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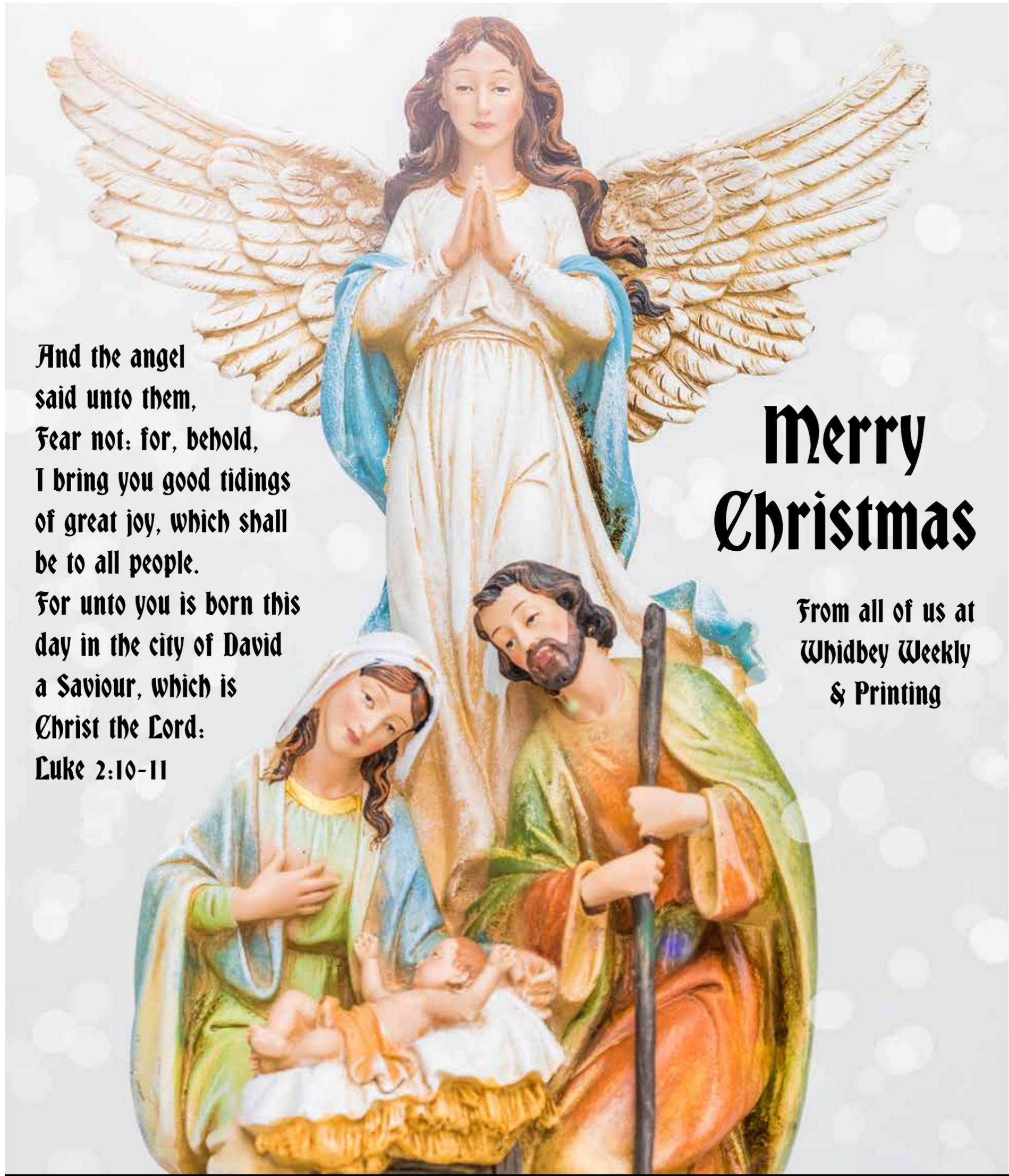
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And the angel  
 said unto them,  
 Fear not: for, behold,  
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 of great joy, which shall  
 be to all people.  
 For unto you is born this  
 day in the city of David  
 a Saviour, which is  
 Christ the Lord:  
 Luke 2:10-11

## Merry Christmas

From all of us at  
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More Local Events inside



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# ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



Before moving to Whidbey in 1983, I had the opportunity to attend a screening of "Angelo My Love" in Park City, Utah.

Following the movie, in a Q and A session shared with Wilford Brimley, director Robert Duvall was

asked, "Mr. Duvall, what is acting?"

Mr. Duvall answered before I had stopped snickering, without the doodle.

"I talk, you listen. You talk, I listen. That's acting."

No cymbal crash, but a symbol crash.

Holy moly. No wonder I was not an actor. I come from a long line of lousy listeners. We Freemans were born talking.

For me, it is just too funny that two of the three of us remaining in our lineage wear hearing aids. The other is in denial, or in the back room on his computer, listening to Teddy Wilson.

The two of us who live alone wear hearing aids but without anyone to listen to.

Why do we bother?

In fact, why am I wearing my hearing aids now talking to you when you are not even in the room?

### Acting up

For the last month and some change, I have been trying to act. It took me half my life to be myself on stage, and now I am trying to be someone else.

It ain't easy.

I had so much trouble learning my few lines I thought I had a concussion. Hitting one's head on a 48,000 pound steel caboose seems like it would be concussion worthy. Plus, I was not wearing a helmet. Just my latest fave baseball hat purchased at the Portland, Maine Head Light gift shop. With the cost of the plane ticket, the rental cars, the buses, the cabs, the trains, and the motels, the hat only cost \$937.

So, I wear it a lot.

Of course, my difficulty in learning lines was not because of any head impact by a foreign or domestic object, but the result of my memory.

The last short film I was in, Director Richard Evans said, "I know you can't remember lines, so in this scene, I just want you to sit in this wheelchair and stare at a blank TV."

Is that acting, Mr. Duvall, if no one is listening?

### Play time

The best thing about being in this play is I am surrounded by real actors. With 48 in the cast, I am the only one who stands out as a lousy listener.

One of the best actors, Lucas Pitts, is the younger brother of Gabriel Townsend, the young man pictured above reading last week's page three of Whidbey Weekly.

I asked nine year young Lucas after his first scene in last Sunday's matinee at WICA of *It's A Wonderful Life*, "Do you get nervous?"

"No," said Lucas as he returned to drawing alien monsters on his paper while his mother Amanda, the designated child wrangler for that performance, coordinated the juxtapositions of the glowing rectangle deviced children in the green room awaiting their next scenes.

My first time on stage in 4th grade, imitating Fats Domino singing "I'm Walking," I almost soiled my Roy Rogers lunch pail.

In 9th grade, before singing "I'm The Kid Who Built The Pyramid" in our school talent show, I was so nervous my eyebrows fell off.

### I browse

For this reason, my role in *It's A Wonderful Life* requires fake eyebrows. Fortunately, I am a good student of staying within the lines with a pencil, or "between the bones" as we say in theater, when adding my theatrical eyebrows.

I mostly use brown eyebrow pencil, but black eyebrows make me look tougher.

Yesterday at PayLess, I went to get coffee creamer before the show. I forgot my old eyebrow make-up was still on from the Saturday night show.

Autumn, wearing the Carolina Panthers hat her Dad gifted her, almost seized up at the self serve checkout when she saw my eyebrows.

At least she didn't say, "What happened to that dental floss you used to have taped to your eyelid?"

### Studios

Before my scenes, after eight shows, I am still back stage, standing by the curtain, reviewing my lines. After a month, you would think I would remember, "No gin tonight, son."

You'd think I would know, "What makes you such a hard-skulled character, Mr. Potter?" after 367 rehearsals.

Well, they didn't call me short term in the Marine Corps for nothing.

Or were they just saying short-timer but I wasn't listening?

One of the best parts of the play is the duet of George and Mary singing the chorus of "Buffalo Gals," the old minstrel show toe tapper from 1848.

*Buffalo gals won't you come out tonight  
Come out tonight, come out tonight  
Buffalo gals won't you come out tonight  
And dance by the light of the moon*

Lucas, as Peter Bailey, and his fellow actors, Victoria Saenz as Janie Bailey, Lila Souza as Zuzu Bailey, Colten Smith as Harry Bailey, and Cormac Nazarian as young Sam Wainwright, are amazing.

Fearless and joy-filled, these young thespians take to the stage showcasing their acting excellence while I am behind the curtain cramming for my scene.

Hee-haw.

Will I remember who I am?

Will I listen to my own soliloquy?

Will my directors allow my presence at the cast party or will I be like Tom Hanks, just another castaway with no one to play with but a soccer ball?

No wonder I could not handle the rejection in those casting calls in Hollywood.

Not only was I a lousy audition, sometimes I had the wrong bus pass for my transfer.

I was not listening.

One of my metaphysical teachers told me once that we were given two ears and one mouth for a reason.

I just don't remember the reason. I was not listening.

So, in honor of the quiet in my ears, I want to share this poem I wrote recently while waiting in a doctor's office in Mount Vernon.

*Waiting at the doctors*

*What am I gonna do?*

*Magazines outdated*

*Patients who can't chew;*

*Kleenex on the table*

*Sanitizer on the wall*

*Where is my cell phone?*

*I cannot text or call;*

*Staring at the receptionist*

*As she answers the phone*

*Wish I were in the parking lot*

*Hovering like a drone;*

*Instead of waiting patiently*

*Although I'm not a patient*

*Sitting in the waiting room*

*Next to the sick, adjacent*

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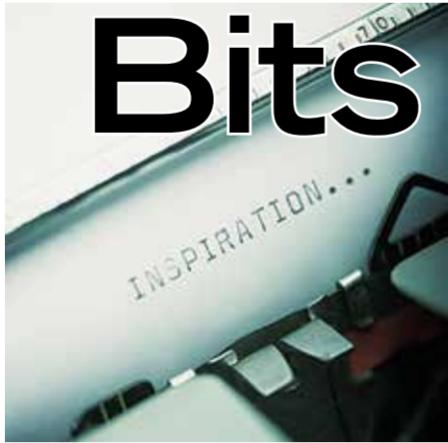
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# Bits & Pieces

## WSDOT Report Takes Closer Look at Highway Safety and Asset Management

Highway safety and transportation asset conditions are analyzed in the most recent edition of the Washington State Department of Transportation's quarterly performance report, the *Gray Notebook*.

Preliminary data indicates the number of traffic fatalities in Washington increased from 462 to 547, an 18.4 percent jump between 2014 and 2018. During the same period, serious injuries increased 11.4 percent from 2,004 to 2,232. These trends show Washington is currently not on track to meet its goal of having zero traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2030.

*Gray Notebook 75* ([www.wsdot.wa.gov/publications/fulltext/graynotebook/gray-notebook-Sep19.pdf](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/publications/fulltext/graynotebook/gray-notebook-Sep19.pdf)) covers the quarter ending Sept. 30, 2019, and also delves into the conditions of Washington State Ferries vessels and terminals, WSDOT's aviation network and its capital facilities to show where progress is being made and where improvements can be made.

Key asset management findings in this edition include:

- According to a 2018 evaluation, pavement conditions at 95 airports continue to decline with 26 percent of the pavement needing major rehabilitation or construction.
- As of September 2019, 54 percent of WSDOT-owned primary buildings (2,000 square feet or larger) were in poor condition. This is an increase of nine percentage points from 45 percent of buildings in poor condition in 2017.
- Washington State Ferries decommissioned the 52-year-old motor/vessel Hyak at the end of fiscal year 2019. The decommissioning decreased WSF's vessel preservation backlog by \$2.1 million, but reduced the fleet from 23 to 22 vessels. The majority of WSF terminal systems, 93.4 percent, were considered to be in a state of good repair at the end of fiscal year 2018.

To learn more about WSDOT's performance or to review *Gray Notebook 75* or its condensed "Lite" version, visit WSDOT's Accountability website: [www.wsdot.wa.gov/Accountability/](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Accountability/)

[Submitted by Joe Irwin, Transportation Safety and Systems Analysis, WSDOT]

## Whidbey Island Film Festival Announces "The Master of Suspense" Lineup Passes on sale and a call for short films submissions

Whidbey Island Film Festival, a program of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts (WICA), is proud to announce "The Master of Suspense" – a three-day celebration of the stylish, wickedly funny, and macabre world of Alfred Hitchcock, featuring favorites such as *Rear Window*, *Rebecca*, *Shadow of a Doubt*, *Vertigo*, and *North by Northwest*; educational programming; a ShortsFest competition; guest speakers; special events; and a pass holders-only "Secret Screening."

"One thing Hitchcock always kept in mind was how the audience would react to his movies," said Verna Everitt, WIFF co-producer. "Without an audience, he considered his movie incomplete. In his words, '...It is the collective audience and their reaction that gives interest to your endeavor.' Like his films, our festival is audience-focused. This year, we selected films we know will surprise and delight. We are also introducing educational programming, inviting local celebrities to introduce each feature,

showcasing short films, and planning a host of special, celebratory events."

"The Master of Suspense," featuring favorite films, lectures, a ShortsFest competition, and special events, runs Jan. 17-19, 2020. Passes are on sale now at [www.WhidbeyIslandFilmFestival.org](http://www.WhidbeyIslandFilmFestival.org).

[Submitted by Jason Dittmer, WICA]

## Coupeville Library Staff Digs in to Help Solve Whidbey Photo Mysteries



This photo doesn't specify if "Arnold?" is the man or the dog. It's one of 47 historic photos the Coupeville Library and Island County Historical Society and Museum hope to identify (photo gallery).

Let's say you find a box of a few hundred old photos in folders called "Unidentified Men," "Whidbey Babies and Children" and "Unidentified Infants."

You would probably wonder "Who are the three men sitting in what looks like a prop of a Ford Model T? Who is that boy, and is he really standing on the deck of a ship? This photo only says 'Arnold?' but is Arnold the man or is Arnold the dog?"

Can anyone identify these people?

The Island County Historical Society and Museum hopes so.

Museum staff put up a Facebook post a few weeks ago to get help identifying the photos from the late 1800s and early 1900s. Coupeville Library Manager Leslie Franzen saw the post and thought she could help.

"We love history in Coupeville," Franzen said. "That got me thinking. We could partner with Island County Historical Society and Museum in a much bigger way, along the lines of 'Where's Waldo?' for a lobby display."

With buy-in from museum Executive Director Rick Castellano and help from museum archivist Cassie Rittierodt, Franzen asked library associate Gabriel Chrisman, public services assistant Jillian Gile and page Jana McAnally to work together to copy the photos and create the display.

Gile carefully curated the black-and-white and sepia-toned photos for the library.

"I was choosing with two criteria in mind," Gile said. "One, visibility of faces so we'd have a chance at identifying them, and two, compelling subjects like the sailor boy or the Model T prop, and of course, any photos with books or dogs got scanned immediately."

McAnally helped gather any identifying information on the back of the originals.

Chrisman put his knowledge and enthusiasm for historical clothing to use to narrow the likely years in which each photo was taken.

"Besides the clothing, the hairstyles, studio props, photo print technology, typography of the studio name and paper all provide clues about when the photo was taken and printed," he said.

Chrisman figures the date range of the photos is roughly from the 1860s to the 1940s. Many of the photos were taken in studios in Iowa,

Missouri and Illinois. A few photos were taken in Seattle studios, and some were taken by a traveling photographer when Washington was still a territory – sometime before Nov. 11, 1889.

"They were probably old family photos donated by families who moved to Whidbey Island later on," Chrisman said.

One library customer thought she recognized someone in one of the old photos and provided a name. Franzen did some research but couldn't confirm the customer's hunch. Still, as a longtime Whidbey Island history buff, the library manager believes someone has to know something about at least one of the photos.

"Our goal is at least one or more photos are identified and also, our customers learn about the resources available through the Island County Historical Society and Museum," Franzen said.

The historic but mysterious photos will be on display through December in the Coupeville Library lobby.

"I really appreciated the enthusiasm of Jill and Jana just running with the display and Gabriel's added expertise with this historical time period has been a huge bonus," Franzen said of her staff. "It's already generating interest."

[Submitted by Kurt Batdorf, Communications Specialist, Sno-Isle Libraries]

## Whidbey Island Conservation District Elections 2020

The Whidbey Island Conservation District (WICD) will hold its annual Board of Supervisors election from 2:00 to 6:00PM Feb. 4, 2020. Elections will be held in the WICD office at 1 NE 4th Street in Coupeville. To vote, one must be a registered voter in Island County and reside on Whidbey Island. Voters unable to vote in-person may request a mail-in ballot by contacting WICD at 888-678-4922 or by e-mail at [sandy@whidbeycd.org](mailto:sandy@whidbeycd.org). The deadline to request a mail-in ballot is Jan. 14, 2020. Mail-in ballots must be printed out, completed, and returned in hard copy to WICD by mail or hand delivery no later than 6:00PM Feb. 4, 2020.

The WICD Board of Supervisors consists of five volunteer members, three are elected by local voters and two are appointed by the Washington State Conservation Commission (WSCC), each serving a three-year term without compensation. District Supervisors identify local conservation needs and priorities, oversee District financial operations, set District policies, and guide District services to protect soil, water, wildlife, and other natural resources. The Board of Supervisors generally meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 9:00AM to 12:00PM at the WICD office in Coupeville.

The terms of two WICD supervisors, one elected and one appointed, are due to expire in 2020. The elected incumbent, Anza Muenchow, is planning to run for re-election. The appointed position will be vacated as the incumbent is not seeking re-appointment. Both positions have three-year terms beginning in May, 2020. Any registered Island County voter who resides on Whidbey Island and is also a landowner or farm operator is eligible to run for the elected position and/or apply for the appointed position.

To run for the upcoming elected position and have their name printed on the ballot, individuals must file a Candidate Information Form along with a nominating petition signed by 25 or more Island County registered voters (residing on Whidbey) to WICD by Jan. 7, 2020. Forms can be mailed to WICD at P.O. Box 490, Coupeville, WA 98239, or dropped by the WICD office at 1 NE 4th Street, Coupeville.

To be considered for the appointed position, candidates must submit an application form to the Washington State Conservation Commission by March 31, 2020.

For more information about how to apply for an open supervisor position and to obtain

candidate application forms, please contact the WICD at 888-678-4922 or visit the WICD website at [www.whidbeycd.org](http://www.whidbeycd.org).

[Submitted by Sandy Welch, Whidbey Island Conservation District]

## Coastal Volunteer of the Year Award Nominations Now Being Accepted

The Island County Marine Resources Committee (MRC), Sound Water Stewards (SWS), and Washington State University (WSU) Extension Island County are pleased to announce the call for nominations for the 2020 Jan Holmes Island County Coastal Volunteer of the Year Award. This award is open to all volunteers, regardless of membership to any one organization or institution, participating in or supporting science and outreach efforts related to protecting or restoring the coastal resources of Island County.

Nominations are requested for any and all individuals who have demonstrated their dedication and involvement in the many services, science and outreach efforts relating to the health of Island County's marine environment. The objective of this award is to recognize volunteer efforts by selecting and publicly recognizing one who best demonstrates the contribution of all. Any and all volunteer efforts, whether as an individual or as part of a team should be recognized as adding to the collective wellness of the marine environment and the knowledge base of our marine area.

Start now by looking at the individuals with whom you volunteer. Take note of the contributions they make to the total effort. Are they volunteers you enjoy working with? Are they dedicated, helpful and consistent in their approach and efforts to get the job done?

If so, fill out the Nomination Form and nominate them for this prestigious award.

Nomination forms must be received by 4:30PM Friday, Jan. 17, 2020. Nomination forms and details for submission are available on the following websites:

Island County MRC website: [www.islandcountymrc.org/projects/volunteer-of-the-year/](http://www.islandcountymrc.org/projects/volunteer-of-the-year/)  
Sound Waters Stewards website: <http://soundwaterstewards.org/>  
WSU Extension - Island County website: <http://extension.wsu.edu/island/>

[Submitted by Anna Toledo, Island County Department of Natural Resources]

## Local Business News

### Les Schwab Helps Spread Hope for Holidays



Les Schwab Tires in Oak Harbor has once again stepped up to the plate to help local kids for the holidays. For years, the business has gone above and beyond collecting toys from the community for children in need, and donating them to Whidbey's Hope for Christmas, a volunteer program that helps provide special Christmas memories to all eligible children on Whidbey Island.

The local Les Schwab team's efforts are part of an even bigger toy drive by all Western Washington Les Schwab locations and all donations made locally stay local. The Oak Harbor Les Schwab has been participating in this event for years, helping to ensure no child will be forgotten this holiday season.

"Whidbey's Hope for Christmas" has wrapped up its program for this year, but those interested in receiving assistance for the holidays may telephone Vivian at 360-27-5514 or via email [McKinney@ohsd.net](mailto:McKinney@ohsd.net) to find information about other local programs. Anyone with questions about "Whidbey's Hope for Christmas" can send them to [WhidbeysHope4Christmas@gmail.com](mailto:WhidbeysHope4Christmas@gmail.com) or mail to WHFC - PO Box 1462, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.





## RESOURCES FOR WHIDBEY RESIDENTS STARTING A RURAL BUSINESS

Small businesses are the backbone of many rural communities. For areas lacking the infrastructure to support large companies or manufacturing facilities, supporting local entrepreneurship can be a valuable economic development strategy. Whidbey Island clearly fits this profile. We lack sewers and we're inconveniently located in terms of major transportation routes. Housing is in short supply and practically non-existent for low- to medium wage earners.

What Whidbey Island does have is an incredible spirit of entrepreneurship amongst our residents. We've got talent, brains, and hard workers. Look at our farmers and food producers. Restauranters and retailers. Our creative professionals and service providers. Our landscapers and contractors. These small, locally owned businesses keep profits in our community and contribute to the wonderful experience Whidbey Island provides to tourists and residents alike.

"The most effective development strategy for rural communities is small entrepreneurship—locally owned and operated small businesses," according to the Center for Rural Affairs. Here on Whidbey Island, new and established entrepreneurs don't need to look far for technical assistance and networking opportunities. And if you're willing to take an online class or leave the Island, your possibilities are endless. Following is a list of resources to dive into during the New Year to help you attain your business goals.

To help you get started, I've added a "first step" suggestion under each entry. Add these to your January to-do list and you'll be well on your way to putting

your new business on a good footing or taking your business to the next level. The rest is up to you!

(Whidbey Island resources are listed first, followed by off-Island and online resources.)

### Free Business Workshops

Goosefoot is a nonprofit organization located on South Whidbey that works together with the community to create essential solutions. Helping local businesses grow is one of our major areas of focus and Goosefoot has been offering workshops for the past three years. Topics include business planning, marketing, business taxes, social media, branding, print/web design, food business licensing requirements, and more. A new social media learning track will be introduced in 2020. [www.goosefoot.org/workshops](http://www.goosefoot.org/workshops)

Our local libraries on Whidbey Island offer free business workshops as well. Be sure to visit [www.sno-isle.org/business](http://www.sno-isle.org/business) and sign up for their business newsletter to get notifications of workshops and other resources.

*First step:* Sign up for a Goosefoot workshop. Sign up for the Sno-Isle Libraries' business newsletter (you'll need a library card).

### Shared Commercial Kitchen

Goosefoot and the Port of South Whidbey are collaborating on the expansion of an existing kitchen space at the Island County Fairgrounds to assist with the incubation of new food businesses. The addition of a baking kitchen, cold and dry storage, and professional food processing equipment will enable users to work more efficiently and expand production. [www.whidbeykitchen.org/](http://www.whidbeykitchen.org/)

*First step:* Attend Goosefoot's "Intro to Food Business Licensing" workshop.

### Whidbey Island Local Lending (WILL) and Whidbey Entrepreneurs (WE)

Whidbey Island Local Lending is a social network connecting business owners looking for capital with community members able to make loans. Because loans need to be made between people who know each other, social events or "mash-ups" are hosted monthly. Whidbey Entrepreneurs' focus is on networking and mentoring. WILL and WE have teamed up to double their efforts to help current and aspiring entrepreneurs. Mash-ups are held every third Thursday (except for December), 5-7 p.m., at the Useless Bay Golf and Country Club.

<https://whidbeylocalending.wordpress.com/> or find Whidbey Entrepreneurs on Facebook.

*First step:* Attend the Jan. 16 or Feb. 20 mash-up to network and hear a presentation.

### Business Mentors

The Economic Development Council of Island County (EDCIC) brings a mentor to its Coupeville office twice a month from the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in Mount Vernon. Call 360-678-6889. <http://iscoedc.com/>

The Freeland Library hosts a mentor from the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) twice a month. Call the library to book your appointment at 360-331-7323.

*First step:* Before seeking the help of these experienced professionals, be prepared to provide as many details about your business as possible. Have questions in mind.

### Network, Network, Network!

Don't underestimate the power of networking to build your business. In addition to the monthly WILL/WE mash-ups described above, our Chambers of Commerce offer fun social opportunities to meet potential clients, mentors, and friends. You are a member of your local Chamber, aren't you?

If you serve our local food or tourism sectors, check out Whidbey Island Grown (WIG). Dedicated to promoting Whidbey as a destination for authentic rural, farm, and culinary experiences and products, WIG is a perfect launching ground for business collaboration and partnerships. <https://whidbeyislandgrown.com/>

*First step:* Join your local Chamber of Commerce. Already a member? Join another.

If you're a food grower/producer or own a hospitality business, join WIG.

### Research, Research, Research!

Another reason to love our library! Did you know one of Sno-Isle Libraries' strategic priorities is "strengthening our economy by supporting entrepreneurs and small business owners?" Their business services team can help you use their online business research tools for a wide variety of market research tasks. Find market and industry reports, demographic data, and identify potential competition. And don't be afraid to ask them for help. It's what they're there for. [www.sno-isle.org/business/](http://www.sno-isle.org/business/)

*First step:* Visit their "Start Your Business" or "Grow Your Business" section.

### BUSINESS.WA.GOV

Home of Washington State's Small Business Liaison Team (SBLT), their goal is to make it easier to do business in our state. Their site contains all you need to know about owning a business in Washington, including the permits, approvals, or licenses you might need.

*First step:* Read their "Road Map for opening a business," with step-by-step instructions about how to register and license your business in Washington state.

### U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

The SBA has a robust selection of learning materials on its site for both new and experienced entrepreneurs, especially in the areas of funding and procuring government contracts. Their online business guide is perfect for those preferring to learn on their own, at their own pace. Note their helpful "write your business plan" section. [www.sba.gov/offices/district/wa/seattle](http://www.sba.gov/offices/district/wa/seattle)

*First step:* Set aside some time with SBA's online Business Guide (first tab to the left on the top of the home page).

### SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives)

SCORE, with a focus on mentoring, also offers resources for seasoned business owners. Their workshops (\$50), webinars and videos are quite comprehensive, with titles such as Trademarks and Copyrights; Year-End Tax Planning; and Funding Options for Veteran Entrepreneurs. <https://seattle.score.org/>

*First step:* Sign up for SCORE'S newsletter (go to bottom of each web page, below their address).

Overwhelmed at the large menu of options available? Don't be. Give some thought to what type of help you need. Peruse the resources above. Follow the "first steps" provided. And, most importantly, ask for advice!

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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.

## Island Herb Vendor Day

Thursday, December 19, 2:00-5:00PM  
Island Herb, Freeland

Representatives from Ceres 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.

## WIDT's "The Nutcracker"

Friday, December 20, 7:00PM  
Saturday, December 21, 2:00PM & 7:00PM  
Sunday, December 22, 2:00PM  
South Whidbey High School, PAC, Langley

Whidbey Island Dance Theatre's version of *The Nutcracker* is sure to delight the whole family! The production features many of the beloved characters and themes that are traditional with this classic holiday ballet, with special twists added to make it special for Whidbey. Tickets are \$15 online or \$20 at the door. Discounts for seniors, veterans, and children. Tickets are available online at [www.widtonline.org](http://www.widtonline.org).

## "It's a Wonderful Life"

Friday, December 20, 7:30PM  
Saturday, December 21, 7:30PM  
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley

The beloved holiday film comes to life as an ambitious "audio-cinematic experience" in the world premiere of a daring new adaptation by David Ossman. For tickets or more information, visit [www.wicaonline.org](http://www.wicaonline.org) or call 360-221-8262.

## Santa Visits the PBY Naval Air Museum

Saturday, December 21, 2:00-4:00PM  
PBY Naval Air Museum, Oak Harbor

Admission will be free for all adults accompanied by a child. The museum is located at 270 SE Pioneer Way. For more information, call 360-240-9500.

## Star Party

Saturday, December 21, 6:00-7:30PM  
South Whidbey Sports Complex, Langley

Hosted by the Island County Astronomical Society (ICAS). No telescope is needed and people of all ages are welcome to attend. Be sure and dress warmly and note the event will be canceled if the weather is cloudy. The South Whidbey Sports Complex is located at 5598 Langley Road. Meet in the soccer fields. For more information, contact Bob Scott at [ICAS\\_President@outlook.com](mailto:ICAS_President@outlook.com) or visit [www.icas-wa.org](http://www.icas-wa.org).

## Live Music: Kelly Shirey

Saturday, December 21, 7:30-9:30PM  
Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

Kelly Shirey is a singer/songwriter performing driven Folk-Rock-Americana with hints of country and pop. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

## Kids' Christmas Party

Sunday, December 22, 1:00-4:00PM  
VFW Post 7392, Oak Harbor

Mrs. Claus will be here to bring your letters back to Santa! For ages 0-12. Refreshments will be served. VFW Post 7392 is located at 3037 Goldie Road. Call 360-675-0128 for more information.

## Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below  
Cost: Free

## Books2Movies Group

Friday, December 20, 2:00-4:30PM  
Freeland Library

This group will focus on books made into movies. Read or listen to "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe," then join us for the movie and a lively talk. Popcorn and candy provided. Brandon Henry, who you may have seen at The Clyde Theater, will lead the discussion.

## Music by Quinn Fitzpatrick

Saturday, December 21, 2:30-3:30PM  
Clinton Library

Add cheer to your holidays with live music at the Clinton Library. Slow down and take time to celebrate. Enjoy the season with beautiful acoustic guitar music.

## WIMJAM: Whidbey Island Music Jam

Sunday, December 22, 3:00-5:00PM  
Freeland Library

These jam sessions are for anyone looking for a supportive, educational and fun music experience. All acoustic (unplugged) instruments welcome - guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, dulcimer, bass, voice, etc. This traditional 'jam circle' is an opportunity for musicians of all ages and levels of ability - from beginner to veteran - to share, learn and play old time traditional tunes. Registration is recommended (including email addresses) so participants can receive song lists, music notation, and other jam information. Drop-ins welcome!

## Whidbey Writers By the Sea

Monday, December 23, 10:00AM-12:00PM  
Freeland Library

Meet with a group of dedicated writers to polish skills, share past and present work, and have fun discussing all things literary. Everyone is welcome.

## Religious Services

### Longest Night Service

Friday, December 20, 6:00PM  
Langley Untied Methodist Church

Readings, prayers, and a time of meditation on the longest night of the year. Claudia Walker on Harp. The church is located at 301 Anthes Ave. Call 360-221-4233 or email [lumc@whidbey.com](mailto:lumc@whidbey.com) for more information.

### 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, December 22 - Pastor Wenzek: The Man, Jesus. Services are followed by a light lunch. You are invited to join us for lunch and loving fellowship.

### Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24, 4:30 & 7:00PM  
Langley Untied Methodist Church

The 4:30PM service is a family service with the Christmas story and carols. The 7:00PM service is a candlelight Communion service. Offerings will be taken at both services for Whidbey Homeless Coalition. The church is located at 301 Anthes Ave. Call 360-221-4233 or email [lumc@whidbey.com](mailto:lumc@whidbey.com) for more information.

### Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24, 5:00PM  
Deer Lagoon Grange, 5142 Bayview Rd, Langley

Christmas Eve dinner and service. Come and be blessed by an inspiring service, music, delicious dinner, and loving fellowship. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Donna at 360-331-2830 so we can plan food.

### 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 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

### Weekend Art Shows

Friday, December 20, 10:00AM-6:00PM  
Saturday, December 21, 10:00AM-6:00PM  
Sunday, December 22, 10:00AM-6:00PM  
The Loft Studio, 715 SE Fidalgo Ave, Oak Harbor

Featuring photographer R.E. Yelton. Local

artists of any kind may sign up to give classes, etc. in this space. Call Reggie at 206-310-8142 for more information.

## Featured Artist: Annette Hanna

Meet the Artist: Monday, December 23,  
10:00AM-5:00PM  
Penn Cove Gallery, Coupeville

Artist Annette Hanna will be at Penn Cove Gallery with her pastels and other artist tools. She enjoys the quick and forgiving pastel medium which is well suited for both portraiture and landscape. The Pacific Northwest provides her with many opportunities to paint outdoors in beautiful country. Annette has been receiving awards for her artwork since 1986.

## Abstract Art - Panel Q & A

Saturday, December 28, 1:00PM  
Front Room Gallery, Bayview Cash Store, Langley

Artists Barb Mosher, Mike Diamanti, Nancy Frances, and Kim Tinuviel will discuss the evolution and significance of abstract art with a Q & A session to follow. The Bayview Cash Store is located at 5603 Bayview Road.

## Holiday Gift Gallery and Quilt Show

Pacific NorthWest Art School, Coupeville  
Come see an astounding exhibition and sale of art quilts by nationally known quilt artist and instructor Janet Steadman. This retrospective spans part of Janet's illustrious career from 1985 to 2012. Janet, who is now 91, donated these gems to the Pacific NorthWest Art School, 15 N W Birch St. The Holiday Gift Gallery and the Quilt show will remain up for your viewing and shopping pleasure through year's end at the school. Hours for viewing will be Monday-Friday 9:00AM-4:00PM.

## Meetings & Organizations

### Grief Support Group

Starts January 12, 3:00-5:00PM  
Church of the Nazarene, Oak Harbor

Weekly support group offering help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. Registration is \$20 and can be completed online at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) or by calling 360-675-0705.

### Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting

Every Monday, 7:00-8:00PM  
Carole's Barbershop, Freeland

A meeting dedicated to dealing with the problem and solution for recovering from the effects of growing up in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional family. For more information, contact Clayton at 360-989-4248 or visit [www.adultchildren.org](http://www.adultchildren.org)

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

## Classes, Seminars and Workshops

### I-1639 Mandated Training Class

Saturday, December 21, 10:00AM-12:00PM  
NWSA Range, 886 Gun Club Road, Oak Harbor

This course presents training mandated by I-1639 prior to a person being able to purchase any semiautomatic rifle. As required by law, this course covers basic safety rules, safe storage, talking to children about firearms and firearms safety and suicide prevention. The cost of the class is \$10 (\$15 if paid online). Students can register by phone or email. For questions or to register call NRA instructor John Hellmann at 360-675-8397 or email [NWSA.Training@gmail.com](mailto:NWSA.Training@gmail.com). Additional information can be found at [www.northwhidbeysportsmen.org](http://www.northwhidbeysportsmen.org).

### DUI/Underage Drinking Prevention Panel

Saturday, December 21, 1:00-3:00PM  
Oak Harbor Library meeting room

No pre-registration required. 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).



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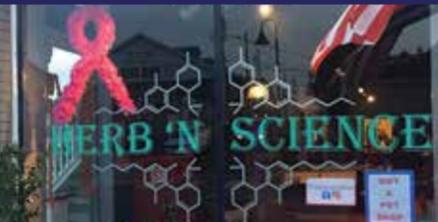
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4:30pm Family Service with the Christmas story & carols  
7pm Candlelight Communion Service  
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## Kids' Christmas Party!

Sunday, December 22, 1-4pm  
For ages 0-12

Refreshments will be served

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## A Whidbey Island Christmas

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

It's just days before Christmas on fair Whidbey Isle, From the north to the south we're celebrating in style.

The finishing touches are nearly complete, And our holiday wishes range from plain to elite.

The halls have been decked and the trees are all shiny, Every one of them lovely from the big to the tiny.

The tinsel is out, the garland so merry, How many shoppers made good use of the ferry?

As Deception Pass Bridge gets a new coat of paint, Those of us here voice no single complaint.

Because there's nothing quite like it, this island of ours, For we boast a locale that can rival the stars.

We can look to the sky to see eagles in flight – To spy whales in the water Is the ultimate sight!

Every part of our island is truly unique From one end to the other you'll find whatever you seek.

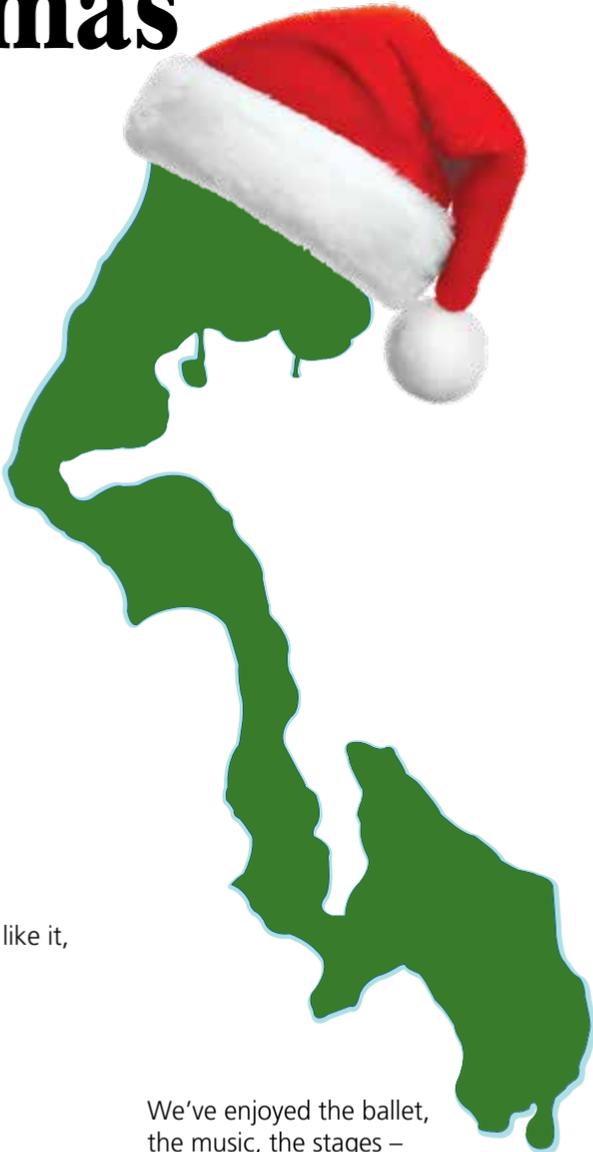
In Langley each year all the doors are bedecked; Tempting all passing by to pause and inspect.

For Coupeville it's snowmen who welcome you in, Bringing smiles and good cheer, warming hearts from within.

Oak Harbor's toy soldiers form lines on the street, Standing watch over shoppers through snow, rain and sleet.

In Freeland they're smiling, folks in Clinton excited, All in Greenbank are hoping Santa soon will be sighted.

From Ebey's Reserve to Admiralty Head, There is plenty of holiday joy to be spread.



We've enjoyed the ballet, the music, the stages – Think of all the good memories we can cherish for ages!

As we finish preparing for this most special day, Rest assured there's an elf who is filling his sleigh.

He's wrapped all the gifts, stuffed the stockings with love, Checked every inch of his ride both below and above.

But if for some reason, say, Rudolph's nose doesn't shine, There's no need to worry, everything will be fine!

The Navy can help with its runways so bright, Giving Santa a target on which to alight.

Yes, he'll track us all down, fill our hearts with good cheer, But we all know what matters is those we hold dear.

There's really nothing like Christmas on our fair Whidbey Isle – So we wish you the best, and a year filled with smiles.

### STILL TALKING

By Eileen Brown, 1941-2014



Christmas...a time to share what we have most of with those who have the least. The story below is part fact, part fiction. It has become a tradition to run it at Christmas. My late mother, also named Eileen, was a beautiful woman with a troubled life. She died at age 40.

My late brother traveled around the world as a Navy diver and later, as a civilian diving and oil rig supervisor. What follows is best described as a wished-for dream where we reunite briefly. I clearly recall riding a streetcar to Marshall Field's in Chicago, clutching a too-small coat closer to keep myself warm. It's a story about a family fallen on hard times who, through the kindness of strangers, find that glad tidings can come to even those without hope.

#### The Kindness of Strangers

By Eileen Brown

"Christmas," said the mother to an empty room. She knew there was hardly money to pay the rent and buy groceries, let alone toys or a new coat for her girl.

Outside, a bitter Chicago wind made ghostly sounds as an elevated train rumbled past, its occupants huddled together for warmth.

A single bulb hung over the little girl's bed where she read her book in the dim light, poking her nose under the covers to keep it warm. The radiator was cold.

And where was that boy? She last saw him run through the alley with his friends. She needn't have worried. He had a good head on his shoulders and seldom got into trouble.

Neighborhood children often went through the trash looking for beer bottles to return to the taverns for a few pennies. Maybe he'd earn a few cents today. Still, it would not be enough.

She hated to be pitied, this mother alone with two children and no money in a big city full of families in dire circumstances.

Growing up, she heard her relatives denounce people who took charity, claiming they'd never stoop so low. "We're too proud!"

Perhaps she could take her children downtown to see the pretty storefronts. The boy had collected enough bottles that week to earn streetcar fare, so they bundled up in scarves and hats and headed to State Street.

As it had every Christmas, the star at Marshall Field was a welcoming beacon to shoppers. Angel hair and twinkling lights filled the window displays and reflected in the children's eyes. Not much point going in to see Santa, thought the mother, but the children pleaded, weakening her resolve.

It took some time for the line to wind down and suddenly Santa was asking the little girl what she wanted him to bring her.

"A dolly, please," she said, giving him a shy smile. She blushed as Santa hugged her and said he'd see what he could do.

It was the boy's turn. Surely he'd ask for a BB gun or bicycle, but his answer to Santa's question caught onlookers by surprise.

"All I want for Christmas is for someone to give my mother a job," he said.

This was not the usual response and Santa was silent for a moment.

Then Santa pressed on, asking, "Don't you want any toys or candy for yourself?"

The boy shook his head indicating "No."

"Well, if that ain't the darndest," said a voice from the crowd.

The mother blushed, and at that moment, she had never looked more radiant. Her boy beamed back at her.

"Let's go, children," she called. "We have to get the

streetcar home before dark."

"Wait a minute, ma'am," called a man's voice. In his dark suit and wire-rimmed glasses, he looked like an orchestra conductor, waving his long, slender arms above the shoppers.

The mother did not hear him. The three continued to the escalator down to the main entrance.

"You over there with the boy and girl. Wait, please," came the voice again.

He caught the boy's eye as they were almost at the revolving door. Outside, a small band played, a bell clanged and pocket change clinked into a metal kettle. Then the breathless man was at their side.

"Excuse me, madam, but I am in charge of the portrait studio here at Marshall Field," he explained. "I wondered if you would sit for some photographs for us to use in our advertising. If I may say so, you resemble those classic English beauties portrayed on castle walls."

She blushed and was about to say no.

"There! That's it," he said. "That lovely smile will grace streetcars up and down Michigan Avenue to be seen by people from around the world, if only you'll say yes."

One look at her children told the mother they wanted her to accept the man's offer.

"How much would the pay be," she asked timidly.

When he told her, she flushed again and said, "I'd be proud to accept your offer." The deal was set.

The studio manager took her name and address and told her when to return. Store professionals would do her hair and makeup, and even provide pearls and a gown to wear.

For a moment she was lost in thought, but her mind quickly returned to Christmas.

"When will I get paid," she whispered. The studio manager looked at her and the children and pulled something out of his pocket. He scribbled quickly and handed her a voucher.

"If you will take this to the cashier's cage, you can have part of your salary in advance today," he said. "Will that do?"

The mother hugged him and said, "You've made me very happy."

When the family returned home, a crumpled paper sack waited at their front door. Who left it, they wondered.

"Let's go," she called as the children struggled to remove their boots, clogged with snow and ice. Inside, all eyes were on the brown bag as it sat on the kitchen floor.

"I'll open it," said the boy.

"That's fine," said the mother, "but be careful."

In went his hand and out came a gray sweater with a white reindeer leaping off the chest. It was a few sizes too large for him, but he'd be kept warm for several winters. He laughed at his good fortune as his head popped out of the neck hole.

There was more. He reached in again. The girl got excited when she saw the spine of a book emerge.

"Black Beauty!" she exclaimed. "Is it for me?"

Just as he was about to throw the bag away, the boy heard something rattle as he shook it.

He brought out two tortoise shell hair combs and handed them to his mother.

"Here, mother! These will look fine in your hair when you have your portrait taken."

She hugged him and then the girl. The room became warm and bright with the sounds of their laughter.

The mother's heart felt light as she set on the tea-kettle. Things do look their darkest before the dawn, she thought.

Humming to herself, she thought of another family long ago who received the kindness of strangers on Christmas Eve.

The promise of Bethlehem, of new hope, was reborn that night in Chicago.

*Hold your loved ones close and have a very Merry Christmas.*

*Most recently published December 2016 Whidbey Weekly. God Bless you, Eileen. We miss you.*





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# Life Tributes

## LINDA BARTLETT



Linda Bartlett (1960-2019) always dared to follow her dreams, dreams that brought her to the soils of Coupeville, where for the last 20 years, she nurtured and grew beautiful food, strong community, and the next generation of organic farmers at Rosehip Farm.

organic farmers at Rosehip Farm.

In 1990, Linda left the world of real estate banking in Portland, Maine to follow the spark of her adventurous spirit which longed to make the world a better place. She sold her belongings, loaded her dog, Angus, into her red Dodge convertible and with a friend and her cat, spent three months traversing the country. They woke to buffalo in their campsite in the Badlands, navigated the Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier and were awestruck by the blinding beauty of Banff and Jasper.

Linda landed in Seattle, where she promptly fell in love with the girl next door, Valerie Reuther. Over 28 years, Linda and Valerie worked for social change, danced in Seattle clubs and PT honky-tonks, and built a farm and a family/community. They were finally married in 2015 on the first day of spring at their farmhouse.

Linda was an urban dweller and master composter when she decided she wanted to farm and embarked on an organic farm internship with Blue Heron Farm in the Skagit Valley in 1996. Linda's vision prompted her and Valerie to buy and develop Rosehip Farm & Garden into one of the first organic vegetable farms in central Whidbey.

With her sassy humor, welcoming smile, and passion and determination outsized for her petite body, Linda built Rosehip's reputation for being a place where people could come to connect to the earth, find delicious produce, join in a dance party or cider pressing, and share a meal and a long laugh.

Over the past two decades, Rosehip has been home to dozens of young and aspiring farmers who learned from Farmer Linda how to start seedlings, prep a bed for planting, clean tools at the end of the day, pick the peas at the right time, and farm with no chemicals and little fossil fuel. Most importantly, Linda cultivated in these young farmers, mostly women, the confidence to trust in their own strength and wisdom, and like Linda, to follow their hearts. Linda earned the description of "the perfect mix of salt of the earth farmer girl and mischievous pixie with a glint in her eye; a fire-cracker full of vigor and beauty; and an amazing caretaker of plants, pets, people and friends."

Linda was also active in building her Coupeville community. She served as treasurer of the Coupeville Farmers Market, where she helped triple the size of the market. For 10 years, she was the architect and lead organizer of the Harvest Relay Races which raised \$100,000 for the local food bank.

From her roots in Augusta and Hollowell, Maine, Linda was the daredevil in the family, careening down her long, steep driveway standing on the back step of her tricycle. At 3, she and her friend Sammy escaped the yard with a handful of pennies, walked a mile to town for ice cream and were found playing on the boats along the river. That same independence followed her through high school basketball, college in the most northern part of Maine, where she earned a degree in PE, and then to Portland, Maine, where she lived before moving west.

Ever true to her heart, Linda died Nov. 26 at home in Coupeville. She is survived by her wife, Valerie; her mother, Donna Bartlett; two sisters, Pam Cullen and Karen Bartlett; her nephews Ryan and Cory Daniels and their children; and the Rosehip family of young women and men she mentored through her seasons on the farm, and their young children.

With joy for having her in our lives and sadness for saying goodbye, we send Linda on her next wondrous adventure. In lieu of flowers and cards, Linda requested gifts to Coupeville Farm to School. A celebration of Linda's life will follow in early Spring.

Family and friends are encouraged to share memories and condolences at [www.whidbeymemorial.com](http://www.whidbeymemorial.com).

## BOBBY LLOYD PICKERILL

November 21, 1936 – November 30, 2019



Bobby Lloyd Pickerill was born Nov. 21, 1936, in Ellsworth, Kan., to Frank and Lettie Pickerill. Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Joan (Fitzjohn) Pickerill; his parents; his brother, Francis; and sister, Sharon (Gillespie).

Bob attended Lyons High School, Hutchinson Jr. College, and Fort Hays State College. After college, Bob took his first job in Denver, Colo., where he met the love of his life, Joan Marie Fitzjohn. He served in the National Guard for a short time in his early married life.

Bob and Joan were married Nov. 25, 1959. They had a family of four children they raised in Denver, Olathe, Kan., and primarily in Bellevue, Wash. (with a brief adventure in Anchorage, Alaska). He worked for the federal government in various capacities before taking early retirement in the early 1980s. He took pride in providing for, caring for, and loving his family. He especially enjoyed being outdoors and camping. He loved children and he and Joan operated a home daycare for several years, where he was affectionately known as "Papa Bob."

In 1990, Bob and Joan retired to Whidbey Island, where Bob served his neighbors with his self-employed home and garden service. He was active in the Admirals Cove Community and as a member of Concordia Lutheran Church. He loved island living and spent much of his retired life with Joan taking drives, sampling island restaurants, and enjoying the many festivals on the island.

In the last several years, Bob advanced in his Alzheimer's disease with grace. He never lost his sense of humor and woke up each morning often singing "Oh, let the sunshine in and face it with a grin!" Bob enjoyed frequenting Prairie Perks, Coupe's Last Stand, Kapaws Iskreme, art shows in the rec hall, or drives through Coupeville.

Bob is survived by his children: Lori, Jeni (George) Clark, Alan (Dianne), Keri (Ron) Crawford, and 13 granddaughters. Bob enjoyed people, nature, traveling, and visits from family and friends. Bob was kind to everyone he met. He was loved and will be missed by many.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Concordia Lutheran Church in Oak Harbor Saturday, Dec. 21, at 3:30pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Concordia Lutheran Church. Messages of condolence may be left for the family on Bob's Memory Wall page at [www.wallfuneralhome.com](http://www.wallfuneralhome.com).

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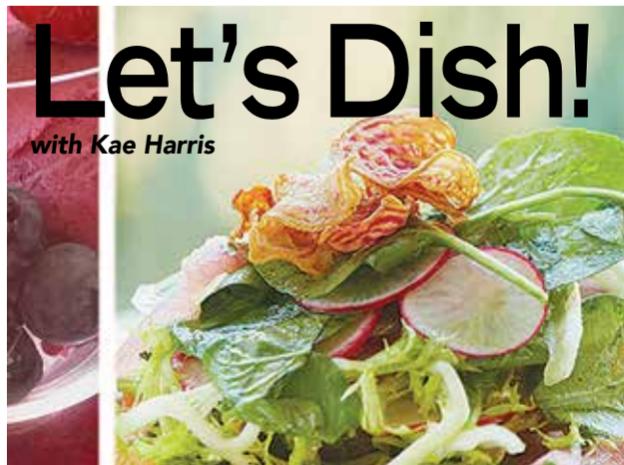
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## NOT SO TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS – OR ARE THEY?

Food is, other than a basic requirement for life, a unique thing, relative to each custom and geographical location. What some in an area might view as a delicacy, others from somewhere else could find most off-putting. I'm thus always curious to know about all the 'weird and wonderful' things people eat, especially during the holidays. With Christmas almost here, I figured it would be fun and interesting to talk about Christmas food traditions around the world. Perhaps not just about foods and things made into certain dishes, but also the way in which the season is centered around food generally and the amusing things that ensue where it's concerned at Christmastime.

I wanted to dispel a bit of a myth I found written about online regarding a certain little tasty treat from South Africa. According to the article I read, it said 'fried worms' were considered a Christmas delicacy, merely for the fact they make their appearance around the holiday. I've personally never known them to be considered 'festive fare' this time of year. They are indeed eaten and enjoyed by many people when they do make their debut, but not because it's Christmas. Rather, it's because they are apparently delicious. They're called mopane worms and while I can't vouch for their tastiness first-hand, I don't doubt my friends who eat them. It's okay, I have other favorite foods. Funny how they were termed an 'edible caterpillar' in the article I read. I guess anything can be considered edible if you're willing to make it so. DO NOT however, and I repeat, DO NOT make just anything edible.

There are a few things at this time of year, in fact, that while a culinary feature, are not actually edible. None is so strange and fun to me as the tradition of hiding a pickle (non-edible, of course) in a Christmas tree! Now, there are a few versions

of the story and who knows which one is true. They are all, nonetheless, fascinating. One story goes like this: In the 1880s, Woolworth stores sold glass ornaments which, at the time, were German imports. Many of these beautiful tree adornments were glass versions of fruits and vegetables and some historians theorize a pickle was among them. Why, then, out of all the non-edible, ornamental produce that could be the feature we celebrate on the tree today, a pickle is it, is totally beyond me. Anyway, this is but one version of the origin of the Christmas pickle. Another story goes it was just an outright German tradition from way-back-when, where the glass pickle ornament is hung last on the tree and the first child in the house to find it the next morning gets to open the first gift. This claim however, has been refuted by many German people who haven't actually ever heard of the Christmas pickle. Yet another story of the pickle talks of an imprisoned Bavarian-born Civil War soldier who was starving and on the edge of death and begged one of the prison guards to give him a last pickle to eat before he succumbed. The guard took pity, so it says, and gave him a pickle, which then gave the prisoner the strength to continue living. These are only a few of the stories about the Christmas pickle, which I've heard is still celebrated today in Michigan (please verify if you know!) and it's truly one of the more interesting food-oriented traditions I've ever come across.

Yes, pickles are delicious, but there are many other ways Christmas around the world is celebrated with food in some form or another. In 1974, in Japan, KFC began promoting fried chicken as a Christmas meal. It has since become a tradition across the country with almost four million Japanese families partaking in it. Christmas isn't necessarily celebrated in Japan in any specific way per se, though it is acknowledged, and a bucket of Kentucky Fried Chicken is one way to go for sure! What's not to enjoy about it? Crispy fried chicken

on a chilly winter's day (or night?), no cooking, minimal clean up. I'd say it's as great a seasonal culinary event and indulgence as any.

But what about you and your family? If you observe the holiday itself, how do you do it? Do you have any traditions, favorite foods that are made every year, or any events you attend to mark the period? When I was growing up, Christmas fell during the summer months (southern hemisphere climate and all) and as such, our festive meal was comprised primarily of cold dishes. There was often a rice salad, pasta salad, cold deli meats, fruit salad, mixed green salad, (lots and lots of salads), fridge cakes and tarts and of course, a gathering of loved ones. Yes, we did a traditional roast sometimes too, regular 'hot food,' but more often it was something to cool us down on those hot African days.

Speaking of rice, it must be said a South African's love of rice is no joke at all. When I say we love our rice, I mean we LOVE our rice. We have an Afrikaans phrase sometimes used as a general comment to highlight our staple diet, 'rys, vleis en aartappels,' which literally means 'rice, meat and potatoes.' So goes a South African diet. The point I'm getting to here is rice by itself is wonderful, benign. However, taking it up a couple of notches is always a good thing. Rice salad is one of the best ways to do this, I think. You could use any rice and your ingredients should be things you really feel will fit well with the grains. Perhaps a rice salad could become a Christmastime tradition for YOU, an adopted one of sorts, and why not? It's what traditions essentially are - adopting something and continuing it on.

Dear readers, please feel free to tell me what your festive food traditions are, where they come from and why you continue them. I'd love to hear all about it! Of course, you've probably guessed I am including a rice salad recipe for you to try and even

though I'm pretty sure I've already included one before now, here's another version!

Send any and all comments, questions and definitely recipes you'd like to share to letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com and we'll do just that and Dish!

### Rice Salad

- 1 ½ cups rice (long grain or basmati work best), rinsed
- 1 cup cooked peas
- ¼ cup chopped red pepper
- ¼ cup chopped green pepper
- ¼ red onion, finely diced
- salt to taste
- 1 medium tomato, diced

### Dressing

- 6 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon olive or toasted sesame oil
- salt and pepper
- 2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar or red wine vinegar
- fresh chopped parsley

In a pot, bring to a boil the rice, 3 cups water and salt. Reduce heat and cook on low until rice is tender (about 15 to 20 minutes). Remove from heat and allow to cool completely. In a large bowl, combine peppers, onion, peas and tomato and add in the cooled rice. Mix well again and set aside. In a smaller bowl, mix together the wine vinegar, salt and pepper. Next, slowly drizzle in the oils one at a time, while mixing. Pour over the rice mixture, combine well to ensure even coating, serve as a side with parsley to garnish and enjoy!

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### TUESDAY, NOV. 26

#### 3:20 am, SR 20

Advising male keeps coming back asking for something to drink, keeps asking "How about at a later date?" Reporting party wants to press charges, is scared.

#### 12:33 pm, Quigley Rd.

Advising UPS driver crashed into building, driver took off; happened between 11:30 am and noon today.

#### 4:04 pm, SW Erie Cir.

Reporting party wants to know if subjects who threatened to blow up her house have been arrested.

#### 6:58 pm, Lakeside Dr.

Reporting party's dog was fighting raccoon in front yard and reporting party had to shoot raccoon, only wanting to provide information in case neighbor reports shot.

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27

#### 3:19 am, Benton Pl.

Open line with Hawaiian-themed music playing in background, buttons being pushed and line put on hold; recalled.

#### 7:43 am, Fircrest Ave.

Caller rambling about numerous things but said does need contact; back on the line again, whispering, something about religious problems.

#### 10:31 am, SR 20

Reporting party advising male threw cup at passing traffic; walking northbound, carrying large black backpack.

#### 3:06 pm, SE Maylor St.

Reporting party says estranged wife keeps calling him asking for money.

#### 4:45 pm, SE Bayshore Dr.

Advising subject at location is being rude and is not leaving.

### 5:20 pm, Fircrest Ave.

Caller advising just wants report on file about phone call with female who was making lots of assumptions and lots of drama; rambling about numerous things.

### 11:19 pm, N Main St.

Reporting party advising subject at location banging on door trying to get in; has been told to leave.

### THURSDAY, NOV. 28

#### 10:13 pm, N Main St.

Gun shot victim, one round 9MM through left arm, accidentally shot friend, Asian male in lobby, possibly still has weapon.

### FRIDAY, NOV. 29

#### 8:10 am, Sullivan Rd.

Loose cattle on road, also in caller's yard. Belong to neighbor, unknown name.

#### 9:29 am, Landsend Rd.

Viewing on phone, two men, dressed in green camouflage, on reporting party's front porch; appear to be Mexican.

#### 12:59 pm, Shawn Ave.

Reporting party advising she's receiving harassing phone calls, ongoing in morning from "Oriental company;" told them not interested multiple times and female says she will call every day.

#### 2:28 pm, SR 20

Advising male subject urinated on ramp then went across to ferry terminal; brown-skinned male. Red knit cap, heavy blue parka, stretch pants carrying a purse.

### 2:30 pm, SW Erie St.

Caller advising male at Walmart is bothering people. Currently by Primo water area where people smoke. Last night, tried to start fight with employee, today being a nuisance.

### 3:30 pm, Bonaparte Ln.

Advising dog knocked elderly female down, she got up and continued walking. Advising second time this has happened, thinks owners need to be talked to.

### 7:13 pm, SE Barrington Dr.

Advising subject was showing sexual lewd conduct on Island Transit in city limits of Oak Harbor; has video footage.

### 7:43 pm, NE 7th Ave.

Advising car is following reporting party with flashing lights.

### 8:43 pm, Cedar Cove Ln.

Reporting party states domesticated goose arrived at location this afternoon in distress; does not know who goose belongs to.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 30

#### 2:11 am, SE Pioneer Way

Reporting party advising 30 to 40 people around Tasty India fighting, screaming.

#### 5:05 pm, Wilkinson Rd.

Advising son who lives in Calif. installed cameras in caller's home without her knowledge; first noticed at Thanksgiving.

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



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# CHICKEN LITTLE & THE ASTROLOGER

By Wesley Hallock

## ARIES (March 21-April 19)



Placing your faith in the wisdom of a higher authority is definitely among the wiser of your options this week. That does not necessarily assure you an easy road, however.

Challenges may come from a certain ally who sees things in a different way. Disagreement can be productive and healthy, provided all parties are working toward an agreed upon goal. The jeopardy of the 19th is insistence on being right at any cost.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



This a relatively safe week to explore certain options that earlier seemed too risky to attempt. Most importantly, you now enjoy the backing of a major player who did not support you before. With the added safety net this person represents, you are free to proceed. The unexpected may still arise, so do look before you leap. Many of your problems can be anticipated before they arise. Consider the big picture on the 19th.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21)



Wants and desires stand a much better chance of being fulfilled this week if you put them on the table for open discussion. The minute you share them, dreams and wishes that you've previously kept private are a step closer to becoming reality. Then begins the hard work of realizing your goal, a labor of love to make it so. Desire is an empty bowl on the 19th without drive and ambition to match.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22)



The hardest part of your week may be to convince a skeptic that where there is a will, as the old saying goes, there is a way. While there's no denying that hard work may be involved, the object of your pursuit lies well within your reach. How do you convey that to one who will not see? The answer is, you don't. Not until they are ready to look with open eyes will they see. The door is open on the 19th.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



Fun times are more than just pointless jollies this week. To engage in your whims and fancies is also to serve a higher purpose. And what might that purpose be? It may not be for you to know, not immediately, at least. Just concern yourself with doing those things you're moved to tackle for the sheer joy of doing them, and don't fret the purpose. The additional factor of money may sweeten the pot on the 19th.

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



Partnership is an easy proposition this week. The easily agreeable nature of the other person means you're likely to get your way. This happy state will last longer if you remember to include the other in your thinking. If you lapse into self-centeredness, matters could go

south in a hurry. You're in trouble the moment your partner feels you're using them as the means to an end. Inclusion is the key word on the 19th.

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



The distinction between force of will and force of personality is huge this week. Misapplied will creates enemies and turns them against you. In the same situation, personality can work

magic, drawing out the best in others, so they want to work with you. Both potentials are yours. Which will it be, tussels of your own creation, or harmonious advances? The choice points are crystal clear on the 19th.

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



The pros and cons of routine decisions find easy expression in you this week. Words that you drop carelessly and without thinking may be picked up, making you the unintended hero of the day. The reason? Homespun wisdom currently holds special appeal for those who don't know which way to turn. Just the fact of talking confidently makes you something of an authority on the 19th.

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



You may be called to declare a position and defend it against all comers this week. Some who oppose you are going to be quite vigorous, even irrational, in their stance against you. You

may be in a minority position in your belief, an alarming thought, perhaps. Are your convictions well-rooted and tested by prior experience? If so, then continue to embrace them. The 19th is no time to switch your allegiance.

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



The ease with which you go about your daily business may disarm the casual observer this week. Some might judge your approach as being too laid back. Let a crisis arise,

however, and the judges will quickly realize their error. The speed with which the warrior in you is able to take command when the need arises should erase all doubts of your competency. A matter concluded on the 19th may enjoy a surprisingly good outcome.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



A matter of dispute comes to the fore this week, with a fair chance that you'll want to revise your position. New information may well undermine your current stance. Take

heart if that happens. A mind that doesn't change as the facts change is a mind imprisoned. The trickle down may make course corrections necessary on a variety of issues. Be flexible on the 19th and consider the overview as well as the details.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



A sense of needing to make up for lost time may lend urgency to your actions this week. The reality, however, is that the inertia that leaves you feeling behind in your game is

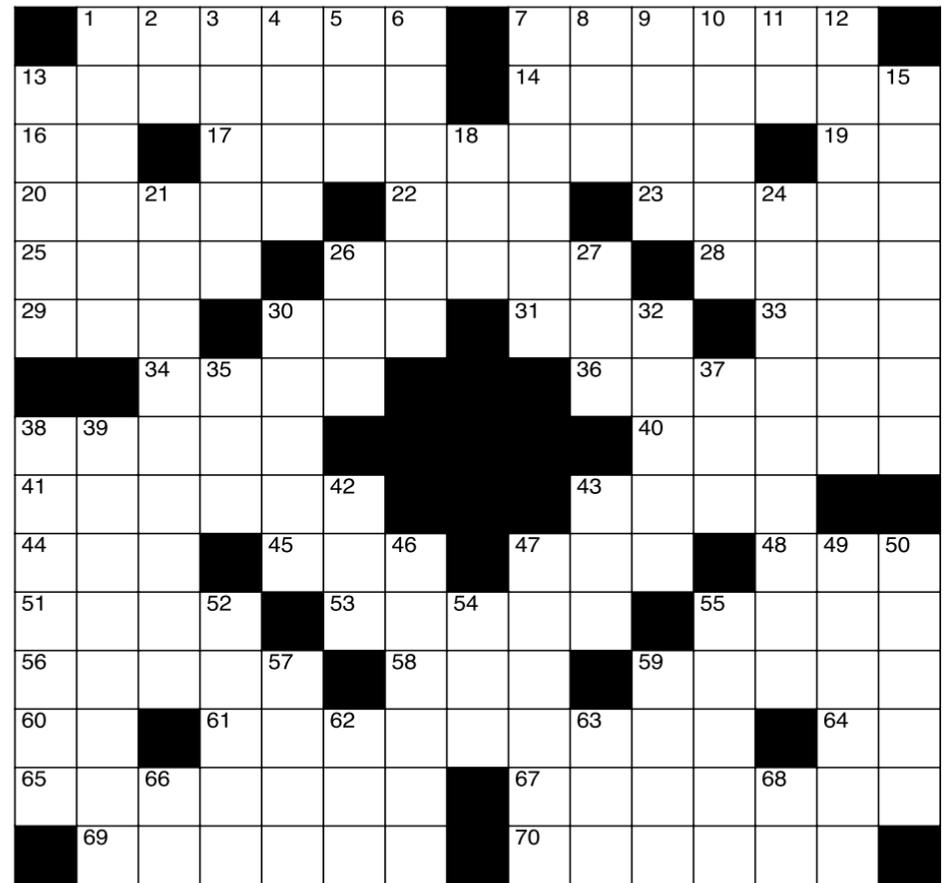
gradually being overcome. If you gain the prize by pushing harder now, is it worth the extra effort if that prize would naturally have fallen into your hands later? These are important considerations on the 19th, when other matters may vie for your attention.

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# Crossword Puzzle



## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Rope used as a lasso
- 7. Lomb's partner
- 13. North African nation
- 14. Rounds up cattle
- 16. Densest naturally occurring element
- 17. Home of the Brewers
- 19. Atomic #44
- 20. Vetches
- 22. Moved earth with a tool
- 23. Cavalry sword
- 25. Supplements with difficulty
- 26. Encouraged
- 28. Speech defect
- 29. Periodical (abbr.)
- 30. Very cold
- 31. \_\_ Paulo, city
- 33. Former OSS
- 34. Approves food
- 36. Cars need them
- 38. Sweden's dominant phone company
- 40. Long lock of a woman's hair
- 41. North American natives
- 43. Fly high
- 44. One type is fire
- 45. Nocturnal bird
- 47. More than one male
- 48. LOTR actor McKellen

- 51. Employee stock ownership plan
- 53. Tony-winning actress Daisy
- 55. Tennis star Kournikova
- 56. Pulitzer-winning composer
- 58. The opposite to pro
- 59. Safecrackers
- 60. Denotes past
- 61. Parrots
- 64. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- 65. Reduce the importance of
- 67. Stiffly
- 69. In a sensible way
- 70. Signs

- 15. Distinguish oneself
- 18. 8th month of the year (abbr.)
- 21. One who monitors
- 24. Petty quarreling
- 26. Fiddler crabs
- 27. Touch lightly
- 30. American state
- 32. Pro wrestler Randy
- 35. Indicates spelling mistake
- 37. Macaws
- 38. Gradually narrowed
- 39. Installments
- 42. Female sheep
- 43. Politician
- 46. Servant
- 47. Said to facilitate concentration
- 49. California ballplayers
- 50. Once Toledo's tallest building
- 52. A type of pie
- 54. State of southwestern India
- 55. Principal member of Norse religion
- 57. Counterspy
- 59. Wellness practice
- 62. \_\_-de-sac: dead end street
- 63. Used to cook
- 66. Type of hospital
- 68. Direct message

Answers on page 19

## YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, Dec. 19	Fri, Dec. 20	Sat, Dec. 21	Sun, Dec. 22	Mon, Dec. 23	Tues, Dec. 24	Wed, Dec. 25
North Isle H-52°/L-43° Cloudy, Rainy and Windy	North Isle H-52°/L-43° Cloudy Rain Possible	North Isle H-50°/L-42° Cloudy Rain Possible	North Isle H-49°/L-39° Cloudy Rain Possible	North Isle H-48°/L-37° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-46°/L-36° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-45°/L-35° Cloudy
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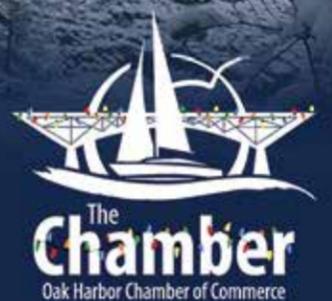
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By Carey Ross

**21 Bridges:** I will watch Chadwick Boseman in just about anything, including this incredibly cheesy-looking action flick which seems to have been made solely so Boseman can stay in shape for his next Black Panther movie. ★★ (R • 1 hr. 43 min.)

**A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood:** Forest Gump was just the warm-up. Obviously Mister Rogers was the role Tom Hanks was born to play. Feel free to ugly cry from the opening scene to the closing credits. You'll be in excellent and plentiful company. ★★★★★ (PG • 1 hr. 48 min.)

**Black Christmas:** This is the second remake of the 1974 classic that planted the very fertile seeds of the slasher genre, including not only the slasher itself but also the archetype of attractive, helpless women victims. Despite a supposedly fresh feminist take, the third time is not quite the charm. ★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 32 min.)

**Bombshell:** Charlize Theron, Nicole Kidman, and Margot Robbie play two real-life women and one semi-real composite character that teamed up to take down Roger Ailes in a surreal #MeToo moment in the last place you'd expect one to happen: Fox News. ★★★ (R • 1 hr. 58 min.)

**Cats:** I was as creeped out by the first trailer for this film as everyone else, what with its weird catlike humanoids, but I'm only in it for Taylor Swift, so the more bizarre, the better, I say. Let's get uncomfortable. ★★★ (PG)

**Dark Waters:** Mark Ruffalo plays a lawyer who takes on chemical giant DuPont in this compelling courtroom drama that gets a huge assist in the form of direction by Todd Haynes. ★★★★★ (PG-13 • 2 hrs. 6 min.)



**Ford v Ferrari:** Ostensibly, this is about legendary car designer Carroll Shelby (Matt Damon), who, under the auspices of Ford and with the help of driver Ken Miles (Christian Bale), took on the Ferrari racing monopoly. Mostly it just looks like a couple of Oscar-winning actors driving fast cars and having the time of their lives doing it. ★★★★★ (PG-13 • 2 hrs. 32 min.)

**Frozen II:** It's Disney's world and we're

all just living in it. There's nothing we can do about it. We need to learn to let it go. ★★★★★ (PG • 1 hr. 44 min.)

**Jumanji: The Next Level:** This franchise is proof the Rock's considerable charms are enough to overwhelm and overcome even the most mediocre premise and razor-thin plot. I'm not mad about it. I'm charmed by him too. ★★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 40 min.)



**Knives Out:** This Agatha Christie-esque murder mystery has an excellent ensemble cast—Daniel Craig, Chris Evans, Jamie Lee Curtis, Toni Collette, Christopher Plummer, etc.—an excellent director—Rian Johnson—and excellent reviews. Suck it, "Star Wars," this is my winter 2019 must-see. ★★★★★ (PG-13 • 2 hrs. 10 min.)

**Midway:** The Battle of Midway was a truly decisive World War II naval victory with an interesting backstory no movie directed by Roland Emmerich could adequately capture. The battle scenes will be real cool though. ★★ (PG-13 • 2 hrs. 18 min.)

**Playmobil: The Movie:** I suppose given the high quality and runaway success of the Lego movies, it was inevitable the Lego knockoff Playmobil would take a stab at moviemaking. Imitation may be the sincerest form of flattery, but it doesn't necessarily make for a good film. ★ (1 hr. 39 min.)

**Richard Jewell:** Say what you will about Clint Eastwood, but in a Hollywood that has succumbed to green screens and style over substance, he remains a master of spare, straightforward filmmaking. Here he trains his lens on falsely accused 1996 Atlanta bomber Richard Jewell with his by-now-customary effective results. ★★★ (R • 2 hrs. 9 min.)

**Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker:** IT'S FINALLY HERE AND I AM SO EXCITED. Five out of five stars forever. One million stars if Baby Yoda makes an appearance. ★★★★★ (PG-13 • 2 hrs. 35 min.)

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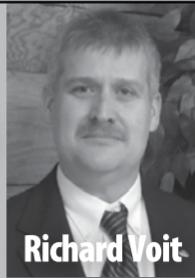
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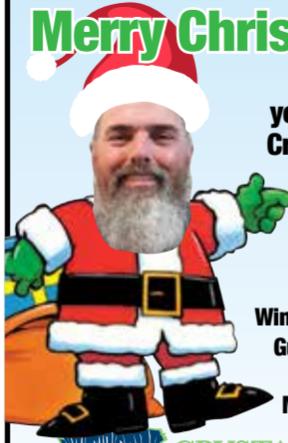


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