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BITS & PIECES

Coming to Whidbey Playhouse This September: Calendar Girls

A Touching and Uplifting Comedy Based on a True Story

Opening September 6 at Whidbey Playhouse, Calendar Girls by Tim Firth brings to the stage the remarkable true story of a group of women from Yorkshire, England, who posed for a nude calendar to raise funds for leukemia research.



Heartwarming, hilarious, and deeply human, this story celebrates the strength of friendship and the courage to do something bold for a cause that matters. The play runs September 6-28, with evening and matinee performances. Fridays and Saturdays 7:30, Sundays 2:30.

This production supports the American Cancer Society and Bloodworks Northwest, and features a community Sunflower Memorial Wall honoring those affected by cancer.

Pacific Rim Institute for Environmental Stewardship (PRI) Announces Leadership Changes and Conservation Plans

Introducing New Executive Director and Board Officers

The Pacific Rim Institute for Environmental Stewardship (PRI) is pleased to share important updates regarding its leadership and ongoing efforts to safeguard its unique native habitat. "Preserving and enhancing the endangered Northwest native prairie remains a central focus at PRI," said Jim Peskuric, recently elected Chair of the Board. As part of this continued commitment, we warmly welcome our new Executive Director, Murietta Mitschak. Murietta joined PRI in April 2025 and brings a strong background in organizational development, event planning, and fundraising to help support our mission moving forward.

Protecting the Land

Pacific Rim Institute is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to nurturing the rare native plant species on its 175-acre property, which has survived development, farming, and grazing since the arrival of European immigrants in the 1850s. "We are proud of our prairie remnant and have contacted the Whidbey Camano Land Trust to establish a conservation easement on approximately 140 acres of the property," said Peskuric. Kurt Schlimme, Conservation Director for the Land Trust, added, "The Land Trust is excited about the possibility of protecting the PRI property, a long-standing community asset and conservation priority."

Murietta Mitschak expressed her enthusiasm, saying, "I am honored to join PRI and contribute to the preservation of this unique and precious habitat. Our efforts will ensure that future generations can experience and learn from this rare native prairie."

Pacific Rim Institute Requests Your Support

Pacific Rim Institute is funded by Federal, State, and Foundation grants, as well as private donations. With recent cuts in federal and state spending, we are seeking new and existing donors to join us with donations or volunteer their time to help us continue to recover and protect our native habitats. Support Pacific Rim Institute for Environmental Stewardship to help ecosystem conservation efforts. Learn more about PRI's mission by viewing these videos.



Visit our website at PacificRimInstitute.org

New fares for Washington State Ferries approved

Tolling changes for transit vehicles on tolled bridges also adopted

The Washington State Transportation Commission has approved changes to state ferry fares, which will begin to go into effect this fall. Commissioners also implemented direction from the Legislature to no longer provide toll exemptions to transit vehicles on tolled bridges.

At its meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 6, the commissioners adopted ferry fare changes that will support meeting the \$408.8 million revenue target set by the Legislature for the 2025-2027 biennium. The adopted fare changes will:

Increase both vehicle and passenger fares by an average of 3 percent on Oct. 1, 2025, and again on May 1, 2026.

Increase the summer peak season surcharge to 35 percent for all routes, aligning with the current rate for the San Juan Island-Anacortes ferry routes.

Pilot an extended expiration date on multiride passes, from the current 90 days to 120 days, starting in May 2026.

The fare changes were developed based on a recommendation from Washington State Ferries and supported by the Ferry Advisory Committee on Tariff, a citizen group that advises WSF. More information on the fare-setting process and detail on how these changes will impact specific fares can be found on the commission's website, wstc.wa.gov.

The commission also voted to repeal toll exemptions for publicly and privately operated transit buses, vans and rideshare vehicles on tolled bridges – in accordance with a legislative mandate. The removal of the toll exemption for transit will go into effect on Oct. 1, 2025, and will apply only to the State Route 520 bridge and the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. Current toll exemptions offered to transit vehicles on the Express Toll Lane system and the State Route 99 tunnel will remain in effect. Hyperlinks within the release:

Fare-setting process: wstc.wa.gov/programs/ferry-fares-policies/

Details: wstc.wa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/2025-27-ferry-fare-proposal.pdf

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What's Going On!

ISLAND SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL: ANIMA

Now through August 30
Island Shakespeare Festival Stage
5476 Maxwelton Rd, Langley

Written by Amelia Pincherle Rosselli and directed by Emily Lyon, Anima is a rarely staged 1890s drama following painter Olga de Velaris as she navigates the pressures of passion, reputation, and survival in Rome's art world. Presented outdoors at the Island Shakespeare Festival, this evocative performance explores selfhood, connection, and the limits of expression.

Performances run select evenings and Sunday matinees through August 30. Reservations range from \$18 to \$60.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Now through August 31
Island Shakespeare Festival Stage
5476 Maxwelton Road, Langley

Island Shakespeare Festival presents Much Ado About Nothing by William Shakespeare, directed by Chad Dexter Kinsman. Beatrice and Benedick battle with wit and love, while Hero faces betrayal and redemption in this sharp, joyful comedy about deception, honor, and self-discovery. Performed outdoors at the Island Shakespeare Festival Stage.

Showtimes vary; reservations recommended.

Presented by Island Shakespeare Festival.

MEET THE OAK HARBOR FIREFIGHTERS AND THEIR TRUCK!

Thursday, August 14
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Oak Harbor Library
1000 SE Regatta Dr, Oak Harbor

The Oak Harbor Fire Department visits the library to share fire safety information, offer a tour of their fire truck, and give kids a chance to practice using a firehose. A family-friendly event you won't want to miss!

ANNUAL COLLABORATIVE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, August 15 · 11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Whidbey Golf Club
2430 SW Fairway Lane, Oak Harbor

Grab your clubs and get ready for a fun-filled afternoon on the course!

This community tournament includes a Best Single Gross Score competition, a putting and chipping contest, Chamber Ball challenge, on-course refreshments, and a catered dinner with an awards ceremony.

Schedule:

11:30 AM · Registration & Contests
1:00 PM · Shotgun Start

Cost:

\$140 per player
\$515 per team of four

WHIDBEY PLEIN AIR PAINT OUT GALA

Friday, August 15 · 6:00–9:00 p.m.
Pacific NorthWest Art School
15 NW Birch Street, Coupeville

Celebrate a week of open-air painting with a relaxed evening of fine art, wine, and conversation. The Gala and Art Sale is the grand finale of the Whidbey Plein Air Paint Out. Enjoy an elegant reception with appetizers, mingle with artists, and shop from a juried selection of fresh plein air works.

Tickets:

\$25 advance · \$30 day-of (Artists registered for the Paint Out attend free)
Hosted outdoors with indoor gallery access.

Also featuring:

Weekend Art Sale:
August 16–17 · 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Free and open to the public

LITTLE BIG FEST

Friday - Sunday, August 15 - 17
Whidbey Island Fairgrounds, Langley

Three days of live music, dancing, and art under the trees at the Whidbey Island Fairgrounds. Little Big Fest features three stages of regional talent, artisan vendors, food trucks, beer gardens, a kids' zone, and a midnight silent disco.

Music from Andy Coe Band, Lee Oskar & Friends, Joslyn & The Sweet Compression, and many more.
Tickets: \$15–\$80 (Kids 12 and under free) Camping available.

THE SERENE AND SPIRITED: HORN AND CLARINET QUINTETS

Saturday, August 16 &
Sunday, August 17, 3–5 p.m.

August 16 – Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge Hall, 63 Jacobs Road, Coupeville
August 17 – St. Augustine's in-the-Woods, 5217 Honeymoon Bay Road, Freeland

An afternoon of Baroque music featuring works by Bach, Buxtehude, Telemann, Vivaldi, Böhm, Couperin, and more. Performers include Tekla Cunningham (baroque violin), Joanna Blendulf (viola da gamba), Henry Lebedinsky (harpsichord), and Thomas Carroll (clarinet).

Admission: \$39.19 general, students free.

TOUR DE WHIDBEY

Saturday, August 16,
5:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Coupeville High School, 501 South Main Street, Coupeville

Enjoy breathtaking views while biking Whidbey Island's back roads or test your limits on epic hills. Six routes are available, ranging from a family-friendly 10-mile loop to the 162-mile Whidbey POWER endurance ride. All routes start and finish at Coupeville High School and feature stocked break stations. This annual fundraising event for the WhidbeyHealth Foundation supports local healthcare.

WHIDBEY WORKING ARTISTS STUDIO TOUR

Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 16-17,
10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Island-wide

Visit more than 30 professional artists in their studios during this annual self-guided tour. See their workspaces, learn about their creative process and view finished works available for purchase. The tour features a variety of media including textiles, glass, wood, sculpture, photography and painting.

STEAM AT THE LIBRARY: ENGINEER, CONSTRUCT, AND BUILD

Tuesday, August 19
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Oak Harbor Library
1000 SE Regatta Drive, Oak Harbor

Join us to engineer, build, and construct! Materials are provided, just bring your imagination. Drop in anytime during the hour. Recommended for kids ages 5 and up; caregivers must stay with children.

FAMILY STORYTIME WITH ANDY

Wednesday, August 20
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Clinton Library
4781 Deer Lake Road

Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and

creative activities together as a family to prepare for the wonder of reading. Storytime is outdoors under a gazebo; bring a lawn chair if you can. Inclement weather may cancel the event. Suitable for preschoolers and toddlers.

BAYVIEW CORNER STREET DANCES PRESENTS: WESTERN HEROES

Wednesday, August 20
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Bayview Cash Store,
5603 Bayview Road, Langley

Dance to original music blending polka, punk, and more with Western Heroes. Free family-friendly event. Refreshments available. Picnic dinners welcome. Rain or shine.

SOUNDS OF SUMMER CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS: MILLER CAMPBELL

Wednesday, August 20
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Windjammer Park, 1600 S. Beekma Drive, Oak Harbor

Experience the Oak Harbor Music Festival's free Sounds of Summer Concert Series at Windjammer Park with Miller Campbell. Pack a picnic and enjoy a lively evening of music in the park. All ages are welcome.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST NAVAL AIR MUSEUM GRAND OPENING

Thursday, Aug. 21 — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum,
545 Ault Field Road, Bldg. D,
Oak Harbor

The museum celebrates its move to a permanent home with a ribbon cutting at 11 a.m., free admission and new exhibits. www.pnwnam.org

BUSKERS ON THE CORNER: END OF SUMMER BASH

Friday, August 22, 5:30–6:30 PM
Pop-Up Plaza Stage, Pioneer Way &
Dock Street, Oak Harbor

Celebrate the season's final Friday show with a festive End of Summer Bash. Expect a lively mix of music and good vibes to wrap up the popular busker series in downtown Oak Harbor.

CLINTON LIBRARY 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, August 23
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Clinton Library
4781 Deer Lake Road

Celebrate 25 years of community partnership with the Clinton Library! Enjoy hotdogs, cake, family-friendly activities, and join in honoring this beloved local resource. Supported by the Friends of the Clinton Library.

LIVE MUSIC & DANCING FEATURING LITTLE JAZZ FRIENDS

Friday, August 22, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
The Center in Oak Harbor
51 SE Jerome St.

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Their favorite part of the job? Meeting the amazing mix of locals and visitors who stop by. At the heart of everything they do is two goals: to support the local community and educate others about Penn Cove.



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"16 OUT OF 31"

You're guess is as good as mine on the cost to the taxpayer, to collect, cut-n-paste, collate, and print the yearly Washington State fishing regulations. There is some need-to-know and other helpful information inside the covers like general rules to follow while on the water, some do's and don'ts of fishing, and laws that help us continue to be good stewards of our fish populations and surrounding waters. Many of my friends and those who visit and go fishing often use the phrase "a person needs to bring along a sea-lawyer to figure out when and where I can fish according to the regulations" and in my experience it's a true statement.

Over the years, the state has dissected the saltwater Marine Areas and the river systems so much they have made their (Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, WDFW) jobs more difficult than it should be, haven't they ever heard of the "KISS" method, "Keep It Simple Stupid." It would be less tasking on law enforcement, not to mention cut down on the confusion for weekend warriors, and visiting fishermen. I know the response would be "it's your responsibility to know the rules" and I'm not down playing the fisherman's responsibilities, however, there is a thing called extremely convoluted rule and information.

I always carry a copy of the current Fishing Regulations with me whether I'm fishing in either fresh or saltwater, and I know many fishermen that keep a soft-copy on their cell phones, but here is the most frustrating part of the fishing regulations 'EMERGENCY RULE CHANGES.' Why are we spending thousands of dollars each year to conduct studies to build comparison graphs, decision/prediction models, and gather potentially bios fish facts to set seasons and catch limits? Is the printed copy only a buffer until it is over-ruled by an in-season emergency rule change? That can only be found on the WDFW web-site? There were 16 in-season rule changes posted on the WDFW website during the 31 days of July this year, which translates into a sudden (overnight) change that affected recreational fishermen on average every two days!

The in-season rule changes "take-away and benefit ratio" varies month-to-month, the benefit typically adds a very short extension of opportunity, however, the take-away tend to remove/stop opportunities for long-term and creates extreme disappointment, especially for Chinook salmon anglers that have waited a whole year to fish. The convoluted open/close, open/close announcements can get pretty painful, and throws fishing trip planning completely out the window.

One of the interesting things I have noticed about the emergency rule change data is after each month has ended they will remove entries. The removed entry rules were based on the posted dates expiring or quotas being forecasted to be met. I believe if it warranted being posted on the emergency rule change site then it should remain on the web-site for each month for historical reference.

It's easy to find fault in procedures and express disappointment with shortsighted decisions..... So how do we fix it? Here are a few of my thoughts after observing the North of Falcon process, commissioner appointments, and fish bureaucracy.

- Every person in a critical decision making position whether appointed or elected should have a serious background in fishing (10 years minimum) primarily as a recreational fisherman with a mixture of commercial and tribal decision makers. Not a fishing background solely based on studies, models, graphs, and speculation, real honest-to-goodness fishermen.
- Shift at least half of the millions of funding dollars away from "roadside" habitat restoration into fish restoration. As it stands, it's like building ultimate dog houses but there aren't any dogs to put in them.
- Establish hatchery co-management between private enterprise, and government, let the civilian and professional population help with money and manpower that want to help.
- Maximize Hatchery production capabilities, fund upgrades, remodels, expansions, and skilled employees to manage the facilities.
- Establish wild brood-stock programs on rivers and streams that have never had established salmon runs from the beginning, make good use of water sources with fish producing qualities. Genetic mixing can benefit, and help maintain healthy runs of fish.
- Please satisfy the wild-fish purists' wishes ("true native" salmon are long gone) stop clipping adipose fins from hatchery fish, any fish that WAS NOT grown to adulthood in a containment pen, it is simple! It is wild! Leave the fin attached! Stop using marked fish to restrict opportunities.
- Stop killing (according to WDFW mortality studies) unclipped fish to catch a clipped fish only, its Ludacris! There's daily catch limits for a reason. Why kill 10 unmarked fish to catch 1 marked fish, right.
- Do not let the minority fishing entities dictate policy to the majority; if the state's economic analysts would stick to the numbers, they could not deny the amount of revenue the recreational angler brings to the big-picture, and is far more wide reaching than they will admit.

Is it fair to simply say "the State of Washington does not want you to fish for salmon?" I believe it's not far from the truth, especially when it comes to Chinook salmon. Since 1999 chinook recovery practices and plans have failed. The single most positive, and recognizable step to recovery happened within the last five years, and unfortunately it was initiated by the death of Orca Whales! Governor Ensley finally did the right thing and worked to increase the number of Chinook salmon; and there's proof that it can be done. The fisheries bureaucracy needs to fully accept that it must completely overhaul its thinking!

Time and rain has pushed the large schools of pink salmon closer to Whidbey Island, get to the beaches, and boat launches now! The pinks will soon be out of the salt and in the rivers and then gone for another two years. GOOD LUCK Island Anglers!!

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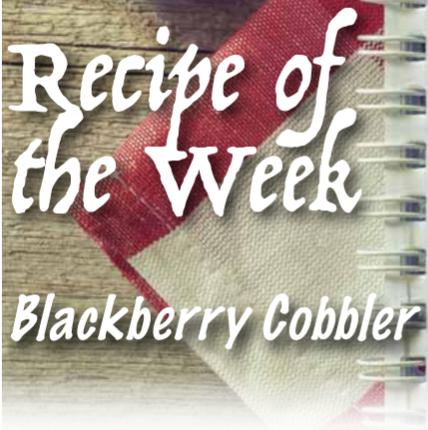
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August and early September mean blackberry bushes heavy with fruit along island trails, fields, and backyards. This cobbler is simple, fragrant, and perfect served warm with a scoop of vanilla ice cream. Best of all, it's a delicious way to make use of those sun-ripened berries you picked (or bought at the farmers market).

Blackberry Cobbler

(Makes 6-8 servings)

Ingredients

For the filling:

- 6 cups fresh blackberries (frozen works, thawed and drained)
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- 1 Tbsp cornstarch
- 1 tsp fresh lemon juice

- 1 tsp vanilla extract

For the topping:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1½ tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 cup milk
- ½ cup unsalted butter, melted

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly butter a 9x13-inch baking dish.
2. In a large bowl, gently toss blackberries with sugar, cornstarch, lemon juice, and vanilla until well coated. Pour berry mixture into prepared dish.
3. In another bowl, whisk flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Add milk and melted butter; stir until just combined (batter will be slightly thin).
4. Pour batter evenly over berries—don't stir. The batter will bake up over the fruit, creating a golden, cake-like crust.
5. Bake for 45–50 minutes, or until the top is golden and a toothpick inserted into the topping comes out clean.
6. Let cool slightly before serving. Best enjoyed warm, topped with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

*Whidbey's hedgerows and trails—especially near Ebey's Landing, Kettles Trail, and South Whidbey State Park—are full of wild blackberries in August. Always pick above knee height and away from roadsides for the cleanest fruit. If wild picking isn't an option, visit a local farmers market or u-pick berry farm.

**This cobbler also works beautifully with raspberries, blueberries, or a mix of summer fruits.



Astrology for August 14-20 2025

Mercury Sextile Mars, A Lot to Talk About

On **August 14**, Mercury in Leo sextiles Mars in Libra at 4°. This puts matters of communication in a productive and favorable light. We have things on our mind, and those things will want to be communicated, as Mercury and Mars are both still in aspect to Pluto in Aquarius. There is a deeper desire beneath our words for transformation. Pay attention to words, and what might be beneath what is being said. This continues with prominence throughout the next few days.

On **August 16**, Mercury in Leo sextiles Mars again in Libra at 6°. There is a lot of power in communications this week. Mercury in Leo recently stationed direct after three weeks of its retrograde motion. During that time, we have been forced to review topics around our desires, what is really driving them, matters of ego, self vs. other, and all matters of creativity and self-expression. After a long review, we may now finally take steps in communicating our findings with others, especially those we are in one-on-one relationships with. From business partnerships to romantic alignments, we have a more informed stance on the direction we'd like to take moving forward and are motivated to get after it. These are the elements of fire and air coming together, which often incites action and thought provoking exchanges.

On **August 19**, the Sun in Leo trines Chiron in Aries at 27°. On the same day, the Moon in Cancer meets up with Jupiter and Venus. This is a beautiful day for healing activities. Booking a session with a practitioner of your favorite modality, or taking action via activities that incite self-reflection. We can feel more confident in prioritizing self-care and in turn, we are rewarded with a boost in confidence or vitality. The Moon moving through Cancer will also make a trine to the North Node in Pisces at 18°. What feels good? What feels healing? Pay attention to the emotional field today, there lies some important information about the way forward. When we honor the unseen realms today, we can take aligned action that feels secure.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Your energy peaks midweek, Aries. The 17th is perfect for tackling something bold, but a slower pace over the weekend will help you avoid burnout. Balance action with reflection.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Your focus turns inward, Taurus. Time spent at home or with loved ones will feel deeply restorative. A small but meaningful change in your daily environment can boost your sense of harmony.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

You're the life of the conversation this week, Gemini. Invitations and new connections may flood in. The 18th favors important discussions—especially ones you've been putting off.

CANCER – June 22/July 22

Finances and values are under review, Cancer. You may see a way to make your resources stretch further. Avoid impulsive spending, especially on the 19th.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23

It's still your time to shine, Leo. The 16th encourages a personal breakthrough, while the weekend brings a boost in confidence. Just be sure to listen as much as you speak.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

You're entering a quieter, more reflective cycle, Virgo. Take time for planning rather than action. Dreams or intuitive insights this week could hold unexpected guidance.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Friends and community play a starring role. A group effort can bring real progress, especially around the 18th. Be open to feedback—it may hold the key to success.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Your professional life takes center stage. The 17th could bring recognition or a push toward a bigger goal. Keep your eyes on the long-term picture rather than short-term wins.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Your adventurous spirit is stirring. A new opportunity for learning, travel, or creative exploration could pop up. Say yes to the unknown—it may lead somewhere exciting.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

You're navigating deeper emotional currents. This week is about honesty—with yourself and others. Vulnerability now can strengthen a relationship in the long run.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Partnerships take the spotlight. Whether in love, friendship, or work, collaboration will be more productive than solo efforts. The 18th is perfect for finding common ground.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Health and routines need attention, Pisces. Even small changes can have a big effect. The weekend is ideal for rest and gentle movement—don't push too hard.



King Crossword

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1 AWOL pursuers
- 4 Lab sci.
- 8 Beach crawler
- 12 Fair-hiring letters
- 13 Corporate symbol
- 14 Aware of
- 15 -- pro nobis
- 16 Long-haired feline
- 18 Windshield cleaner
- 20 Hide-hair insert
- 21 Elite alternative
- 24 Bar legally
- 28 Three digits after 1
- 32 Lighten
- 33 Auction action
- 34 Tools for duels
- 36 -- Na Na
- 37 Beatnik's assent
- 39 "The danger has passed"
- 41 Aquarium favorite
- 43 Morales of "Jericho"
- 44 Non-dairy milk type
- 46 Bounds
- 50 "Play it cool"
- 55 Protrude
- 56 Challenge
- 57 -- Domini
- 58 Whatever
- 59 Egg on
- 60 Harvest
- 61 Reuben bread

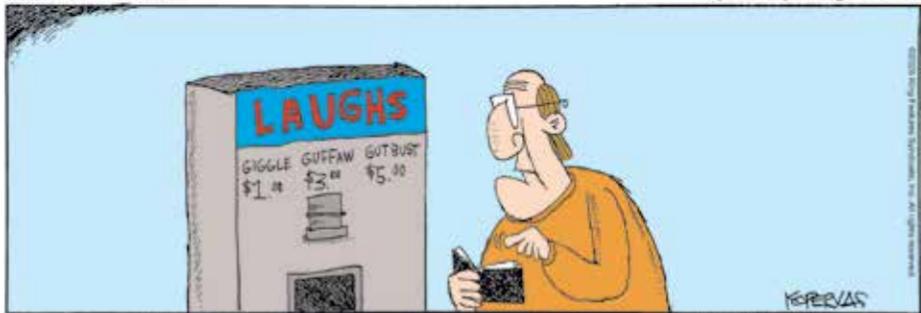
CLUES DOWN

- 1 Calico's call
- 2 Actress Gilpin
- 3 Ivory, for one
- 4 "The Silence of the Lambs" role
- 5 Sweetie
- 6 Custard ingredient
- 7 Earth circler
- 8 Sandpaper type
- 9 GOP org.
- 10 -- glance
- 11 Droid
- 17 Caviar
- 19 Ecol. watchdog
- 22 Nightclub of song
- 23 "Rumour Has It" singer
- 25 Hit with a stun gun
- 26 Job-safety org.
- 27 Dessert fruit
- 28 Slightly
- 29 Go by subway
- 30 Redact
- 31 Congers
- 35 Edible mollusk
- 38 Food seller
- 40 Fib
- 42 Small battery
- 45 Despot
- 47 Slightly open
- 48 Weak
- 49 Eyelid woe
- 50 Billboards
- 51 Tube top
- 52 Capote nickname
- 53 French article
- 54 Navarro of "The View"

Answers on page 11

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, Aug 14 North Isle H-66°/L-57°	Fri, Aug 15 North Isle H-67°/L-58°	Sat, Aug 16 North Isle H-70°/L-59°	Sun, Aug 17 North Isle H-70°/L-57°	Mon, Aug 18 North Isle H-69°/L-57°	Tues, Aug 19 North Isle H-69°/L-57°	Wed, Aug 20 North Isle H-68°/L-55°
South Isle H-70°/L-58°	South Isle H-68°/L-59°	South Isle H-72°/L-60°	South Isle H-73°/L-58°	South Isle H-70°/L-58°	South Isle H-70°/L-56°	South Isle H-70°/L-67°



OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

If you had a friend coming to Whidbey for the first time, where would you take them and why?



Rachel Lefebvre,
Langley

If my friends were coming to visit Whidbey for the first time I would take them to Ebey's landing. I think it's a beautiful place to walk around and enjoy the view of the Olympic Mountains and the Puget Sound. On a clear day you can even see Mount Rainier in the distance. It's a lovely little hike and when you are done you can stop by Coupeville and walk around the beautiful coastal town.

Angela Braunstein,
Oak Harbor



When friends visit Whidbey for the first time, I want them to feel the soul of the island. After soaking in the views at Deception Pass, we'll treasure-hunt at Island Thrift in Oak Harbor, grab a cup at Whidbey Coffee, then take the scenic backroads to Coupeville. We'll spot Penn Cove mussel farm (& Orcas if we're lucky!) and plan for dinner at Captain Whidbey. Then it's into the woods — Bluff Trail or Price Sculpture Forest. If time allows, we'll swing through Langley's charming shops before ending the day at West Beach, exploring tidepools and as the sun sets. Whidbey invites you to slow down, breathe deeply, and just be. That's the magic I'd want them to feel — the kind that stays with you long after you leave.



Barry Wenaas,
Oak Harbor

If I had a visitor come to Whidbey Island I would definitely take them to Deception State Park. It is the number one State Park in Washington and had over 3 1/2 million visitors this past year. I think it is considered number 5 in the nations of popular State Parks.

There are so many water activities, such as fishing, boating, sailing, canoeing and kayaking. The Arts in the Park program on Saturday nights during the summer is unique and so filled with variety. We are blessed to have this program and to see how it has expanded during the years. We have wonderful school programs such as the Junior Ranger program; school programs during the school year talking about the Tide Pools and ecology of the Park.

The views from the Bridge and Park are spectacular; the sunsets and sunrises and all the natural beauty in the park itself.

One thing special about the Park - you may be a first time visitor or a 100 time visitor; you will always see something new.

I truly love to give tours to visiting friends. It is a total joy. It is a visit that always brings a smile.

Ivy Breen,
Coupeville



I would take them to Ebey's Landing. There is so much history there and is the site where early settlers came. The Ebey family themselves were so interesting and wrote many letters home describing their experiences.

Even before the white settlers came here early Native Americans cultivated the land, fished the same waters, and were early stewards of the prairie.

Thank goodness the prairie has been protected and remains much as it was from those early days. Being an artist, I have painted

Ebey's Landing many times and never tire of it.

Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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