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WE'RE HAVING A FIRE SALE... LITERALLY!

Woodstoves are in stock & ready to cut your electric bill in half

Ashley AW1120E-P heats up to 1100 sq ft (let's be real—it can really heat up an 800 sq ft area).

IHS \$761.91

AMAZON \$1056.25

Crushed 'em!



Ashley AW2020E-P heats up to 2000 sq ft, but again, not quite — maybe 1700 sq ft

IHS \$1332.99

AMAZON \$1338.35

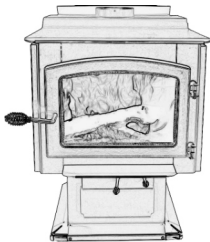
Beat 'em on the back stretch!

Ashley AW2520E-P heats up to 2500 sq ft. Yup, you guessed it: 2200 sq ft

IHS \$1135.29

AMAZON \$1549.99

Sheesh!



Ashley AW3200E-P heats up to 3200 sq ft, but only on a Friday night. ☹️

IHS \$1500.99

AMAZON \$2258.59

Holy smokes!

Hey, don't forget the EPA stove fee of \$30 on every stove you buy.

These bad boys are mobile home approved and meet San Juan County fire code regulations.

Of course, we have all the stove pipe to install them, too.

QUESTIONS OF OUR TIME

Who makes Kirkland batteries for Costco? To answer that, I went to Google, which said that "The Costco CEO recently divulged that Kirkland batteries are actually made by Duracell!

So why pay up to 35¢ more per battery with Duracell when you can opt for the Kirkland brand, knowing that the quality is probably identical?

ARE YOU A CAR NUT AND EARLY BIRD?

If not, don't read this. On Saturdays from 6AM to 9AM, on radio station KVI 570 AM, the NW Auto Show with Tom Turner is a favorite of mine. I recommend it highly, especially when I'm starting on a road trip or even just a coffee run.

SAY THANKS!

Most of us agree that our first responders and healthcare workers who have been serving us since March of 2020 at the beginning of the Pandemic deserve our profound appreciation. At the same time the government decided that Hardware stores along with many other retail businesses were essential to their communities and should remain open to the public like health care facilities only there were not enough masks for them.

The Orcas sewing groups started cutting up all of the furnace filters that we could round up to make masks and no, we did not charge for them. This whole island pulled together like I've never seen before. Boy, was I proud of where I lived. Weren't you? There was no red or blue community!

I can write about how proud I am of the employees of our store and others because I am a retired old guy who was not at a store risking my health to serve you. How about taking time to thank a person who is putting themselves in peril to serve you. If you're a person who has served the public during these very trying times, you have my family's and, I venture to say, our entire island's sincere gratitude.



Living less than a block from ocean's edge in western Washington sure cuts down on the snowfall. Oh yes — the price of fuel is plummeting!

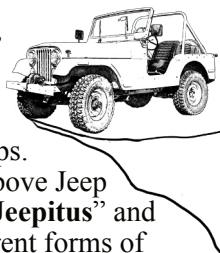


ORCAS CAR TALK

THE JEEP WAVE AND IT'S ORIGIN (MAYBE)

If you've ever ridden in a Jeep Wrangler, you've probably noticed other Jeep drivers waving in your direction. The "wave" started with CJ, YJ, TJ & JK model drivers but now extends to all Jeeps.

By the way, if you don't recognize the above Jeep lettering, you probably haven't caught "**Jeepitus**" and therefore have no need to learn the different forms of the Jeep wave.



Five of Many Forms of the Jeep Wave

1. Two fingers extended up from the steering wheel in the form of a peace sign.
 2. Your right index finger extended up from the wheel.
 3. Extend all of your fingers on one hand while pressing your palm against the wheel.
 4. Extend your hand out the window w/fingers spread (hand closest to the window).
 5. Add a "Hang Loose" symbol to item 4.
- You'll have to buy a Wrangler to get #5.

Two theories as to the origin of the Jeep Wave: First it was a way in WWII for our soldiers to differentiate an ally from an enemy. Most Jeeps after WWII were driven by veterans. The wave became a thank-you to all veterans for their service. They saved our way of life as we know it. There can be no more noble reasons.

Just a closing thought about my beloved jeep: Edmonds rates most Jeep Wranglers with the lowest scores when it comes to reliability yet among the highest in resale value. Now you know what "It's a Jeep thing" means. Sometimes it's better to be lovable than great.



HEALTH TIP

I may be the only one on the planet who this hasn't occurred to in the past, but here goes: All oldsters listen up! Be sure to remember to wash your hands **before** counting out and taking your daily pills.

I really don't want anyone introducing the s%&t virus into their body while taking pills trying to stay healthy.

US-MADE

We really enjoy featuring US-made products in the Hardware Herald. I'd like to say that it's because we're trying to be patriotic. Well, in truth that's only part of the story. American products are easier to return, especially now that shipping is more predictable. Quality is, for the most part, as good or better than stuff that needs to be shipped 7,000 miles one way in a rusty container. Oh, there's also the carbon produced from the millions of gallons of diesel fuel needed to push each container ship here and back (many times the return trip consists of empty containers!)

Years ago in an open-air market, I purchased a hand-sown US-made beautiful long sleeve sport shirt for in-excess of a hundred dollars. I felt great knowing I had helped create an American job. The shirt is hanging in my closet looking almost new to this day. How has it stayed so pristine for so many years, you ask? Well, the buttons are far larger in diameter than the button holes!! Still glad I bought it. And I feel fortunate that I live in a country that a below-average student could afford to buy it.

SAVE YOUR BACON!

I strongly suggest that you put this number in your phone: 360-707-5353. It saved my bacon not long ago. I'd never presume to recommend a medical organization to you — I simply don't have the required knowledge, but I will say this about the Hilde Family Dentistry in Burlington: I got in on Sunday within an hour with my two gold crowns in my hand (not in my mouth)! Thankfully, I left with them safely on my choppers where they belong.

For reference, their hours are Mon, Wed, & Thur 10AM-7PM; Tue & Fri 7AM-4PM; and Sat & Sun 8AM-4PM!

I got my first crown after eating my last corn-nut 30 some years ago. My last taffy-based candy removed both of my crowns within a few minutes a couple Sundays ago. Now that Cannabis is legal, there might be a spot in the law books to outlaw taffy and corn-nuts, though the dental association might oppose it.