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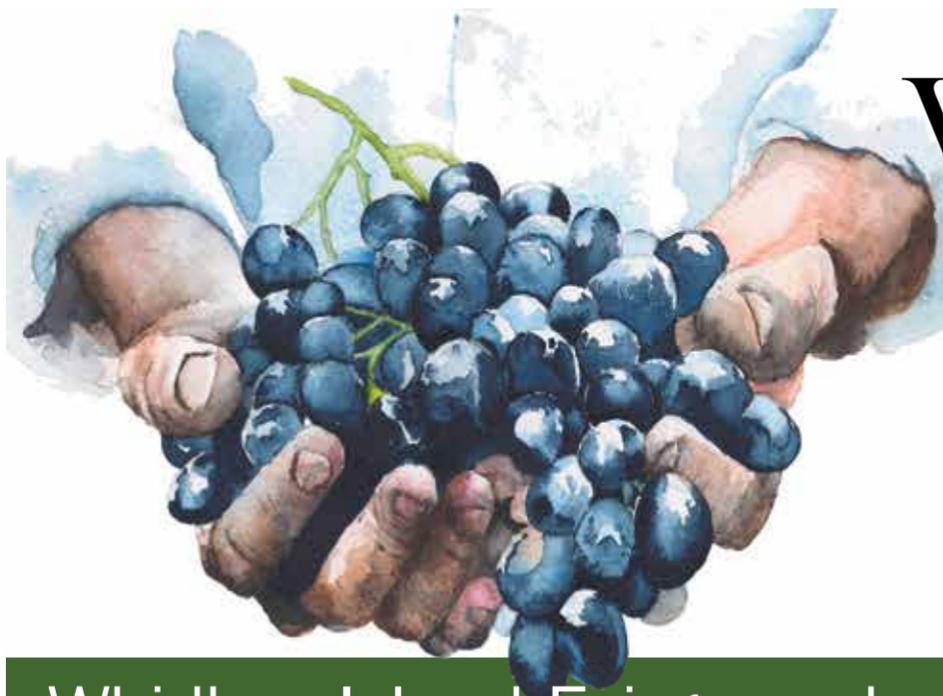
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## Whidbey Island Harvest Festival

Whidbey Island Fairgrounds and Events Center in Langley

### OCTOBER 5 & 6

**Whidbey Island Beer, Wine, Spirits & Cider**

**Whidbey Island Food, from Oysters to Pie**

**Local Arts and Crafts**

**Music - All Homegrown:**

Nathanial Talbot and Friends,

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Alex Bonesteel, Island Jazz Collective and Chet

**FREE Pumpkins & Childrens Activities**

Pumpkin decorating at the Fairgrounds,

Saturday and Sunday and at

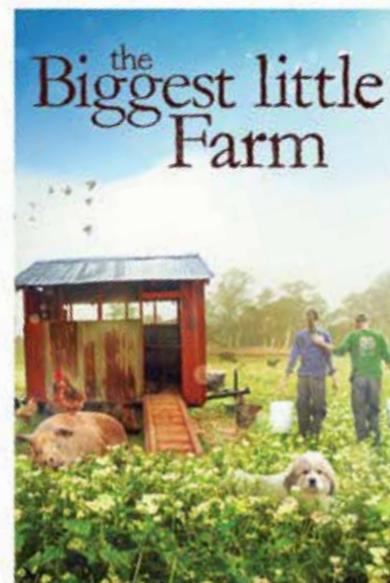
the South Whidbey Community

Center, Saturday 11-4

Costume Exchange Saturday

Scarecrow Making at the

Fairgrounds Sunday (\$10 fee)



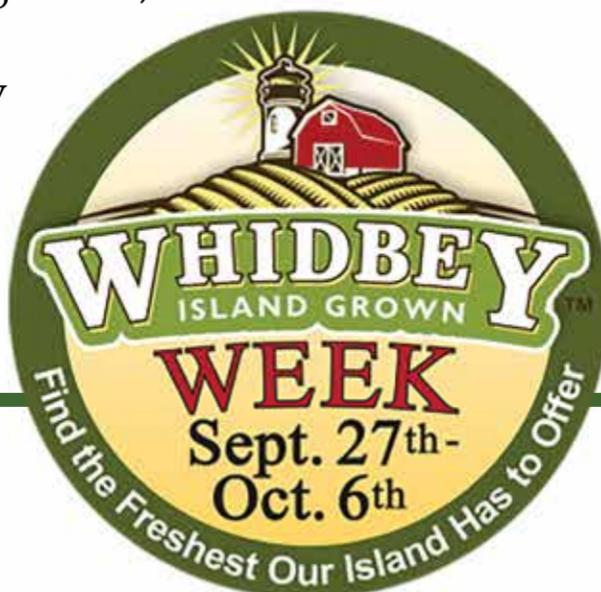
Special Screening  
of the film

**"Biggest Little Farm"**

Saturday, October 5, 5pm

Sunday, October 6, 4pm

Admission \$5



More Local Events *inside*



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**Saturday, October 5th 12-7pm**  
Eckhardt will have door prize drawings of Halloween figures during the Langley Art Walk from 5 to 7pm!



**105 Anthes Ave, Langley**

**HOLMES HARBOR ROD & GUN CLUB**



**Fall Sportsman Sale and Gun Show**  
**Sunday, October 6**  
10am to 3pm

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# ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



May we baseball fans all breathe a sigh of relief now since the Mariners spared us all once again from a lot of unneeded fan angst, also known as fangst, by avoiding the wild card playoffs and a run to the 2019 World Series.

We Mariner fans play fantasy baseball all year, every year with the fantasy this may be the year.

As my high school buddy Holly said just today in a phone call from Lake Lanier near Cumming, Georgia, "A remodel is always more expensive and always takes longer."

This is true Holly, whether one is talking about two by fours or possible two-baggers.

Thank you Mr. Dipoto, senior Seattle soothsayer, for another hope filled procrastination.

### Hear ye, here ye

One of the many advantages of wearing hearing aids is one can hear more background noise than foreground.

What is background is now up front.

This enables one to eavesdrop without having to find eaves.

Fortunately for me, I was in attendance last Wednesday in the Freeland Café lounge to hear the following:

(Note to reader—names have been withheld by request for my own personal safety)

"So what would you like for breakfast?"

"I'll have the chicken fried steak, over medium."

"There is no need to specify how it is cooked. It's just chicken."

My hearing aids perked.

"Chicken? A chicken fried steak is beef."

"Then why do they call it chicken fried?"

"Alexa, what is the history of chicken fried steak?"

"The origin of chicken-fried steak, also known as country-fried steak, is debatable. Some assert that chicken-fried steak is a descendant of Wiener schnitzel, brought to America by German immigrants who took the dish to Texas. Another theory claims that Jimmy Don Perkins, a short-order cook in a cafe in Lamesa, Texas, invented the dish by accident in 1911. According to the legend, Jimmy Don mistook two separate orders, one for chicken and one for fried steak, for one strange request and chicken-fried steak was born."

Bring on the background noise!

With my Dr. Keating approved itty bitty audio enhancers, I'm still learning!

Hearing background noise so well is like continuing education classes, but without the fees.

Just more batteries.

### Walk this way

One of the best things about Freeland is the fact so many people walk.

Whether on a sidewalk or off, Freeland has walkers.

Some of our walkers even have walkers.

It is not uncommon to see gray-haired locals like myself walking around Freeland. Why park and then move again just to go 20 feet?

Some walkers are looking for stores.

Some walkers are looking for cars.

Some walkers are even looking where they are going.

Often, people like me will be walking, without looking. We also might appear to be looking even if we do not know what we are looking at.

The following story was shared by a walking friend of mine after we had stopped walking.

"You'll like this, Jim. I was walking down the street really admiring and enjoying the sky, the cloud formations, and the beauty of the surroundings.

"I was rotating my body and my head as I looked up to the skies embracing all the wonder.

"Suddenly, a woman stopped her car right

beside me, rolled down her window, and then leaned over to ask me a question, 'Sir, are you lost?'

"I said, 'Aren't we all?'"

Out of the mouths of seniors.

Maybe one of Art Linkletter's grandkids could produce a show called "Seniors say the darndest things."

I can almost see the audition lines outside the Elks Lodge now.

### Notes on quotes

Last Sunday's CBS Sunday Morning show shared a Gayle King interview with Olivia Newton John as well as a Jane Pauley interview with Mom Hillary and daughter Chelsea of Clinton fame.

I took notes.

From Olivia—"It's a decision how you feel about something."

From Hillary, quoting the practical advice of Donna Reed's mom character, Donna Stone, to her daughter Mary (portrayed by Shelley Fabares, niece of Nanette Fabray) on *The Donna Reed Show* (1958-1966)—"When you deal with yourself, use your head. When you deal with others, use your heart."

From an ESPN show entitled *E-60* featuring the biography of football great Matt Millen came this Millen gem—"Everybody dies, but not everybody really lives."

### The Song of Drain Tile

Thanks to a business card which belonged to W.R. Saylor, Contract Ditching, 8 Page Road, Chillicothe, Ohio, phone Prospect 2-3815, the following poem is hereby provided:

*I am only a hole in a humble vocation  
Yet I greatly control your civilization;  
I am very tenacious and hard as a stone,  
And am like old Horatius in holding my own,  
So lay me down, keeping me straight in the ditch,  
And while you are sleeping I'll be making you rich;  
Every farmer of pride dearly loves to provide,  
For the future - the son, and the daughter;  
So give me a chance, and I'll greatly enhance,  
Every acre I'll drain of its water.*

*And here's my great beauty—I'm always on duty,  
Out of reach of "the bulls and the bear."  
And when you're in your grave I'll continue to slave,  
For your children, their children, and theirs.  
My habits are good—I require no food—,  
My joints are all made without mortar;  
And I always abstain when deep in the drain,  
From anything stronger than water.*

*If your land is too wet, and you're burdened with debt,  
And encumbrance begins to accrue;  
Obey nature's laws, by removing the cause,  
Drain your farm, or it will drain you.  
'Tis so foolish to plant, where the goose or the brant,  
Might paddle from March to September;  
You might as well sow on a November snow,  
And expect seed to grow in December.*

*Some farmers are failing, and weeping, and wailing,  
And blame the good Lord without reason.  
When if they would stop sowing seed in the slop,  
They might raise a good crop every season.  
Most farmers lament the money they've spent,  
For the things only made to beguile;  
But never as yet, did a farmer regret;  
The money expended for Tile.*

I Googled, Binged, and DuckDuckGo'ed W. R. Saylor's name and occupation to get permission to share his classic poem, even if it is public domain.

The only reference I have found so far deals with Mr. Saylor as a well known mover and shaker in his community in 1914, and quite knowledgeable about the geology of southern Ohio.

My thanks to the *Whidbey Weekly* reader who sent me Mr. Saylor's business card.

I would research further about his life but it might be a drain to find out.

You may groan now if you have not done so already.

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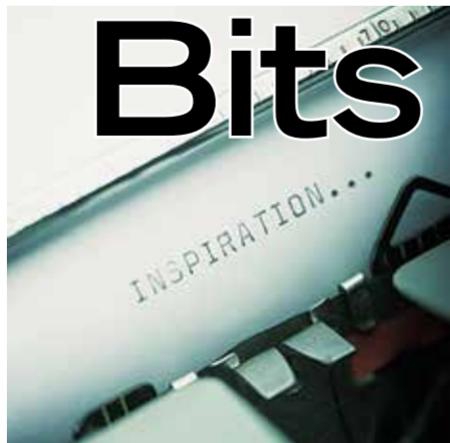
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# Bits & Pieces

## Letters to the Editor

### Editor,

This letter is to express my support for the reelection of Bob Severns for Mayor of Oak Harbor. I am a resident of the City of Oak Harbor and have been since 2016. I am retired from a large metropolitan area of northern California, grateful for having served as a law enforcement professional for more than 34 years. Having had so many years of experience with people from all walks of life, in unusual or stressful situations, gives me unique insight into people's character and decision making. Though Oak Harbor may be a small community, it has been my observation that it has challenges faced by many larger cities. Some of these challenges, as I see them, include: housing, job opportunities, infrastructure improvement, and homeless issues.

From the first time I met Mayor Severns, he has been active in seeking housing opportunities and projects that will benefit both the city and our city's residents. Mayor Severns is a staunch supporter of NAS Whidbey Island and the jobs and businesses that the naval base supports. The continued health and growth of NASWI provides opportunities for the city of Oak Harbor to grow and move forward as a strong partner with the Navy. Mayor Severns has taken up the mantle of professionally and responsibly supporting the Navy's commitment to training and readiness, and is unwavering in his belief that our relationship with the Navy is a fundamental part of the great life we enjoy in Oak Harbor and Whidbey island. Though Mayor Severns inherited the construction of the sewage treatment plant from his immediate predecessor, Mayor Severns demonstrated transparency dealing with the costs associated in such a large scale infrastructure project, showing no hesitation to make the difficult decisions necessary to act in the best interest of Oak Harbor and its residents.

Mayor Severns has repeatedly demonstrated his sensibility dealing with both sides of the homeless issue. He recognizes the minimal level of services available to homeless in Oak Harbor, but also the need to protect the community against the problems that often accompany homeless populations, such as panhandling, vandalism, trespass, thefts, and drug use. He has worked closely with Police Chief Dresker to add additional police officers to the Oak Harbor Police Dept. to help address the homeless problems.

There is no other candidate for mayor of Oak Harbor that has demonstrated Bob Severns' commitment to service, tireless work and long hours, depth of experience, and ability to selflessly build relationships that first and foremost benefit the City of Oak Harbor and its residents. I describe Bob Severns as a man of integrity and good character who, above all, has a tremendous heart for service.

Please join me to reelect Bob Severns for Mayor of the City of Oak Harbor.

Best Regards,

Toni Sall  
Oak Harbor, Wash.

### New Pick Up and Drop Off Area Set to Open at Clinton Ferry Terminal

Starting Monday afternoon, Sept. 30, Washington State Ferries customers at the Clinton Ferry Terminal began using an improved passenger pick up and drop off area.

The passenger and ADA improvements increase pedestrian safety by adding an additional lane on Ferry Dock Road, sidewalks that meet ADA standards, and a waiting platform. The additional lane will allow through traffic to bypass the pickup and drop off area for walk-on ferry passengers.

Drivers will use the new pick up and drop off area by making a right turn onto Ferry Dock Road as they approach the ferry terminal on State Route 525. Ferry customers with limited mobility can still use the dock near the terminal building for loading.

The \$3 million project was funded through the 2015 Connecting Washington funding package.

Washington State Ferries, a division of the Washington State Department of Transportation, is the largest ferry system in the U.S. and safely and efficiently carries nearly 25 million people a year through some of the most majestic scenery in the world. For breaking news and the latest information, follow WSF on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/wsferries>).

[Submitted by Hadley Rodero, WSDOT]

### Larsen to Host Six Veterans Forums in October

Rep. Rick Larsen (WA-02) will host six Veterans Forums in Snohomish, Skagit, Island, Whatcom and San Juan counties.

The forums are opportunities for veterans to receive updates about legislation affecting them and get answers to questions about the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), health care, job training and housing.

"Veterans know their communities better than anybody," Larsen, a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee, said, "and that is part of the reason these forums are so important. Answering questions and hearing concerns directly from local veterans is the single best way for me to continue being a strong veterans' advocate in Congress."

Washington state is home to more than 540,000 veterans, including just over 59,000 veterans in the Second Congressional District. Larsen is committed to ensuring women and men who have served in the U.S. military have access to the resources and services needed. Larsen has held 63 public Veterans Forums to hear directly from local veterans about how he can better serve them in Congress.

Thursday from 10:00 to 11:30AM, Larsen will host a Veterans Forum in Oak Harbor at VFW Post 7392, 3037 Goldie Road. All northwest Washington veterans are invited to participate.

[Submitted by Joseph Tutino, Rep. Rick Larsen's office]

### Why is the Northern Spotted Owl Endangered?



Natural resource scientist Joseph B. Buchanan presents background about the ecology of the Northern Spotted Owls at the Whidbey Audubon Society meeting Thursday, Oct. 10 at the Coupeville Recreation Center. He will provide an update on the status of the species, conservation challenges and research and management actions addressing those challenges.

Buchanan is with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, where he has worked for 28 years. For 32 years, he has been involved in research, conservation and management relating to Spotted Owls in Washington. The public is welcome to this free program in the Coupeville Recreation Hall. Doors open at 7:00PM

and the program begins at 7:30PM. In case bad weather cancels this event, check [www.whidbeyaudubon.org](http://www.whidbeyaudubon.org) by 4:00PM the day of the program.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, Whidbey Audubon Publicity Chair]

### Watoto Octoberfest Dinner/Auction Fundraiser

Enjoy a Bavarian dinner, no host bar, entertainment by Lori Hansen of the Pickled Herring Band, and African Fair Trade Goods for purchase Friday, Oct. 11 at the Oak Harbor Elks Lodge. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available by calling 360-679-1561. The auction preview begins at 5:30, dinner is at 6:30PM.

Proceeds benefit vulnerable women and children in Uganda. Watoto organization helps women by providing housing, training and jobs and helps children by providing families, homes and schooling. In September, the Watoto Children's Choir performed in Oak Harbor, giving the children a chance to experience some of the world and audience members a chance to enjoy their lively, enthusiastic singing and dancing and to hear some of their stories of the joy they have found in being part of Watoto.

Sponsored by Oak Harbor Lutheran Church Watoto Mission Team, which has been traveling annually to Uganda since 2008 and has built a house and a medical clinic there. The next mission and health care trip is in January 2020. You're invited.

[Submitted by Robert Lycksell, Watoto Team]

### Volunteer Opportunities at Langley Whale Center

Are you concerned about the decline of the critically endangered Southern Resident Orcas? Would you like to learn more about local Orcas, Gray and Humpback whale populations and other marine mammals? This is a great time to get involved as the Southern Residents frequent our area each fall. Langley Whale Center has scheduled a volunteer training day for Saturday, Oct. 12.

You will learn about our local whales, Orca Network and its various programs – Whale Sighting Network, Marine Mammal Stranding Network – education and events. These programs are great for those who want to volunteer occasionally. Volunteer docents at the Langley Whale Center greet and count visitors, explain educational displays and help with gift shop sales. Most volunteers serve 6 to 12 hours a month and enjoy connecting with people in the community, from around the country and the world, while making a huge impact through raising awareness about the whales and the importance of providing them healthy and safe habitats. The Langley Whale Center and all Orca Network programs are currently accepting volunteer applications. The more you learn, the more you will become connected to the amazing creatures who frequent the waters near Whidbey Island and in Puget Sound. All ages are welcome to join.

The Langley Whale Center is a project of Orca Network, a non-profit organization that has been on Whidbey Island for 20 years. The Langley Whale Center is the organization's public connection and greeted over 10,000 visitors this summer. The Langley Whale Center is open Thursday through Monday, 11:00AM until 5:00PM. Volunteer docents work in teams of two and new volunteers will work with experienced volunteers. If you can't attend the volunteer training day, on the job training is available. Contact Whale Center Manager Wendy Sines at [wendylsines@gmail.com](mailto:wendylsines@gmail.com), or stop by the Center at 105 Anthes Ave, Langley, Wash. and pick up a volunteer application.

[Submitted by Wendy Sines]

### Announcing Local "Orca Recovery Day 2019" Events

Recent news of the presumed deaths of three Southern Resident Orca Whales has added urgency to the need for large scale restoration efforts. Conservation Districts have joined

## How to Become a Long-term Investor

It's a fairly predictable pattern: When the stock market rises, more people invest, but after a large-scale drop, many of these same people head for the exits. But by staying out of the financial markets, and only putting their money in "safe" vehicles that offer few or no growth prospects, are they really helping themselves? Here's the bottom line: If you're going to make progress toward your long-term goals, you have to become a long-term investor. But how?

To begin with, you need to understand that long-term investing involves accepting inevitable short-term price swings. You may not like seeing those sharp price drops, but it will help your outlook greatly if you can keep them in perspective. Studies have shown that the longer you hold your investments, the less impact market volatility can have on them.

So, to reach that point where the market's ups and downs have less of a cumulative impact on your holdings, consider the following actions:

- Only invest money you won't need for a long time. If you can tell yourself that the money you are investing today is money you won't really need for 20 or 30 years, you'll be better prepared, psychologically, to get through the down periods of the financial markets. And as long as you aren't overextending yourself financially in other parts of your life, you really shouldn't need those investment dollars for a very long time. They should be earmarked for goals you hope to achieve far into the future, such as a comfortable retirement.

- Keep your focus on what is most important to you. If you can visualize your long-term goals, you'll find it easier to keep working toward them. For example, if you are hoping to travel extensively when you retire, keep thinking about what that might look like. You might even research the countries you plan to visit, even if these trips are far in the future. Ultimately, if you know where you're going and you're determined to get there, you'll get past the bumps in the road.

- Don't spend excessive time reviewing your investment statements. A bad month or two can cause some noticeably negative numbers on your investment statements. But if you can discipline yourself to avoid spending too much time dwelling on these figures, you may feel less stress about investing – and you may even be less tempted to make short-term moves that could have unfortunate long-term results. However, if you do want to study your investment statements, don't just stop at the most recent results. Instead, look for trends that might tell a different story. Has the number of shares you own in various investments increased significantly over time? And over the past five or 10 years, has your portfolio's overall performance been positive? By digging a little deeper into your statements, you might gain more confidence in the course you're following.

Short-term price drops are not pleasant to experience. However, you can help yourself become a better long-term investor by following the above suggestions, so put them to work soon – and stick with them.

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with dozens of other partners across Washington State to host events to help restore habitat, reduce stormwater pollution, and educate the public about things everyone can do to help save one of the most iconic creatures of the Pacific Northwest. Members of the public are invited to sign up at one of over 60 events being held Oct. 19, as part of a statewide coordination of events known as "Orca Recovery Day 2019."

**What:** 60+ events across Washington, British Columbia, Oregon, and Northern California to connect people to the recovery effort for the critically endangered Southern Resident Orca Whales. Led by Conservation Districts throughout Washington, and joined by dozens of nonprofits, tribes, and local and state agencies, Orca Recovery Day will engage thousands of people in actions that help improve conditions for the Orca.

#### Local Events:

Sunlight Shores Shoreline Restoration Community Planting work party

9:00AM-12:00PM

Partners Marine Resource Committee, North West Straights Foundation, and Sunlight Shores Community

More info on the project: <https://nwstraightsfoundation.org/project/sunlight-shores-shoreline-restoration-and-armor-removal/>

Storymap featuring Sunlight Shores: <https://wdfw.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=75f1e93166ec4d869b163136d7446c19>

Cornet Bay Noxious Weed Removal

9:00AM-12:00PM

Partners Northwest Straights Foundation, Island County Marine Resource Committee, Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group

Greenbank Farm Rain Garden Renovation

1:00-4:00PM

Partners WSU EXT Master Gardeners, Port of Coupeville

In addition to the work parties, look for Orca-themed drink specials at your local coffee shop!

**Why:** The Southern Resident Orca Whales that call the Salish Sea (Strait of Georgia, Strait of Juan de Fuca, and Puget Sound) home are critically endangered. In the past few months alone, three more Southern Resident Orcas died, resulting in a current population of 73. Their numbers have been in steady decline. Recovery for the Southern Resident Orcas will take a coordinated and ongoing effort by all who reside in watersheds that provide habitat for the Orca's primary food source: primarily Chinook salmon, which are also endangered. Improving fish habitat will also support sport and commercial fisheries in Washington which have an estimated economic impact of \$2.7 billion. These watersheds span every corner of Washington State and surrounding lands. Providing clean waterways to support fish health and overall improved water quality will benefit more than just the Southern Resident Orcas; doing so will benefit all life that call Washington State and surrounding lands/waterways their home.

Generous sponsors have already stepped forward to support Orca Recovery Day events including, but not limited to, One Tree Planted, Washington State Conservation Commission, Ruth Foundation: A legacy of the Gary E. Milgard Foundation, Bonneville Environmental Foundation, Boeing, Puget Sound Energy, and the Russell Family Foundation

Local partners include Northwest Straights Foundation, Island County Marine Resource Committee, WSU Extension Master Gardeners, Port of Coupeville, and Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group.

**Who:** All events are family-friendly and designed for anyone to volunteer in their local community. Event details and volunteer registration can be found at [www.whidbeycd.org/orca](http://www.whidbeycd.org/orca). Regional information and project overview can be found at [www.BetterGround.org/ORD](http://www.BetterGround.org/ORD). People who are unable to volunteer may consider a donation to support conservation efforts at [www.PromiseThePod.org](http://www.PromiseThePod.org).

[Submitted by Shannon Bly, Whidbey Island Conservation District]

### Skagit Valley College Hall of Fame 2020 Now Accepting Nominations

Skagit Valley College (SVC) is pleased to announce nominations are now being accepted for the SVC Hall of Fame 2020. Established in 1989, the Hall of Fame recognizes and honors individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to Skagit Valley College or have honored it by their personal achievements. Hall of Fame inductees include alumni, community leaders, former faculty and staff members, and public officials. Induction into the Hall of Fame is one of the highest honors the college bestows.

Nominations will be placed before the Hall of Fame Council for consideration. In addition to college employees and a current student, the Hall of Fame Council includes two members of the community.

Nomination forms must be submitted by Wednesday, Oct. 30, 5:00PM to the Hall of Fame Council, c/o Skagit Valley College President's Office, 2405 East College Way, Mount Vernon, WA 98273. To access the online nomination form, and to view the list of all Hall of Fame inductees, visit [www.skagit.edu/halloffame](http://www.skagit.edu/halloffame). For more information, please contact the SVC president's office, 360-416-7995.

[Submitted by Arden Ainley, Chief Public Information Officer, SVC]

### Local Business News

#### Share-a-Pair: Peoples Bank Launches 2019 "Socktober" Campaign

Donations of new pairs of socks will support non-profit organizations serving homeless communities in Washington

Building on its 2018 Socktober campaign during which more than 7,000 pairs of socks were donated to nonprofit organizations serving homeless communities in Washington,

Peoples Bank launched its 2019 campaign this week, with a goal of donating 10,000 pairs of socks. Donations of new, unopened pairs of socks, as well as monetary contributions, will be accepted at all 23 Peoples Bank branch locations during the month of October. Peoples Bank will also donate socks on behalf of community members who complete a brief online form, available at [www.peoplesbank-wa.com/socktober](http://www.peoplesbank-wa.com/socktober). In early November, donated socks will be delivered to 22 nonprofit organizations located throughout Chelan/Douglas, Island, King, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom counties. The McKinney-Vento program and Ryan's House are the nonprofit recipients for the bank's Whidbey Island branches in Coupeville and Oak Harbor.

"Considering socks are the most requested clothing item at homeless organizations, 'Share-a-Pair for Socktober' is a way for Peoples Bank to help our homeless neighbors and inspire others in the community to do the same," said Andy Pohlman, Chief Retail Banking Officer at Peoples Bank. "Through donations made at our 23 branches and online participation, we are confident we will exceed last year's donation of new socks and set a high bar for future programs."

Peoples Bank was founded nearly 100 years ago in Lynden, Wash. with a strong commitment to give back to the communities it serves. The bank contributes financial support through grants and sponsorships and its "Community Involvement Day" program offers eligible employees up to eight paid hours annually to volunteer their time, skills and knowledge to improve their communities.

A list of Peoples Bank branch locations accepting sock donations can be found at [www.peoplesbank-wa.com/locations/](http://www.peoplesbank-wa.com/locations/).

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# What's Going On

All entries are listed chronologically, unless there are multiple entries for the same venue or are connected to a specific organization (such as Sno-Isle Libraries) in which case all entries for that venue or organization are listed collectively in chronological order under one heading.

## Harvest Festival

Thursday, October 3 - Sunday, October 6  
Island County Fairgrounds, Langley

The Whidbey Island Harvest Festival is a brand-new event and part of Whidbey Island Grown Week. The first two days are agriculture-related workshops and seminars while the rest will be filled with your chance to meet food vendors, taste locally-crafted wine and beer. You'll also have the opportunity to watch the popular documentary, "The Biggest Little Farm."

## Live Music: Rosahlee

Friday, October 4, 7:30-9:30PM  
Penn Cove Taproom, Oak Harbor

This very talented singer/songwriter is 16! She will blow you away with her pop and Indie music. Her very first album is coming out soon. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-2247 or visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

## Nordic Culture Day

Saturday, October 5, 11:00AM-3:00PM  
Nordic Hall, Coupeville

Explore the Scandinavian countries and experience some of their history and some of the Nordic culture through various displays of food preparation and exhibits of several Nordic crafts. Free admission. There will be demonstrations of Viking crafts, skills and weaponry. Lunch is available.

## Build a Scarecrow & Help Good Cheer

Saturday, October 5, 12:00-4:00PM  
Island County Fairgrounds, Langley  
\$10 per scarecrow

Bring two cans of food for Good Cheer. All materials and instruction provided for you to build, stuff and customize your own scarecrow. BBQ lunch provided by donation until the food runs out. For more information, call 360-221-4677.

## Island Herb Vendor Day

Friday, October 5, 1:00-4:00PM  
Island Herb, Freeland

Representatives from Skagit Organics will be on site with product displays and information. Must be 21 or older. Island Herb is located at 5565 Vanbarr Pl, Unit F. For more information, call 360-331-0140 or visit [whidbeyislandherb.com](http://whidbeyislandherb.com). Marijuana has intoxicating effects and may be habit forming. Keep out of the reach of children.

## Whidbey Contra Dance

Saturday, October 5, 6:30-9:30PM  
Clinton Community Hall, 6411 S Central Ave.

All ages come enjoy the music and dance! Returning special guest caller Isaac Banner will teach a simple dance of repeating steps, then call out the moves as we dance to the live band Improper, featuring Sean Bolton, fiddle; Melissa Coffey, whistle, flute, Sax, and fiddle; Nick Leininger, guitar; and Julie Bennet, percussion.

A new dance for every song. Short lesson and simpler dances at the start. Come alone or bring friends, no partner needed. \$10 suggested donation or a snack to share. No one will be turned away if unable to donate.

## Live Music: Jess

Saturday, October 5, 7:30-9:30PM  
Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

Jess' performances are a mixture of originals and covers. Recently described as Coffeeshop Rock-Accoustic, Jess has carefully handcrafted her originals. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

## Fall Sportsman's Sale and Gun Show

Sunday, October 6, 10:00AM-3:00PM  
Holmes Harbor Rod and Gun Club, Langley

The show takes place in the main clubhouse and features tables of guns, ammo, optics, knives, fishing gear, boating equipment, and all manner of other sporting goods. An FFL will be on site to facilitate firearm transfers. Though HHRGC is a private club, the public is welcome to attend this event. Admission is by donation. For more information, call 360-221-7574.

## Candidate Forum

Monday, October 7, 10:30-11:30AM  
Regency on Whidbey, Oak Harbor

This forum will introduce residents and families to Mayor Bob Severns and Pat Harman, candidates for Mayor of the City of Oak Harbor. Regency is located at 1040 SW Kimball Drive. For more information, call 360-279-2224 or email [tmendiola@regency-pacific.com](mailto:tmendiola@regency-pacific.com).

## Italian Fest Dinner

Thursday, October 10, 5:30PM  
Oak Harbor Yacht Club

Medical Safety Net of North Whidbey invites you to its 2019 fundraising event. The evening includes a no host social hour at 5:30PM followed by dinner featuring an Italian osso bucco menu at 6:30PM. The evening includes a raffle of gift baskets and other surprises. Call Sheri Blessing at 360-675-4640 for ticket information.

## Buffalo Field Campaign Roadshow 2019

Friday, October 11, 6:00-8:00PM  
Langley Whale Center, 105 Anthes Ave, Langley

Learn how much the wild buffalo have in common with our endangered orcas, and what we can learn from the decades of experience the Buffalo Field Campaign has undertaken for the charismatic megafauna of the land, much like efforts Orca Network has engaged in for our charismatic megafauna of the sea. Storytelling and videos by BFC co-founder Mike Mease, beautiful flute music and stories from Mignon Geli. This is a free event, but donations are gladly accepted. [www.BuffaloFieldCampaign.org](http://www.BuffaloFieldCampaign.org).

## Live Music: Kevin Adam Kieneker

Friday, October 11, 7:30-9:30PM  
Penn Cove Taproom, Oak Harbor

Kevin's amazing guitar mastery will leave you amazed! No cover. For more information, call 360-682-2247 or visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

## Frightville XIX

Saturdays, October 12, 19, 26,  
7:00PM-12:00AM  
Fridays, October 18, 25, 7:00PM-12:00AM  
Thursday, October 31, 7:00PM-12:00AM  
Roller Barn, 98 NE Barron Dr, Oak Harbor

Haunt fee is \$13 per person. A guided no scare tour of the haunted house will be held Saturday, Oct. 19 & 26, 12:00-4:00PM, \$5 per person. All proceeds benefit Oak Harbor Boys and Girls Club.

## Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below  
Cost: Free

## End-of-Life Discussion Series

Thursdays, October 3 & 10, 1:00-3:00PM  
Freeland Library

Hospice of the Northwest, along with Island Senior Resources are offering a series of workshops about the many crucial decisions surrounding aging and death. The workshops will provide guidance and planning information for spiritual, medical, legal and housing questions related to end of life issues. Join us for some or all conversations. These classes are

free and anyone is welcome to attend one or all of the sessions. Presented by Kaaren Flint from Hospice of the Northwest.

## 12 Points of Light: Acupressure Made Easy

Thursday, October 3, 4:00-6:00PM  
Freeland Library

Acupressure is easy to use on yourself and others, and these points are excellent tools for your health toolkit. Join Janie Keilwitz RN, MN. Everyone is welcome. For more information visit [wihha.com](http://wihha.com).

## Used Book Sale

Saturday, October 5, 10:00AM-2:00PM  
Freeland Library

Large selection of great books for all ages at bargain prices. Proceeds support the Friends of the Freeland Library.

## Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age

Saturday, October 5, 2:00-4:00PM  
Coupeville Library

"Screenagers" is the first feature documentary film about the impact of the digital age on children and how to help them minimize harmful effects and find balance. For parents and their tweens/teens.

## Give Yourself Permission to Be Creative

Tuesday, October 8, 2:00PM  
Freeland Library

Local author/illustrator team Bonnie-Jean McNeil and Susan Rodney invite you to learn about their path to self-publishing three children's picture books. Everyone is welcome.

## Lit for Fun Book Group

Thursday, October 10, 9:00-11:00AM  
Freeland Library

Join us for a discussion of P.W. Singer and Emerson T. Brooking's "LikeWar: The Weaponization of Social Media," where through the weaponization of social media, the internet is changing war and politics. For adults.

## Religious Services

### South Whidbey Community Church

Sundays, 9:00-9:45AM Adult Bible Study  
10:00-11:00AM Worship  
Deer Lagoon Grange, 5142 Bayview Rd, Langley

Sunday, October 6 - Communion - Special Speaker: Dr. Tom McAnally. Services are followed by a light lunch. You are invited to join us for lunch and loving fellowship.

### Prayer Group

Every Tuesday, 4:00-5:30PM  
St. Hubert Catholic Church, Langley

Charismatic Prayer and Praise group. Everyone welcome. For more information, call B. Moore at 360-320-0937.

### Filipino Christian Fellowship

Sundays, 2:00PM  
Meets at Church on the Rock,  
1780 SE 4th Ave., Oak Harbor.  
[www.ohcfellowship.com](http://www.ohcfellowship.com)

### Healing Rooms

Every Thursday, 6:30-8:30PM  
5200 Honeymoon Bay Road, Freeland  
The Healing Rooms are open to anyone desiring personal prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual needs. There is a team of Christians from several local churches that are dedicated to praying for healing the sick in our community. All ministry is private, confidential, and free. Teams are available to pray for individuals who drop by on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information, contact Ann at 425-263-2704, email [healingwhidbey.com](mailto:healingwhidbey.com), or visit the International Association of Healing Rooms at [healingrooms.com](http://healingrooms.com).

## Concordia Lutheran Church

Sunday service, 9:30AM  
Bible Study & Sunday School, 10:45AM  
590 N. Oak Harbor Street

For more information, visit [www.concordiaoakharbor.org](http://www.concordiaoakharbor.org) or call 360-675-2548.

## Teaching Through God's Word

Sundays, 9:00 & 11:00AM  
Calvary Chapel, 3821 French Road, Clinton

For more information, visit [ccwhidbey.com](http://ccwhidbey.com).

## Unitarian Universalist Sunday Service

Sundays, 10:00AM  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Freeland

All are welcome. Values-based children's religious exploration classes and childcare will be provided. Visit [www.uucwi.org](http://www.uucwi.org) for more information. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation building is located at 20103 Highway 525, two miles north of Freeland.

## Unity of Whidbey

Sundays, 10:00AM  
5671 Crawford Road, Langley

If you're one of the "spiritual but not religious" people who questions your childhood faith or is looking for something more, Unity of Whidbey may feel like a homecoming. Visit their website, [unityofwhidbey.org](http://unityofwhidbey.org).

## Whidbey Quakers

Sundays, 4:00-5:00PM  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Freeland

Whidbey Islands Friends Meeting (also known as Quakers) meet in silent worship and community, with occasional spoken messages, every Sunday at the Unitarian Universalist building. For more information, contact Tom Ewell at [tewell@whidbey.com](mailto:tewell@whidbey.com) or go to [www.whidbeyquakers.org](http://www.whidbeyquakers.org).

## First Church of Christ, Scientist

Worship, 10:00AM  
Sunday School to age 20, 10:00AM  
Wednesday Testimony Meeting, 2:30PM  
Christian Science Reading Room  
Tuesday & Friday, 11:00AM-3:00PM

The church and Reading Room are located at 721 SW 20th Court at Scenic Heights Street, Oak Harbor. Call 360-675-0621 or visit [christianscience.com](http://christianscience.com).

Services and Sunday School are also held at 10:30AM on South Whidbey at 15910 Highway 525, just north of Bayview and across from Useless Bay Road; testimony meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.

## Galleries & Art Shows

### Meet the Artist - Eckhardt Ullrich

Saturday, October 5, 12:00-7:00PM  
Langley Whale Center, 105 Anthes Avenue

From Black Diamond, Wash., Eckhardt uses his many years of experience in the water-jet industry to create beautiful metal designs inspired by nature. Eckhardt will be holding free prize drawings for his Halloween yard stakes during the Langley Art Walk, from 5:00 to 7:00PM.

## Meetings & Organizations

### Greenbank Garden Club

Thursday, October 3, 9:30AM  
Greenbank Progressive Club, Greenbank

Social time will be followed by a brief Business Meeting starting promptly at 10:00AM. Our speaker is Diane Wisen speaking on "Poisonous Plants Everywhere." New members and guests welcome.

### Flying Fingers Deaf and Hearing Social

Friday, October 4, 5:45-6:45PM  
Langley United Methodist Church, Fireside Room

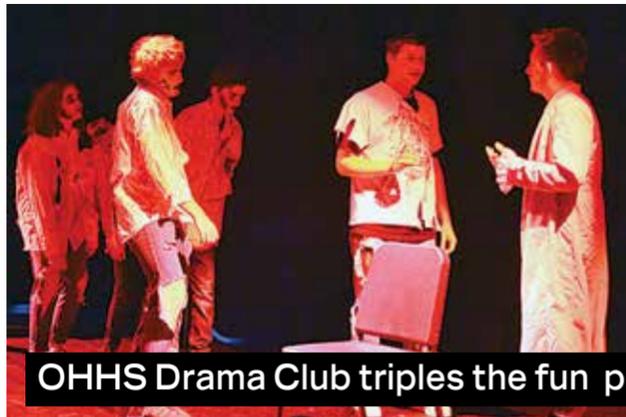
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## Whidbey Rotary clubs remember the forgotten

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

The four Rotary clubs of Whidbey Island have joined forces to help remember those who may have been otherwise forgotten.

The public is invited to attend a special ceremony at 11 a.m. Saturday at Maple Leaf Cemetery in Oak Harbor to unveil a new monument honoring 108 people currently buried in an unmarked grave at the cemetery.

"From time to time the Island County corner has people who have no family, no one to take care of arrangements," explained Bryan Stucky, president of Whidbey Island Sunrise Rotary. "The coroner's office pays to have them cremated, and their remains sit on a shelf in the office and every so often, the remains are buried at Maple Leaf, with no fanfare, no acknowledgement."

Stucky said he was shocked to learn of the unmarked grave and of the number of

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Photo Courtesy of Bryan Stucky  
A monument like this will be unveiled Saturday at Maple Leaf Cemetery in Oak Harbor, engraved with the names of 108 people buried in an unmarked grave. All four Rotary clubs on Whidbey Island contributed to having the obelisk placed at the grave. added in the future. The monument will be unveiled in a ceremony at 11 a.m. Saturday.



## Harvest Festival celebrates everything Whidbey Island

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

The first ever Whidbey Island Harvest Festival is a celebration of fall, yes, but more importantly, it celebrates all things Whidbey. The festival takes place Thursday through Sunday at the Island County Fairgrounds in Langley, and just like Whidbey, it's unique.

"We at the chamber wanted to bring out all the true talent of Whidbey Island," said Inge Morascini, executive director of the Langley Chamber of Commerce.

"We have so much that is hidden or off the beaten track here and this festival allows us to expose both locals and visitors to the plethora of talent - like farming and viticulture - long established on Whidbey Island, and talent like music and art, which has had a long tradition here as well," she continued. "We admire so many of our neighbors for their skills and abilities that we wanted to show it to others as well."

The Whidbey Island Harvest Festival coincides with the final days of Whidbey Island Grown Week, another event that celebrates farms and businesses on Whidbey Island. The Langley Chamber has partnered with several organizations on the island to put the festival together, including Whidbey Island Grown, Port of South Whidbey, Whidbey Island Vintners and Distillers Association and Whidbey Island Arts Council. It's a sort of "strength in numbers" approach to putting a new event together.

"By joining with several organizations and an existing event, like Whidbey Island Grown Week, we are able to rally the membership of individual organizations into a larger statement," explained Morascini. "It also helps spread out the work and responsibilities."

As mentioned, the first two days of the festival are all about sharing knowledge. Registration for the classes is now closed, but for a first-time event, organizers were able to pull together a varied list of subjects, ranging from photography to foraging for wild mushrooms, from floral design to turning feedbags into tote bags, from growing food to appreciating cider and many others. (Something to check out next year, if you missed the chance to register this time around.)

"There's so much talent here, teaching and sharing is a natural outcrop of bringing these people together," Morascini said. "It is the nature of the local residents to want to learn, explore and grow - another wonderful thing about Whidbey Island."

The classes are just the opening act to a weekend filled with fun and flavors of harvest season, according to Morascini.

"Saturday and Sunday will include food from local restaurants and eateries in the Pole Barn and wine/beer/spirits and cider tasting in the Pole Barn dining room, again all locally made," she said. "And we also have homegrown music, from bands like Nathaniel Talbot

and Friends, Alex Bonesteel, Janie Cribbs and The T.Rust Band and the Joann Quintana Band.

"On the midway, we'll have local groups representing agriculture and the arts, and in the Turner Building we will have local arts, crafts and fine art - all for sale," continued Morascini. "Oh, and we have free pumpkins, too. Each child will receive a free pumpkin to decorate as they like."

But that's not all. There's even a movie.

"In the late afternoon we will be screening the [documentary] film 'Biggest Little Farm' in the Pole Building," Morascini said. "[It will be shown] at 5 p.m. Saturday and at 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission for the film is \$5."

While there was a fee for some of the classes and the film, there is no charge to attend the festival Saturday and Sunday, which goes on from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Anyone interested in learning more can go to [www.visitlangley.com](http://www.visitlangley.com) for details.

"[It will have] everything, from food to music to the wine and beer are all made on Whidbey Island," Morascini said. "It's a chance to see our neighbors show off their talents."



Photo Courtesy of Langley Chamber of Commerce  
It's harvest time on Whidbey Island and to celebrate, those interested can attend the first Whidbey Island Harvest Festival featuring all things Whidbey. The festival consists of classes and workshops on Thursday and Friday and fun for all Saturday and Sunday at the Whidbey Island Fairgrounds in Langley.





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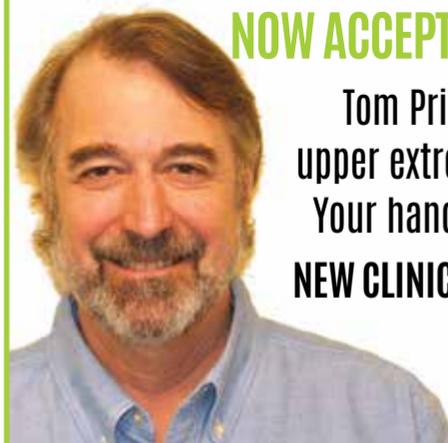
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**NOTHING BUT NET**

This catch phrase is generally associated with basketball. It's used when the ball handler shoots and manages to make a basket without the ball touching any part of the hoop. The ball gracefully slips past the metal hoop touching "nothing but net."

Just as the nylon net is used to slow and control a sinking basketball, we fishermen and women use a net to contain, slow, and control a fighting fish like a salmon or lingcod. We want the fish in the net the first time just as bad as any NBA player wants their basketball to drop into the net for two points. "Nothing but net" is a good rule of thumb to keep in mind and practice. Often times we're not thinking about our net-man until he is scrambling around the boat grabbing for the net before the person fighting (fish-fighter) the fish has it too close for comfort. When the fish you and your fishing buddies have been waiting all day to hook and land finally gets within reach of the net, your net-man or woman has suddenly become even more important than the person holding the rod. When a barbless hook is the only thing holding onto a struggling fish that is doing everything in its power to break free, you need a net-man with ice in his veins, has the concentration of a gold-panner, and the reflexes of a startled cat. Okay, you've got the "ice man" for your net partner; it's still going to take both net-man and fish-fighter working as a team to win the battle. Here are some general considerations and practices that can help land that wonderful fish and keep from knocking the fish off at the net.

- **Net inspection:** Before each trip it's wise to take a few minutes to inspect the net or nets you will be using for the day. Check for any obvious breaks, or weak spots in the webbing, make sure the net basket is fastened securely to the hoop at the joining point, check the overall condition of the metal hoop and handle (saltwater is brutal on aluminum and can quickly weaken it to the point of failure). Rinsing all parts of the net with freshwater after saltwater use will prolong the life of your favorite net.
- **Alongside:** If your boat is at idle or dead-in-the-water when the fish is caught, try to position the fish for landing at the side of the boat. This lets both the net-man and the fish-fighter see what the fish is doing, making it easier to react and adjust to the fish's actions.
- **Patience with the net:** Many fish are lost at the boat when we are anxious and excited and try to net the fish too soon. Poking a net at a lively fish can end in failure. Most fish will panic at the sight and sound of a net being thrust at them. Remember, the fish could be trailing a loose hook and it will most likely catch on the netting and give the fish even more leverage to break free. So be patient, wait until the fish is not so green, then it's time to gently and confidently dip the net.
- **Net headfirst:** Smaller salmon around three pounds can usually be netted by scooping under the fish's body. Large or trophy size fish should always be netted headfirst. When I have a nice size fish coming into net distance, I let

the fish-fighter do all of the work with the rod. When the fish is played out and calm, only then will I dip the net into the water; I let the rod pull the fish into the net with very little forward thrust movement of the net.

- **Above water:** Don't lift the fish's head out of the water while it's being reeled to the net; keep the pressure slow and steady, try to keep the fish's head just below the surface. By lifting the fish's head out of the water it puts additional strain on the rod and can cause the fish to spring back to life when it feels its gills out of water.
- **No sweeping:** Never try an underwater sweeping action to net a fish. There is no way you can keep up with a running fish with a completely submerged net.
- **No tail:** Even a tired fish will dart away from something touching its tail; the fish will use the mesh of the net to quickly push off, just like a track and field sprinter pushes out of a set of starting blocks. The only time I've seen a successful tail-net happen is in the river. If the current is swift enough, you might get lucky and the current could help push the fish into the waiting net tail first. We still attempt to land each fish head first, even if it means leading the fish to a calm pocket or back-eddy and then landing him.
- **Not a shovel:** Most nets are built with a hollow handle and hoop-body. This helps keep the overall weight down and makes them easier to manage, especially if you are fishing alone. Once a fish is in the net try NOT to lift the fish and all the water, like using a shovel to lift dirt. Practice an all-in-one motion of lifting and at the same time pointing the end of the net handle towards the sky, this will collapse the net basket around the fish and take the shear pressure off of the handle. This technique will definitely save your net if you are landing a giant fish.
- **Finish the sweet battle:** Don't celebrate too early. Get the fish in the net, get the net in the boat and get the fish on the deck; now it's time to celebrate. I've seen fish get out of nets and escape back into the water in ways you would not believe. Fish are like the great Houdini - give them a chance and they will escape.

Netting a fish is not written in stone. There will be times when you do everything right and the fish shakes, rattles and rolls its way out of the net and we are sadly left watching our prize swim away. Look at it this way, catching a fish and losing it is still better than not catching a fish at all. Keep a stiff upper lip, re-bait your hook and get it back in the water; there are obviously fish in the area.

Coho fishing has been hot in Deception Pass and in the straights. Both beach and boat fishermen have been taking home a fish for dinner. It has been a few years since we've had this much rain this early; it will definitely drive the fish further inland from the Pacific and closer to the rivers. It was estimated we would get a good long run of coho this year, let's hope it holds true. Colder weather is near, so plan accordingly and go fish! Good luck out there!

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Photos by Kathy Reed  
The Oak Harbor High School Drama Club's fall production features three one-act plays each evening, starting Thursday and running through Saturday. Performances are at 7 p.m. each evening.

# Triple the fun with OHHS Drama Club

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

The Oak Harbor High School Drama Club is prepared to answer some of the most pressing questions of our time with its production of three one-act plays, all of which will be performed Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings in the school's black box theater.

With titles such as "Appropriate Audience Behavior," "13 Ways to Screw Up a College Interview" and "Ten Ways to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse," these student-led productions will be sure to tickle a few funny bones while imparting words of wisdom.

Drama club students selected the short plays last spring, held auditions in June before the school year ended and began rehearsals in late August, before the school year started. Many of the students take on multiple roles, some appearing as actors in all three plays.

All three of the plays are performed each evening, so audiences will have a chance to enjoy all the tips offered up – some of which could come in handy should the world ever actually succumb to a zombie apocalypse. Or, audiences can just enjoy an evening of light-hearted comedy with a few social observations tossed in for good measure. Either way, the production has proved to be good experience for those involved.

"This is the first production that I'm not an actor," said Ashley Berry, a senior at OHHS and the director of "Appropriate Audience Behavior," which follows two women as they put



up with a variety of annoying behavior from fellow audience members during a production of "Hamlet."

"I liked this play because of how fun it is for the cast and it teaches audiences and the cast what they should and shouldn't do in a theater," said Berry. "As a director, I liked having a say in how everything goes."

"I like the control directing gives me," agreed Zeke Mann, a junior who has been involved in the drama club for three years. "Actors add their own twist, so it's my vision combined with theirs and we get to see how it all comes together."

Mann is directing "13 Ways to Screw up a College Interview," where two university staff must fill a last-minute vacancy by interviewing candidates who were not necessarily the cream of the crop, such as one prospective student who claims to be a practicing vampire.

"I feel like either everyone has gone to college or has had to do an interview, so [the audience] can all relate," said Mann. "At least they can feel better knowing they're not the strangest ones out there."

The evening winds up with "Ten Ways to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse," directed by senior Andrew Van Auken, another first-time director.

"It's artistic, really, how you can spin something into being," he said. "It's satisfying to see what you say, your vision, come to life."

Van Auken said he chose this play because he thought it was funny and he enjoys the genre.

"I thought I could make it something the audience would find funny," he said. "It's a good break from reality. All three shows are comedies and a good laugh is always fun."

Performances are Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for those with ASB cards or those under 12 years of age. Those interested can purchase tickets at the door or they can reserve their spots by sending an email with their name, the date they want to attend and the number of tickets needed to [ohhsdramaclubreservations@gmail.com](mailto:ohhsdramaclubreservations@gmail.com).

## Main Street appeals city council vote on downtown housing project

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

The Oak Harbor Main Street Association has filed a petition in Island County Superior Court appealing the decision made by the Oak Harbor City Council to approve the application to build low income housing in the heart of the downtown shopping district, and the group is asking for community support to help pay for it.

By a four to three vote Aug. 20, members of the city council accepted a hearing examiner's recommendation that the council approve a boundary line adjustment and the Low Income Housing Institute's application to build a 51-unit housing complex on Pioneer Way.

OHMSA has long opposed the Seattle nonprofit's plan to build low income housing in the Central Business District, citing the proposal does not meet the intent of the city's building code because the project doesn't include enough retail space along Pioneer Way.

"Oak Harbor Main Street Association is requesting the court review and reverse the decision to approve the LIHI project," said Hayley Samford, OHMSA executive director. "We acknowledge that more housing is needed; the issue with this project is not with housing, but rather the lack of retail space on the ground floor of the building. The City's Central Business District zoning code states that 'retail and visitor oriented activities' on the ground floor are 'required.' A 40,000 square foot building, with only 2.5 percent of that space as retail, does not fit the purpose and intent of the code for our Central Business District."

However, city staff and the hearing examiner determined LIHI's plans met current requirements, and representatives of LIHI also agree the nonprofit has complied with building codes. Current plans call for 1,000 square feet of retail space directly on Pioneer Way. The residential portion of the building is set back from the street and does not connect directly to the thoroughfare.

"The Code under which we were vested for our permits has been fulfilled by our current design," said LIHI's Housing Development Director, Robin Amadon, also stating the site is not at the center of the CBD, as she claims it has been described, but falls at the outer edge of the district.

"We offered to do a workshop with City Council members and with the Chamber of Commerce to explain the site conditions, the realities of the considerable site constraints and the value that our retail and housing will offer to Oak Harbor and the downtown...but we were denied the opportunity to convene such a workshop," Amadon said. "We have met the code as it is written, including its intent, and we hope that our defense in Superior Court to uphold the decision of the duly elected



Artist Rendering Courtesy of Low Income Housing Institute  
The Oak Harbor Main Street Association is appealing the city council's approval of the Low Income Housing Institute's application to build a 51-unit apartment complex along Pioneer Way in downtown Oak Harbor.

officials in Oak Harbor will result in a decision that restores our permission to proceed."

To help with legal fees, Main Street is also asking for the community's assistance to raise \$35,000, according to Samford.

"For this appeal to be successful, we need the community's help," she said. "We have launched a page for residents to follow on Facebook for the appeal's latest updates. There is also a page for individuals and businesses to contribute to help us fight to protect our downtown."

The appeal has already affected the construction timeline, according to Amadon. Construction was scheduled to begin in November, with completion around the end of 2020. That has been delayed until there is a decision on OHMSA's appeal.

"It affects the timing of our start of construction," she said. "We are taking appropriate measures to defend the city council's approval of our permits and respond to the petition filed in Island County Superior Court against our project proceeding. [But] our efforts to ready the project for construction are not on hold. There are many aspects of getting ready to give a notice to proceed and those steps are continuing."

Meanwhile, Oak Harbor City Council held a public hearing Tuesday night (after Whidbey Weekly's press deadline) to debate imposing a temporary, partial moratorium restricting development in the Central Business District, a move generated by the LIHI decision. Whidbey Weekly will have details of that hearing in next week's issue.

Those interested in learning more about OHMSA's petition can visit its new Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ohlandusepetitionappeal](http://www.facebook.com/ohlandusepetitionappeal). Those interested in making a contribution can visit [www.gofundme.com/f/OakHarborlandusepetition](http://www.gofundme.com/f/OakHarborlandusepetition).

Anyone interested in learning more about the Low Income Housing Institute's mission or in contributing to the nonprofit can go to [www.lihi.org](http://www.lihi.org).

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people interred there. He approached the other Rotary clubs on the island – Oak Harbor, South Whidbey and Whidbey Westside – and asked if they would be interested in doing something. All four clubs jumped on board, pitching in to place a new monument at the unmarked grave.

"I'm proud we were able to do this through Rotary. It's nice to have all the Rotary clubs coming together," he said.

The names of all 108 people have been engraved on the obelisk, which stands more than six feet tall, Stucky said. Those interred range in age from stillborn babies to the elderly, according to cemetery records. All veterans who had been buried in the unmarked grave were removed several years ago and placed at Tahoma National Cemetery. The remains still there have been there for years, although no one would have known. There are no markers to indicate the grave even exists.

"At some point, everyone in that grave meant something to somebody," said Stucky. "At some point, someone was their parent, someone was a friend. I'm glad we're letting people know they're here, that they're not totally forgotten."

Saturday's service is expected to be brief. Pastor David Lura will share a few words and the monument will be unveiled. Organizers hope the community will turn out to support the memory of those left behind. The new monument does have space for additional names. As Stucky explained, the remains of 11 more people are currently at the coroner's office waiting to be laid to rest.

"The way we take care of those who have passed away says a lot about who we are," he said.



# Film Shorts

Courtesy of Cascadia Weekly

By Carey Ross

**Abominable:** An animated adventure about a kid who wakes up to find a yeti on his roof, befriends it and tries to help it return to its home on Mt. Everest. I'm pretty sure if I found a yeti on my roof, this is not at all how things would go, so kudos to that kid. ★★★★★ (PG • 1 hr. 37 min.)

**Ad Astra:** A lavishly shot, very serious sci-fi movie that tackles issues writ small and universal that probably deserves better than to be described as "the Brad Pitt space movie," but I went ahead and said it anyway. ★★★★★ (PG-13 • 2 hrs. 4 min.)

**Angel Has Fallen:** Just when I forgot all about the existence of Gerard Butler, here he is. I gave some thought to learning what this movie is about, but it seems like a waste of effort, so I'll just go ahead and guess it's about as good as every other Gerard Butler movie. ★★ (R • 1 hr. 54 min.)

**Downton Abbey:** I'm always skeptical when a beloved television show gets the feature-film treatment, but I think this is going to be a good one. Welcome back, Violet Crawley, Dowager Countess of Grantham. We've missed you. ★★★★★ (PG • 1 hr. 30 min.)

**Good Boys:** If you think watching a bunch of overly precocious kids swear a lot is funny, have I got a movie for you. ★★★★★ (R • 1 hr. 35 min.)

**Hustlers:** Lest you think Jennifer Lopez is nothing more than hit songs and husbands, she's here to remind you she's got acting chops for miles in her mesmerizing portrayal of a stripper with big ideas and a cast of co-conspirators including Constance Wu, Keke Palmer, Cardi B, and probably not nearly enough Lizzo. Anything you can do, J. Lo can do better. ★★★★★ (R • 1 hr. 47 min.)

**It Chapter Two:** This movie is predicated on the premise that if murderous Pennywise the clown shows up and starts offing people, the now-adult kids from the Losers Club will return to Derry and vanquish him once again. If I were one of those now-adult kids, that

would be the hardest nope I ever noped. ★★★★★ (R • 2 hrs. 49 min.)

**Joker:** If a gunman who reportedly identified with the Joker had not opened fire in a movie theater in Aurora, Colorado during a showing of "The Dark Knight Rises," killing 12 people and injuring 70 others, I might think this movie, which has been referred to as a blueprint for incels, was harmless entertainment. Holy hell, Hollywood, what are you thinking? ★ (R • 2 hrs. 2 min.)

**Judy:** Renee Zellweger transforming herself to play a late-in-life Judy Garland? Sometimes the dreams I dare to dream really do come true. ★★★★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 58 min.)

**The Lion King:** I didn't like this movie the first time around, so do your worst, Disney. Everything the light touches is your kingdom, after all. ★★ (R • 1 hr. 48 min.)

**Lucy In the Sky:** Loosely based on the story of astronaut Lisa Nowak, who was behind the bizarre kidnapping attempt of a romantic rival, this could've been a character study in how the drive to strive can break even an incredibly successful, accomplished woman, but instead it's something much less than that. ★★ (R • 2 hrs. 4 min.)

**The Peanut Butter Falcon:** Shia LeBeouf delivers on some of the promise he showed in his earlier roles as a small-time outlaw who befriends a young man with Down syndrome who ran away from his nursing home in order to follow his dream of becoming a professional wrestler in this heartwarming Mark Twain-inspired story. ★★★★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 33 min.)

**Rambo: Last Blood:** If Arnold Schwarzenegger gets to be the Terminator again, it seems only fair Sylvester Stallone reprise his role as John Rambo. They drew first blood. Now he's going to draw last blood. Never mind all the blood in the middle. We don't need to talk about that. ★ (R • 1 hr. 29 min.)

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# Let's Dish!

with Kae Harris



## A SLICE OF AUTUMN – NOT THE KIND OF PIE YOU'RE THINKING OF!

I've decided to take some well-known favorites, the 'classics' in American cuisine, and put a fall spin on it this month. I know sometimes the idea or suggestion to turn a regular meal into a seasonal one may seem a bit 'out-there' and may even make some balk at the thought, but you may end up creating a new food tradition by stepping out of the proverbial box in the culinary world, and who knows, it could be a practice or recipe that carries on for generations to come!

I happened to find out October is National Pizza Month and you obviously already know I'm going to turn it into a seasonal affair with all sorts of autumn inspired ingredients pushed forward as ideas to work with on a pizza crust. First, however, what is pizza? According to Britannica.com "Pizza (is) a dish of Italian origin consisting of a flattened disk of bread dough, topped with some combination of olive oil, oregano, tomato, olives, mozzarella or other cheese and many other ingredients, baked quickly," etc. So pizza is basically a flatbread topped with something, a concept which goes further back in time than we may think. After all, the ancient Egyptians were consuming flatbreads with olive oil and herbs too. The modern-day version though, is said to hail from Naples, where the closer to the bay you got, the more densely populated it became and the poorer the population. These poor, working class

folk required quick, easy and inexpensive sustenance and flatbreads with various toppings hit all those marks.

Now, the story goes King Umberto I and Queen Margherita visited Naples in 1889 and, after growing oh so bored of their staple diet of French upper-class cuisine, the queen requested something a little different. She asked for flatbread with her favorite toppings; soft white cheese, with tomatoes and fresh basil. This combination, given the Queen's seal of approval, went on to be dubbed the Margherita, though it's interesting to note even with this notoriety behind its name, the pizza would not be popularized outside of Naples until the 1900s. It was Italian immigrants from Naples who took this food item with them across the ocean to the U.S. at the turn of the 20th century and replicated a taste of home here that piqued curiosity eventually, and non-Italians were intrigued. One of the first establishments licensed to sell pizza in the U.S. happened to be around about 1905, so our love affair with this food goes back over a hundred years, I would say.

Today, the sheer amounts and types of pizza made are unbelievable. Thin crust, thick crust, stuffed crust – the list of toppings is equally endless. When I ask around, 'what makes a good pizza?' the answer varies drastically and I've found pizza to be one of the most personal tastes in the food world. I'm not quite sure why this is. When it comes to dishes like fried chicken or some sort of barbecued meat (ribs, for example) there isn't much deviation

from what people find makes 'good fried chicken' or 'delicious ribs.' Ask the same about pizza though, and your answers are as varied as the people you're asking. Pizza is not my favorite food and I hardly ever eat it. I know it is difficult to believe, but if I didn't eat it, it wouldn't make me terribly sad, and not because I don't like it. I'm not 100 percent certain why that is, it just is. However, from time to time I get a hankering for a slice and when I do, I prefer a deep dish, plain cheese or vegetable-topped pizza.

Now, back to the whole theme of this - fall favorites. How can we take an Italian/American staple and put an autumn spin on it? Well, you could first of all substitute the tomato base for something like mashed sweet potatoes and top with seasonal produce. There are countless ways to make an autumnal event of pizza eating. With toppings like onions (which are seemingly always in season), mushrooms, peppers, figs, squash, pumpkin, kale (ew – not for me thanks), apples, pears, goat cheese, so on and so forth, you can really put the flavors of the season all in a single place and eat it in one go. Just a bite of a fall pizza can have a multitude of ingredients, tastes and textures and it's a wonderful thing indeed! Unless it has kale on it. Then, maybe so not much – but again, it's a matter of opinion. I digress.

In any event, the pizza is as basic a meal as it comes and the ways in which to adorn it are multitudinous to say the least. You can dress a pizza up – think prosciutto with pear, caramelized onions and goat's cheese on a basil pesto base – or have it in its original 'working class' form; a plain and simple, tomato, cheese and herb pizza. You could even turn it into a dessert with all the delicious apples and pears now in the grocery stores; the aroma will fill your kitchen and will more than certainly let everyone know you have ushered fall into your home. A caramel apple pizza with crunchy pecans, served with a dollop of ice cream works wonders together and tastes surprisingly scrumptious. Again, the ways in which you can turn a pizza into a dessert delight are limitless.

Dear Readers, the rainy weather makes for chilly days sometimes and definitely puts a little bite into the air. Maybe this month,

warm your house by baking up a pizza or two and in so doing, observe National Pizza month! I'm including my favorite, quick and easy recipe for a dessert pizza and if you try it, let me know how you like it! Please send any and all comments, questions and definitely recipes you'd like to share to letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com and we can do just that, as always – Dish!

### Fall Dessert Pizza

4 or 5 medium to large apples, peeled, cored and very finely sliced  
3 tablespoons flour  
3 tablespoons brown sugar  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon pumpkin spice

### Streusel Topping

1/2 cup cold butter  
1/2 cup flour  
1/3 cup brown sugar  
1/2 cup oatmeal  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts or pecans (optional)

Caramel sauce for topping

1 pre-made pizza crust (I use Boboli, but you can use your own homemade kind)

Toss the apple slices with flour, brown sugar, cinnamon and pumpkin spice until all the apples are evenly coated. Grease a pizza pan or large cookie sheet with butter if using fresh homemade dough and preheat oven to 400°F. Drizzle some caramel sauce on the pizza base and arrange the apples on top, however you like. Prepare the streusel by mixing together the flour and brown sugar. Cut in the butter until it makes small, pea-sized bits and then stir in the cinnamon and oatmeal. Sprinkle over the apples and top with more caramel sauce. Bake for approximately 25 minutes or until apples are just tender and your crust is cooked through. Allow to cool and serve warm with whipped or ice cream! Enjoy!

www.history.com/news/a-slice-of-history-pizza-through-the-ages

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### Greenbank Progressive Club Monthly Potluck Dinner & Meeting

Thursday, October 10, 6:00PM

Bakken & Firehouse Roads Clubhouse,  
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Marin Faure will make his presentation, "Success on the Step: Flying with Kenmore Air," illustrating the company's history from its beginning in 1946 to the present day. Highlights are the early days of the company, the evolution of its aircraft fleet, and its dramatic glacier operations in British Columbia and Washington. Meet and greet will begin at 6:00PM with dinner at 6:30PM. Everyone is invited and asked to bring a dish to share and their own table service. For more information, please call 360-678-5562. For rental of the Greenbank Hall, please call 360-678-4813.

### AAUW Whidbey Island

Saturday, October 12, 10:00-11:00AM

First United Methodist Church, Oak Harbor

AAUW Program presents Dr. Cindy Ellis, founder of Pacific Mammal Research and adjunct professor at Skagit Valley College. Cindy will speak about her career and career field as well as research done by Pacific Mammal Research to study mammals in the Salish Sea. Quilt Raffle tickets available. Program is free and public is welcome. The church is located at 1050 SE Ireland St.

### Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island

Monday, October 14, 1:00PM

Trinity Lutheran Church Annex, Freeland

New members and guests are always welcome. Jill Morelli, certified genealogist and researcher, will be presenting "Don't Build Your Own Brick Walls! Using The FAN technique (Family, Associates, and Neighbors)."

Please come at 12:45PM to sign-in and socialize with the presentation from 1:00-3:00PM.

### Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers (WIGS)

Tuesday, October 15, 1:00-3:00PM

Oak Harbor Lutheran Church,  
1253 NW 2nd Ave.

"From Matches in a List to Family: Case Studies in DNA" will be presented by Mary Kathryn Kozy. All are welcome to join us for this educational program. For more information visit [www.whidbeygensearchers.org](http://www.whidbeygensearchers.org).

### Whidbey Island Camera Club

Tuesday, October 15, 6:00-8:00PM

Elaine's Photo Studio, 947 Ault Field Rd,  
Oak Harbor

Social time 6:00-6:30PM, meeting 6:30-8:00PM. The theme for October is Reflections. You may submit up to three photographs for discussion during the meeting to [Clancet@aol.com](mailto:Clancet@aol.com). Whidbey Island Camera Club, a community club, is open to the public. If you have questions please email [tina31543@comcast.net](mailto:tina31543@comcast.net).

For a list of continuous Meetings and Organizations, visit [www.whidbeyweekly.com](http://www.whidbeyweekly.com)

## Classes, Seminars and Workshops

### DUI/Underage Drinking Prevention Panel

Thursday, October 3, 7:00-9:00PM

Oak Harbor Library meeting room

No pre-registration required. Seating at 6:45PM. No late admittance allowed. Open to all and required by local driving schools for Driver's Education students and parents. For more information, call 360-672-8219 or visit [www.idipic.org](http://www.idipic.org).

### DUI/Underage Drinking Prevention Panel

Saturday, October 5, 1:00-3:00PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland

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### Using Genealogy Databases: Tips & Tricks for online databases

Thursday, October 10, 10:00AM-12:00PM

Langley Archives & Research Center (LARC)

Join family Historian and LARC volunteer Maureen MacDonald as she highlights "tips & tricks" to use when navigating online genealogy databases. Topics include: Ancestry.com, Family Search, National Archives & more. Limit 12. Contact 360-221-3323 or email: [arc-ichs@whidbey.net](mailto:arc-ichs@whidbey.net) to reserve your spot today. LARC is located at 721 Camano Ave., Langley.

### Creosote Removal – How You Can Help Keep Our Beaches Clean

Saturday, October 12, 2:00-4:00PM

Pacific Rim Institute, 180 Parker Rd, Coupeville

Join fellow community members to serve as eyes on the beach to help identify and report creosote-treated debris to the Washington Department of Natural Resources creosote removal program. At this free workshop, you will learn about the creosote removal program, how to identify creosote on the beach, and how you can report it using just your smartphone. To register, visit [www.surveymonkey.com/r/5SRV5VK](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5SRV5VK).

### Business Succession and Exit Planning Workshop

Wednesday, October 16, 10:00AM-Noon

WiFire Conference Room, Freeland

Whether you plan to sell or pass leadership to

a family member or employee, succession and exit planning ensures the continued success of your company when you're ready to transition. Join the Economic Development Council to hear expert speakers discuss how to: Increase the value of your business; Plan for a successful transition for both your business and yourself; Implement the right plan to best meet your timeline and goals; Safeguard your legacy and prepare to leave your business on your own terms. With guest speakers Steve Burke, Small Business Development Center and Tyrel Lacey, Mainspring Wealth Advisors.

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Saturday, October 19, 9:00AM-5:00PM

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# CHICKEN LITTLE & THE ASTROLOGER

By Wesley Hallock

## ARIES (March 21-April 19)



Are your habitual views of how it is in the world really serving you? Or have you tricked yourself onto a false path? Might you benefit from adopting a new position by opening yourself to ideas you may have rejected before? These are good questions to ask yourself this week. The first step to easing the unrest you find so irksome in the outer world is to go within. Tranquility on the 5th begins at home.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



Children, and child-like behavior from an adult who should know better, could test your patience this week. Letting yourself be coerced into activities you don't really care to engage in will only heighten the aggravation. When the situation begins to unravel in ways you knew it would, the blame game is not the way to go. Forgo pointing out the obvious and look for solutions. Clouds on the 5th have silver linings

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21)



Be prepared to face that stubborn person in your life who thinks they know more about what's good for you than you do. This struggle for control of your life has been brewing for some time. This could well be the week when you want to get the issue out on the table to see what it's really about. The central issue may not be what you think. Dollar values and family both play big roles in the events of the 5th.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22)



The least you will get from the drudgery that is built into your week is the satisfaction of a job well done. Learning is built into the process, and the educational aspects may even be the primary goal. Future benefits to come of that learning are almost a given. Taken together, these points should usher you through the tedium in high spirits. If you have more than one frog to swallow on the 5th, gulp the big one first.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



The reasoning behind your urgent desire to keep what is rightfully yours isn't universally accepted this week. Before you weaken your position with explanations or apologies, consider who is opposing you. Are they genuinely trying to understand you? Or is theirs just an egotistical battle for the moral high ground? Logical appeals to those waging an emotional war only weakens your position. Know the difference on the 5th.

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)



Your desire to know must not go unsatisfied this week. It's your duty to be informed. Intelligent decisions about money matters and family relations hinge on your full understanding of the issues at hand. At the same time, avoid analysis paralysis--endless

hashing and rehashing of the facts out of fear of acting on them. At that point, a wrong action is better than no action at all. An outside viewpoint is helpful on the 5th.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



if you're unclear about the way forward this week, a firm stand on who and what you are will carry you. You're in a place where feeling is as important as knowing. Be yourself and wait for the understandings to emerge. For those too unsure of themselves to know what that means, a challenging situation that arises in the interim may lead to clarity. The trick on the 5th is to be in the moment and not overthink.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)



These keywords from tradition apply to your situation this week: "Where there's a will, there's a way." Given the present limitations imposed on your resources, it's realistic to think that the way for you is to link forces with others of less limited means. This can be as simple as a joint strategy session to expand your thinking on money matters. The elusive obvious may be sitting right in front of you on the 5th.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)



To get where you're going this week, you may need to step boldly and bravely. This does NOT mean acting foolishly. A calculated risk is much different from a blind leap of faith. When you fully understand the issues involved, the likelihood of success, and the consequences if you fail, then and only then are you in a position to decide whether to venture forward. Weigh matters carefully on the 5th.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



Hidden points of resistance can no longer be ignored this week. Acting on what you know may uncover key facts that you DON'T know, and it's this unknown factor that may prove especially important. The unknown spans a wide range of possibilities. Do you suffer an outright ignorance of the facts? Or is it that you've misapplied something poorly understood? These are good questions to ask on the 5th.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



You stand to learn much from the mistakes of others this week. Keep a careful eye on the doings of those around you. When they falter, note their stumbling block carefully, and be especially mindful of what brought them down. Informed awareness is your best insurance against tripping over a similar obstacle. Observing does not mean becoming involved on the 5th. Distance is your friend.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



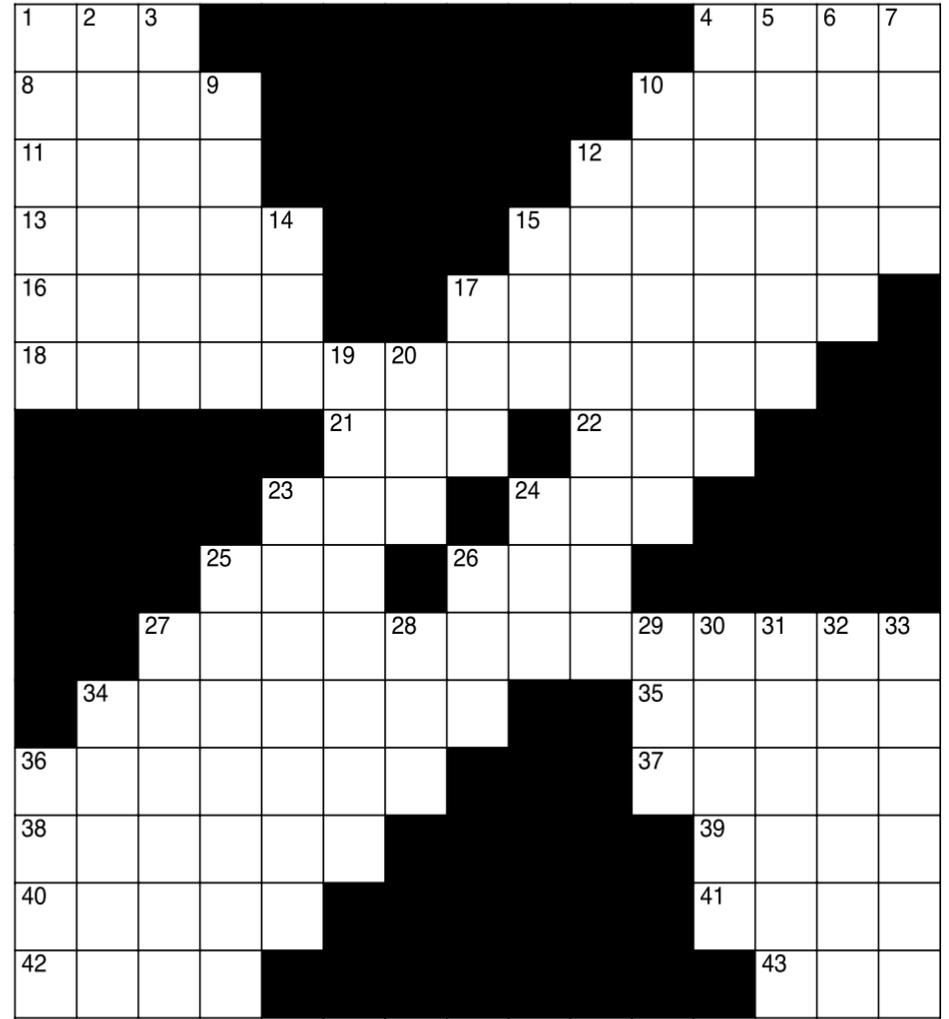
When engaging with others in matters of their distress this week, keep it simple. Commiserate, but do not criticize. Refrain from sharing woo-woo philosophies. And most important of all, do strive to remain neutral. Taking part in the useless exercise of blaming someone or something for a person's hurt only prolongs their pain. Get past it as quickly as you can. Some things are best left unsaid on the 5th.

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# Crossword Puzzle



## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Third-party access (abbr.)
- 4. This (Spanish)
- 8. Goals
- 10. Something to do lightly
- 11. "Great" North Sea Empire legend
- 12. Iced or chilled drink
- 13. Weight units
- 15. Immune system response
- 16. Groundbreaking German pharmacologist
- 17. Milk-supplying companies
- 18. Enjoyable distraction
- 21. Doctor of Education
- 22. Type of submachine gun (abbr.)
- 23. Curved shape
- 24. Brew
- 25. The 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 26. Advanced de-

- gree
- 27. Shock rocker
- 34. Enthusiast
- 35. Quiet's partner
- 36. Hijacked
- 37. TV's once needed them
- 38. Brings together
- 39. Narrow piece of wood
- 40. Paths
- 41. Monetary unit
- 42. Wings
- 43. Soviet Socialist Republic

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Gear
- 2. Outer part of a bird's wing
- 3. Good luck charm
- 4. Removing from memory
- 5. Group of seven people
- 6. Records
- 7. German river
- 9. "Last of the Mohicans" actress Madeleine
- 10. Ancient Greek war galley

- 12. Nonsensical speak
- 14. Title of respect
- 15. Cast out
- 17. Have already done
- 19. Wood-loving insects
- 20. Analog conversion system (abbr.)
- 23. Pokes holes in
- 24. Waiver of liability (abbr.)
- 25. Sea cow
- 26. Protein coding gene
- 27. Where boats park
- 28. The top of a jar
- 29. Fitting
- 30. German city
- 31. Martens
- 32. They're all over the planet
- 33. One that nests
- 34. Coming at the end
- 36. Croatian coastal city

Answers on page 15

## YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, Oct. 3	Fri, Oct. 4	Sat, Oct. 5	Sun, Oct. 6	Mon, Oct. 7	Tues, Oct. 8	Wed, Oct. 9
North Isle H-60°/L-46° Showers Possible	North Isle H-61°/L-49° Showers Possible	North Isle H-61°/L-49° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-60°/L-49° Rain and Drizzle Possible	North Isle H-59°/L-51° Showers Possible	North Isle H-60°/L-50° Cloudy	North Isle H-59°/L-49° Showers Possible
South Isle H-57°/L-47° Showers Possible	South Isle H-61°/L-49° Showers Possible	South Isle H-62°/L-50° Cloudy	South Isle H-62°/L-51° Rain and Drizzle Possible	South Isle H-63°/L-53° Showers Possible	South Isle H-62°/L-51° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-61°/L-50° Showers Possible



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# Life Tributes



## CAPT. JAMES ARTHUR MCKENZIE II



Captain James Arthur McKenzie II, USN (Retired) passed away Sept. 26, 2019 at age 89.

Born July 9, 1930, in Lynchburg, Va., Jim was the adopted only child of James and Lucille (Adams) McKenzie. He was raised in New Bern, N.C., and attended Davidson College in Davidson, N.C., on a music scholarship prior to his appointment to the Naval Academy.

It was Jim's 30-year Navy career for which he is best known and widely admired. Jim was a passionate Navy pilot who loved his work, his country and the many friends with whom he served. Jim was often thanked for his service, to which his reply was always a sincere "my pleasure."

Capt. McKenzie was commissioned from the Naval Academy in 1954 and was designated a Naval Aviator October 1955. His first operational tour was with VA-196 at Naval Air Station, Alameda, flying the A-1H Skyraider. Subsequently, he served as a Nuclear Weapons Delivery Instructor at Naval Air Station, Oceana, returning to sea duty with VA-85 in January 1963. This squadron transitioned to the A-6 Intruder in February 1964 and participated in the second combat deployment of this aircraft aboard USS Kitty Hawk in 1965. At the completion of this deployment, Capt. McKenzie received orders to VAH-123 at Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, Wash., to serve as A-6 Training Officer in the newly formed A-6 replacement squadron. In September 1967, VAH-123 split forces and a new squadron, VA-128 was formed with Capt. McKenzie serving as Operation Officer.

Capt. McKenzie was transferred to VA-52 as Executive Officer in November 1968 and assumed command in January 1969. From January 1970 until October 1971 he served as Strike Warfare Officer on the staff of Commander, Carrier Division Three. Capt. McKenzie assumed command of Carrier Air Wing Eleven on USS Kitty Hawk in May 1972, serving as the Air Wing Commander until May 1973. Following a tour as Force Training Officer on the staff of Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, he served as Commanding Officer, USS Wichita (AOR-1) from September 1976 to March 1978. He then served as Head, Aviation Plans and Programs Branch (OP-508), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, from March 1978 to August 1980.

Captain McKenzie reported to COMMATVAQWINGPAC in September 1980 and assumed the duties of Chief of Staff November 1. He retired from active duty July 1, 1984.

Captain McKenzie wears the Legion of Merit with "V," the Distinguished Flying Cross (seven awards), the Air Medal (28 strike/flight and three individual awards), and the Navy Commendation Medal with "V" (three awards). In 1983 he was the recipient of the Senator Henry M. Jackson Intruder Award for Leadership.

Jim met Betty Lee Hawkins in his childhood through family connections. In November 1950, Jim and Betty had their first official date at a Naval Academy football game. That first date resulted in nearly 65 years of loving marriage to Betty and subsequently, devoted fatherhood to his twin daughters, Susan and Sally. Throughout Jim's career, the McKenzie home was the "hub" of squadron and air wing social activity.

Jim was an inspiring and respected leader, mentor and friend to scores of colleagues over the years. His celebrated courage as a military officer was balanced with an abundance of warmth and kindness not expected of one in such a battle-tested occupation. His ability to lead and discipline effectively with a well-chosen word, a sense of humor and a gentle hand was the true source of his military heroics. During a particularly dangerous deployment, a junior officer in his air wing remembered "He displayed an uncanny ability to both provide strong, sensible, courageous leadership and keep a subtle, constant sense of humor. Sitting through one of his air strike briefings was always memorable – you might come in shaking in your boots, but you invariably would leave with a smile on your face."

Jim had an impressively sharp mind, a rapier wit and a true talent for writing and public speaking. Over the course of his career and through most of his retirement, he was the featured speaker at countless change of command ceremonies, community events, celebrations and funerals. His inspiring speeches were history lessons as well as instructions on English grammar and the power of the spoken word. To all who had the privilege of being present when he spoke, Jim was and remained until the end, the consummate orator.

In May 1991, as NAS Whidbey was placed on the government's list for closure, Jim joined with Oak Harbor community leaders in a victorious effort to "Save the Base." Jim's persuasive spoken remarks to the Defense Base Closure Commission were instrumental in keeping NAS Whidbey open.

Though the Navy took Jim all over the world, Whidbey Island was the only place he ever truly thought of as "home." The McKenzie waterfront house on Whidbey was Jim's sanctuary for deep contemplation, reading and writing over a three-olive martini enjoyed from his favorite chair.

An avid reader, Jim was an enthusiastic scholar of U.S. history, the Civil War, British history and of course, naval history. He had a penchant for great literature and was known to have a relevant quote at the ready for most any occasion. Jim loved classical music (especially Mozart), theatre (especially Shakespeare) and tolerated going to the ballet with Betty even though it "did not speak" to him.

Jim loved baseball and enjoyed trips to Safeco field and Arizona spring training to cheer (usually unsuccessfully) for the Mariners. He loved golf but ultimately resigned from it out of frustration and a few too many lost wagers.

Jim's wife Betty predeceased him in May of this year. He is survived by his two daughters: Susan Ferguson (Robert Ferguson) of Garfield, Wash., and Sally McKenzie (Charles Stempler) of Seattle.

Jim's daughters would like to extend their sincere thanks to the teams at Regency on Whidbey and Whidbey-Health Hospice Care for the kindness and exceptional care provided to their father during his final months.

An informal gathering of family and friends will be held to remember Jim Tuesday, Oct. 8 from 3-5 p.m. (happy hour) at Wallin Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials in Jim's name be made out to Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society at <https://action.nmcrs.org/page/contribute/donate2015>.

**Life Tributes can now be found online at [www.whidbeyweekly.com](http://www.whidbeyweekly.com)**



# Island 911

Seriously, we do not make this stuff up!

**MONDAY, AUG. 26**

**1:21 pm, SR 525**

Advising male subject skateboarding against traffic on SR 525 just north of Graymayre, subject is waving and screaming; reporting party swerved to miss him.

**TUESDAY, AUG. 27**

**4:13 pm, Bush Point Rd.**

Caller upset because law enforcement entered his residence Sunday and they were armed; wants to file complaint against them. They told subject to call; also wants to let them know he does not want them back at his residence.

**7:05 pm, NW Front St.**

Reporting party advising she found brown leather wallet; has stamp on it saying dudu; requesting phone call.

**10:54 pm, Backswing Ln.**

Caller advising neighbor keeps coming over and stealing caller's light bulbs out of porch lights; states this is the third time this has happened. Does not know subject's name.

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 28**

**6:19 am, SR 20**

Reporting party advising it's private property on the beach and a lot of people are fishing; people are there now, reporting party asked them to move from right behind his sliding glass door.

**8:48 am, SR 20**

Advising female threatening reporting party; cut reporting party's fishing line. Reporting party will be in the parking lot.

**11:43 am, East Harbor Rd.**

Reporting party would not give any information to call-taker; "just have the guy call me back." States is in reference to threatening incident with a knife; fisherman states already reported.

**3:06 pm, Neely Rd.**

Reporting party advising phones have been hacked; found things laying around and had a fire at beginning of the month. Advising phones have been hacked, has proof by cell tower pings.

**THURSDAY, AUG. 29**

**12:55 pm, Main St.**

Advising male with long jacket and shaved head is harassing riders. Baby pacifier in mouth. Requesting he be trespassed.

**1:14 pm, Saratoga Rd.**

Caller advising male subject jumped in front of caller's car wanting ride; cussed out and flipped off caller.

**5:42 pm, SR 20**

Reporting party advising female in parking lot near cars by bathroom, no shirt on and soaking wet. Reporting party just passed by.

**8:12 pm, Mobius Lp.**

Requesting call, advising his brother is "talking shit" about him and requests law enforcement talk to him to teach him a lesson. Advising brother is not doing anything else, reporting party just wants law enforcement to show him you can't talk to your brother like that.

**FRIDAY, AUG. 30**

**5:28 pm, SR 525**

Open line; male heard saying "Oh shit," then disconnected.

**8:39 pm, Wanamaker Rd.**

Reporting party advising baby deer came out of nowhere, hit side of reporting party's car. Deer is not walking well, family with it. Reporting party is not injured.

**SATURDAY, AUG. 31**

**3:56 pm, Heller Rd.**

Caller stating male subject just came onto caller's porch and gave daughter some candles; states husband went out and told subject not to give daughter candles. Subject going house to house.

**6:56 pm, SW Heller St.**

Requesting call. Would like to know if someone was trying to get hold of him; people were saying law enforcement was looking for him. Reporting party not sure if people are messing with him.

**11:03 pm, Woodland Cir.**

Reporting party requesting call referencing seeing helicopter flying by; wants to know what's going on in Oak Harbor.

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 1**

**2:31 am, Bayview Rd.**

Reporting party advising a sedan and a truck in the turn out – advising sedan slowly backed into the bumper of truck and then both vehicles drove down Bayview towards Langley.

**2:11 pm, Scenic Ave.**

Reporting party advising bought a gaming system from neighbor. States today the neighbor got mad at reporting party's family and tried to push into reporting party's home to take Xbox back.

**6:35 pm, E Fakkema Rd.**

Advising someone hit deer in front of her residence; they pulled it off roadway but told reporting party she can't come look to see if it is still alive or not.

**6:55 pm, Taylor Rd.**

Requesting call referencing large pile of horse manure next to bus stop at location; reporting party wants to know if someone cleans it up or if it will have to be him. Reporting party lives across from bus stop.

**8:41 pm, Bayview Rd.**

Reporting party states subject stole reporting party's Christmas décor. Stole from reporting party last year.

**MONDAY, SEPT. 2**

**12:44 am, Bayview Rd.**

Reporting party states mother-in-law's boyfriend is being rude, telling reporting party to stop bothering them. Requesting call, wants to know what to do.

**8:09 pm, NW Bakerview Pl.**

Caller advising husband stuck in tree, about to fall. Male is eight feet up tree.

**10:45 pm, Ridgecrest Ave.**

Advising ten minutes ago someone was walking around in area. Male stated he went to sleep and woke up walking the neighborhood; reporting party's husband went to talk to male.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 3**

**12:09 pm, Brenden Cir.**

Reporting party noticed yesterday several boxes of Christmas decorations are missing from attic storage. States decorations are worth approximately \$800.

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



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