery she shares with her husband and abstract painter Louie Rochon. Now exhibiting at WICA, Rubini-Rochon can’t wait for viewers to interact with her art in this new space.

“I absolutely love the Lasher Gallery. It’s a beautiful, well-lighted space with nooks and crannies that lend itself well to patrons feeling like they’re exploring and finding treasures around the next bend,” she says. “It’s wonderful to have my sculptures in a public space where they can be enjoyed.”

“I love Sandy’s work,” adds Lasher Gallery Manager James Hinkley. “Each piece has its own particular sense of balance; no two alike. But what impresses me most is the wide varieties of textures in each piece.” For Rubini-Rochon, the free-style sculptures have a life of their own, with the end result “much like an abstract painting.”

“I never know how they’re going to turn out until they’re complete,” she says.

“It’s a totally loose, intuitive process. The sculpture takes on a life of its own as I instinctively choose the colors and variations that speak to me in the moment.”

Each piece is named for memories and personal and emotional experiences that Rubini-Rochon feels throughout a very “freeing” creative process. “It’s wonderful getting lost in the creative zone, where nothing else exists except the fabric and whatever eclectic playlist I have jamming in the background,” she says. “It’s truly lovely, living in the moment.”

For Rubini-Rochon, the best part of the process is seeing the interaction viewers have with her inspired creations. “The greatest compliment I can receive is when someone is emotionally moved by one of my sculptures. They’re truly abstract, and much like a painting, can evoke memories or emotion,” she says. “I once had a friend comment that one of my sculptures, ‘is a warm and comfy color scheme—it reminds me of winter in front of a real wood fire and soft lights and soft music with time to reflect on kindnesses.’ That’s as good as it gets for me.”

Rubini-Rochon’s textile sculptures, the art will be on display through April at WICA. In addition to visiting the Langley exhibit, Rubini-Rochon’s art can be viewed at her gallery in Clinton or through her website, www.vintimo.com.

[Submitted by Whidbey Island Center for the Arts]

City of Oak Harbor Receives Funding for Feasibility Study

The City of Oak Harbor Parks and Recreation Department received notice on Thursday, March 7, that its request for a Recreation Center Feasibility Study was funded through the Washington State Legislature Supplemental Capital Budget. The request was sponsored by Representative Clive Shavers with the support of Representative Dave Paul.

The City will receive \$200,000 starting in July 1, 2024 to conduct the feasibility study. Community members, most notably, the Mr. Oak Harbor Royalty Committee, have been requesting the City pursue the development of a community recreation facility. After a funding agreement is signed, likely in late summer, the City will pursue hiring a qualified consultant/firm to conduct the study.

The Oak Harbor Recreation Center Feasibility Study will assess possible locations, amenities, services, facility size, staffing requirements, and cost estimates and will include a cost-benefit analysis. The study is expected to take several months to complete. There will be time for public input during the information-gathering timeline.

“There are many areas on Whidbey Island where families don’t have access to recreational facilities, especially in the non-summer months,” said Brian Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Oak Harbor. “Everyone should be able to access and receive the health benefits, both mental and physical, of spending time recreating, socializing, and being active. This support for our community by Representatives Clive Shavers and Dave Paul is a big first step in helping provide places to improve the well-being of our residents.”

The Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council will receive presentations on the progress of the feasibility study, which are open to the public.

[Posted on the City of Oak Harbor City Alerts]

Commissioners create Jail Replacement Steering Committee

By voting to form a new advisory committee on Tuesday, the Board of Island County Commissioners took a major step in the years-long process of replacing the Island County Jail.

The Jail Replacement Steering Committee, which will consist of key Island County figures such as one commissioner, the prosecuting attorney, sheriff, the District Court judge, and a Superior Court judge, will play a crucial role in guiding the site selection and design processes for the new facility and report, according to Island County Administrator Michael Jones. “The committee will not have decision-making authority, but its recommendations to the commissioners will be instrumental in providing much needed information to the Board of Commissioners,” said Michael Jones.

The committee will be guiding the needs assessment and site selection processes and overseeing communication on those topics before the board of commissioners during public meetings, keeping the process transparent. Determining the funding for a replacement jail is not among the committee’s mandates. Rather, that decision remains the responsibility of the commissioners. The steering committee is designed to continue its work even as its members change. For example, with the retirement of Island County District Court Judge William Hawkins on May 31, he will be succeeded on the committee by his replacement, who will be selected by the commissioners to serve as judge until December 2026.

The steering committee will be developing its own operational guidelines in alignment with Island County policy, Jones said. That includes setting its meeting scheduling, authorizing the designation of substitute delegates by committee members, and determining who will have the responsibility of keeping the commissioners and public apprised of the committee’s progress.

In addition to Jones, Island County staff assigned to assist the committee will include Facilities Director Ryan Beach, Budget and Risk Manager Susan Geiger, Chief Jail Administrator Jose Briones and the Superior Court Administrator Megan Frazier.

For more information, contact Island County Administrator Michael Jones at 360-240-5575 or email to Michael.Jones@islandcountywa.gov.

[Submitted by Keven Graves, Island County Communications Manager]

Diverse group of Stakeholders Unite in Effort to Save one of Washington’s Keystone Species: Join Billy Frank Jr. Salmon Coalition to Save our Salmon

A new campaign from the Billy Frank Jr. Salmon Coalition calls attention to a burgeoning crisis in Washington: the status quo is not working in regard to salmon recovery. Habitat degradation, climate change, mismanagement, and other human activities have contributed to the fact that many of the state’s salmon runs have declined to near extinction, and all are threatened. Additionally, research shows 70% of endangered or threatened salmon and steelhead populations are not keeping pace with recovery goals.

In response to this issue, a diverse coalition of tribal leaders, environmental scientists, local and state officials, recreational fisherman, attorneys, conservation groups and Pacific Northwest industries are working together as part of the Billy Frank Jr. Salmon Coalition to support science-backed solutions that will revive the state’s dwindling salmon population.

The coalition is named in honor of late Nisqually tribal member and nationally recognized leader and salmon activist Billy Frank Jr., who is known for bringing together diverse groups of experts and harnessing their collective strength to advocate for salmon and the environment.

“We are out of time. We used to fish for seven months of the year and now we are down to just 12 days,” said Willie Frank III, Nisqually tribe chairman and son of Billy Frank Jr. “The good news is that salmon respond to positive action, and they do so quickly. We have solutions available, but we need everyone in Washington to help us make collaborative change on a scale that will fix this problem before it is too late.”

The politics of Washington’s salmon issue are complex, with opposing viewpoints from groups that are sometimes at odds with one another. The Billy Frank Jr. Salmon Coalition is unique in that these stakeholders have all come together, rallied by the urgent need to preserve the salmon population.

“This is the time to set aside differences and campaign for a cause we all believe in deeply. Salmon are essential to our way of life in Washington,” said Ron Garner, president of the Puget Sound Anglers. “If salmon are going to stay here, it’s up to us to make it happen. We need to do everything we can, right now, to ensure they are still here for our future generations.”

Together, the coalition has committed to the following priority focus areas to protect and restore salmon populations: Habitat restoration and protection: Degraded habitat is the leading cause of declining populations, so it is critical to protect and restore ecosystems where salmon are born, grow, eat, seek refuge and return to spawn, such as river systems, wetlands, floodplains, estuaries, shorelines and Puget Sound.

Hatchery production: Until habitat is restored and properly functioning, hatcheries (places where salmon are raised and then released) are crucial to maintaining salmon populations to support tribal treaty harvest and for non-treaty commercial and recreational fishing.

Pinniped management: Pinniped populations (such as harbor seals and sea lions) have grown significantly over the past 40 years and eat salmon as part of their diet. It’s critical to understand the impacts of pinniped predation on salmon recovery, so it doesn’t have an out-of-balance effect or impede efforts.



What's Going On!



Swing the Gates

Saturday, March 30, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Deception Pass State Park, 41229 SR 20,
Oak Harbor

Swing the Gates is back for a third year! This year will include the popular 10k Team Scavenger Hunt, classic 5k Fun Run, and a Kid's Race. Come hang out with an amazing community of nature lovers, runners, walkers, and their K-9 companions while exploring the beauty of Deception Pass State Park. This race is offered in partnership with Deception Pass State Park and Deception Pass Park Foundation. Register at: <https://runsignup.com/race/wa/oakharbor/swingthegates>



Best of Seattle International Comedy Competition
Saturday, March 30, 7:30 p.m.

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, 565 Camano Ave., Langley

This stand-up comedy show is hosted by James Roberts and will have Monica Nevi opening for the 2023 Seattle International Comedy Competition winner, Brent Lowrey as the headliner. Adult humor, 18+ only. Tickets available online at wicaonline.org

Geocaching Basics

Tuesday, April 2, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St.

Join in on the world's largest treasure hunt! Geocaching is a fun, recreational activity where participants use GPS to hide and find containers all over the world. Learn how to get started, as well as tips and tricks for finding geocaches in your community. Make some SWAG to trade for other treasures found in geocaches. For ages 6 and up. Presented by Lois Haight, avid geocacher and Children's Librarian at the Snohomish Library.



Whidbey Cruzers Car Club

Tuesday, April 2, 6 p.m.
The Mill Restaurant, 33505 SR 20, Oak Harbor

Whidbey Cruzers Car Club, organized in 1997, has over 120 members and is centered around all makes and models

of classic and non-classic cars and trucks. Interested car enthusiasts are invited to attend a monthly dinner and general meeting. Meetings are casual and fun. Members share auto tech knowledge, announce auto-related items for sale/need/wanted, share interesting auto history and humor, and plan fun events and activities. Between general meetings members caravan to car shows, collections, sight-seeing, socials and other car-related events on and off Whidbey Island. They drive their collector cars to meetings in spring and summer and in inclement weather, daily drivers are welcome. www.whidbeycruzers.com or email whidbeycarclub@gmail.com

Creative Papermaking: A Family STEAM Workshop

Wednesday, April 3, 10-11:30 a.m.
Clinton Community Hall, 6411 S Central Ave.

Explore the art of paper-making in this engaging family spring break workshop. Using recycled materials, plants and flowers, participants will create plant-able seed paper and unique hand-made papers (while supplies last) while delving into the science and creativity behind the paper-making process. This activity will inspire an appreciation for the environment in honor of Whidbey Earth and Ocean Month. Perfect for ages 8 and older; children under 8 will need adult assistance.

Airplane Palooza

Thursday, April 4, 10 a.m.
Oak Harbor Library, 1000 SE Regatta

Build your own miniature airplane and watch it fly! Add some air travel to your spring break by constructing, decorating, and flying a mini glider. For children ages 3+ with an adult caregiver.

Henny Penny with Last Leaf Productions

Thursday, April 4, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St.

Join us for a fun, musical mash-up of the tales of The Little Red Hen and Chicken Little. It features the familiar characters of Henny Penny, Goosey Lucy, Turkey Lurkey, and Ducky Luck as well as the infamous and sly Foxy Loxy. This version is full of songs and clever twists and turns. For families with kids of all ages.

Whidbey Island String Trio in Concert

Friday, April 5, 2-3 p.m.
*Registration required/opens March 22
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave.

Join us for a concert featuring The Whidbey Island String Trio. The trio includes cellists Gideon Freudmann and Aniela Marie Perry and violinist Gloria Ferry-Brennan. Expect to hear elegant waltzes and playful blues. Bossa nova, swing, hoedowns, and fiddle tunes also influence their music. This concert is funded by the generous support of the Friends of the Freeland Library. Please reserve your seat online. The doors will open to reserve seat holders at 1:45, please arrive early for best seat selection. At 5 minutes to show time all seats become general admission on a first come basis.



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MARCH, IN LIKE A LION AND OUT LIKE A LAMB

Ahh the month of March, it usually begins with lion-like windy, rainy, and maybe even some snowy weather but give it a little time and signs of spring and the lamb are in the air, the cherry blossoms are in full bloom, the tree frogs are tearing up the night-time silence and the leafy trees are beginning to bud. Oh, how I miss early spring black-mouth salmon fishing in Saratoga Pass.

For three springs in a row now saltwater Marine Areas 8-1 and 8-2 have been closed to hatchery chinook fishing due to the request of the Stillaguamish tribe and their assessment of spawning chinook returns. It's an unfair springtime shame if you ask me. So, besides the trees budding and frogs croaking, what's out there in the nearby fresh water to fish for that comes alive this time of year? The first thing that comes to mind is grabbing onto and fishing the tail end of the winter rainbow trout bite, lakes like Cranberry Lake, Lone Lake, and Lake Campbell that have been open all winter, and even experienced a mild freeze. Now the water is warming just enough to get these lethargic fish on the hunt again.

Then there is yellow perch, Perch are prolific breeders; they will spawn thousands of eggs. Yellow perch spawn once a year in spring, usually in large schools and seek out shallow areas of a lake or low-current tributary streams. They do not build a redd or nest, instead they deposit a jelly-like mass of eggs called a "clutch".

water temperature ranges between 44°F and 52°F.

Yellow perch are the perfect fish to introduce young anglers to fishing, a simple terminal rig made up of a 1/2 ounce weight and a size #6 hook under a bobber is all you need, nothing gets a young angler's attention more than seeing their bobber disappear under water or see the bobber start moving across the water being towed by a fish.

Yellow perch are very good table fare; they make fantastic fish-n-chips; they also work well as fish cakes. Their flesh is fairly soft so keep your catch on ice until you can process them; I only try to keep what my family will eat in the next couple days to avoid having to freeze the fish. Since there is generally no limit on perch, freezing them is ok if needed. I usually freeze my perch whole and intact; the skin and unexposed body cavity keeps the fillets as firm as they are going to be. When you are ready to have perch for dinner take them out of the freezer and let them thaw slowly in the refrigerator. No matter what level of fisherman you are, perch fishing is extremely simple and enjoyable.

Crappie are another springtime spawning fish that can help take cabin fever away after a long winter. Crappie are not as plentiful in the local lakes as the yellow perch but when you find them they will be just as fun to catch and eat. Lake Washington is a well-known lake for both white and black crappie, in fact the Washington state record black crappie was caught out of this lake weighing in at 4.5 pounds; this record fish was caught in 1956 and the record still stands today. The same terminal tackle rig for perch will work equally as well for crappie. Worms, corn, and panfish style dough baits are some of the old school go-to baits for perch and crappie, however when small micro-rubber artificial baits hit the market, a whole new style of fishing followed.



Here is a look at a clutch of perch eggs.

Females have the potential to spawn up to eight times in their lifetimes; the average clutch size is 23,000 eggs but can range from 2,000 to 90,000. With a short life span, lasting about seven years, yellow perch reach maturity and begin reproducing at age 2 or 3. Yellow perch spawn early in the spring shortly after the ice and heavy cold has retreated. Spawning lasts approximately from April to early May when the



There are many different shapes and eye-catching designs for crappie and perch.

Tiny curly-tail grubs, small straight tapered shaped rubber wigglers, and tiny metal jigs and darts are all in the avid perch and crappie fisherman's tackle box. There are many different shapes and eye-catching designs for crappie and perch.

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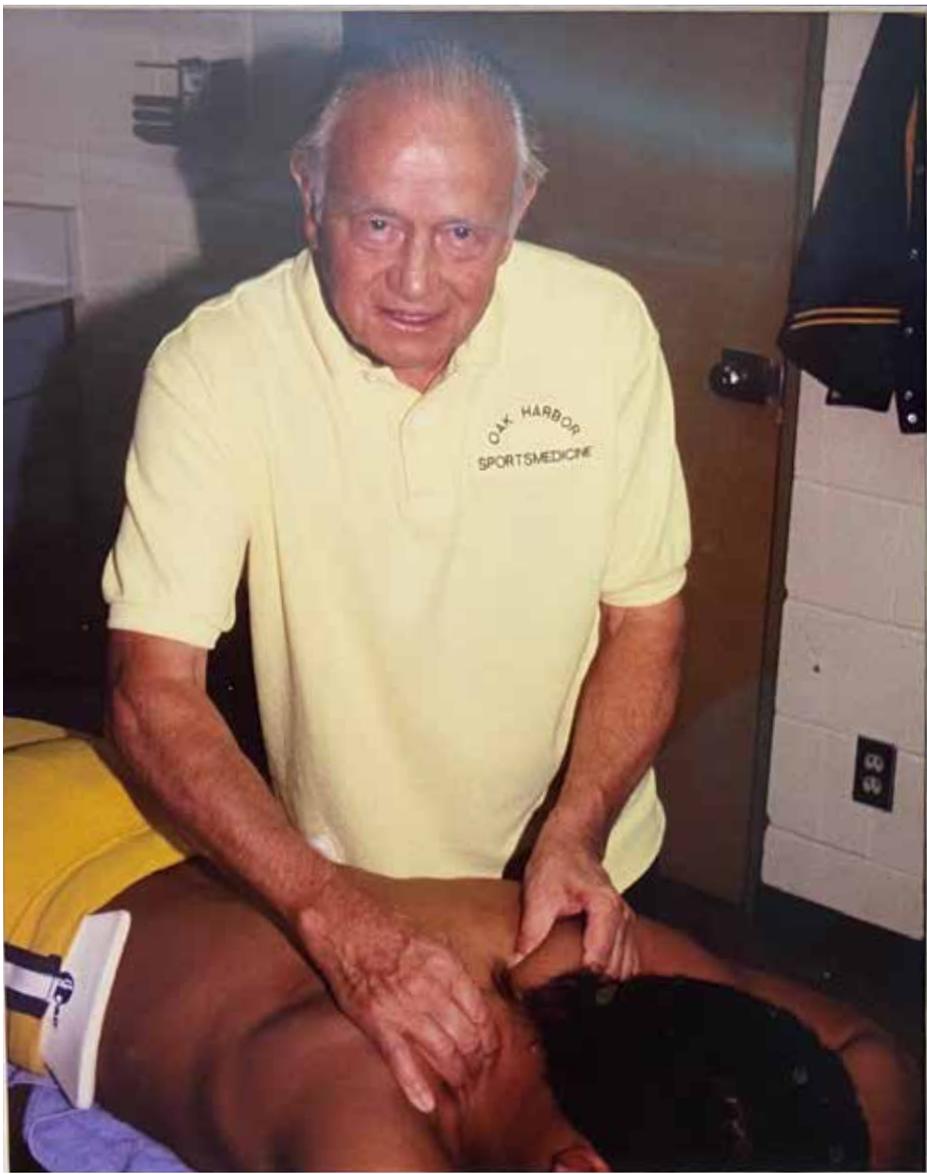


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Honoring Peter Hulswit, Oak Harbor High School Volunteer Athletic Trainer: 1971-2004



Photography sourced from Oak Harbor High School website
Peter Hulswit working on an athlete after a game.

Submitted by Gloria Carothers, Oak Harbor

Born in the Netherlands, Peter was an enthusiastic athlete in multiple sports in his youth. He received formal training in Sports Instruction and Massage which was to prove crucial for his future. After the German invasion and occupation of the Netherlands in 1940, Pete became active in the Dutch Resistance and was involved in smuggling Allied air crews and Jewish children out of Nazi-occupied territory to Spain and Switzerland. Betrayed by a double agent, he was imprisoned and sentenced to death. Miraculously, the death sentence was not carried out and Pete was imprisoned in the Sachsenhausen-Orienburg concentration camp for several years, surviving in the most inhumane conditions. His skill in massage therapy led to his working in the camp infirmary and probably saved his life. When the camp was liberated by the Russians, Pete volunteered to remain to care for other sick survivors.

After his liberation, Hulswit was involved in repatriating former Dutch POW's from the Far East, interpreting in post-war cases against war criminals and in humanitarian work for the Dutch red Cross, the British Royal Air Force and UNICEF. Post-war, Pete's service in the resistance was recognized when he was awarded the Resistance Memorial Cross by the Dutch Government. He was also awarded a lifetime pension from the Dutch government based on his resistance service.

Hulswit and his wife Helen immigrated to the United States in 1957 and settled in Oak Harbor, Washington. Pete initially was employed by a regional dairy farmer and then opened a dairy store in town. In 1970 he helped treat the Oak Harbor High School mile relay team to the point that they won the State Championships. From 1971 to his partial retirement in 1991, Hulswit was almost a daily fixture in the Oak Harbor High School Training room and at competitions with football, wrestling and track teams. At the state-level tournaments he worked with any athlete requesting his help.

In 1971 he started working with a young doctor with an interest in sports medicine, Dr. Warren How (WNWHOF Class of 2003). The two became almost inseparable as a team treating student athletes especially in the sport of wrestling. Between 1991 and 2004, although on a somewhat less rigorous schedule, Pete continued attending and working actively at wrestling competitions and tournaments. He participated in all Washington State High School Wrestling Tournaments as an athletic trainer/massage therapist from 1972-2004.

Peter Hulswit's volunteer efforts have been recognized and honored by many. He was very proud of gaining his American citizenship in 1962. He was awarded the Paul Reiman-Bo Campbell-Ken Driscoll Award in 1982. In 1990 WIAA District One honored his countless hours of volunteer work with High School sports. The Washington Wrestling Coaches Association presented the Joe Babbitt Contributors Award in 1999. In 2009 the Oak Harbor High School Training Room was dedicated in Peter Hulswit's honor.

Peter passed away December 27th, 2007, at the age of 92. Peter is carried on by his daughter Gloria Carothers of Oak Harbor, grandchild, and four great-grandchildren. On May 4th, 2024, Peter will be inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

For those interested in honoring Peter Hulswit's Induction, Please see the Following:

From: Jim Meyerhoff of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Washington State Chapter
To: The Family and Friends of the late Peter Hulswit:

"The National Wrestling Hall of Fame, and the Washington Chapter, is proud to announce the induction of Peter Hulswit into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame for "Lifetime Service" to the sport of wrestling. This is the ultimate award for an individual who has devoted their life to our great sport.

The 2024 honorees are Army Sgt. Justin Norton (Deceased) "Metal of Courage." Jim Chapman, Terry Cochran, Dick Ford, Peter Hulswit (Deceased), Scott Jones, Bob Lynn, Mark Perry, Lee Reichert, and Randy Tomaras "Lifetime Service". These individuals have given countless hours of their time instilling young people with the skills needed in all areas of life. They will be permanently recognized at the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum in Stillwater, Oklahoma.



The Hall of Fame Ceremony will be held Saturday May 4th, 2024, at the Federal Way Performing Arts and Events Center, Federal Way, Washington. The social will begin at 1:00pm, with the Induction Ceremony following at 3:00pm. This is an opportunity for you to honor Peter and the other great individuals and promote the positive aspects of our oldest and greatest sport – Wrestling."

For more information, and tickets to the induction ceremony, scan the QR code or follow online here:

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By using this multi-faceted approach, the coalition hopes to reverse the trend of the state's declining salmon population and increase awareness about the species' importance to Washington's environment, economy, culture, and identity. "A common misconception is that salmon recovery programs are all about making sure we can still fish for and eat salmon, but that is only a piece of the puzzle," said John Stark, Ph.D., Washington State University professor of ecotoxicology. "As a keystone species, salmon are crucially important to every part of Washington's ecosystem. Their reduction has already had a profoundly negative impact on our state."

As it works at the legislative and statewide levels, the Billy Frank Jr. Salmon Coalition is also asking Washingtonians to join them in the fight to protect salmon. The group is doing this through an outreach campaign outlining simple, easy steps that people can take every day.

"We want everyone to understand they too have a critical role to play in saving our salmon, starting with learning about local waterways and understanding how our actions impact the wildlife that rely on them," said Kadi Bizyayeva, Stillaguamish tribe councilwoman and fisheries director. "It's also vitally important to buy and eat locally sourced fish and seafood. Use your voice to support this wonderful place we call home through your vote, community actions and social media connections."

To learn more about the Billy Frank Jr. Coalition, please visit SalmonWarriors.org. About the Billy Frank Jr. Salmon Coalition and Salmon Defense:

The Billy Frank Jr. Salmon Coalition was convened by Salmon Defense, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and is an ongoing initiative that is part of the mission to protect and defend Pacific Northwest salmon and salmon habitat. Salmon Defense envisions a healthy environment for all of the region's inhabitants now and in the future. We derive our mission from an understanding and appreciation of traditional and contemporary knowledge and values of the Pacific Northwest Indian Tribes.

[Submitted by the Billy Frank Jr. Salmon Coalition]



A Word from our Production Manager



Last Friday, I attended some of this year's Trudy Sundberg Lecture Series at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts. Preparing myself for the Lyla June seminar, I didn't know what to expect. One could not prepare for the information presented. I was moved many times by the messages and knowledge she had to share, as well as laughs, tears, and anger.

As a native person who has been estranged from tribe unwillingly, I felt the connection in my DNA. The subjects were new and exciting, and came with a deep passionate-jolt of inspiration.

Deborah Parker, a member of the Tulalip Tribes of Washington, introduced Lyla

June with grace and beautiful song. By the time she finished her introduction, I was on the edge of my seat with intrigue.

Lyla shared indigenous wisdom on subjects such as forest undergrowth fire management, ancient clam traps, kelp and its role in the herring population, as well as some history on the timeline of our people all over the world. Darker subjects included forced boarding schools, missing and lost native children, and the stripping of native tongue and culture.

The musical finally was awesome. Lyla performed four songs, including interactive beatboxing and some acoustic songs to close. Her song "All Nations Rise" is one I've added to the playlist.

My understanding of indigenous history has been drastically altered. The lack of indigenous history in schools has hindered our ability to view nature as a member of our family, thus disconnecting us from our own people, let alone nature. "Respect the clam as if it were your grandmother," as Lyla phrased. We must "upgrade our software." Software being our mind, our thinking, our point of view.

Words cannot describe the amount of appreciation I have knowing there is a Lyla June in the world. Thank you for coming to Whidbey. We look forward to burning some saplings and dead growth in your honor.

-Jacob Goodman

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Recreational fires less than 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet high do not require a permit.

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Pile size must not exceed 10 feet in diameter x 10 feet high
Permit fees: \$50 for three consecutive days

Recreational Burning

Recreational fires 3 feet in diameter x 2 feet high or smaller do not require a permit. These fires are made from charcoal or firewood and are used for cooking or pleasure.

Note: Burning anything other than natural vegetation or firewood is prohibited.

[Source: Island County Fire Marshall: Island County Code - Chapter 9.10]

Recipe of the Week

Flavorful vegetarian fare for spice-loving foodies



When the urge to indulge in international cuisine strikes, many foodies take to their nearest restaurant districts to satisfy their cravings. But those willing to try their own hands at international cuisine can do so right in their kitchens.

For the foodie anxious to try his or her hand at Northern Indian cuisine, consider the following recipe for "Vegetable Dum Biryani (Rice Cooked With Garden Vegetables, Spices and Nuts)" courtesy of Monisha Bharadwaj's "India's Vegetarian Cooking" (Kyle Books).

VEGETABLE DUM BIRYANI (RICE COOKED WITH GARDEN VEGETABLES, SPICES AND NUTS)

(4 servings)	2	tablespoons tomato paste
Bouquet garni of 10 green cardamom pods,	1/2	teaspoon turmeric
12 black peppercorns, small stick of	1/2	teaspoon garam masala
cinnamon, 10 cloves, a few shavings of		Salt, to taste
nutmeg, 1 teaspoon fennel seeds, 3	10	ounces mixed vegetables — carrots,
bay leaves		peas, potatoes
1/4 cup milk		(about 2 1/4 to 2 3/4 cups), peeled,
Large pinch of saffron		cubed and boiled
1/4 cup rose water	1 1/2	cups basmati rice
3 tablespoons ghee		Handful of mint leaves, chopped
3 medium onions, sliced		Handful of cilantro leaves, chopped
1 tablespoon ginger-garlic paste (see	3	tablespoons slivered almonds
below)		

1. Preheat the oven to 425 F.
 2. Put the spices (except 5 of the green cardamom pods) for the bouquet garni into a pan along with 3 cups of hot water and bring to a boil. Turn off the heat, cover the pan, and let it infuse into a savory aromatic liquid.
 3. Crush the reserved green cardamoms finely in a mortar and mix with the milk, saffron and rose water. Set aside. This is the sweet aromatic liquid.
 4. Heat 1 tablespoon of the ghee in a pan and fry the onions over a medium heat until brown. Remove half of them and reserve for the garnish. Add the ginger-garlic paste to the rest of the onions and stir for a couple of minutes. Blend the mixture in a blender until smooth.
 5. Heat another tablespoon of the ghee in a heavy pan and fry the onion mixture over high heat. Add the tomato paste and ground spices. Season with salt.
 6. Drain the vegetables and add to the pan. Mix well and simmer for a few minutes until the ghee begins to separate. Remove from the heat and set aside.
 7. Heat the remaining tablespoon of ghee in a separate pan and fry the rice over high heat. (Don't wash the rice beforehand.) In a few minutes, when it is shiny, strain half the savory liquid into the pan. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat, cover, and cook for about 6 minutes until the liquid has evaporated.
 8. It's time to assemble the dish. The bottom and top layers are always rice. Put a layer of rice at the bottom of an oven-proof dish. Sprinkle some the remaining savory liquid over it and some of the sweet liquid. Top with a layer of the vegetable curry. Sprinkle some of the fried onions, mint leaves and cilantro leaves over it. Repeat with another layer of rice. Dot the almonds on top. Keep going until everything is used up and the top layer is rice. Seal the dish with aluminum foil.
 9. Cook the biryani for 40 minutes in the oven, reducing the heat to 375 F after 20 minutes. Open the dish just before serving to release a burst of fragrance.
- To make the garlic-ginger paste: Take equal quantities of garlic and ginger and whiz in a blender until smooth.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Grit and guts will get you what you deserve this week, Aries. You may have an opportunity to make a good deal of money, so give this plan careful consideration. Ask for advice if the need arises.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, there has been change in your life and you may want to blame the stars. Things will move out of your comfort zone and you will have to sharpen your ability to adapt.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, you may be questioning the relationships in your life at the time being, but don't worry too much. If you hit a rough patch, things will clear up in a few days.

CANCER – June 22/July 22

A big shift in your perception and attitude will bring new components to your life that you may not have anticipated. This week you'll certainly have a few eyes-wide-open moments.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23

There will be no hiding out this week, Leo. You will soon learn that things will come your way at a rapid pace. Do your best to keep up, mighty Lion, as it's bound to be exciting.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you might be willing to throw caution to the wind and get away on a moment's notice. There are affordable ways to do this if you are willing to do your homework.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, even though some drama may be swirling in your universe, you find it tolerable because it's coming at you in small portions. Just stay on the sidelines as much as possible.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, if boredom has set in, it's better to look to new experiences instead of doing something rash just for the thrill. See which classes you can take or find new restaurants to explore.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Self-care and healing are what you should focus on right now, Sagittarius. You may have been pushing your needs to the side lately and you need to make this a priority.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

You are not normally characterized as "impulsive," Capricorn. But you may surprise everyone this week. An opportunity to travel or another adventure could drop in your lap.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Try to create some tranquil spaces at home, Aquarius. You can use a haven, especially when a lot of stuff is thrown at you outside your home.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you may be on a mission this week to get things done. Don't rush in your efforts to complete everything or you are bound to make mistakes that are not easily fixed.

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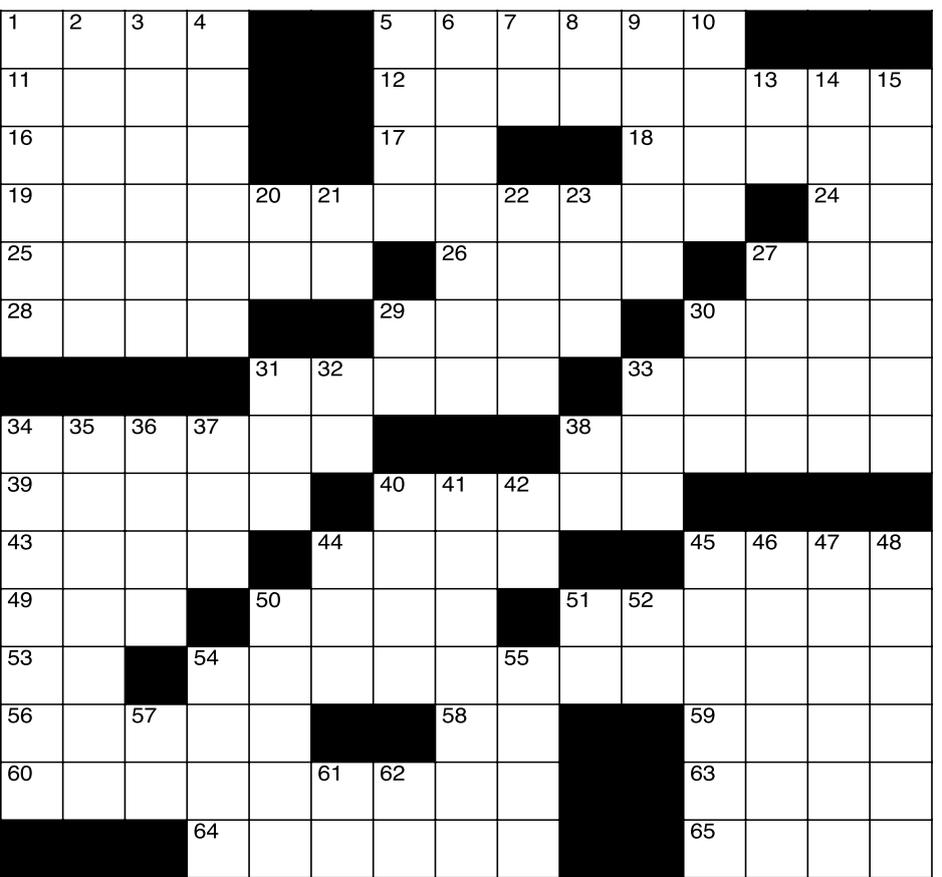


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CLUES ACROSS

- 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
- 54. Taste property

CLUES DOWN

- 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
- 1. Show a picture of
- 2. Small sultanate
- 3. Unfortunate incident
- 4. A way to ski
- 5. Abba ___, Israeli politician
- 6. Observed
- 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.)

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, Mar. 28 North Isle H-51°/L-43°	Fri, Mar. 29 North Isle H-51°/L-40°	Sat, Mar. 30 North Isle H-52°/L-41°	Sun, Mar. 31 North Isle H-54°/L-42°	Mon, Apr. 1 North Isle H-54°/L-45°	Tues, Apr. 2 North Isle H-53°/L-43°	Wed, Apr. 3 North Isle H-49°/L-40°
South Isle H-52°/L-48°	South Isle H-53°/L-46°	South Isle H-55°/L-46°	South Isle H-56°/L-46°	South Isle H-59°/L-49°	South Isle H-57°/L-47°	South Isle H-51°/L-44°



OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What is the luckiest thing that has ever happened to you, and why?



Gabe V., 6th grade Oak Harbor

I am Gabriel V., and I am in 6th grade right now. The luckiest thing that has ever happened to me was last year, in 5th grade. It is when I worked hard in my classes with my teachers back then, who were: Mrs. Lee for math and science (retired), Mrs. Scheepers for ELA and social studies, and my elective teachers to maintain straight A's or 90s all year. Right after the school year ended, I found out that I had kept straight A's all year, and had earned myself a Nintendo Switch. Then on the first day of owning the Switch (around June 30) I got The Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom, a 3D adventure video game, which I beat in August. I couldn't help but think, "It sure was worth all of that hard work," right as I started playing.

William H., 6th grade

Oak Harbor

What I think is so cool about Dude Perfect is the wide variety of stuff they do, they do trick shots, competitions, and funny stereotype videos, they are pretty funny. I have been watching their videos since I was 5. That's why I felt so lucky to meet them in person!



Ian F., 6th grade Oak Harbor

The luckiest thing that ever happened to me, is when I was little, I lost my favorite bear at the fair. My dad had been a volunteer earlier in the day. The volunteers found my bear propped up in the stables watching the horses.

Claude A., 6th grade

Oak Harbor

The luckiest thing that has happened to me is when I was born to my family. I am lucky because I love them and they love me back as well. Being born to my family is also the reason I have my friends. I would also not be able to meet the people I love. If I was not born I would not be able to play with my two siblings. I would also not have met the amazing people I know. I think having the experience of being with others is a really cool thing. If I was not born, I would not be very lucky. Because of this, these are all of my reasons about why being born to my family is the luckiest thing to me. Maybe I have more reason for it but that is all I can think of right now.



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Ryans House for Youth: Food, fun, support -19777 SR 20, Coupeville 360-331-4575
Drop-in center for adults ages 18-24; Daily 6 a.m.- 8:30 p.m.
- 35 SE Ely St., Oak Harbor 360-682-5098
Drop-in center for youth ages 12-21; Mon-Fri 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
Whidbey Island Nourishes: Serving South Whidbey 360-221-7787 / winourishes@whidbey.com
- School Year Meal Program: For families with school-aged children to 18 within S Whidbey School District can choose weekend groceries or ready-to-eat sack lunches;

SERVICE DIRECTORY

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Cut, Split, Delivered and Ready to Burn

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For any sales or business listings.

RESOURCES CONT.

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

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Have you ever been affected by someone else's drinking? Al-Anon may be for you.
AL-ANON: Tuesdays at 5:30-6:30 Oak Harbor Lutheran Church Library 1253 NW 2nd Ave. There is help and hope: Contact for more info: Danielle 360-840-7181 or Randy 360-914-8084

MEMORY CAFÉ Every 1st and 3rd Tues of the Month 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church 1050 SE Ireland Street Oak Harbor, WA. Join our bi-monthly gathering for people with memory loss and their family to enjoy a time of fun, conversation, music and laughing (and snacks). This is a dementia friendly setting. For information: 360-720-4535

SOUTH WHIDBEY NAR-ANON FAMILY GROUP meets every Wednesday at 6pm at the Langley Methodist Church, 301 Anthes in Langley. We meet in the Fireside Room, rear of church. Karol:360 914 7695.

CRISIS LINES CONT.

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

EASTER SERVICES

St. Steven's Episcopal Church Holy Week Services Thurs, March 27th at 7PM - Last Supper in the Sanctuary. Fri, March 29th at 12PM - Good Friday Eucharist in the Sanctuary. Sat, March 30th at 7PM - The Great Vigil in the Sanctuary. Sun, March 31st at 10:30AM - Easter Eucharist. 555 SE Regatta Drive. Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Call 360-279-0715 for more information.

FOR SALE



Antique alien artifact from Peru. 3,000 years old. Stone unknown, slightly magnetic. JL-3@comcast.net

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FOR RENT

Short Term Rental. 1 bedroom in a shared home. \$1,500 deposit \$1,000 monthly rent. Quiet Living in Clinton. Email: JL-3@comcast.net

SERVICES

Caregiver/ Licensed Nursing Assistant. Over 15 years experience of various health concerns including; Hospice, Parkinson's, Dementia, Alzheimer's, Congestive Heart Failure. Professional, Honest, and Dependable. South Whidbey Island. Please Text 425-985-1659 or email JL-3@comcast.net

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Cars, Trucks, RVs, Motorcycles, Vans and Equipment Wanted. Premium for complete running or vintage vehicles. Cash paid for most others. Expert, fast removal. Free estimates. TJ's Recycling, 360-678-4363

Art, Antiques & Collectibles. Cash paid for quality items. Call or text 360-661-7298

Was your Dad or Gramps in Japan or Germany? I collect old 35 mm cameras and lenses. Oak Harbor, call 970-823-000

Always buying antiques, collectibles, sporting goods, tools, garden equipment, furniture, vehicles, tractors and boats. Cash paid at loading out. 45 years experience. 360-678-5888 or text 360-969-1948

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are always looking for volunteers and donations to make the Penn Cove Water Festival a success! If you're interested in lending a hand, we have a variety of roles available, from event setup and take down, to race committee and everything in between. We also would love to have you get involved with the board and association. And if you're unable to volunteer, consider making a donation to help us cover the costs of the event. Every little bit helps! Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the festival. Visit penncovewaterfestival.org under Volunteer.

The Coupeville Farmers Market is looking for volunteers for our 45th consecutive season! If you want to help support your local market and have interest in volunteering either on a market day for set up/tear down or helping in a different capacity we would love to talk to you. Please email us at whidbeyfarmersmarket@gmail.com if you would be interested in learning more about volunteering with the market!

CRISIS LINES

2-1-1 or 877-211-9274: 24/7 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 life-line, free & confidential - 741-741: 24/7 Crisis Text Line -800-584-3578: 24/7 Northwest Washington Crisis

How'd you do?

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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

Island County Housing Support – 105 NW 1st St., Coupeville 360-678-8284 For homeless or at risk of losing housing. Mon-Thurs, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Ryan's House for Youth – 19777 SR 20, Coupeville 360-331-4575
For at-risk adults ages 18-24

Whidbey Homeless Coalition – Serving Island County 360-900-3077

-The Haven Overnight Shelter: Night-to-night shelter for up to 30 individuals. Must follow check-in rules and must register Mon-Fri between 4 and 4:30 p.m. at SPiN Café, 1241 SW Barlow St., Oak Harbor.

- House of Hope Emergency Housing, Langley 360-708-4533 Temporary shelter for families and adults at severe risk of homelessness; to apply, contact the Housing Support Center or call the number above.

Oxford Houses – Recovery housing oxfordhouse.org
-Men:360-246-4101
- Women & Children: 360-682-5773

No Cheating!

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Saturday March 30th 10am–Noon

Thirsty Crab Brewery & Event Space

Egg Hunt starts at 11am

Ages 0–12

Candy–Prizes–Crafts–Easter Bunny

Farm and rescue animals

Food trucks

Local business experiences

