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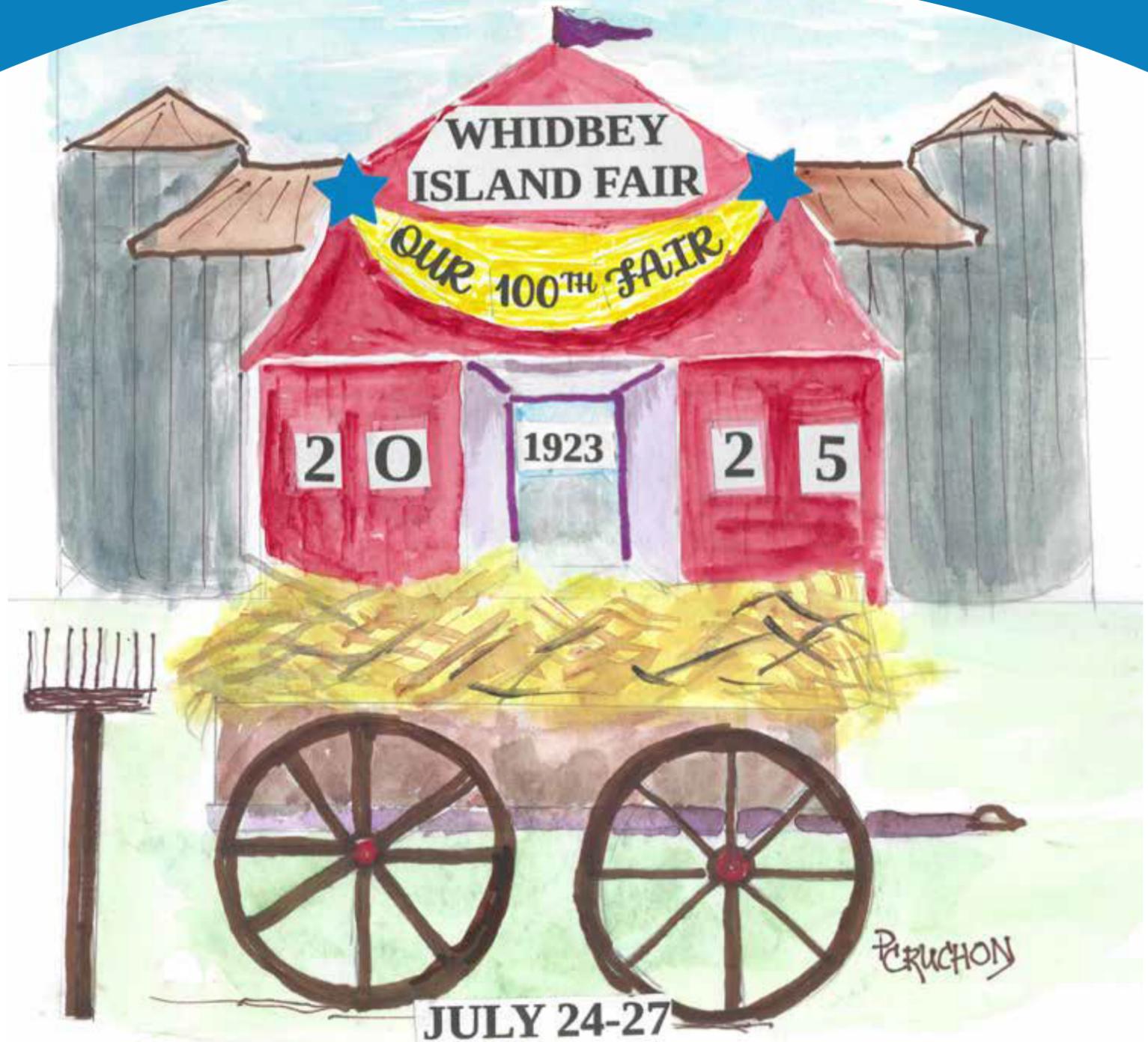
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## There is Much Ado About Something *(at the Island Shakespeare Festival)*

Reviewed by Jim Sovanski, Whidbey Weekly

I have a confession: "I know not much of Shakespeare and have been much afeared of him." That being said, after attending Island Shakespeare Festival's (ISF) scintillating production of "Much Ado About Nothing," "I now know much more, and I am no longer afraid!"

If all you know of Shakespeare is what you tried to learn in high school English class, buck up. There is hope for you yet. Get to the ISF in Langley. You will laugh. You may giggle and you will smile. You may cry and you may think. Most of all, you will have a great time. The entire cast has a blast as physical comedy and pratfalls abound, so the beauty of this show is you do not have to understand every word of dialogue to follow the story.

"Much Ado About Nothing" is set in a world where words are weapons and wit is a shield. It follows two couples—Beatrice and Benedick, played by Carmen Cecilia Retzer and Matt Koenig, and Claudio and Hero, played by Christopher Atchison and Hannah Nguyen—as they navigate a

sometimes playful, sometimes vicious war of words and deception on their way to finding truth, honor, and unexpected love.

Honoring this year's theme of empowering women, the ISF website declares: "Beatrice refuses to be anything but fiercely independent—until she finds herself caught in a battle of the heart with the equally sharp-tongued Benedick. Meanwhile, her gentle cousin Hero faces a trial of public shame and betrayal, testing the strength of her quiet resolve."

"Our 'Much Ado' is set in the 1990s in Southern California," bringing the story into the future, explains Director Chad Dexter Kinsman, "... among the palm trees and the explosion of youth-oriented media, including teen magazines, MTV, movies like 'Clueless,' and TV shows like 'Beverly Hills 90210' and 'Friends.'"

One of the beauties of doing Shakespeare is the freedom allowed in interpretation. Very little documentation exists as to specific direction or intention, and Kinsman has made maximum use of that freedom. As essentially a comedy with dramatic

moments, "Much Ado About Nothing" gives a lot of room for playful adaptation.

"Dex is a wonderful director," said Koenig, who plays Benedick. "He allowed us to play within the confines of the playground we have. He gave us ideas but was always willing to try the silliest of things. When in doubt, I brought in the silliest things. For the most part, he was really generous to go, 'Yeah, this makes sense,' or, 'This is how we can make it more truthful.' I think that's what he's focused on—how do we find the truthfulness within the silliness?"

Kinsman added, "Much Ado About Nothing is both a sparkling comedy and a necessary social examination. I hope while watching, you'll see the value in, as Shakespeare himself says, 'chewing the food of sweet and bitter fancy.'"

ISF enjoys a national reputation among the theater community, drawing both local and national talent. "There's a bunch of East Coasters—New York, New Jersey, D.C., Cleveland. We did all-virtual auditions this year because both directors were East Coasters. We had 620 submissions. It's a huge process to whittle it down to 10," shared Olena Hodges, executive artistic director.

Being part of a cast from all over the country offers actors a unique opportunity to grow, share, and hone their craft, as well as make new friends and explore the world. "ISF is really great about living its mission of building empathy and connection with classical texts," commented Alyssa Keene, who plays Leonato and most recently appeared as Golde in Whidbey Island Center for the Arts' production of "Fiddler on the Roof." "They're deliberate about assembling an ensemble that is both diverse and cohesive. I learn so much from my fellow actors in the variety of ways they approach the work, whether that be how they handle the verse, how they craft a bit, or how they show up as an ensemble member."

As an actor from out of the region, Jacqueline Youm, who plays Friar Verges, adds her thoughts: "I love the mission of Island Shakespeare Festival to make classical theatre accessible and build empathy and connection through theatre. I believe that theatre is for everyone and everyone should have the opportunity to partake, whether as a theatremaker or a viewer. There is also something about classical theatre that I love. The stories are universal and remind me of all that humanity has to offer: good, bad, and otherwise."

As part of ISF's mission to make theater accessible to everyone, they offer additional support to the theatergoer. For an enriched experience, be sure to visit their website, www.islandshakespearefest.org, before the show for background, insider information, and stories about the production.

The festival is held at an outdoor performance space surrounded by woods,

so come prepared for warm sun and a cool island evening. Arrive early to enjoy the beer and wine garden or concessions in the lobby housed in "Henry the Tent." As an added experience, Whidbey Swordplay Association will present fighting demonstrations every Saturday during the run, starting at 5 p.m.

"Much Ado About Nothing" at Island Shakespeare Festival, 5476 Maxwellton Road, Langley, continues Wednesdays through Sundays through Aug. 31, alternating performances with its companion show, the dramatic "Anima (Her Soul)," to be reviewed in next week's Whidbey Weekly. ISF operates on a pay-what-you-will model because they believe theatre should be for everyone—no exceptions. For tickets and more information, visit www.islandshakespearefest.org.



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One way WVRC served my late husband, Robert, was by providing shuttle service to Seattle VA Medical Center. Volunteer drivers Bob and Brad made our journeys less stressful—definitely a plus!

If you enjoy driving, meeting people, and helping others, consider volunteering. We're looking to expand service to Wednesday mornings alongside current Tuesday and Thursday routes.

Call 360-331-8081 or email whidbeyvrc@gmail.com to learn more.

### Straw Poll

Would you use a shuttle to the Mount Vernon VA Medical Center? WVRC is exploring north-end service and looking for volunteers. Share your interest at whidbeyvrc@gmail.com.

### Ongoing WVRC Activities

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- Tues./Thurs. mornings – Van shuttle to Seattle & Everett VA
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- Confidential counseling – Call for info
- VA benefits assistance – By appointment
- Drop-in: Mondays, 10-1:30 | 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 10-2

### Upcoming Events

- July 30, 4 p.m. – South Whidbey Cares Coalition
- Aug. 6, 11 a.m. – AARP Veterans/Seniors Preparedness
- Aug. 14, 9 a.m. – Community Resource Network
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## Shorebirds with David Droppers

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Whidbey Audubon Society is offering a three-session class in August with naturalist David Droppers. The classes are online on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. on August 12, 19 and 26. Followed by an in person field trip on Saturday, September 6. The fee is \$100. Register on the Whidbey Audubon website: whidbeyaudubonsociety.org/class-and-presentation-store/p/shorebirds. Those wishing to only attend the field trip September 6, may do so for \$25: whidbeyaudubonsociety.org/class-and-presentation-store/p/shorebirds-trip.

David Droppers will focus on identification and teach tricks that will make tackling shorebirds less intimidating. He has been teaching courses on topics from birds to butterflies to trees to microorganisms for a variety of groups, including college biology courses and nonprofit environmental groups. He has put his expertise to work for the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, University of Washington and Woodland Park Zoo, among many others.

\*Photo: David Dropper

## Whidbey Children's Theater Presents "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang"

The Whidbey Children's Theater is presenting a classic piece for its summer production: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang will feature actors and crew members, ages 10 – 19.

The show runs two weekends, July 18 – 27, with 7:00 p.m. shows on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 2:00 p.m. matinees on July 20 and 27.

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is a classic romp through the European countryside with the delightful Potts family and their fine four fendered friend, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. The WCT production takes its cues from the original story by Ian Fleming and of course, the Disney movie classic of the same name.

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is fun for all ages and includes bold and over-the-top villains and their bumbling henchmen vs. the intelligence and ingenuity of the Potts' and the friends they meet along the way.

All ages are welcome and all seats are General Admission. This show is recommended for ages 4 and older. Ticket Prices are \$15 for youth ages 4- 19 and \$18 for adults.

Free parking is available in the big shared lot that sits between WICA and the Community Center.

Concessions and raffle are available on site for purchase, with all proceeds going to current and future programming.

Tickets on sale online at www.wctmagic.org, or at the box office, which opens one hour before each performance.

To learn more about the Whidbey Children's Theater visit their website: http://wctmagic.org/

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Thursday–Sunday, July 24–27  
Island County Fairgrounds, 819 Camano Ave, Langley

Celebrate 100 years of the Whidbey Island Fair with rides, music, livestock shows, food, crafts, and family fun. Hours: Thursday 9 a.m.–10 p.m., Friday & Saturday 9 a.m.–10:30 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.–7 p.m. The parade begins Saturday at 10 a.m. Admission: \$12 adults, \$6 youth/senior/military, free for kids 5 & under.  
whidbeyislandfair.com

## COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE: PERCUSSION ON THE ROCK

Thursday, July 24, 5:30–6 p.m.  
Pop-Up Plaza, Pioneer Way, downtown Oak Harbor

Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra invites the community to join a free interactive drum circle. Drums and percussion instruments provided. All ages welcome to participate in this high-energy event. Info: www.sowhidbey.com, 360-929-3045

## BUSINESS COMMUNITY AFTER HOURS & RIBBON CUTTING

Thursday, July 24, 5:30–7 p.m.  
DeLaurentis International Airport, 1140 N Monroe Landing Rd., Oak Harbor

Join the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce for networking and a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

## MAIDEN VOYAGE THROUGH DECEPTION PASS

Saturday, July 25 | 10:45 a.m. (Slack Tide)  
Best viewed from Deception Pass Bridge

Celebrate the launch of a new journey with Viking horns welcoming the maiden voyage through Deception Pass. Join the excitement and witness this memorable moment from the bridge!

Free and open to the public.

## WHIDBEY TELECOM SUMMER NIGHTS SERIES

Friday–Saturday, July 25–26, 5–7 p.m.  
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts Tent, Langley

Celebrate summer with live music, happy hour and community vibes under the tent at WICA.

July 25: Monica Finney Trio delivers soulful vocals, jazz standards, and Latin flair.

July 26: The Lounge Sound blends bluesy ballads and jazz classics with modern sparkle.

More shows continue Fridays and Saturdays through August.  
Info: wicaonline.org

## BUSKERS ON THE CORNER: SELENA MAC

Friday, July 25, 5:30–6:30 p.m.  
Pop-Up Plaza, corner of Pioneer Way and Dock Street, Oak Harbor

Enjoy live blues, country, and roots rock with Selena Mac. This free performance

is sponsored by the Oak Harbor Music Festival and Whidbey Weekly.

## BEETLEJUICE JR

Friday, July 25, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, July 26, 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, July 27, 2:30 p.m.  
Whidbey Playhouse, 730 SE Midway Blvd., Oak Harbor

Presented by the Whidbey Playhouse Youth Education Department, this high-energy, spooky-fun musical is based on the beloved film! Follow Lydia Deetz as she navigates life, ghosts, and an outrageous demon named Beetlejuice in a family-friendly adaptation full of humor and heart.  
Tickets: \$15.

## WHIDBEY ISLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL: THE INFLUENCERS RETURN

Friday, July 25, 7:30–9 p.m.  
Nordic Lodge Hall, 63 Jacobs Road, Coupeville  
Sunday, July 27, 3–5 p.m.  
St. Augustine's in-the-Woods, 5217 Honeymoon Bay Road, Freeland

Where did Bach get his groove? Hear the "OG influencers" who shaped Baroque music, featuring works by Bach, Böhm, Buxtehude, Corelli, Couperin, Telemann, and Vivaldi. Performed by Tekla Cunningham (violin), Joanna Blendulf (viola da gamba), and Henry Lebedinsky (harpsichord).  
Admission: \$39.19 general, students free.  
Info and tickets: whidbeyislandmusicfestival.org

## COUPEVILLE FARMERS MARKET COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday, July 26 | 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Coupeville Farmers Market, Coupeville Wharf Pavilion

Celebrate community at the annual Community Day! Bring your blanket and basket for a relaxing picnic by the water. Join the community photo at noon, try your luck in the market basket giveaway, and enjoy lawn games and a bubble table for kids. Fun for all ages!  
Free admission.  
More info: northcentralwhidbeyfarmersmarkets.org

## WHIDBEY ART MARKET: SUMMER MARKETS ON THE HILL

Saturday, July 26, 11am–5pm  
Sunday, July 27, 11am–4pm  
Greenbank Cidery, 5488 South Freeland Ave, Freeland

Whidbey Art Market is thrilled to present its Summer Markets at Greenbank Cidery! Enjoy a vibrant mix of local artists showcasing unique, handcrafted works in a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere. Sip cider or beer from the cidery as you browse art, meet the makers, and support Whidbey creativity. Free and open to all.  
More info: whidbeyartmarket.com

## PERCUSSION ON THE ROCK FINALE CONCERT

Saturday, July 26, 1–3 p.m.  
Oak Harbor Methodist Church, 1050 SE Ireland Street, Oak Harbor

Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra presents the finale of its Percussion on the Rock workshop with a free concert featuring Ghanaian and Western percussion styles. Performers include Dr. Patrick Roulet, James Culley, Paul Hansen, Erica Montgomery, and Brandon Nelson. Donations are welcome.  
For more information, visit sowhidbey.com or call 360-929-3045.

## ALL-ISLAND COMMUNITY BAND SUMMER CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday, July 26, 2–3 p.m.  
Coupeville Town Park, 901 Colburn St., Coupeville

The All-Island Community Band performs a summer concert at Coupeville Town Park.

## SUPER POWER! MEET PSE WORKERS AND THEIR BUCKET TRUCK

Tuesday, July 29, 2–3 p.m.  
Oak Harbor Library, 1000 SE Regatta Drive, Oak Harbor

Learn about the work of Puget Sound Energy and explore one of their bucket trucks. This family-friendly event is part of the summer reading program.

## TUESDAY CONCERTS IN THE PARK: MOONLIGHT SWING ORCHESTRA

Tuesday, July 29, 6–7:30 p.m.  
South Whidbey Community Park, 5495 Maxwellton Rd., Langley

Enjoy an evening of Big Band music from the Moonlight Swing Orchestra in a beautiful outdoor setting. Bring a picnic, a blanket or chair, and your friends and family for this free summer concert presented by South Whidbey Parks and Recreation. Sponsored by Whidbey Telecom.

## CONNECTING THROUGH CRAFTS

Wednesday, July 30, 10–11:30 a.m.  
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave., Freeland

Join this program for older adults to learn a craft, connect with others, and enjoy coffee and tea. This month's project is bath bombs. All skill levels welcome.

## PORCH STORIES: COAST SALISH STORYTELLING

Wednesday, July 30, 2–3 p.m.  
Island County Historical Museum, 908 NW Alexander St., Coupeville

Join Pamela Seamonster for Coast Salish storytelling on the museum porch as part of the Porch Stories series. Gather to hear tales of the past and reflect on the future in this free weekly series hosted by the Island County Historical Society.  
www.islandhistory.org

## WATERFRONT WEDNESDAY BUSKER SERIES

Wednesday, July 30, 4:00–6:00 p.m.  
Coupeville Wharf, Coupeville

Enjoy live music at the wharf entrance featuring the Erik Christensen Band. Free. Presented by Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association.

More info: coupevillehistoricwaterfront.com/busker-series

## SOUNDS OF SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Wednesday, July 30, 6–8 p.m.  
Windjammer Park, 1600 S. Beekma Drive, Oak Harbor

The Oak Harbor Music Festival presents its annual Sounds of Summer Concert Series at Windjammer Park. Join the community for an evening of music, dancing, and sunset vibes featuring Baby Cakes. The series runs Wednesdays through August 20. Free.

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2:00PM, 4:40PM & 7:30PM

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**COMING SOON:**  
8/8 "FREAKER FRIDAY"  
9/12 "DOWNTON ABBEY: THE GRAND FINALE"

# Shellfishing: A FAVORITE WHIDBEY PASTIME

by JoAnn Hellmann

Shellfishing has got to be one of the most popular activities on Whidbey. Especially during the summer, folks can be found on its various beaches clamming to their heart's content...or bag limit...whichever comes first.

I had never seen a shellfisher until I came to Whidbey many years ago. As a kid I'd spent many a summer at various New Jersey beaches but for fun in the water and on the boardwalks. Oh, and for one summer digging in the sand and finding some old coins. I learned long after I left my home state shellfishing is popular there, too.

Fast-forward a few decades. I'm walking along the beach in Penn Cove with a friend when I noticed a fellow poking in the mud with a shovel. "What's he doing?" I asked. "Fishing," she replied. "With a shovel? On the beach?" That's when she laughed and explained he was actually shellfishing. "You know. For clams and mussels. It's a favorite pastime here." I also learned that's probably because you don't need much to catch a clam or other shellfish; at a bare minimum just a pail, a shovel, and a license. Seasoned shellfishers oft times add a hat, sunscreen, drinking water, gloves and knee pads.

A variety of clams generally found on our beaches include little neck, butter, horse and soft-shelled clams as well as geoduck ("gooey-duck), known as the world's biggest burrowing clam, and cockles. Blue mussels and oysters are also found in a few locations. Each type of clam has its favorite place to live.

Cockles are "sunbathers" and can often be found lying right on the surface of the beach; otherwise they're just an inch or two below. Light brown in sandy soil, dirty grey in muddy soil, these fan-shaped clams prefer a sandy bottom near the mouth of a bay. Little necks have cream or grey shells and are usually found six to eight inches deep in muddy or gravel beaches. They're usually not more than two inches wide and concentrate in medium to high tide areas. Both can be raked with a garden rake or potato fork. An ordinary garden shovel will work for the others but a narrow-bladed shovel (sometimes called a "clam gun") is best. It allows you to get down to the clam without having to lift a heavy load of sand.

Butter clams, which are white, yellow or even black, depending on the color of the surrounding soil, live a foot or so below the surface as do softshell clams, which prefer mud flats, often being found on very high ground. Both average between three and five inches in size. Look around high tide areas for softshells and in low tide zones for butter clams (which occasionally can be found in deeper water).

Horse clams, which grow up to eight inches in diameter, are usually found from one to three feet below the surface. White in color, with dark brown patches, they share low tide residency with geoducks, which look similar. However, the latter are smooth with no seaweed or barnacles attached, unlike their neighbors.

Shellfish may be taken from public tidelands only and beach users should verify property boundaries in their areas. The absence of posted signs does not automatically identify public tidelands. Responsible harvesting practices: always refill holes created while digging to avoid damaging habitat and killing clams, push any undersized or discarded clams into the refilled holes to reduce mortality and put harvested shellfish on ice as soon as possible and keep them cold until ready to eat to prevent bacterial growth.

Bag limits vary with the type of clam you're harvesting according to Washington State Department of Fisheries.

You also need a permit if you're fifteen 15 or older.

Regulations vary by location and species, so it's essential before harvesting to check shellfishing specifics at both Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/shellfishing-regulations> and shellfishing safety at Department of Health <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/biotoxin/biotoxin.html>.

Happy shellfishing!



## Astrology for July 24 - July 30 2025 New Moon in Leo, Sun Opposite Pluto

On **July 24**, we have the New Moon in Leo at 2° with the Sun moving through trines to both Saturn and Neptune. The new Moon is a time for setting intentions and through the lens of Leo, we can plant some big seeds with cosmic support. Dream big. Spend some time today imagining and visualizing what it is you truly desire. Reflect on what brings you joy, pleasure, and creative inspiration. This is a potent time to call it in. Check back in on the progress of these intentions in six months under the Full Moon in Leo on February 1, 2026. The trine to Neptune invites access to imagination and energetic guidance from other realms for visualizing our intentions, and the trine to Saturn invites stability and support around the commitment to see them through. What part of your chart contains Leo? A fresh start in this area of life.

On **July 25**, the Sun opposes Pluto. This can be a very intense day, an opportunity for transformation. Just on the heels of the new Moon, we have a stand off today between matters of self vs. collective. Our ego desires are challenged to consider the perspectives of others in the pursuit of our joy, happiness, and self expression. Our confidence, self-esteem or personal life can be confronted today with obstacles, break downs, and facing difficult truths. Power dynamics come to the surface, and what is out of alignment can appear blinding. Fallacies in self expression will be exposed and fall away. Beware pretenders. Posers getting called out. Getting caught in a lie. Confronting authenticity. Best case scenario includes facing fears, approaching conflict with humility, and finding win-win solutions for all parties involved. A tall order, but not impossible.

On **July 28**, Venus in Gemini sextiles Chiron in Aries at 27° while the Moon moves through conjunctions to both the South Node and Mars in Virgo, respectively. Venus in Gemini invites conversations about healing the past, past patterns, past habits. There is a helpful nudge to analyze and discuss what Mars on the South Node (exact back on July 20) has been making very clear is over, done, and on it's way out. Release perfectionism. Heal through writing, journaling, exchanging words. Reflect and recognize the patterns. Support for moving on.

On **July 30**, Venus enters the sign of Cancer August 25. Venus loves being in the sign of Cancer, a water sign that represents nurturance, the mother archetype, intuition, softness, emotional intelligence, and the comfort of what feels like home. During this time, we can find more enjoyment in deepening emotional bonds, reminiscing on the past, and creating new heart-felt memories with our loved ones, as now the two benefics, Venus and Jupiter are traveling through the same sign. In the next couple days however, Venus in Cancer will be aspecting Saturn and Neptune retrograde in Aries by square, creating conflicts in matters of the heart and personal relationships. The beginnings of that square signature may be able to be felt today (exact on August 1).

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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

### ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, your confidence is high and others are taking notice. Around the 25th, a bold move in your career or public life may pay off. Just don't forget to check the details before jumping in.

### TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, expansion is calling. Whether it's a trip, a new philosophy, or a big idea, this week encourages you to step outside your comfort zone. Be open to what challenges your perspective.

### GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, something hidden comes to light—possibly about a shared resource, debt, or emotional tie. Trust your instincts around the 26th, and don't be afraid to ask for what you need.

### CANCER – June 22/July 22

Cancer, partnerships of all kinds come into focus. This could be a time to renegotiate, recommit, or even release. Your intuition is strong, but clarity comes through honest dialogue.

### LEO – July 23/Aug 23

Happy Birthday, Leo! You're entering your solar season with renewed energy. A fresh chapter begins, and the 28th is especially favorable for setting personal intentions or making a bold statement.

### VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 23

Virgo, the pressure is on, but you're more than capable. A behind-the-scenes project or private concern comes to a turning point this week. Prioritize rest so you don't burn out before the breakthrough.

### LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, creativity and romance sparkle midweek. It's a great time for expressing yourself or deepening a connection. If you've been feeling stalled, inspiration strikes when you focus on play over perfection.

### SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, family or home life takes center stage. Whether it's a renovation, relocation, or a boundary-setting moment, clarity arrives by the weekend. Trust your gut when making decisions about your space.

### SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, your voice carries weight now. Whether through writing, speaking, or teaching, you're being called to share your ideas. Just keep things clear and constructive—people are listening closely.

### CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, financial flow improves, especially around the 29th. You might receive news about a raise, reimbursement, or unexpected opportunity. Stay grounded and avoid overspending in the excitement.

### AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, the focus shifts to you. This week brings renewed energy, visibility, and maybe even a desire to change your look or step into a new role. Shine bright—but don't overextend yourself.

### PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, dreams and inner life hold wisdom. Take extra time for solitude or spiritual reflection. The more you tune in to your intuition, the clearer your next step will become—especially by the 30th.

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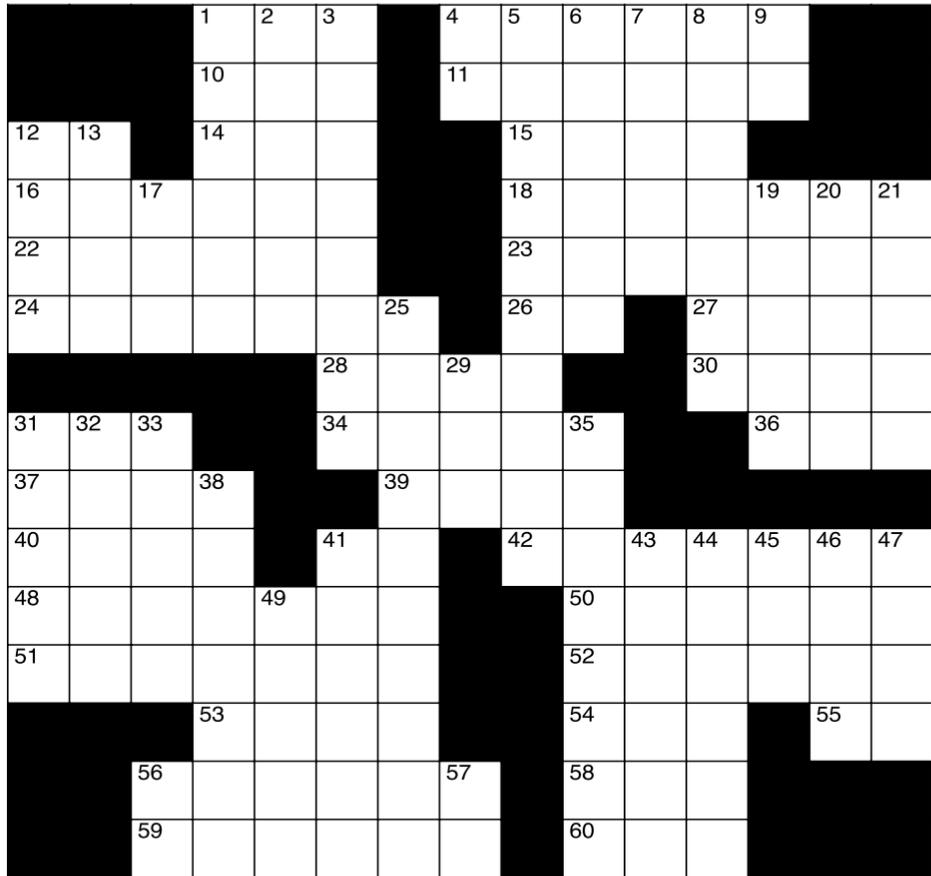
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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Pacific Standard Time
4. Extracts through heating and melting
10. Express delight
11. More curvy
12. Expression of uncertainty
14. Indicates before
15. Daughter of Hera and Zeus
16. Southwestern CA city
18. Unified
22. Less attractive
23. Base of jellies
24. A large and noisy party
26. He was traded for Luka
27. Wolverine genus
28. "Happy Days" actress Moran
30. Root of taro plant
31. Student environmental group (abbr.)
34. Silk garments
36. Unique power
37. Ray Liotta cop film
39. Leak slowly through
40. Notion
41. Atomic #55
42. Fixed in one place
48. About heat
50. Type of baseball pitch
51. Seedless raisin
52. Large wading birds
53. Similar
54. Time zone
55. Atomic #34
56. Program
58. Old world, new
59. Contrary belief
60. "To the \_\_ degree"

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Plain-woven fabric
2. Classed
3. Suppositions
4. Midway between south and west
5. Tropical American trees
6. Leveled
7. Published false statement
8. Adolescent
9. Junior's father
12. Aurochs
13. Not low
17. Boxing's GOAT
19. Short musical composition
20. Small immature herrings
21. Eavesdropper
25. Parcels of land
29. Anger
31. Irritations
32. Hindu holy man
33. Wicker basket for fish
35. Natural object
38. Transporting in a vehicle
41. A dog is one
43. Smaller portion
44. Sew
45. Belonging to a thing
46. Horsley and Greenwood are two
47. Scottish language
49. Producer
56. Exclamation of surprise
57. Russian river

Answers on page 11

**YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST**

Thurs, July 24	Fri, July 25	Sat, July 26	Sun, July 27	Mon, July 28	Tues, July 29	Wed, July 30
North Isle H-69°/L-56°	North Isle H-64°/L-56°	North Isle H-64°/L-54°	North Isle H-67°/L-54°	North Isle H-70°/L-55°	North Isle H-71°/L-55°	North Isle H-70°/L-55°
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## OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

As a volunteer at the Oak Harbor Music Festival, August 29, 30, and 31, what brings you joy?



**Steve Clarke,**  
Oak Harbor

As a volunteer for the music festival for the last 8 years, what brings me joy? Seeing people get lost in music they have never heard before. Seeing strangers high five and rock out until the end of a particular set. Watching an elderly couple doing the waltz in a crosswalk behind the stage as a blue grass band is performing. Parents of performing artist swooning over their kids onstage. Witnessing unfiltered pure joy in people's faces when they get lost in the music they have never heard before while a band is performing onstage. How all the participants, crew and performers know they are all part of something special, and the temperament backstage is all happy and appreciative right down to the sound crew. That's what brings me joy.

**Kate Hauter,**  
Oak Harbor



As a volunteer for the Oak Harbor Music Festival, my joy comes from meeting people who have traveled to our community to enjoy the music. My joy also comes from the Teen Talent kids, that perform on Sunday of the Music Festival. I'm also amazed by the OHMF board, who work tirelessly to keep the Festival Free. Music brings me joy as well! I'm honored to volunteer each year!



**Cheryl Grehan,**  
Oak Harbor

As a six-year volunteer for the Oak Harbor Music Festival, I've worn a few hats—starting as Merch Co-Chair and now helping my husband in his role as Operations Chair. What brings me the most joy is being part of such a well-organized, community-driven event. It's incredibly fulfilling to support something that brings people together through music, laughter, and shared experiences. Seeing attendees enjoy themselves and knowing we helped create that space is deeply rewarding. I also truly appreciate how volunteers are respected and valued by the festival's organizers—it feels like a big family working toward a joyful goal. Every year, I walk away tired but inspired, grateful to be part of something that brings so much happiness to Oak Harbor.

**Rhonda Severns,**  
Oak Harbor



What brings me joy is seeing the whole community come together, families dancing, friends laughing and singing, and people coming together to celebrate their love for music in our great city! This fills my heart every year.

**Oak Harbor Music Festival is looking for more 2025 volunteers.**

Please go to: <https://www.oakharborfestival.com/>, click on top right hand corner. There will be a drop down menu with volunteer opportunities.

Answers on page 11

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Thursdays through August 28, 4-7 p.m.  
Enjoy local produce, handmade goods, and community spirit every Thursday this summer.

**COUPEVILLE FARMERS MARKET**  
788 NW Alexander St., Coupeville  
Saturdays through October 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Find fresh food, crafts, and more at this long-running market. Closed Aug. 9 for the Arts and Crafts Festival.

**BAYVIEW FARMERS MARKET**  
Corner of SR 525 and Bayview Road, Langley  
Saturdays through October, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
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**SOUTH WHIDBEY TILTH FARMERS MARKET**  
2812 Thompson Road, Langley  
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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 Tues)  
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. Hubert's Catholic Church Wednesday Soup Kitchen All are Welcome! 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
804 3rd St., 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

### CRISIS LINES

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-Non-emergency lines:  
Oak Harbor Police Department-360-279-4600  
-Island Communications Dispatch (ICOM) - 360-679-9567  
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  
866-488-7386 Trevor Project: 24/7 support for LGBTQIA2S+

### 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 is a night-to-night shelter for up to 30 individuals. Must follow check in rules and must register daily between 4:00 and 4:30pm Mon. thru Fri. and 3:45 pm to 4:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays at the SPIN Café, 1241 SW Barlow St., Oak Harbor.

House of Hope Emergency Housing, Langley, 360-708-4533. Transitional housing 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](http://oxfordhouse.org)  
-Men:360-246-4101  
-Women & Children: 360-682-5773

### MONTHLY MEETING

Monthly Meeting for Mental Health Hosted by NAMI for All Adult Individuals who have a family or friend suffering from depression, anxiety, bi-polar disorder, or other mental health conditions. Trinity Lutheran Church in Freeland, Lower Building Closest to the Highway 18341 WA-525, Freeland 3rd Wednesday of the Month 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.  
Email for more information: [karens@nami-sno-isle.org](mailto:karens@nami-sno-isle.org)

### WEEKLY MEETINGS

MEMORY CAFE 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.

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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: Rebecca 425-773-6937

Gamblers Anonymous Meeting. Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Senior Center. Mount Vernon Senior Center, 1401 Cleveland Ave, Mount Vernon Any questions, call Washington State Gamblers Anonymous hotline at 855-222-5542, or visit <https://gawashington.org/>

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS Tuesdays 7 PM to 8 PM Langley United Methodist Church 301 Anthes Ave. Room 224 Langley, Washington 98260 For local meeting information and support call: Kevin 206-395-9622

Adult Children of Alcoholic and Dysfunctional Families meeting, Tuesdays 2-3 pm, Langley Methodist Church - 301 Anthes Ave, Langley - Fireside room. Contact: [acawhidbey@gmail.com](mailto:acawhidbey@gmail.com)

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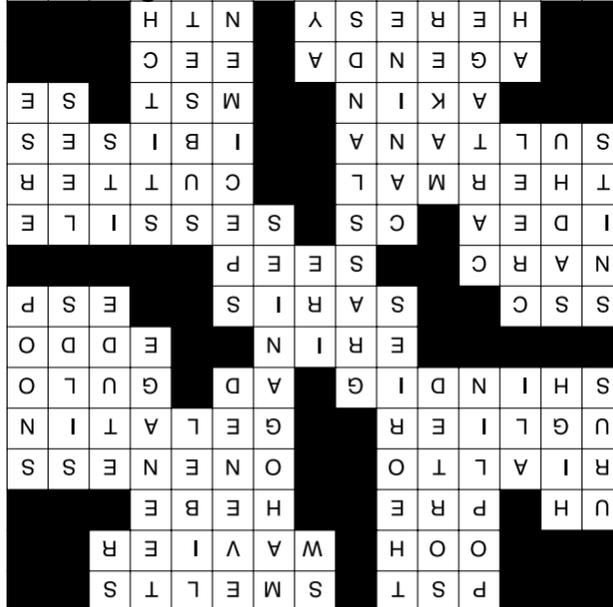
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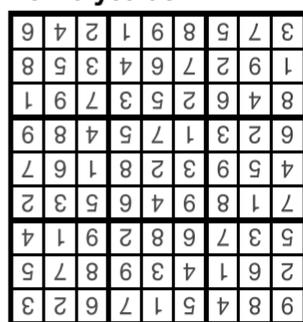
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