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STAFF OPENING

It's not often that Island Hardware has a staff opening. This is truly a **career on Orcas**. If you don't mind hard work, full employment, health care, and, most importantly, a true living wage on Orcas, see our general manager, Marce.

TARP SEASON IS COMING!

The ultimate investment for all your tarp needs are in stock at Island Hardware. These babies are made of real cotton canvas, not plastic! They are breathable, 10 oz, have double-stitched seams and reinforced corners!

6' x 8' \$29.69 16' x 24' \$199.99

12' x 28' IHS price \$179.99, Amazon's is 200 bucks!



MAKITA LEAF BLOWER



52.5cc 4-stroke Backpack Blower (EB5300TH)

Amazon's is \$399.

Island Hardware's for the win is only \$303!

As always, we're \$20 over cost on all power tools.

UNTRACTOR-UNMOWER BATTERY MAINTAINERS

Knock 10 BUCKS off each battery maintenance unit!



Portable unit.....Reg \$49.29

now \$39.29

Build in unit.....Reg \$52.99

now \$42.99



GREAT NEWS! WE HAVE A DATE TO FIX OUR GAS PUMPS: OCTOBER 1!

We should be back to accepting credit cards at the pump. This has been a long process and we really appreciate your understanding!

NEW JOBS BY THE TEN'S OF THOUSANDS FOR AMERICAN WORKERS (I HOPE)

If we follow through and switch to buying American, the prices of the goods will rise as will the quality. I have a 12-year-old made-in-the-USA vacuum that just broke. I'll have it repaired here at home by American labor instead of depositing it in the landfill and buying another cheap plastic foreign machine.

I thought of this sign when I overheard a young islander mention that he liked to throw down an extra \$20 tip to help support the employees of the small businesses in his hometown of Eastsound. I'll just bet that's about what his net pay is per hour! If you're fortunate enough to have a steady paycheck, this would be a good way to say thank you, don't ya think.



This was found on the internet and appears to be from ShopLocal.us.

MISS YOU, OLD BUDDY!

You may have heard these things before but I just had to share them with you again.

During Warren Miller's younger years, he made his living as a carpenter. He really loved building things with his hands. If he had been a little better carpenter, the world would not have had the great storyteller and film maker.

Warren was approaching 70 when I sold him the metal roof for the guest house that he and Laurie would live in for possibly a bit longer than Laurie had anticipated. He came into the lumber yard at the end of the day like a big kid with a grin. "I really like this island—three people stopped by and offered me a job today." I asked, "to make a film?" "No," he said, "they want me to install their new *roof*!"

Warren always thought bigger than the rest of us. For years, the kids and committees had meetings and discussed and planned how to get a small skate park for the Orcas

kids. Warren just went out and raised the lion's share of the first \$34,000 needed to start building the park. He then asked me what it would cost to build a park that could not be mastered. I told him \$150,000 to \$250,000. That was a wild guess, but when he heard the figures, his face lit up. He knew that we (he) could raise the money. He said, "Well, let's get started, dig the hole, and the money will come." He had the vision to create more than we thought we could and we did. He also had the simple idea that maybe we should hire someone who was the best skate park builder and instruct him to build *his* dream park. Monk did just that and you can see the results.

We were to receive an achievement award for creating one of the most significant concrete structures that year in Washington state. Laurie called and asked me to make reservations for them along with us in a Bellevue Hotel. Well, I said that I didn't know how fancy a hotel he'd

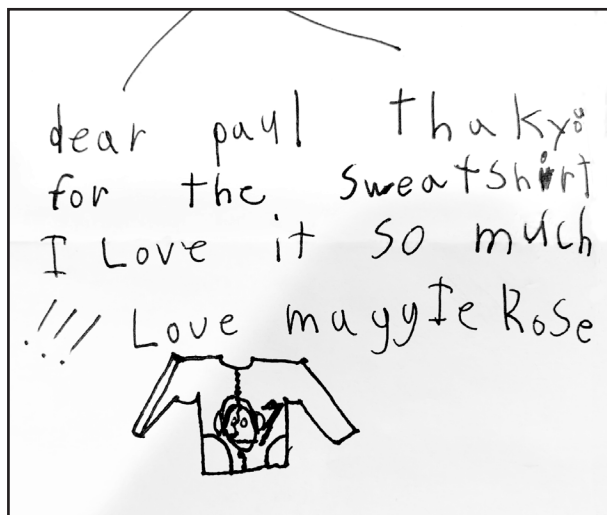
want to stay at since as a poor kid I only remember staying at a little motel with a black & white TV that cost 25¢ a show. He remarked that they were now 75¢!

Warren and I both came from broken homes where alcoholism was the order of the day. Amber at Kaliedoscope daycare would call with a particular single mom's needs and ask for Warren and my help. Warren did not know how to say NO. We never met any of these families. Some of his cartoon drawings hang at the day care to bring joy to the children. After each of Amber's calls, I would say to Warren, "I'll take this family and how about you take that one's needs?" Now I think I'll take yours for you, old buddy.

To know Warren like I had the privilege to do could not help but make you a better person. Thanks, old buddy! Damn, I miss you!

Paul

Sure we get thank-you letters and positive reviews from a bit older customers but this is one of my favorites:



It has been 10:07 for the last 25+ years here on Orcas according to my favorite clock. Are you a bored pandemic inmate who would like to take a crack at repairing this clock. It's yours for the effort. Get it running and we will (in your name) donate \$1,000 to be divided among the employees of your favorite Orcas Restaurant. These folks have been among the hardest hit workers.



NO MORE EGG SHELLS IN THE PAN

I guarantee it! (Well, "maybe" at least.) Crack the egg, then rotate it until the cracked side is pointing to the sky. Pull it apart and, wall-ah—shell in hand, egg in pan! Please don't tell me I was the last one on Orcas to discover this method.