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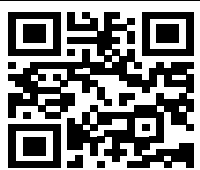
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The Young Dancers of WIDT Invite You to Celebrate Dance!

Article by **Patricia Duff**

Body, action, space, time, energy, and music—these elements comprise a captivating dance performance, where they converge in a beautiful synergy of movement to tell stories, evoke emotions, and leave spectators breathless. The eighteen pre-professional dancers and guests of the Whidbey Island Dance Theatre Company (WIDT) bring all of this to life at their annual Celebration of Dance concert at the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts. Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 3, and at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 4.

Guest performing artists include the Meander Dance Collective, Backstage Dance Foundation, and artists Robbi Moore and Sierra Muller, who will join the company to present a diverse range of dance styles in fourteen original pieces. These styles include jazz, contemporary, tap, hip-hop, lyrical, modern ballet, and an aerialist silks performance. Artistic Directors Jamee Pitts and Mark Thrapp challenge WIDT dancers to expand the boundaries of what Whidbey Island audiences experience by welcoming exciting choreographers from Seattle, Los Angeles, and beyond, ensuring each performance remains fresh, stimulating, and entertaining.

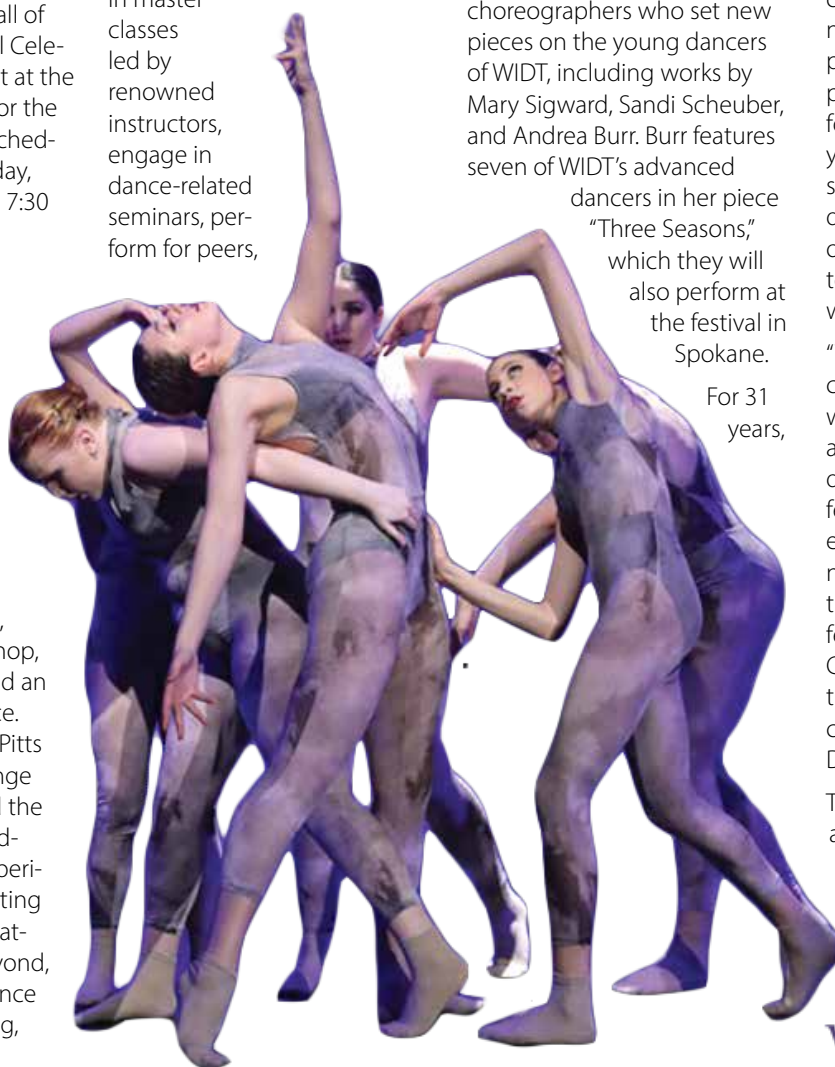
WIDT also challenges its dancers to create their own pieces, and graduating senior and principal dancer Tabitha Metts has risen to the challenge. Metts will debut her piece titled "Lucid Dream," which will also be showcased at The Ballet Alliance Festival in Spokane from May 6-9. This annual four-day event invites dancers-in-training to participate in master classes led by renowned instructors, engage in dance-related seminars, perform for peers,

and form new relationships. These performances will mark the final appearances with WIDT for Metts and co-graduating senior and principal dancer Yarrow Batiste, both of whom have received heartfelt farewells and best wishes from the entire company as they pursue new endeavors.

The Celebration of Dance also presents professional guest choreographers who set new pieces on the young dancers of WIDT, including works by Mary Sigward, Sandi Scheuber, and Andrea Burr. Burr features seven of WIDT's advanced

dancers in her piece "Three Seasons," which they will also perform at the festival in Spokane.

For 31 years,



WIDT has engaged community audiences with their dance artistry. The Celebration of Dance, with only three performances, offers one of the few opportunities for young dancers to perform on stage in a semi-professional setting. The revenues from these annual performances enable these young artists to train with acclaimed teachers and attend conferences regionally and nationally. These experiences prepare aspiring dancers for potential careers in the performing arts or simply provide young people with valuable skills for adulthood: teamwork, discipline, and an awareness of the art form's intrinsic value to themselves and the wider world.

"Without the generous financial support of our community, we could not fulfill our mission and continue to provide our dancers with the production, festival, performance, and educational opportunities necessary for them to enter the pre-professional and professional world of dance," says Charlene Brown, who founded the company 31 years ago and continues to teach at Island Dance, WIDT's training ground.

Tickets are available online at wicaonline.org/cod or by calling the box office at (360) 221-8268.

- *Enjoy the dance!*



Andre Feriante: String Stories A World Music Odyssey

Article by **Sean Barit**

Andre Feriante, one of the Pacific Northwest's leading guitarists and composers, will bring his musical world tour to Oak Harbor on April 26th. The First United Methodist Church will host this flamenco fusion musician, starting at 7:00 p.m. Feriante will showcase selections from his repertoire of exotic and traditional stringed instruments from around the globe, performing original music inspired by their origins. Admission to this concert is free, with donations gratefully accepted.

This special performance will highlight a variety of guitars and guitar relatives, including the oud, baglama, ruan, charango, setar, tar, lute, baroque guitar, chitarra battente, and more. As Feriante plays each unique musical voice, he will share insights into their origins and their role in the evolution of the guitar. This event offers a rare opportunity to experience instruments and musical styles that are seldom heard by today's audiences.

Trained by the virtuoso Spanish and Classical Guitarist Andrés Segovia, Feriante has enjoyed a four-decade career touring the world, pushing musical boundaries. His String Stories concert serves as a remedy to the divisions and cultural insensitivity prevalent today. Motivated by a deliberate desire to foster respect and understanding among people, Feriante has crafted a program emphasizing hope, compassion, peace, and the discovery of common ground through music.

"In my view, music is a profoundly powerful and mysterious language; an invisible voice that deeply connects with our emotions, bodies, and memories. It transcends words, reaching into our subconscious and touching familiar places in our hearts. In live music settings, a magical transformation occurs when we let go of our defenses and surrender to the moment. We suddenly realize our deep connections as human beings, even among strangers. This realization marks the beginning of healing – an increase in collective awareness and an acknowledgment of our shared need for personal peace and simple human harmony." - Andre Feriante

A Whidbey Island resident, Andre frequently performs locally, across the Pacific Northwest, and beyond. In addition to his solo performances, he collaborates with trios. Catch him with Tri Improviso at the OutCast Theater in Langley on April 28th. For a comprehensive list of his shows, visit his website at andreferiante.com.

Event Details:

Date: Friday, April 26th, 2024
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: First United Methodist Church, 1050 SE Ireland St., Oak Harbor, WA
Admission: FREE (donations accepted)

Sean Barit is the owner of WhidbeyStuff.com, the island's most comprehensive events calendar.

Holland Happening Events 2024

By **Jon Bach** Whidbey Weekly

If you're planning a trip to Holland soon, you might want to cancel it and drive to Oak Harbor instead. "Holland Happening" is a series of Dutch heritage-themed events featuring a parade and street fair on Pioneer Way during the weekend of April 27 and 28. This year marks the 55th year of the festival.

The Holland Happening Day Parade starts at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, where members of the community show off Dutch-themed decorations, dances, and treats. The parade starts at SE Pioneer Way and continues down SE Bayshore Drive, ending further down on SE Pioneer Way in front of Ace Hardware. (Grandstand will be located at Flintstone Park, SE Dock St.)

POP UP PLAZA

On Main Street, you can catch performances by the following local musicians:



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Seriously, we do not make this stuff up!

Sunday, 04/14/24
07:51:09, SE PIONEER WAY
Video surveillance shows law enforcement looking around the building; inquiring about potential damage.

10:05:17, SR 20
Male subject believed to be in possession of VUCSA (Violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act), possibly disposing of it in the toilet.

14:57:34, NE MIDWAY BLVD
Unknown when happened - advises looking through security cameras - 3 large trash bags left - advises one trash bag was filled with marijuana.

12:03:14, N OAK HARBOR ST
Report of a verbal domestic situation where the male party is attempting to move out but the female is refusing to let him take his property.

12:47:46, NW HELLER ST & NW 2ND AVE
Report of a male on a bicycle with a chocolate lab, observed kicking and hitting the dog.

14:20:46, SR 20
Male subject previously trespassed from the location was observed there again.

14:21:56, SR 20
Motor vehicle accident involving two vehicles, rear-ended in a parking lot with no injuries reported.

15:09:31, NW CROSBY AVE
Report of a verbal dispute between neighbors regarding a dog fight and accusations of one neighbor's dog being dead.

15:59:44, SR 20 & NE GOLDIE ST
Report of a vehicle traveling northbound on SR 20 at high speeds, driving recklessly and causing other vehicles to leave the roadway.

17:02:55, SR 20 & SE BARRINGTON DR
Request for law enforcement for traffic control due to road closure until later tonight.

17:47:36, SE REGATTA DR
Call from an individual rambling about a police chase from 1978.

Wednesday, 04/17/24
06:52:32, SW 13TH AVE
Male observed within a vehicle with doors slightly open. The vehicle appeared to be a shiny silver sedan with unknown plates.

07:06:23, SW ERIE ST
Caller advises of a male in the water mote between Safeway and Walmart, possibly lighting something on fire.

08:20:43, SE CITY BEACH ST
Reporting person states there is a transient sleeping in the windbreak on the east side, across from the Portland Lue by the splash park.

10:04:02, NW CROSBY AVE
Reporting person states that another person in the park keeps parking in his mother's parking spots. The mother is in a nursing care facility, and it's unknown if there are any vehicles there now..

10:20:07, NW CATHLAMET DR
Reporting person advises a male driving in a white vehicle is attempting to steal the neighbor's tires.

11:20:50, NW LANYARD LOOP
Reporting person requests a call to schedule a civil standby. They need to pick up two dogs from their mother-in-law.

10:33:15, SW FORT NUGENT AVE
Reporting a dog off-leash at the soccer fields, described as an Australian Shepherd. The dog is now back on the leash.

15:29:22, SE CITY BEACH ST
White male wearing a cloth mask over his face and a low-hung hat, loitering with a hammer in his hand.

17:35:21, NW LANYARD LOOP
Reporting person advises a little boy running around lost.

18:17:53, SW ERIE ST
Elderly female seems lost when facing the building in the far left lane of the plot.

18:28:23, SR 20 & NE 16TH AVE
Reporting person states a gray older Suzuki SUV traveling at a high rate of speed hit a curve heading eastbound on 16th Ave.

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



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Tilth Farmers Market opens April 28

South Whidbey Tilth opens its 53rd market season on Sunday, April 28. The season continues every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. until October 13. Find it at 2812 Thompson Road, off Hwy. 525, just past Freeland and before the turn into Langley. Look for the banners and scarecrow. Visitors can find fresh vegetables, fruits, garden plant starts, fresh flowers, unique crafts and services, ready to eat food and beverages. There is plenty of parking, a children's play area, restrooms, WiFi and tables and chairs to sit with friends to enjoy food, friendships and music.



There will be a few new vendors and many returning ones. Kirstin Clauson is in her ninth year as market manager and has also lined-up some great returning and new musicians to perform live. Opening day includes a May Pole dance and music by Island Strings in the morning and the smooth tones of Danny Ward on saxophone in the afternoon.

Also new this year, look for the Tilth Booth, next to the Community Produce Booth. Last season, this location housed the cashier, who will still be there to help you with your card transactions. But we're expanding the booth to include information about the Tilth organization and its educational program, building it into a place to get and provide information. Visitors are encouraged to stop by the Tilth Booth and let volunteer staff know what you like about the market and what things you want to see more of.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) customers are welcome to run their cards at the Welcome booth by the entrance for equivalent tokens to spend and receive up to \$25 additional credit each week for fresh fruits and vegetables. Women, Infants and Children (WIC) customers are also welcome to use their cards with qualifying vendors. Check at the Welcome booth for additional tokens. Ask about a market tour so you can easily find what you are looking for.

This is the ninth season for market manager Kirstin Clauson. She has the help of a market committee, chaired by Janet Richards, and includes Susan Prescott, Anza Muenchow, Pam Nodus, Betsy Shirazi, Jean Stark and Matt Laritz. They are committed to building a vibrant and successful market, bringing customers what they need, while maintaining Tilth's special feeling as a community gathering place. Visit the website at southwhidbeytilth.org; for questions leave a message at 360-321-0757 or email market@southwhidbeytilth.org.

[Submitted by South Whidbey Tilth]

Earth Day Concert benefits Whidbey Climate Fund

Singer/songwriter Celia Farran is honoring Earth with a special performance, a portion of which will benefit the Whidbey Climate Fund from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, April 26.

Tickets are on sale now for \$20 on Farran's website: <https://celiafarran.com/store> and may also be purchased at the door for \$25 or \$10 for youth. The concert is at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island, 20103 State Route 525, just north of Freeland and hosted by the Greening Congregations Collaborative of Whidbey Island and Whidbey Climate ACTION. Refreshments are available and doors open at 6:30.

Celia Farran's voice is rich and strong. She performs with a variety of instruments from guitar, ukulele and bodhran, an Irish drum. Celia often uses sophisticated "looping" technology to perform duets, trios, and even larger ensembles with herself — an experience itself. She has a large range in style of singer/songwriter, Celtic, folk, spiritual and even comedy.

The Whidbey Climate Fund was created to give Island residents and visitors a way to invest in local projects that cut carbon pollution and enhance sustainability. The fund will support projects like planting trees or installing solar energy. By investing in local projects that everyone can take part in, the Whidbey Climate Fund will reduce our carbon footprint and make Whidbey more livable and sustainable for future generations.

[Submitted by Greening Congregations Collaborative]

Drive-By Donation Drive to Support Women in Need

Whidbey Island - I Support the Girls, in partnership with Island Girl Nails, is hosting a drive-by donation event at 6305 Storkson Dr. in Clinton on Saturday, April 27th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This location is behind the 76 Station in Clinton, and donors can conveniently drive up to the parking lot to drop off items without leaving their vehicle (unless they prefer to).

I Support the Girls believes that "No woman should have to choose between a meal and a maxi-pad" and emphasizes that "Local Donations Stay Local."

• Donations needed include:

- New and gently used sports bras
- New underpants in all sizes from 5 to 14
- Menstrual hygiene products (open packages are acceptable, but contents must be individually wrapped)

New toiletries comparable to those found in personal bathrooms

Thanks to the generosity of our Whidbey Island communities, I Support the Girls - Whidbey Island has collected and distributed over 500,384 products to women and girls in need through vetted social service organizations and schools since February 2019. Please share this press release with anyone who may be experiencing difficult times.

I Support the Girls is an international 501(c)(3) nonprofit with over 50 affiliates worldwide. Founded in 2015, the organization has distributed over 27 million products globally, challenging menstruation taboos and promoting dignity and self-respect for millions of women.

[Submitted by I Support the Girls]

Island County Seeks Two to Serve on Planning Commission

The Board of Island County Commissioners is seeking applicants interested in serving on the Island County Planning Commission.

Currently vacant on the Planning Commission are Position 3 in District 1, which encompasses all of Whidbey Island south of the greater Oak Harbor area, and Position 1 in District 2, which encompasses greater Oak Harbor and the surrounding area. Planning Commission members must reside in the district they are appointed to represent.

The Planning Commission consists of nine members, three from each county commissioner's district. Its role is to make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners in matters concerning growth and development. With the state-mandated update of the Island County Comprehensive Plan underway, recommendations from the Planning Commission will be considered by the commissioners in shaping the final plan.

The Planning Commission meets at 6 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month in the Island County Commissioners' Hearing Room in the Courthouse Annex in Coupeville. Meetings are approximately two hours long. Preparation and research are necessary. Service on the Planning Commission is unpaid.

The Board of Island County Commissioners appoints Planning Commission members to four-year terms, which may be renewed by mutual agreement.

Interested individuals should provide a letter of interest and statement of qualifications by mail to:

Island County Board of Commissioners
ATTN: Planning Commission Vacancies
1 NE 7th Street
Coupeville, WA 98239

For additional information, e-mail Layla Tromble at la.tromble@islandcountywa.gov or call 360-679-7353.

[Submitted by Jill Johnson, Chair, & the Board of Island County Commissioners]

The Bells of Whidbey: Ring Out! Sounds Of Peace

OAK HARBOR, Wash. (May 11, 2024) — The Bells of Whidbey, an all-volunteer Handbell ensemble, presents "Ring Out! Sounds Of Peace," featuring a diverse musical program spanning five octaves of English Handbells and Handchimes. The ensemble's mission is to promote Handbell ringing in the greater Whidbey area while supporting local charities.

This is the ensemble's fourth concert, with previous successful benefit concerts for SPiN Cafe, Gifts From the Heart Food Bank, and Island County Habitat for Humanity. The upcoming benefit will support Garage of Blessings in Oak Harbor.

Musical selections include "Peace In Our Time," an original composition for Handbells and Violin, as well as classics like "If I Had a Hammer" and "What A Wonderful World."

Joining the Bells of Whidbey are vocalist David Howell and violinist Brian Haight, with Harry Anderson returning as the narrator.

Date: Sunday, May 11, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church,
555 SE Regatta Drive, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Admission: By donation

For more information, contact Cheryl Waide at 541-272-7478.

[Submitted by The Bells of Whidbey]



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Photo by Dev Traver
Klomp carver Luke Traver using a block knife.

Saturday:

- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. – Danika Kloewer
- 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. – Salad Days
- 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. – Erik Christensen Band
- 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. – Marty and the Moontans

Sunday:

- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. – Kick Brass
- 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. – Walk the Line
- 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. – Bobby Silver and the FatDaddys

KLOMPEN-CARVING DEMOS

Luke Traver, the owner of "Luke's Lost Arts," is a traditional klomp carver from Wisconsin. Similar to clogs, klompes are wooden shoes used by Dutch farmers to replace leather shoes that tended to rot out quickly in damp fields. Luke will be carving and featuring his work for sale. Traver has visited the Seattle area before, but this will be his first time on the island. "It'll be fun to be in that beautiful Pacific Northwest environment and be in my own element," he said. "When carving shoes, I'm more relaxed because I'm showing people what's happening as I carve, and it's always nice to be around other artisans with people interested in seeing the craft." Traver will be bringing wood (Aspen) from the Menominee reservation in Wisconsin, which he keeps fresh by freezing. Since adult-size shoes take 4 hours, he'll be carving smaller sizes that take about 45 minutes, and he'll be carving a shoe every hour. Rebecca Fakkema, a volunteer event organizer and carver using traditional hand tools, shared her excitement: "As a kid, my absolute favorite

thing was watching Elmer Veldheer carve, so having live carving back at Holland Happening is really special," she said.

You can buy a shoe (klomp) and enter it in the floating Klompen Races. This event involves decorating the klomp and submitting it to float down a hand-built river known as the "Klomp Canal." The Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce can assist with pre-ordering a klomp for the race. Race times are as follows:

- Saturday, April 27 – 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 pm
- Sunday, April 28 – 12:00 p.m.

"Holland Happening is a great opportunity for our businesses to connect with potential customers and tourists and show off what makes Oak Harbor a one-of-a-kind town," said Magi Aguilar, Executive Director of the Greater Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce. "We refocused some logistics and are proud of what we've produced. We're also thankful to our sponsors, Main Street Association, our military community, our board, ambassadors, volunteers, and all our chamber members for their support in providing a platform for us to bring festivals like this to Oak Harbor."

All proceeds from the Holland Happening Festival go to the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce's Independence Day Festival and Fireworks Celebration. For more information, visit Oak Harbor Chamber - Holland Happening



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Penn Cove Gallery May 2024 Featured Artist: Stacey Neumiller

Penn Cove Gallery is pleased to feature Stacey Neumiller as the May 2024 Artist of the Month.



Stacey Neumiller, originally from rural New Jersey, developed her passion for art at an early age through drawing and horseback riding. After relocating to the West Coast, she pursued her artistic aspirations by earning a degree in graphic design with an illustration emphasis from California State University, Chico. Following a successful 30-year career in graphic design, she now dedicates her time to fine art.

Neumiller's paintings reflect her deep connection to her surroundings. "My paintings are my interpretation of the bucolic world in which I live. I'm visually compelled by color, value and quality of light. Through the process of painting, I gain deeper insight into my subject and its surroundings."

Using oil and a blend of brushes and palette knives, Stacey Neumiller's artworks are a dynamic interplay of texture, light, and color. She draws inspiration from Whidbey Island's landscapes, dramatic skies, barns, and wildlife. "There is inherent beauty in the ordinary and everyday that only a painting can unveil. I am drawn to these subjects in hopes of capturing and sharing such discoveries."

Experience Stacey Neumiller's captivating artworks at Penn Cove Gallery located at 9 Front Street in Coupeville, WA. The gallery is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For high-resolution images of Stacey Neumiller's featured artworks ("Sun Buddies" and "Persimmons"), please refer to the attached JPEGs. Additional high-resolution images are available upon request for print purposes.

Visit our website at www.penncovegallery.com for more information.

[Submitted by Penn Cove Gallery]

May 3 South Whidbey Schools Gala at Useless Bay Country Club

This year's annual South Whidbey Schools Foundation gala will be held at Useless Bay Golf and Country Club on Friday, May 3 at 5:30 p.m. The event raises funds for classroom grants to help ignite a love of learning and enhance the educational process.

Tickets are \$100 and are available through the website at www.SWSFoundation.org. Previous years' galas have sold out.

The South Whidbey Middle School Jazz Band under the direction of Chris Harshman will play during the social hour while attendees view silent auction items donated by local businesses.

Then the South Whidbey High School Show Chorus under the direction of Paula Ludtke will entertain attendees as a sit-down dinner is served.

After a welcome by Bob Rupp, SWSF Board President Shelly Ackerman will introduce keynote speaker Susie Richards who has a unique vantage point as a local student, parent, volunteer, teacher, SWSF Board member, and now serving as a Principal of the South Whidbey Elementary School.

High School English teacher Justin Silva will emcee a lively after-dinner auction featuring experiences such as:

- a one-week oceanfront condo stay at the Westin Ka'anapali Villas on Maui;
- a half-hour flight in a Cessna 150 with flight instructor Fred Lundahl;
- an afternoon guided tour in your vehicle visiting sites of local Fishing Resorts by Historical Society President Bill Haroldson plus a signed copy of his book on The Era of Fishing Resorts on South Whidbey;
- an hour-long ride-along with Langley Police Chief Tavier Wasser;
- two six-bottle groupings of assorted red wines.

A 'raise the paddle' bidding will round out the evening with funds raised for the school volunteer coordinator position; History, Humanities, Social Studies and Language Arts; Special Education; Social Emotional Learning; Science, Math, Engineering, and Technology (STEM); Arts, Music, Drama; and an Igniting Learning general fund.

Falcon level gala sponsors include Whidbey Island Bank (a division of Heritage Bank), the Freeland office of Jim Forsyth of Commonwealth and Convergence Financial Partners; Trinity Lutheran Church in Freeland; and Cougar level sponsorship by Lisa Leonard, Real Estate Professional, Keller Williams Whidbey Group.

[Submitted by South Whidbey Schools Foundation]

Zone O-7 Lions Clubs welcome New Members during April 27 Worldwide Induction Day



For over 100 years, the men and women of Lions Clubs International have never hesitated to get involved. On 4/27, Lions club members from Zone O-7 celebrate the future of community service as they honor new members during Lions Worldwide Induction Day.

O-7 Lions Clubs including Oak Harbor, North Whidbey, South Whidbey, Coupeville, Coupeville Central, Anacortes, Lopez, Orcas, and San Juan will welcome several new members on April 27 and participate in the zone's Earth Day Project at Deception Pass.

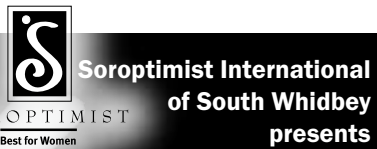
Community members are invited to volunteer with us for Earth Day. Meet us at the Cranberry Lake Shelter at 9 am on April 27. Just past the pay station, turn left into upper parking lot, and receive assignments at the shelter from Past Zone Chair Dennis Bullock. Please dress for the weather including layers, sunscreen, hat, closed-toe shoes and you may bring work gloves, rake, shovel, or other garden tools.

According to Lion Teresa Addison, Oak Harbor Lions Club President-elect, "Lions Worldwide Induction Day is significant for several reasons. As we welcome our newest members, we feel that it is appropriate to share the pride of what being a Lion means and underscore the importance of getting involved, helping our neighbors in need and building a closer community here on Whidbey and the San Juan Islands."

Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world. More than 1.4 million members in over 48,000 clubs are serving in 200 countries and geographic areas around the globe. Since 1917, Lions have strengthened local communities through hands-on service and humanitarian projects, and we are able to extend our service impact through the generous support of our Lions Clubs International Foundation. For more information or to get involved with your local Lions Club, please contact Oak Harbor Lions Club at 360-499-6476 or visit <https://www.lionsmd19.org/clubs-o.php>

Lions are focused on supporting sight, hunger, the environment, childhood cancer and our new global cause, diabetes, to help address some of the biggest challenges facing humanity. Lions have set an ambitious goal of helping 200 million people per year so we can bring even more service to more people than ever before. For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit lionsclubs.org.

[Submitted by Oak Harbor Lions Club]



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Oak Harbor Public Schools' Elementary Art Program - 21st Annual Art Walk

April 25 - April 28
Pioneer Way, Old Town, Oak Harbor Crescent Harbor Elementary, Oak Harbor Elementary, Hillcrest Elementary, Broad View Elementary, Olympic View Elementary, and Homeconnection

Student art from local elementary schools displayed in storefronts during Holland Happening celebration.

String Stories: A World Music Odyssey

April 26, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Oak Harbor First United Methodist Church, 1050 SE Ireland St, Oak Harbor, WA 98277 (360) 675-2441

Evening of world music with award-winning guitarist Andre Feriante. Donations benefit SPiN Cafe.

Island Photo Group Exhibition at Oak Harbor Library

April 27, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
April 28, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Island Photo Group is hosting a photography exhibition on Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, April 28, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Oak Harbor Library Community Room. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the photographers and view their images during this free event.

Holland Happening

Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 28, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Downtown Oak Harbor

Walk through our Holland Happening Heritage Festival and Street Fair, where amazing vendors from all over Western Washington will showcase their unique and diverse selection of foods and artisan goods. Oak Harbor Main Street has an amazing music lineup of local musicians, who will be performing throughout the day. Come and enjoy the sounds of talented artists as you soak up the lively atmosphere.

Bayview Farmers Market Opener

April 27, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm PDT
Bayview Corner, Whidbey Island
Bayview Road & Bayview Hall

Join for the opening day of Langley's weekly farmers market featuring: local produce, crafts, and more.

Tilth Farmers Market

Opening day: August 28, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
2812 Thompson Rd, Langley, WA 98260

Tilth market is a family-friendly place on a lush meadow with picnic tables,

live music, educational and children's activities. Tilth encourages regenerative, organic and GMO-free growing methods. The market accepts Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) cards and offers SNAP Market Match currency. Several farmers accept Farmers' Market Nutrition Program cards June through October.

Tekla Cunningham String Ensemble

May 03, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave,
Freeland, WA 98249 (360) 331-7323

Baroque violin performance by Tekla Cunningham.

WHIDBEY ISLAND DANCE THEATRE - Celebration of Dance 2024

May 3, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts,
Langley, WA 98260

Dance performance showcasing elements of movement and music.

Flying Fingers Deaf and Hearing Social

May 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Fireside Room, Langley United Methodist Church, Third St/Anthes Ave
Free parking available across the street.

Join the Flying Fingers Deaf and Hearing Social group for their monthly gathering at Langley United Methodist Church. This event celebrates sign language and brings together signers and those interested in learning sign language.

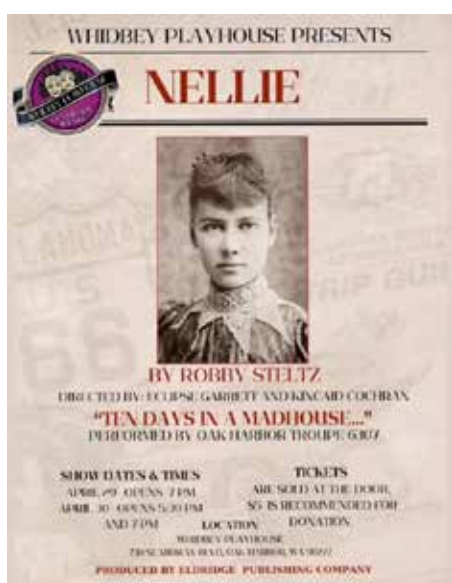
Attendees can expect food, birthday celebrations, and sign language activities. Sign language instruction is also provided.

For more information, contact Susan at Sisoilei973@yahoo.com.

Whidbey Playhouse Presents Nellie by Robby Steltz

April 29, 7:00 p.m.
April 30, 5:30, and 7:00 p.m.
Whidbey Playhouse, 730 SE Midway Blvd, Oak Harbor

"NELLIE THE MUSICAL" is the true story of Nellie Bly, the New York World reporter who checked herself into a lunatic asylum to report on the horrors in 1887. Donations can be made for the Troupe 6307 to go to the International Thespian Festival. The April 30th showing will be paired with a silent auction.



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By Tracy Loescher

Puget Sound Rockfishing: "To Be or Not to Be"

When my son and I first became Island Anglers in 1995, bottom fishing for rockfish in the inner Marine Areas (6, 7, 8-1, 8-2, and 9) of Puget Sound was always an option if our luck at hooking a salmon that day was unsuccessful. As the sun was getting closer to the horizon, we could always change up our strategy and fishing gear and go after some tasty rockfish for a fresh fish-n-chip dinner for our family. Rockfish were open year-round with a limit of 3 fish per person. Lingcod was still seasonal, and the yelloweye rockfish was closed to retention even then.

As time passed, the daily rockfish limit was reduced to one fish, which could only mean one thing: the end of rock-fishing as we knew it was coming. The final decision to stop all rock-fishing was announced in 2009 by the Federal Agency National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), along with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and would take effect in 2010. The decision to blanket all rockfish off-limits was easier than giving recreational fishermen the right to selective harvest and keep at least one legal fish per day. I feel lucky that my son and I were able to catch rockfish together and build fishing memories through his younger teenage years, even if it was for only one fish.

It is now 2024, fourteen years have passed since total closure. How many potential (Island County) Island Angler babies have been born in the last 14 years? Data shows an average of 900 births each year. So consider this: the 900 baby Island Anglers born in 2010 will most likely never get to fish for a single rockfish with their parents or friends in Puget Sound their entire young lives. A conservative number of children born in Island County alone since 2010 is 12,600; generally, children can grasp the concept and relate to fishing at 3 years of age. So if we crunch the numbers from 2013 to 2021 (8,100) of the 12,600 total Fishing-age Island Anglers have been, and will continue to be completely shut out of rock-fishing the depths of the inner Puget Sound.

That number is Island County alone; how many Counties surround Puget Sound? You see my point? Thousands of eager young anglers; whole generations are going to miss out on the joys of Puget Sound rock-fishing. How many future Fisheries specialists, how many Biologists, how many marine medical scientists, how many aquaculture specialists are we going to miss out on because they never got the chance to feel and experience firsthand the excitement of rock-fishing, which could easily motivate many young anglers to enter these fields of study and make a difference.

I believe the studies and the final numbers reported in the early 2000s of observed rockfish used to close the inner Puget Sound bottom fishing were greatly underestimated. They couldn't blame habitat; the majority of Puget Sound, especially the northern end, is a giant rockpile. From my experience, there were and has been abundant, sustainable numbers of rockfish. I believe yelloweye rockfish numbers have been consistently low because they prefer deeper water; down to 1800 feet and the Puget Sound's average depth is 450 feet, so many areas are not comfortable for yelloweye rockfish. However, the other species of spiny rays can thrive in shallower water; that is what makes total rockfish blanket closure so frustrating to me. Sea lions, harbor seals, and large lingcod are superior underwater hunters; they have, will, and continue to catch and devour way more numbers of rockfish than does the average recreational angler.

Yearly public ideas and suggestions submitted to the State of Washington for rockfish fishing opportunities and openings will never be approved, why? Because the state doesn't have the fortitude to take a stand against a federally implemented law on their own. Is there a way to turn the tide and push back on the overreaching federal government's closure of rock-fishing in Puget Sound? Yes, there is, and it has already been proven it works. It happened in 2012 when the people wanted to make recreational marijuana legal in this state. Petitions were made, required signatures gathered, then submitted onto a ballot for the people to vote on. Even though marijuana is still illegal at the federal level, the state was able to get around the law and now it is easier to smoke recreational weed than it is to recreationally fish for bottomfish; you can't make this stuff up.

Restriction after restriction will continue until recreational anglers across the state band together to make change in our favor. I'm all in with conservation and sustainability efforts, but many of the policies that come out of the co-managed branches of the WDFW seem to be based on purist and preservationist mindedness. Will we see the return of rockfish retention? Realistically, it will take us to change it; once a federal decision like rockfish closure is put in place like we have it takes a very long time to reverse that decision, if at all.

Remember, this Saturday is the trout season opener and marks the beginning of our fishing seasons. Saltwater salmon fishing opportunities will mirror last year with limited quotas on chinook and possibly coho, so be ready with fresh fishing line and new or sharpened hooks. Remember to have fishermen's patience with busy lakes and boat launches, and as always be safe out there and take our young anglers fishing!

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Recipe of the Week

Serve up some southern cooking from the comforts of home



Travel opens people up to new experiences. Among those experiences are myriad opportunities to try new foods and styles of cuisine. After all, what would a trip to Italy be without some indulgence in the various culinary specialties each part of the country is known for?

But one need not stray from home to enjoy regional fare. For instance, foodies who enjoy foods typically associated with the southeastern United States can indulge that passion in the comforts of their own kitchens. This recipe for "Southern-Style Buttermilk Fried Chicken" from AllRecipes.com is sure to satisfy anyone's craving for southern cuisine.

Southern-Style Buttermilk Fried Chicken (Serves 8)

- 2 cups buttermilk
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper

- 1 whole chicken, cut into pieces
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- 5 cups vegetable oil for frying

Whisk together buttermilk, mustard, salt, pepper, and cayenne in a bowl.

Pour buttermilk marinade into a resealable plastic bag. Add chicken pieces, coat with marinade, squeeze out excess air, and seal the bag. Marinate in the refrigerator for 2 to 8 hours.

Combine flour, baking powder, garlic powder, and onion powder in another resealable plastic bag; shake to mix thoroughly.

Working with one piece at a time, transfer marinated chicken to the dry ingredient bag, seal the bag, and shake well to coat. After all chicken pieces are coated, repeat the process by dipping them in buttermilk marinade and shaking in the dry coating again. Then heat oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Place chicken on the pan.

Fry chicken in batches in hot oil, turning chicken occasionally, until golden brown and juices run clear. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the meat should read at least 165 F.

Do you have a recipe to share? We'd love to hear from you!

Email to: news@whidbeyweekly.com or scan the QR code here.

Via mail at: PO BOX 1398 Oak Harbor WA 98277

Life Tributes



Tanya Marie Bernard (Jones)

Born 4/17/1975 to Dick and Melody Jones of Oak Harbor, WA. Tanya Marie Bernard(Jones) lost her fight with cancer at 03:30 on 4/11/2024. Tanya was an inspiration to many as she faced cancer with the strength of a warrior and the grace of a queen. Tanya was a loving wife, daughter, sister, mother, and friend. She will always be remembered for the kindness she showed others. Even when her pain was at its worst, Tanya still found it in her heart to ask about others and pray for them. Tanya faced trials most of us never will. No matter the obstacle, Tanya faced it with

a smile on her face and a prayer in her heart. The world is richer for having known her, but so much poorer now for having lost her. Tanya Marie Bernard will not be forgotten any time soon. There will be no service or memorial, per Tanya's wishes.

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12-1 Danika Kloewer

1:30-2:30 Salad Days

3-4 Erik Christensen Band

4:30-6:30 Marty and the Moonfans

SUNDAY:

12-1 Hick Brass

1:30-2:30 Walk the Line

3-4:30 Bobby Silver and the FatDaddys

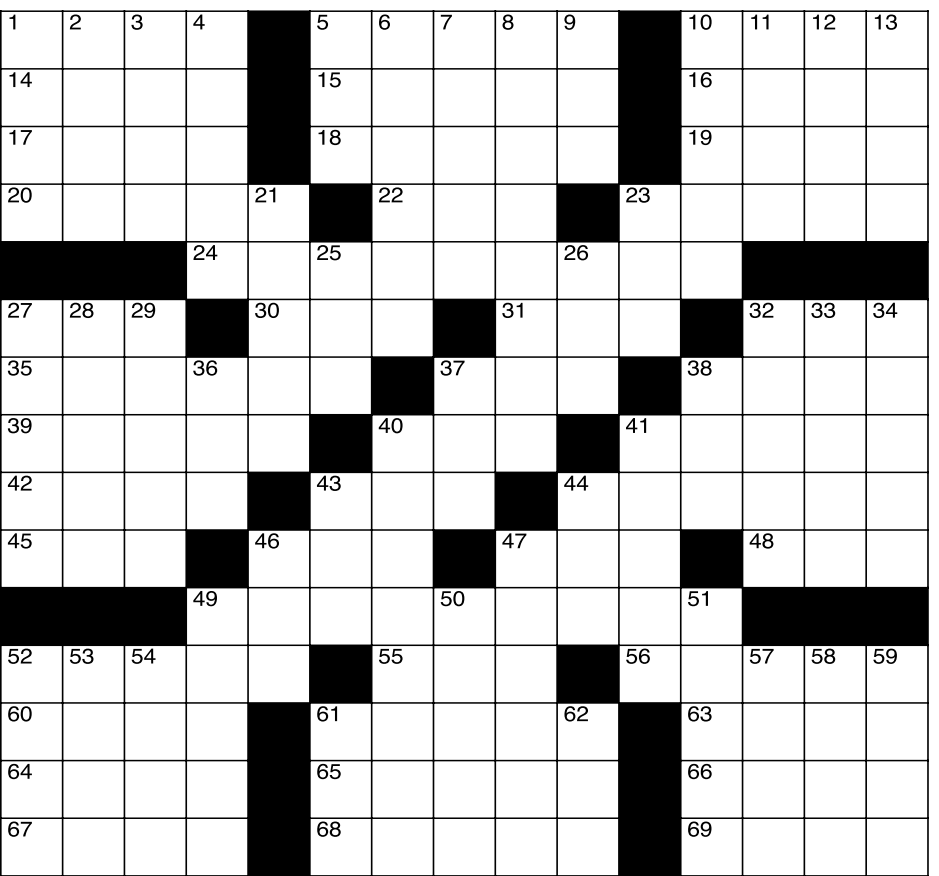
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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

- ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**
Aries, your friends have stepped up to support you, and it is time to get together and enjoy one another's company. Think about an activity that everyone can get behind.
- TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**
Taurus, the people around you may work more slowly than you, so you will likely need to be patient this week while working on a particular project. Eventually things will work out.
- GEMINI – May 22/June 21**
Gemini, exercise caution when dealing with people who promise big returns on your investments right now. Avoid financial dealings with anyone you have not fully vetted.
- CANCER – June 22/July 22**
Cancer, some people around you would like to use flattery to get you to do what they want. However, you are too savvy to fall for people who may be guiding you in the wrong direction.
- LEO – July 23/Aug 23**
Loved ones and friends in your life deserve your time and energy right now, Leo. Figure out a way to cut down on hours spent on the job this week.
- VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**
Virgo, things going on in your life right now may be a bit more confusing than you anticipated. It can be stressful, but with some assistance from others you will get through the situation.
- LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**
Someone in your life who has not always been on your side has been changing his or her ways lately, Libra. You may want to reevaluate the relationship soon.
- SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**
Scorpio, you have been working hard to avoid conflict with someone close to you, but it could start to feel like more effort than you can care to keep up.
- SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**
An interesting travel opportunity is coming your way, Sagittarius. When the news arrives, take advantage of it and start planning your itinerary.
- CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**
Capricorn, is your schedule flexible right now? Try to rearrange things to take advantage of some last-minute recreational opportunities. You deserve to have more fun.
- AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**
Aquarius, you may be feeling moody and introspective right now. Take time to evaluate your dreams and the thoughts going through your head. There may be common threads.
- PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**
Don't let some ambiguous feedback adversely affect your mood, Pisces. You will never be able to please everyone, so focus on those people who are on your side.

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Excessively theatrical actors
- 5. Footwear
- 10. A way to disfigure
- 14. Exchange rate
- 15. Hawaiian wreaths
- 16. North-central Indian city
- 17. Bungle
- 18. Extremely angry
- 19. A short note of what's owed
- 20. Criminal organization
- 22. Mimic
- 23. Try to grab
- 24. U.S.-born individuals
- 27. Some are covert
- 30. Order of the British Empire
- 31. Don't know when yet
- 32. Payment (abbr.)
- 35. Winged angelic being
- 37. Variety of Chinese
- 38. A way to be anxious
- 39. Famed wrestler Hulk
- 40. Partner to cheese
- 41. Slang for sergeant
- 42. Canadian flyers
- 43. Actress Ryan
- 44. Highly unpleasant vapor
- 45. Body part
- 46. Halfway
- 47. Cool!

CLUES DOWN

- 1. "Mad Men" leading man
- 2. Water (Spanish)
- 3. Annoy
- 4. Bulgarian capital
- 5. Japanese title
- 6. Capital of Zimbabwe
- 7. Giraffe
- 8. A mixture of substances
- 9. Midway between south and southeast
- 10. Staffs
- 11. Turkish title
- 12. Type of acid
- 13. Thin, flat strip of wood
- 21. Russian river
- 23. Ribonucleic acid
- 25. Partner to flow
- 26. Airborne (abbr.)

- 27. Earthy pigment
- 28. Genus of earless seals
- 29. "Key to the Highway" bluesman
- 32. By or in itself
- 33. Hot fluid below the earth's surface
- 34. Partner to trick
- 36. British Air Aces
- 37. Ammunition
- 38. Supervises flying
- 40. Health care for the aged
- 41. Flanks
- 43. Millimeters
- 44. Where wrestlers perform
- 46. Not around
- 47. Flightless bird
- 49. Bell-shaped flowers of the lily family
- 50. Expressed concern for
- 51. Satisfies
- 52. Flew off!
- 53. Wings
- 54. Load a ship
- 57. Vigor
- 58. British title
- 59. Whiskeys
- 61. ___ Adams: founding father
- 62. Body of water

Answers on page 11

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, Apr. 25 North Isle H-55°/L-48°	Fri, Apr. 26 North Isle H-56°/L-46°	Sat, Apr. 27 North Isle H-56°/L-45°	Sun, Apr. 28 North Isle H-56°/L-45°	Mon, Apr. 29 North Isle H-52°/L-44°	Tues, Apr. 30 North Isle H-56°/L-45°	Wed, May 1 North Isle H-58°/L-46°
South Isle H-53°/L-48°	South Isle H-57°/L-47°	South Isle H-57°/L-46°	South Isle H-57°/L-43°	South Isle H-53°/L-43°	South Isle H-55°/L-42°	South Isle H-59°/L-47°



OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

If you found a genie, what 3 wishes would you ask for and why?



Ciara S., 4th grade
Oak Harbor

My name is Ciara, if I found a genie, my 3 wishes would be:

1. For my Dad to never go on deployment again, because he has been on a lot of deployments and life is hard when he is gone.
2. For me to have a bunch of art supplies because I love art, it's calming and you can express yourself in whichever way you are feeling.

3. And to have the best teachers ever, because I want to be a teacher one day. All teachers here in Oak Harbor are the best! You can make so many positive relationships with teachers, like I did at Broadview Elementary.

Tanner G., 4th grade
Oak Harbor

My 3 wishes and why:

The reason that I want my own room is because my brother keeps pushing under my bed and talking when I try to go to sleep.

The reason I want to stay in my class is because my teacher is so nice. The reason I think my teacher is nice is because she gives us fun Friday.

The reason I want my dad to win the lottery and get \$1,000,000 is because we will get our dream house.



Maia E., 4th grade
Oak Harbor

I would ask for money to help my Mom in Oregon to be able to help with bills and just overall to be able to help herself.

I would wish for my brother to stop being picked on at school, he has long hair and some other students don't understand so they pick on him for it.

I also would wish my Dad would not hurt his fingers so much at work but he works with metal so sometimes it's sharp.

Mardy S., 4th grade
Oak Harbor

If I found a genie, I'd ask for infinite happiness, to be successful and have a better life. Because I don't want to feel pain and sad, won't cry when getting hurt. And have a better life to help my family.



Jett T., 4th grade
Oak Harbor

Another dog. Dogs are like the best friends you could ask for. They're always there to play and make you feel happy. If I had another dog, we could go on even more adventures together!

A Sur Ron. This bike is awesome because it's electric and really fast. I'd ride it on trails and maybe even to school. It would be so cool to show my friends and have races.

\$1000. I think I'd wish for \$1,000 to help homeless people because everyone needs a little help sometimes. With that money, I could buy food, clothes, and maybe even some blankets to give to people who don't have homes. It would make me happy to see them smile and know that I helped out.

CAN DO SUDOKU!

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Answers on page 11

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4-Family Huge Garage Sale. Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dishes and glassware, tools, antiques, holiday decor, yard art, household goods, and more. 2740 Sunshine Lane, Clinton. No Early Birds, please.

Salmagundi Farms Big Red Heritage Barn Sale. Sale of the 2024 Season and Our 50th Year in Business. April 27th & 28th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Many choice vintage and farm items, furniture, tools, silver artworks, china glass, and books. Useful and Needful items of all types. Always Buying Estate Items Vintage and Antique small items, Tools Household Goods, Fishing and Sporting Gear, Jewelry etc. We pay the same day at pickup. Visit us at: 19162 SR-525, Coupeville. Call 360-678-5888 Or Text 360-969-1948

Neighborhood Yard Sale. Sunday, May 5th 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Deseret Drive & Seaclyff Lane, off West Beach Rd between Hastie Lake and Libby Road. Info at: 360-678-6786. No Early Birds, Thanks.

VOLUNTEERING

Looking to make a meaningful difference in your community? Join us at Habitat for Humanity of Island County and discover a fulfilling volunteer experience! Your support in the stores directly contributes to providing families with a pathway to homeownership. We offer a variety of volunteer opportunities at our Oak Harbor and Freeland locations. Whether you enjoy assisting customers, organizing donations, or maintaining the store, there's a role for you. Best of all, schedules are flexible, allowing you to volunteer in whatever way suits you! In addition to store support, we're also seeking volunteers for construction projects throughout the area. If you're passionate about building homes and changing lives, we'd love to have you join our team, no experience needed!

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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 Fire-side Room, rear of church. Karol:360 914 7695.

How'd you do?

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MEETINGS CONT.

Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers Support Group Oak Harbor 2nd Thursday of the month, 2-3:00 p.m., 1st Reformed Church, 250 SW 3rd Ave, Oak Harbor. Build a support network with people who understand. Alzheimer's Association® support groups conducted by trained facilitators are a safe place for people living with dementia and their caregivers. Contact Kayla at 360-333-9004, or Mykel Husk at 360-969-1248.

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

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RESOURCES

Basic Food Benefits Community Services Office: 275 Pioneer Way #201, Oak Harbor 877-501-2233

Food Banks: -Gifts From the Heart, 203 N Main St., Coupeville 360-672-5502

Distribution on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 2-5 p.m.

-Good Cheer, 2812 Grimm Rd., Langley 360-221-4868

Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

-North Whidbey Help House, 1091 SE Hathaway St. Oak Harbor 360-675-0681

Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (5 p.m. on Tuesdays) Closed 12-1 p.m. for lunch

Island Church of Whidbey Soup Kitchen: 503 Cascade Ave., Langley 360-221-0969

Tues & Thurs 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

SPiN Café: 1241 SW Barlow St., Oak Harbor

Daily, 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen: 804 3rd St., Langley 360-221-5303/sthbert@whidbey.com

Tuesday orders for home; Wednesday kitchen meals 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

HUB After School: 301 Anthes Ave., Langley 360-221-0969

Food and activities for middle and high school youth. Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday 2-6 p.m., Wed 1-6 p.m.

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.

Women, Infants & Children (WIC): -Oak Harbor/North Whidbey: 1791 NE 1st Ave. Mon-Thurs 360-240-5554

Text: 360-544-2239

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-Camano Island: 127 N East Camano Dr. Mon Only 360-544-2633

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; 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.

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.

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 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

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