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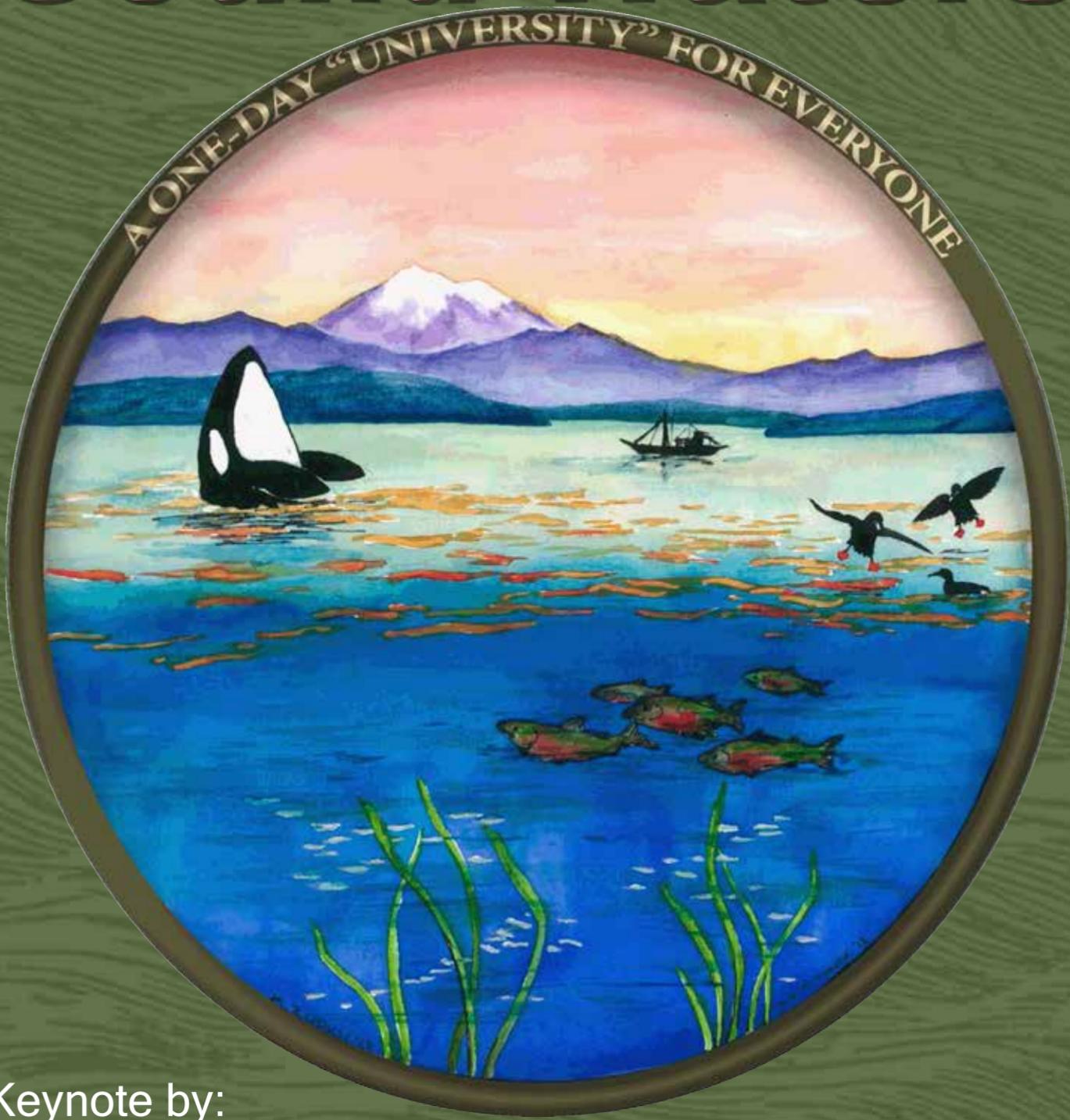
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Island Angler

THE LORE OF SPORTFISHING

By Tracy Loescher

"TO BUY OR NOT TO BUY"

When the end of March arrives this year and it's time to renew our annual fishing license, this could be the question you might be asking yourself: Is it worth it?

The "Fish Washington" license option, which covers most of the fresh and saltwater fishing opportunities, will cost us \$60.50 and no doubt you will need the Discover Pass to park and fish at a cost of \$35, bringing the total to just under \$100 to get started. To some anglers this \$100 is money well spent, but for others it can seem pretty ridiculous, and not worth it, especially if you are buying for multiple adult family members.

If you are a fishing nut like my son and I are, as much as it can hurt, we just bite the bullet and spend the money. What really makes me shake my head is the fact our licenses expire at the end of March and the saltwater salmon seasons and catch limits have not even been decided yet, so we buy my combo-style license and keep our fingers crossed state and tribal officials let us fish. If you look at the cost breakdown in the regulation booklet, we do have the option of piecing our license together as the seasons progress, but we lose the money-saving benefit of the combo deal.

My family and I do most all of our fishing in Marine Areas 6 thru 9; these areas are close by with easy boat ramp access and if the winds get too bad I can reluctantly cancel my trip. Unfortunately, these areas are heavily regulated and the open fishing dates and catch limits are constantly being manipulated by the state and posted on their online emergency rule change section. Many fishermen I know simply make arrangements and fish in Canadian waters. I want to fish Canada as well; I love the challenge of fishing somewhere new, but for now I choose to stay in our waters and fish like a madman while the seasons are open.

Here is an option some local fishermen do to get more time on the water and have had great success filling their coolers - they trailer their boats onto the ferry and head out for the Olympic Peninsula. They have made plans to fish in Marine Areas 1 thru 5. The regulations are not quite as restrictive and they can potentially catch in a week what could take a month or so in the inner marine areas. Lingcod and salmon opportunities are generally better, and Black Sea Bass, which are great eating, can also be retained in a couple of the coastal areas. Marine areas 1, 2, 3 and part of 4 are in the main Pacific Ocean so extra planning and caution is needed; these areas are in big water, and can be very unforgiving. I have fished twice out of Westport; the first time was on a 30-foot

charter boat in search of Albacore tuna at a cost of \$380 per person; we traveled 55 miles offshore until the water temp climbed to 61 degrees and the birds began gathering in large numbers, circling above and diving on the feeding tuna. We enticed the tuna to bite with stout sharp hooks, and live bait. We fought these incredibly powerful fish until our arms were sore and the below-deck fish hold was full of 35- to 40-pound tuna. It was lights out, unbelievable fishing. We brought home 100 pounds of fresh tuna loins and pressure canned most of it with just a pinch of salt and black pepper. The finished product was so rich and tasty it was well worth the cost, not to mention the fun we had and memories we made.

My second trip was also out of Westport with a friend on his personal 26-foot Hewescraft, the cost was very close to the charter we had taken when you add up gas, bait, and ice required for the long anticipated trip. Our plan was to head out, catch some tuna, then return closer to shore for a chance at summer coho salmon. We traveled 72 miles offshore and found the tuna boats, but only managed to land eight tuna. We then headed back; we located and joined the other salmon fishing boats, we dropped down a 1 1/2 ounce lead jigs and caught one nice 10-pound bright coho then headed for the dock. It had been a long but rewarding day.

It is unfortunate the cost of fishing and hunting has gotten so high, but the cost of almost everything can raise an eyebrow these days. My advice is take every opportunity to fish for and catch what is open; if lake trout is all that is open, go catch lake trout; if the weather permits and kelp greenling are the only bottom fish available, go catch kelp greenling. Do not limit yourself to just a few species, fish for everything you can. It's easy to get wrapped around the axle about the cost involved and lose sight of the joy of fishing and making memories with our kids and friends. Plan ahead, save up a little each month and prepare for the new, upcoming season, study the regulations, watch for positive changes to fishing opportunities on the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife website and it will help take some of the sting out of what we love to do, CATCH FISH!

Here is the website for the State fishing regulations: wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations. I recommend getting familiar with the website in addition to the booklet; it will help make your fishing more relaxing knowing the regs. My email is tlfishmonger@gmail.com - drop me a fishing story, true or not! Be safe and GOOD LUCK on the water.

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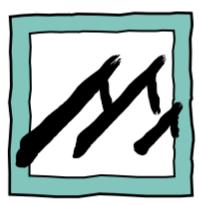
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ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



It is not easy trying to write a column while listening to the Seahawks on the radio.

Being a two fingered typist, I have to look for the white letters on the black keys before proceeding.

One hears things on local radio one will not hear on national television so I prefer radio.

After the referees' reversal of a bad call regarding a 2nd quarter pass from Seahawk quarterback Russell Wilson to Mr. Cool, Tyler Lockett, former Seahawk defensive dynamo and KIRO star Dave Wyman side barred to partner Steve Raible, "How about that? The two of us were right and 65,000 drunken morons were wrong."

I think I'll clip this column and send it to my Philly pals.

Did we win yet?

Spiral stare case

While watching the icy East coast weather reports showcasing cars spinning counter clockwise, last week I wondered who invented the spiral notebook, and why?

Thanks to www.whoinvented.org, I was able to locate this info:

"The first mention of the spiral notebooks has been found in the Popular magazine in their issue dated October 1934. The article shows readers how to bind the pages together using a coil spring, which is what a spiral notebook is all about. However for this particular invention, no citation or credit has been given to any author. However the US Patent office does seem to have a patent application that was filed in early 1935 for the spiral notebook. The title that was given for this patent application was 'Binding Construction and Method.' The patent application has detailed instructions and shows that Walter Grumbacher is the inventor. However the patent has been assigned to Spiral Binding Co. Ltd."

Having resolved that query, I am reminded of the philosophy of David Caruso's Horatio Caine on CSI: Miami - "I think I know at the end of the day the truth is all we have."

Typo on the mainland

On page C1 of last Sunday's Seattle Times sports section, an incredibly artistic colored illustration designated Road Warriors alerted readers of the pending NFC wild card playoff game.

My excitement level for the game had me up and coffee'd before Jane Pauley welcomed me to CBS Sunday Morning at 7 a.m.

For me, weekly enjoying coffee with the Sunday paper is right at the top of my life achievements. Adding a playoff football game to the mix makes for an earlier sip and read.

Thinking I might laminate the superlative Seahawks Road Warriors tribute, I tore page C1 from the sports section to open it all the way for pre-laminating flattening.

While cutting the page, I saw the small typed sentence beneath the one inch tall bold Road Warriors - Hawks are 7-1 on road this season, and that's path they face in playoffs.

I re-read the sentence.

Was there a word missing?

Where was the word the before the word path?

Did the path need a the? I thought so.

Troubled, I called the customer service number, 800-542-0820.

After one ring, the automated perfection of a female voice began: "Thank you for calling the Seattle Times. Which of these can I help you with-vacation hold, delivery problem, your account, or something else?"

Not hearing the choice of reporting a possible typo, I said boldly, "Something else."

The "something else" option gave me back the automated assistant who graciously offered four more options.

"Make a payment, start a subscription, change your address, or speak to a customer service representative?"

The automated assistant did not even have to call me by name to get me to respond. With swiftness, not wanting to hear any on-hold music while deciding, I replied, "Speak to a customer service rep."

Another phone began to ring. I had the C1 page at the ready so I could quote the sentence verbatim.

The phone stopped ringing. Anticipation was at a premium.

"My name is Alan. How may I help you?"

"Hi Alan, my name is Jim. I was wondering how to contact the person in charge of proofreading the first page of the sports section in today's Seattle Times."

"Let me get you the number of the news room."

"But this isn't breaking news, just a typo. There is a word missing at the bottom of the page. I want to laminate the page, but was hoping I could get a corrected copy if they go to a second printing."

"Who wrote the article?"

"No one wrote anything. It is just an illustrated poster by a guy named Neil Jamieson, aka 'The Sporting Press'."

"Here is the number for the news room. 1-888-624-7323. Will there be anything else?"

"Yes, I was wondering if you were named after anyone in your family?"

I think I heard a slight chuckle on the other end but it could have been my hearing aids. I had them cranked since Alan was in the Philippines.

"Yes, I am named after my father, Alan."

"That's great. I'm named after my great grandfather, but, I don't know if he was a good guy or not. I hope so. I have his name."

"Will there be anything else?"

"No, thanks Alan."

Another sip of coffee, now cold, and then I called the news room.

I was nervous. What if I were interrupting a big story? What if someone famous answered? What if it was Walter Winchell's grandson?

The phone stopped ringing. I got a recording. More choices.

To report a news story, press 1.

For sports, press 2.

Holy moly. What if Larry Stone answered, or Bob Condotta, or Matt Calkins, or Adam Jude?

Figuring these award-winning sports columnists might be at home watching football, my breathing slowed, until the ringing stopped.

Here we go. Showtime at the Typo.

Yet, what a disappointment to my blood pressure. Another recording.

"Please leave a message after the tone."

With a sigh of comfort, I quickly reported my dilemma of the missing "the" on page C1 and my lamination concerns to the fantasy listener.

As of this typing, I have not yet heard back.

Surely, these things must take time.

What if they are backlogged with other typos?

Maybe other people who proofread subconsciously in wild card fashion also called.

Maybe I should send an email just in case.

Sort of a plan B.

I just don't want to get Alan in trouble. He had to pay for my phone call to Manila on the Seattle Times 800 line.

One more

After New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees' 4th quarter fumble in last week's wild card playoff game won by the Minnesota Vikings, the radio announcer quipped, "That's definitely a Pepto Bismol upsetting moment."

Does Brees get a finder's fee for fumbling into a collateral endorsement for upset stomach relief?

Ever read the side of the bottle? The settling of the stomach ingredient, bismuth subsalicylate, is also good for dogs, but not cats.

Woof woof!

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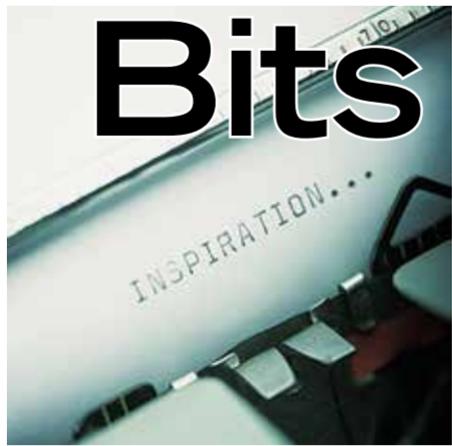
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Happy New Year!



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Bits & Pieces

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

In the 10 short months since "I Support The Girls-Whidbey Island" was established, we've had phenomenal success. Thanks to all the wonderfully generous people who believe in what we do and understand the need. To date, these wonderful folks have helped us deliver over 83,345 necessities such as feminine hygiene supplies, bras and underwear.

We humbly thank the people who donate monthly, who order online and have their donation delivered, who take time to donate in any of our four donation boxes, who sew "period packs" and knit hats or volunteer their time to help. We also thank the salons and fitness centers who have participated in our "challenges" to collect donations as well as the service organizations who invited me to speak and hear what we are all about. And all the folks who stopped by our table out front of Walmart. All the items donated mean the world to those in the various shelters for the homeless, economically distressed, the schools and the jail.

The need is still there. A woman's period does not stop because we are beginning a new decade. A woman cannot stand up straight with dignity and self-respect without proper hygiene and clothing. And without dignity and self-respect, a woman cannot believe she is valuable and that she has worth. So our job is far from over. In 2020, we hope to more than double our donations by holding more fund raisers, business challenges, awareness and informative campaigns and of course, we will be back in front of Walmart as soon as the weather allows. Our Amazon Smile link for supplies is <http://bit.ly/ISTGWhidbeyIsland> and our donation link through our main headquarters is <http://bit.ly/ISTGWhidbey>. We sincerely hope you will join us in making someone's life a little better. And we are truly grateful to all those who have helped us get this far.

Kate Mistler
Oak Harbor, Wash.

Seattle's Adaptable Urban Cooper's Hawks



Ed Deal with a female Cooper's Hawk perched on his right arm. Twenty-five years ago, Cooper's hawks began colonizing urban and suburban landscapes throughout the U.S., evolving a tolerance for living in proximity to humans. Thursday, Whidbey Audubon Society hosts Ed Deal, from the Urban Raptor Conservancy, a Seattle nonprofit organization. Deal will provide insights into these common but elusive raptors by covering their breeding season with photos and

videos at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at 20103 State Route 525, two miles north of Freeland. Doors open at 7:00PM and the free program begins at 7:30PM. The public is welcome.

The Seattle study, one of several in large U.S. cities (e.g., Milwaukee, Albuquerque), is monitoring the local population nesting density and annual productivity. In addition, a color identification banding program tracks fledgling dispersal, and longevity; as well as adult breeding site and winter site fidelity. The results include annual increases in productivity, little evidence of migration, strong site fidelity and (mostly) short natal dispersal distances.

You would think someone born in Cooper Hospital and raised in Audubon, New Jersey would be a child-prodigy birder. But it wasn't until midlife when Ed took Bud Anderson's hawk identification class in 1991. He went on to volunteer on fall migration hawk banding projects in the Goshutes Mountains, Nev., Florida Keys and Cape May, N.J., in addition to Diamond Head, Chelan Ridge and Entiat Ridge in Washington.

He volunteered on the Falcon Research Group's entire 17-year study of nesting peregrine falcons in the San Juan Islands and is in his 27th year monitoring and banding nesting peregrines in the Seattle area. For the last eight years, he has worked with a group of volunteers studying the expanding urban population of Cooper's Hawks in Seattle. He holds a Federal Master Raptor Banding Permit. He is a graduate of the Seattle Audubon Master Birder Program.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, Whidbey Audubon Publicity Chair]

Humanities Washington: Let It Not Happen Again - Lessons of the Japanese-American Exclusion

What led to the incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans, and how can we prevent similar tragedies? Join Clarence Moriwaki at the Freeland library Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 2:00PM as he explores the fear, racism, and failure of political leadership which led to these unconstitutional actions during World War II, and why we must not let it happen again.

In March of 1942, 227 Japanese Americans were forcibly removed from their homes on Bainbridge Island by the U.S. Army. Starting with this small community, a national strategy began, with more than 120,000 Japanese American men, women, and children forcibly removed and incarcerated during World War II.

Clarence Moriwaki provides a human, historical account of this national tragedy, to ask the question: Are there parallels to what's happening in America now? Moriwaki uses historical images and current propaganda, to explore the fear, racism, and failure of political leadership that led to these unconstitutional actions during World War II, and why we must not let it happen again.

Moriwaki is the president of the Bainbridge Island Japanese-American Community and a founder and former president of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial Association.

[Submitted by Susan Hanzelka, Freeland Library]

Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner

Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge will host its second annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner Saturday, Jan. 25. The dinner will be held at the Nordic Hall located at 63 Jacobs Road in Coupeville. Dinner will be served starting at noon with additional seatings at 2:00 and 4:00PM. The public is invited and welcome to enjoy this longtime Scandinavian tradition.

A lutefisk and meatball dinner is very much enjoyed and anticipated and usually served during the Christmas holiday season. In addition to lutefisk and meatballs with gravy, melted butter, white cream sauce, and bacon bits will be served. The meal also includes potatoes, vegetable, lefse, dessert, and a drink.

To attend this meal will require a ticket, which can be purchased at www.whidbeyislandnordiclodge.com or by calling 360-678-5197. All purchases must be made by Tuesday, Jan. 21. There will not be any tickets sold at the door.

[Submitted by Brian Petersen, Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge]

Crowning Achievements - A Royal Collaboration



Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra presents *Crowning Achievements*, a set of programs Jan. 25, 7:30PM at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley and Jan. 26, 2:30PM at Oak Harbor High School. Music Director Anna Edwards will lead the orchestra in a program featuring the award-winning Oak Harbor High School choirs, under the direction of Darren McCoy. The Oak Harbor choirs are repeatedly ranked among the best in the Pacific Northwest region and have received numerous accolades and glowing reviews usually reserved for collegiate choirs. Past collaborations with Saratoga Orchestra have included Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*, Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Gabriel Faure's *Requiem*.

Programmed are "royal" masterpieces including G.F. Handel's *Overture to Royal Fireworks Music* and *Zadok the Priest*, written for the coronation of King George II in 1727, and Mozart's *Gloria* from *Coronation Mass 1779* for Francis II with vocal soloists Eva Nelson, Christa Ford, Brandon Nelson and Karl Olsen. Swahili inspired, *O Sifuni Mungu*, and Helvering's setting of *Ave Maria* (2001) are contemporary choral works highlighted on the program. Continuing Saratoga Orchestra's season-long celebration of Beethoven's 250th birthday, concertmaster Sarah Pizzichemi will be featured soloist on Beethoven's *Romance No. 2 in F major, Op. 50* for violin and orchestra.

As an added bonus, Marta Zekan, weekend announcer at Classical KING-FM 98.1 radio, will be moderating the pre-concert chat 45 minutes before each performance. These informal discussions give further insight into the compositions, composers and performers.

General Admission concert tickets are \$25/adult and \$20/senior-military. Students under 18 admitted free. Program information at www.sowhidbey.com or 360-929-3045. Tickets available for Jan. 25 concert only at tickets.wicaonline.org or 360-221-8262. Tickets available for the Jan. 26 concert at bayleaf.incoupeville.com and Click Music in Oak Harbor and day of tickets at Oak Harbor High School.

For more detailed information, please visit www.sowhidbey.com or 360-929-3045.

[Submitted by Larry Heidel, Executive Director, Saratoga Orchestra]

Young Musicians Award 2020

This \$500 award is intended to encourage promising young musicians—instrumental, vocal, choral composition—in the pursuit of classical music studies, performance and experience beyond high school, whether in college, conservatory or through private training. These funds may be used for such things as private lessons, music scores, instrument maintenance, master classes or summer workshops, paying professional accompanists for support in auditions/recordings, etc.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants for this grant must:

- Be a high school junior or senior or a college freshman or sophomore
- Demonstrate significant musical accomplishment and commitment

Protect Yourself Against Long-term Care Costs

If you're fortunate, you'll live independently and in good health throughout your retirement years. However, if you ever needed some type of long-term care, such as a stay in a nursing home, would you be financially prepared?

To answer this question, you may want to evaluate two variables: your likelihood of needing long-term care and the cost of such care. Consider the following:

- Someone turning age 65 today has an almost 70% chance of eventually needing some type of long-term care, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- The average cost for a private room in a nursing home is about \$100,000 per year, while a home health aide costs about \$50,000 per year, according to Genworth, an insurance company.

Clearly, these numbers are worth thinking about. If you needed several years of long-term care, the expense could seriously erode your savings and investments. And keep in mind that Medicare typically pays only a small percentage of long-term care costs. Therefore, you may want to evaluate the following options for meeting these expenses:

- *Self-insure* – You could "self-insure" against long-term care expenses by designating some of your investment portfolio for this purpose. However, as the above numbers suggest, you'd likely have to put away a lot of money before you felt you were truly protected. This could be especially difficult, given the need to save and invest for the other expenses associated with retirement.
- *Long-term care insurance* – When you purchase long-term care insurance, you are essentially transferring the risk of paying for long-term care from yourself to an insurance company. Some policies pay long-term care costs for a set number of years, while others cover you for life. You can also choose optional features, such as benefits that increase with inflation. And most long-term care policies have a waiting period between 0 and 90 days, or longer, before benefits kick in. You'll want to shop around for a policy that offers the combination of features you think best meet your needs. Also, you'll want an insurer that has demonstrated strength and stability, as measured by independent rating agencies. Here's one final point to keep in mind: Long-term care premiums get more expensive as you get older, so if you're interested in this type of coverage, don't wait too long to compare policies.
- *Hybrid policy* – A "hybrid" policy, such as life insurance with a long-term care/chronic illness rider, combines long-term care benefits with those offered by a traditional life insurance policy. So, if you were to buy a hybrid policy and you never needed long-term care, your policy would pay a death benefit to the beneficiary you've named. Conversely, if you ever do need long-term care, your policy will pay benefits toward those expenses. And the amount of money available for long-term care can exceed the death benefit significantly. Hybrid policies can vary greatly in several ways, so, again, you'll need to do some research before choosing appropriate coverage.

Ultimately, you may decide you're willing to take the chance of never needing any type of long-term care. But if you think that's a risk you'd rather not take, then explore all your coverage options carefully. There's no one right answer for everyone – but there's almost certainly one for you.



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- Be able to prove music studies or degree work in process -OR- alternative training/experience (for those still in high school)
- Live on Whidbey Island or—if in college—have lived on Whidbey for at least two years prior to application deadline and maintain Whidbey connection (i.e. family still lives on Whidbey while applicant attends school elsewhere)
- Demonstrate financial need

The application deadline is Feb. 1, the award will be announced March 1.

For information and application forms, visit www.islandconsort.org/young-musicians-award or contact Sheila Weidendorf at sweidendorf@whidbey.com

[Submitted by Sheila Weidendorf]

Whidbey Reads 2020 Book Pick Focuses on Gender Identity Issues



Don't fret if you're not ready for Whidbey Reads 2020. All five Sno-Isle Libraries community libraries on Whidbey Island are, and so is featured author Laurie Frankel of Seattle.

"I am honored and delighted to be the featured author for Whidbey Reads 2020," Frankel said. "Whidbey Reads is such a great program, and Whidbey Island is such a wonderful community. I'm thrilled to be a part of it. Is there anything better than a library program with engaged readers on a gorgeous island? There is not. I can't wait!"

Since 2003, Whidbey Reads has brought

Whidbey Island residents together annually to read and talk about a book that often has a thought-provoking concept.

For 2020, the Whidbey Reads Committee picked Frankel's 2017 novel, "This Is How It Always Is." It was a Pacific Northwest Book Award finalist and won the Washington State Book Award.

"This Is How It Always Is" is the fictional story of how a mother and father support their youngest child who dreams he can be a princess and a girl when he grows up.

Frankel has firsthand knowledge with childhood gender identity issues. The book's plot is inspired by her family's ongoing experience with their transgender child. She wrote about it in 2016 for the *New York Times* column "Modern Love."

"We, as a family, decided to be open and honest about it, too, celebrating her story instead of hiding it," she wrote.

For the author's note in "This Is How It Always Is" Frankel wrote: "I wish for my child, for all our children, a world where they can be who they are and become their most loved, blessed, appreciated selves... For my child, for all our children, I want more options, more paths through the woods, wider ranges of normal, and unconditional love. Who doesn't want that? I know this book will be controversial, but honestly? I keep forgetting why."

Frankel will read from and speak about "This Is How It Always Is" at 3:00PM Wednesday, April 22 at the Oak Harbor Library; at noon Thursday, April 23 at the Coupeville Library; and at 4:00PM Thursday, April 23 in the Langley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 301 Anthes Ave.

Frankel's other novels include "Goodbye for Now" (2012), winner of the 2013 Endeavour Award, and "The Atlas of Love" (2010), a finalist for the Pacific Northwest Book Award.

Whidbey Reads is a collaborative effort between Sno-Isle Libraries, Whidbey Island Friends of the Library groups, and volunteers from each community on Whidbey Island.

Other partners include The Book Rack, Kingfisher Books, Moonraker Books and the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation.

The Whidbey Reads Committee currently includes Marie Byars, project lead and Oak Harbor Library Information Assistant; Theresa Pazar of Langley; Sue Norman of Oak Harbor; Steve Dagleish of Clinton; Gabriel Chrisman, Coupeville Library Associate; Katrina Morse, Mukilteo and south Whidbey Librarian; Susan Hanzelka, Freeland Library Associate; Mary Campbell, Sno-Isle Libraries West District Manager; Karen Achabal, Langley Library Associate; and Libby Sullivan, Skagit Valley College Whidbey Campus librarian.

Sullivan is married to Whidbey Reads 2019 guest author Matthew Sullivan, who wrote "Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore." They recently moved to Anacortes.

Even as the Whidbey Reads Committee finalizes event details for 2020, they're deep into planning for 2021 and beyond.

"The Whidbey Reads committee begins considering titles much sooner than people may think," Byars said. "For example, we began reading and discussing nearly 20 potential titles for 2020 in November 2018. We'd selected our top four choices and queried authors in March 2019, and by June we'd confirmed that we would host Laurie Frankel in April 2020."

"We're already busy reading and talking about potential books and authors for 2021," she said. "We started the selection process in early November 2019. We'll whittle down the list of contenders to a few top picks by February and will make the final decision on a title and author in June."

Committee members can have wildly different opinions on contending titles. With a laugh, Chrisman called it "the book fight."

"Lively discussions are a staple of the selection process," Byars said.

Titles and authors are often reconsidered for another year of contention, Byars said.

"Sometimes the timing just isn't right for an

author, or we want to give a worthy book another chance," she said.

And sometimes, an author is unavailable one year but agrees to come another year.

The Whidbey Reads Committee has a new online survey for readers to offer title suggestions.

"The time is always right for title suggestions," Byars said.

"We're looking for a book to engage the whole community and evoke discussion," said Campbell, the district manager. "And it depends on the author availability and availability of the book in multiple formats."

A series of events and discussions focuses on themes related to "This Is How It Always Is," serving as a springboard to explore commonalities and differences. Events will include book discussions, programs on gender identity and diversity, creative writing, cultural values and even Thai cooking.

[Submitted by Kurt Batdorf, Sno-Isle Libraries]

SWPRD Seeks Applicants for a Vacancy on the Parks Board of Commissioners

The South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants for a position on the Park District Board of Commissioners. This is a volunteer position taking over the remainder of the term that will expire Dec. 31, 2021.

To be considered, applicants must be registered voters within the South Whidbey Park and Recreation District constituency. Interested parties must fill out the application form completely and return it to the South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District Offices before noon Wednesday, Jan. 15. Applications submitted after this time will not be considered in this process.

The application form is available in the District offices at 5475 Maxwellton Road, or can be found at <http://swparks.org>

[Submitted by South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District]

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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

Friday, January 10, 3:00-6:00PM
Island Herb, Freeland

Representatives from Hannah Industries 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. Marijuana has intoxicating effects and may be habit forming. Keep out of the reach of children.

Live Music: Original Jim

Saturday, January 11, 7:30-9:30PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

Original Jim is a unique 'Solo Band' musical project from the Pacific Northwest. A live looping musician who combines multiple instruments into layered arrangements in order to emulate the sound of a full ensemble. Utilizing his guitar, vocals and keyboard, a talent for multi-tasking in front of an audience and a fresh approach to the beat, Jim masters the mechanics of live-layering with toe tappin' rhythm, musicality and plenty of good tunes. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Skagit Wedding Show

Sunday, January 12, 11:00AM-4:00PM
Tulip Town, 15002 Bradshaw Rd, Mt. Vernon

This event will deliver an unprecedented opportunity to connect with highly qualified bridal vendors in a variety of categories. Guests will enjoy viewing the latest trends in the wedding industry, live models and drawings for great prizes. Show tickets may be purchased online at www.cceventplanning.com for \$8 before Friday, or at the door for \$10. Vendor space is available as well. For questions contact Creative Celebrations at 360-428-5972 or info@cceventplanning.com.

Island Herb Vendor Day

Friday, January 17, 3:00-6:00PM
Island Herb, Freeland

Representatives from Rock Garden 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. Marijuana has intoxicating effects and may be habit forming. Keep out of the reach of children.

The BoHodacious Ball

Saturday, January 18, 6:00-11:00PM
Freeland Hall, 1515 E Shoreview Dr.

The third annual Bohemian Ball is a flashback to the 80s this year: The BoHodacious Ball! Island DJs Ashley Eriksson and Eli Moore will be spinning 80s tunes and requests from 7:00 to 11:00PM. Sound provided by Steve DeHaven. 21+ show ID upon entry. No-host bar and complimentary retro snacks. A suggested \$20 donation at the door. BoHodacious Costume Contest with cash prizes— 80s costumes encouraged. First hour of the evening is the BoHodacious Social Hour with light jazz recordings, at a conversational level, brought to you by Steve DeHaven. For more information, email whidbey.island.bohemians@gmail.com or visit www.islandartscouncil.org/island-bohemians.html

Book Lover's Bus Tour

Friday, January 14

Take Island Transit to two libraries and two bookstores between Coupeville and Oak Harbor. Meet authors, ask them about writing and publishing, learn about library resources, and take home a movie, music or a good

book for winter reading. RSVP email: Travel@IslandTransit.org or 360-678-9536.

Island Herb Vendor Day

Friday, January 24, 2:00-5:00PM
Island Herb, Freeland

Representatives from Dama 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. Marijuana has intoxicating effects and may be habit forming. Keep out of the reach of children.

Star Party

Friday, January 24, 6:30PM
Fort Nugent Park, Oak Harbor

Explore the night sky and view distant galaxies, planets and nebulas at this free public Star Party 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 that the event will be canceled if the weather is cloudy. For more information, contact Bob Scott at ICAS_President@outlook.com or visit www.icas-wa.org.

Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner

Saturday, January 25, 12:00, 2:00, and 4:00PM
Whidbey Island Nordic Hall, Coupeville

The public is invited and welcome to enjoy this longtime Scandinavian tradition. In addition to lutefisk and meatballs with gravy, melted butter, white cream sauce, and bacon bits will be served. The meal also includes potatoes, vegetable, lefse, dessert, and a drink. To attend this meal will require a ticket which can be purchased at www.whidbeyislandnordicdodge.com or by calling 360-678-5197. All purchases must be made by Tuesday, Jan. 21. There will not be any tickets sold at the door.

Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below
Cost: Free

Lit For Fun Book Group

Thursday, January 9, 9:00-11:00AM
Freeland Library

Join us for a discussion of Jane Mayer's "Dark Money," which uncovers the agenda of the immensely wealthy right-wing ideologues shaping the fate of America today. For adults.

WIHHA Presents: Our Ancestors, Ourselves

Thursday, January 9, 4:00-6:00PM
Freeland Library

What happened in the lives of our forebears, and how does it affect us and our descendants today? Lenore Norrgard, a certified shamanic counselor, will discuss how bringing spiritual healing to our ancestors can bring healing to ourselves and our times. Our ancestors live on in our physical, emotional and spiritual bodies, their joys and sorrows resonating through our lives. For more information visit wihha.com.

Vision Collage for 2020

Saturday, January 11, 11:00AM-12:30PM
Second Hand Booty, Clinton

Join us for this creative yet meditative adventure into the art of collage—specifically focused on seeding the hopes and dreams you want to manifest in 2020. All materials provided or bring your own. Create your own cards that serve as visual representations of the themes you wish to bring into the New Year.

WIMJAM: Whidbey Island Music Jam

Sundays, January 12 & 26, 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 are welcome - guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, dulcimer, harmonica, 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.

Aging In Grace

Monday, January 13, 10:00AM-12:00PM
Freeland Library

Come laugh, cry, make friends and connect with others as we accept and adapt to the limitations that aging brings. Facilitated by Nicole Donovan, aging and disability resource manager of Island Senior Resources. Everyone is welcome.

Discuss the Classics with Rita Bartell Drum

Monday, January 13, 1:30PM
Oak Harbor Library

Join us as we share the wit, wisdom and occasional controversy of Mark Twain's lesser known essays. We open with a summary for those who may not have been able to complete the reading. It's just more fun that way. For more information, contact Rita Bartell Drum at ritadrum777@gmail.com or 631-707-5980.

Greet + Eat: Celebrate National Bagel Day with New Friends

Wednesday, January 15, 10:00-11:00AM
Clinton Library

Discover your new favorite bagel from our local Whidbey Island Bagel Factory. Meet your neighbors, build community and help us support a local business.

Composting Workshop

Thursday, January 16, 2:00-3:30PM
Freeland Library

Learn all you need to know about composting in the home and community garden environment. This workshop includes a primer on waste management, reasons to compost, a basic technical description of the composting process and composted material, and the challenges and choices that gardeners face. The objective of the class is to enhance gardeners' understanding of the composting processes, challenges and benefits. Taught by Master Gardener Don Krafft.

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, January 12 - Pastor Wenzek: Things to Lay Aside. 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

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, or visit the International Association of Healing Rooms at 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 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.

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 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.

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 or go to 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.

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.

Meetings & Organizations

The Republican Women of North Whidbey

Thursday January 9, 11:30AM
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St.

Speaker will be Commissioner Jill Johnson. This is a luncheon meeting. \$15 at the door. For information, contact Sandi Peterson at 360-441-1415 or sandipete@comcast.net.

Greenbank Progressive Club Monthly Potluck Dinner & Meeting

Thursday, January 9, 6:00PM
Bakken & Firehouse Roads Clubhouse, Greenbank

Meet and greet will be followed by dinner at 6:30PM. Please bring your own tableware and a dish to share for the potluck. The program for January will be presented by Pastor Jin Ming Ma of the Coupeville United Methodist Church entitled "It's All About Freedom." She was born and raised in Mainland China, lived through the Revolution, lost family members to the violence of the Red Guard and immigrated to the United States with her husband, leaving their daughter behind with her parents. Once in the United States knowing little English she entered college and became a pastor, serving churches in Eastern Washington before coming to Coupeville in 2007. For more information, please call 360-678-5562. For rental of the Greenbank Hall, please call 360-678-4813.

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Learn and explore at Sound Waters University

Mari Lee-Mäder Photo Courtesy of Northwest Meadows

This is an example of an intentionally planted pollinator meadow on a Skagit Valley farm. Learn more about how to attract beneficial insects and pollinators at Sound Waters University.

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

For 26 years, Sound Water Stewards has put together a one-day university for all with topics covering all things related to understanding our unique Puget Sound environment and keeping it healthy. But if you want to participate in Sound Waters University 2020, you'd better sign up before it's too late.

SWU will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1 at South Whidbey High School in Langley. Registration to attend is now open, providing more than 60 classes, split into three sections, on a wide variety of topics from which to choose. But hurry! SWU draws more than 600 people each year, and the deadline to register is Jan. 20 by 5 p.m. No tickets will be sold at the door. Register online at www.soundwaterstewards.org/sw/2020.

The keynote address this year will be given by John Calambokidis on "Whales of the Salish Sea – a Sea of Change." He will present some of the new findings on large whales in the Salish Sea, including the return of humpback whales to the area, insights from deployments of tags on humpback and gray whales and discuss some of the new threats they face.

While organizers failed to respond to *Whidbey Weekly's* inquiries, a check of the website shows that in addition to the keynote address, those attending can find classes on virtu-



Mari Lee-Mäder Photo Courtesy of Northwest Meadows

Wild camas flowers of a native Whidbey meadow are a great environment for natural pollinators. That's just one of the subjects one can learn about at Sound Waters University, being held Saturday, February 1 at South Whidbey High School in Langley.

ally everything to do with life in the Puget Sound, from light pollution to what to know before you go crabbing; from the life and death of the Pacific Madrone to bird watching and much more. No previous knowledge is needed to attend any of these classes, just an interest in learning.

Returning presenter Eric Lee-Mäder, from Northwest Meadows on Whidbey Island, will share how we can attract pollinators and beneficial insects, a small, but integral part of preserving our environment.

"I will be covering the basics of native pollinator ecology and conservation, with a special emphasis on native (wild) bees, which are the most diverse, abundant, and ecologically important pollinator insects," he said.

According to Lee-Mäder, Western Washington is home to possibly 400-500 species of wild bees, including various bumble bees, mining bees, sweat bees, leafcutter bees, mason bees and more.

"They are all gentle animals that often lead secretive lives and without them, we would see massive disruptions in plant reproduction, including plant reproduction that creates many of the foods we eat - berries, tree fruits, many kinds of vegetables, some tree nuts, and more," he said.

Whidbey Island suffers from many of the same threats that pollinators face everywhere, said Lee-Mäder, such as pesticide use and loss of habitat, among others.

"Whidbey is unfortunately further impacted by a constant influx of new people from distant places who find it understandably wonderful, and constantly remake their landscapes in ways that are increasingly far removed from the original ecology of the island," he explained. "In the 1850s when the first white settlers arrived, they let pigs eat the camas in the prairies, totally changing the landscape and eliminating some of the most expansive wildflower meadows in the Northwest. Ever since then, continuing to the present, people have continued to cut back the native plants around them and cover everything in turf grass, blue spruce trees, and hybrid tea roses. This is why once common butterfly species such as the Taylor's checkerspot are now extinct on the island. It's the same with the grassland birds that used to nest here."

Lee-Mäder compares pollinator conservation to recycling – it's hard for one person alone to make an impact, but if everyone does it, the results can be far-reaching.

"Certainly anyone with a little garden space can grow some native wildflowers to support bees and butterflies," he said.



Mari Lee-Mäder Photo Courtesy of Northwest Meadows

A local yellow-faced bumble bee pollinates a marionberry flower on Whidbey Island. Learn about them in Eric Lee-Mäder's class on "Attracting Pollinators and Beneficial Insects to Your Garden and Farm" during Sound Waters University Feb. 1 in Langley.

"More than that however, if local agencies and communities get together and enact policies that incentivize native plant restoration at an island-wide scale, then suddenly the entire island will not only be a place where pollinators can thrive, it will probably also be a more beautiful space for the human inhabitants as well."

SWU is so diverse, even those toying with the idea of purchasing an electric or hybrid vehicle can attend a class on how to get started and what to look for.

"The purpose of the workshop is to introduce general concepts to help drivers when selecting an electric vehicle, whether all-electric or hybrid," said Walt Blackford, outreach manager for Puget Sound Energy on Whidbey Island, Skagit and Snohomish Counties. "The information will be relevant for anyone already exploring options, as well as anyone just beginning to imagine the possibility. We're also organizing a small electric car display with support from local owners, including at least one Tesla."

Blackford said PSE has adopted a clean energy commitment which includes eliminating coal-powered electric generation by the end of 2025, replacing it with renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power. So, while it might seem strange to have a course on selecting a vehicle, it fits in well with SWU's overall theme of keeping the Sound healthy.

"We also know that 43 percent of carbon emissions in Washington State are produced from transportation," he said. "As the electric utility for over one million customers between Olympia and Blaine, PSE is in a strong position to support the transition to clean, electric-powered vehicles and greatly reduce fossil fuel pollutants throughout the Sound."

Check out the entire course list online at www.soundwaterstewards.org/sw/2020.



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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11
6:17 am, Heller Rd.

Reporting party states female came knocking on door and walked into reporting party's house; she told reporting party "People are outside your house, I'm trying to save your house." Reporting party had to make her get out.

11:21 am, West Beach Rd.

Caller advising her friend is on a transit bus and needs to get on base? Talking about a face surgery to look like someone else to get on base; put the phone down to check the door.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

11:40 am, SR 20

Reporting party requesting call referencing owing friend money; friend is getting personal and rude, reporting party wants to pay friend back in pennies and dump them on his front porch, wants to know if he can do that.

12:11 pm, Harbor Ave.

Requesting call, advising bike has been at bike rack since Monday, is taking up all the space on the rack.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

12:50 pm, SR 20

Reporting party advising bought property in foreclosure, states there's a pig at location, doesn't know what to do with it.

2:36 pm, Joli Dr.

Reporting party advising has two loose pigs in reporting party's pasture, no idea who pigs belong to.

10:35 pm, Saboteur Farm Ln.

Advising neighbor turned off reporting party's water; advising ongoing problem with harassing reporting party, states water is still turned off.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

2:20 am, SR 20

Reporting party advising male subject in area screaming and yelling; threw log or stick at vehicle. No damage, white male with beard, large duffel bag and big stick. Last seen less than five minutes ago.

4:55 am, Northgate Dr.

Advising male is outside in neighbor's driveway throwing things at their house.

6:59 am, SW Eagle Vista Ave.

Report of transient male dancing in middle of highway, northbound lane of SR 20. White male, Russian or Ukrainian, as he has an accent.

1:12 pm, Main St.

Caller advising found note on his vehicle from Vehicle 47 telling him to move it; caller is unable to move it today because he is a single parent.

6:01 pm, Deer Lake Rd.

Advising gold, late model Honda Accord running with its lights on; driver is hunched over in driver's seat, possibly unconscious, doesn't have clothes on, parked off to the side on Deer Lake.

8:07 pm, SR 20

Male subject on foot threw beer bottle at reporting party's vehicle while she was driving by.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

7:17 am, West Beach Rd.

Female states sheriff just called her from

Coupeville; female in background saying it wasn't sheriff; line disconnected. On recall, advised no emergency, verified information.

7:28 am, SR 20

Caller advising two minutes ago, northbound on SR 20, male with thin build, all black clothing, walking down center of road. No weapons seen, possible drugs, drinking.

MONDAY, DEC. 16

3:25 pm, Bayview Rd.

Reporting party advising ongoing issue with female returning to location and continuing to take items. No forced entry.

3:30 pm, Moraine Ln.

Requesting call referencing drones over private property; unknown who owns drone, wants to know legal issue prior to finding and confronting neighbor.

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

1:36 pm, NE Midway Blvd.

Reporting party advising male subject with road rage is upset.

3 pm, Mobius Lp.

Caller advising was told his black 2008 BMW M3 with Montana plates was towed; told to contact Christians Towing, who told reporting party they did not have vehicle.

3:36 pm, Seaview Ave.

Reporting party advising female walked into reporting party's residence unannounced, refusing to leave; has now left.

6:14 pm, SR 20

Reporting party advising has been behind red Ford Focus since Skagit County; vehicle entered round about the wrong way.

8:23 pm, N Oak Harbor St.

Advising vehicle stopped in middle of road with lights on; vehicle not running, unknown if anyone is inside.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

4:20 am, SR 525

Reporting party advising at Legdewood Beach bus stop, left butcher knife on bench, looks dirty but not like blood. Reporting party will probably be on bus in next five minutes.

12:29 pm, Goldsmith Rd.

Reporting party advising two nights in a row vehicle arrives around 3:30; white Pontiac, unknown license; requesting call. Vehicle not there now; party also has generic lock box questions.

5:11 pm, SW Robertson Dr.

Reporting package received from unknown person; package contained love note, cookies and picture of her and her husband.

5:21 pm, NE Burnham Pl.

Caller states upstairs bathroom is flooding and water is flowing down through the wall into lower portion of the house; reporting party thinks he is on Coupeville water - gets bill from Coupeville.

11:28 pm, Timberline Rd.

Abandoned call; on recall, female calling advising she thought someone was trying to break into her house but it was a raccoon, advising no emergency at location.

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WHAT'S GOING ON CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6**Veterans and Coffee**

Saturday, January 11, 9:00AM
Crabby Coffee, Freeland

If you are a veteran or spouse of a veteran please join us to discuss veterans' issues, tell stories, and socialize. The Whidbey Veterans Resource Center is sponsoring this informal event.

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 or by calling 360-675-0705.

The Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island

Monday, January 13, 12:45PM
Trinity Lutheran Church Annex, Freeland

New members and guests are always welcome. The meeting will start with sign-in and greet each other - followed at 1:00PM with a "Photo Organizing and Preservation" webinar by Thomas MacEntee. These webinars provide in depth information on subjects of interest and value from experts we might not be able to access in person.

Friends of the Freeland Library Annual Meeting

Monday, January 13, 1:00-3:00PM
Freeland Library

The Friends of the Freeland Library meet in-person just once a year! Please join us to find out how you can get involved and help support the library in 2020. The Friends of the Freeland Library is a volunteer, non-profit organization.

Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers (WIGS)

Tuesday, January 21, 1:00-3:00PM
Oak Harbor Lutheran Church
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Wednesday, January 22, 11:30AM
Oak Harbor Yacht Club
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PFLAG Whidbey Island

Tuesday, February 4, 6:30PM
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Every Monday, 7:00PM
Elks Lodge, Oak Harbor

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Blind Support Group

Fourth Tuesday, 2:00PM
Oak Harbor Senior Center

A support group for people with impaired vision. Learn and share techniques to be more mobile. For more information, call Paul Bovey at 360-544-2561 or 360-679-8293.

Coupeville Chess Club

Second and Fourth Fridays, 6:45-9:00PM
Coupeville Library

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Debtors Anonymous

Every Sunday, 6:00PM
WGH Board Room, Coupeville

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Divorce Care and DC4kids

Every Sunday, 5:00PM
Living Word Church, Oak Harbor

A support group for people dealing with separation and divorce. For more information, call Larry at 360-969-0552 or Lisa - DC4kids at 360-672-4239. Living Word Church is located at 490 NW Crosby Ave.

Duplicate Bridge Club

Every Tuesday, 10:30AM
Sierra Country Club Clubhouse, Coupeville

The club is ACBL sanctioned and we encourage anyone interested to come with or without a partner. For more information, contact one of the directors: Mardi Dennis at 360-675-5044, Sue Thomas at 360-678-7047, or Peter Wolff at 360-678-3019.

Free To Change Al-Anon Meeting

Every Friday, 7:00-8:00PM
Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland

If you or a relative or friend has a problem with alcohol, you can find solutions for yourself at Al-Anon. As a 12-step program, we offer help by sharing our experience, strength and hope. Newcomers are always welcome!

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

First & Third Mondays, 7:00-8:30PM
Masonic Hall, Coupeville

The Coupeville assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls would like to invite all girls ages 11-20 to attend meetings.

Rainbow Girls is a service organization that teaches girls leadership and life skills. For more information, contact Naomie Robinson at robinsonnaomie32@gmail.com or visit www.nwrainbow.org. The Mansonic Hall is located at 804 Main Street.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Whidbey Island

Fourth Thursday, 7:00PM-8:30PM
Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland

NAMI is the largest grassroots organization dedicated to making life better for people with a mental illness and their friends and loved ones. The group is nonreligious but meets at Trinity Lutheran Church, 18341 State Route 525. It isn't necessary to preregister. Please contact Kathy Chiles, 206-218-6449 or k.chiles22@live.com for more information.

NAR-ANON

Every Tuesday, 7:00PM-8:00PM
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Clinton

NAR-ANON family groups are world-wide for those affected by someone else's addiction. St. Peter's Lutheran Church is located at 6309 Wilson Place.

North Whidbey Coupon Club

Every Friday, 10:00AM-11:30AM
Christian Reformed Church, Oak Harbor
Cost: Free

All are welcome. Coupon-clipping, money-saving conversation and new friends. Our motto is "Eat Better, For Less." Kids welcome. Money-saving classes are available. Find us on Facebook: "Whidbey Coupon Club" and via email: nwcouponclub@comcast.net. The church is located at 1411 Wieldraayer Rd. For further information, please call 360-675-2338.

Parent Support for Miscarriage and Stillbirth

Last Wednesday, 7:00PM
Freeland Library, Meeting Room, Freeland

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Plans by the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce to change the name of the traditional Holland Happening Festival to simply Spring Festival have been met with anger from many in Oak Harbor.



File Photo
The Holland Happening Festival has been celebrated in Oak Harbor since 1969.

Petitions aim to save Holland Happening festival name

Editor's note: Kathy Reed served as the Executive Director of the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce from February 2013 – September 2014, organizing two Holland Happening events during her tenure.

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

As the saying goes, what's in a name?

If the name is Holland Happening, quite a lot, apparently. A change to the name of the 51-year-old festival has stirred up quite a kerfuffle, and many residents are hoping the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce will reverse its decision to change the name from Holland Happening to simply Spring Festival.

The outcry began last Friday when the OHCC sent out a "Save the Date" announcement on its Facebook page, inviting everyone to its Spring Festival on April 24-26. The bottom of the event listing has a description beginning with the words "Formerly known as Holland Happening." The post ignited a social media firestorm and a grassroots effort has emerged to save this piece of Oak Harbor history.

Print and online petitions began circulating

Sunday, and by noon Monday, nearly 2,000 online signatures had been gathered, according to Oak Harbor resident Brian Jones, who started the electronic petition on change.org. He said the quick response doesn't surprise him at all.

"I think it demonstrates the roots of the town are important to those of us who have grown up here," Jones said. "There's a huge group of people wanting to preserve this history."

"I am a product of a military family that moved here when I was in seventh grade," said Autumn Sundown, who is organizing the physical petitions springing up in businesses throughout Oak Harbor.

"When you move that often, home is important," she continued. "I'm not Dutch, but how neat is it that this town has had this thing that celebrates its heritage? I have a lot of really great memories as a kid of going to this festival and seeing my Dutch classmates wearing their hats and wooden clogs."

But the rebranding of Holland Happening didn't just happen. According to former

chamber director, Christine Cribb, who left the position last November, the changes to Holland Happening were necessary, and the intention was to keep "Holland Happening" as part of the marketing, a message which may have been lost in translation during the recent transition from one director to the next.

"We struggled with the Holland Happening event for all five years [I was at the chamber]," Cribb said. "The thought was, after last year, that we should embrace the Skagit Tulip Festival and keep the spring theme going, because you can't continue to call it Holland Happening and not have anything Dutch-related."

Cribb said members of the Holland Happening committee, staff, festival participants and sponsors made a decision collectively to pitch the idea to the chamber board of directors to rebrand the event as a "Spring Festival and Holland Happening Parade."

"The parade does embrace the Dutch feeling and heritage," said Cribb. "But the street fair no longer felt like a Dutch event and it wasn't fair to market the whole event as a Dutch celebration. It's not that the Dutch families didn't have anything to do with it – they did. But there are things you can't fake. You can't draw people to an event and not have vendors. That's where the street fair had to change."

According to Cribb, efforts over the past year or two to emphasize a more international festival theme and to boost the Dutch theme with props helped the atmosphere, but not the street fair portion of the event. Drawing Dutch-related vendors has been a challenge for the chamber for years.

"When Lynden did away with their Holland Days, we borrowed all their Holland-themed items to try to keep the theme going here," she continued. "But we received numerous complaints from tourists who came to experience a Dutch event and there were no Dutch vendors."

Whatever the chamber board's intent, not including Holland Happening in the invitation to the new Spring Festival got the attention of many. New chamber director Miranda Hoppock said she is willing to bring the issue back to the board, but she wants to be sure that's what the community wants, insisting on petitions signed in person, rather than online.

"I said on Facebook that I wanted 10 percent of the community to sign, which I think is fair, and I want to see the signatures," said Hoppock. "With electronic or online petitions, it's easy for people to sign who are not in the community – I want this to be a true community movement and I want something tangible. I want a very firm foundation to stand on before I present this to the board."

Jones disagrees with Hoppock's demand for physical signatures.

"I think it's a ridiculous requirement," he said. "We're not collecting signatures to be submitted for a ballot – that's what wet signatures are used for. I disagree with her demand that unless it's a wet signature,



File Photo
The Klompen Canal Race, which features mini wooden shoes, or klompen, is a popular part of Holland Happening every year, and will remain part of the Spring Festival, whether the name changes or not, say Oak Harbor Chamber officials.

it doesn't count. What about people who grew up here and now live in Seattle? You can't say this isn't impactful to them, they come back to the island a dozen times a year and one of those is to celebrate Oak Harbor's Dutch heritage. Why should that be discounted? That's the money we want coming in."

In the meantime, Sundown plans to do her part to gather the roughly 2,200 signatures needed to bring before the chamber board.

"I'm hoping to meet the challenge of demonstrating to the chamber the town wants a say in this," she said.

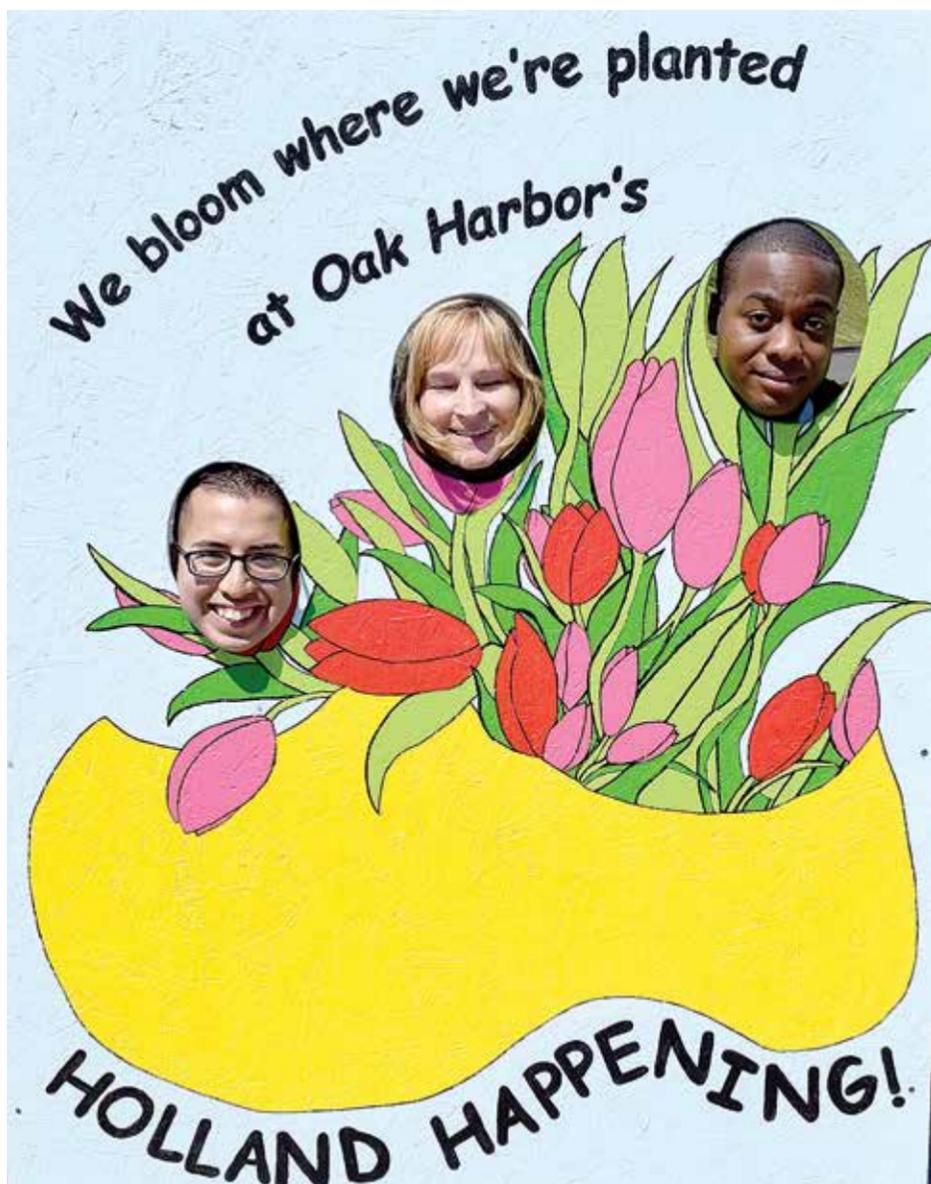
Hoppock said she would like the signatures by the end of the month so there is time to reprint posters and other marketing materials should there be another name change.

"I'm going to be fair, I'm going to be reasonable," she said. "The chamber staff works really hard to bring these events to the community to help merge businesses with the community."

"Holland Happening is something unique," said Jones. "I just think this is a swing and a miss for [the chamber]. We need to work to try and preserve some of the things that are important and make us unique."

"After we present the data to the chamber, I am also planning to go talk to the City of Oak Harbor about rebuilding the windmill and if they need private, outside funding to do it, I'll get it," said Jones.

Copies of the petitions are currently located at 7-11 North and South, Chrome Barber-shop, Purple Moon, North End Fitness, Plum Perfection Clothing Shop, Fleur Rebelle Hair Design and Wax Studio, Lotus Tea Bar and Best Friend's Veterinary. New locations are being announced daily; find Autumn Sundown on Facebook for updates.



File Photo
A plan by the Oak harbor Chamber of Commerce to change the name of the Holland Happening Festival to Spring Festival has many local residents up in arms.



Film Shorts

Courtesy of Cascadia Weekly

By Carey Ross

1917: This Sam Mendes-directed, Roger Deakins-lensed World War I drama, already a critical darling, announced itself as a major awards contender with Best Director and Best Drama wins at the Golden Globes. See it before the rest of the nominations are revealed. ★★★★★ (R • 1 hr. 50 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.)

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: People have expended millions of words to try and explain how this strange and terrible movie happened when the answer is quite simple: Obviously director Tom Hooper has never seen a cat. See, it all makes sense now. ★ (PG • 1 hr. 49 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.)

The Grudge: This is a "reboot" of the 2004 film, which was a remake of the excellent Japanese original movie "Ju-On"—and I somehow managed to lose all interest while typing that. Just watch "Ju-On" and thank me later. ★ (R • 1 hr. 33 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.)

Just Mercy: Michael B. Jordan plays Bryan Stevenson, a Harvard-educated lawyer who has dedicated his life to defending the wrongfully accused and underrepresented, as he takes on the case of Walter McMill-

lian (Jamie Foxx) sentenced to Alabama's death row for a murder he did not commit. ★★★★★ (PG-13 • 2 hrs. 16 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.)

Like A Boss: A comedy about the ugly side of the beauty industry starring Tiffany Haddish, Rose Byrne, and Selma Hayek. I have a sneaking suspicion this one gave up all the funny bits in the trailer—and those bits were only so funny. ★★ (R • 1 hr. 23 min.)

Little Women: Louisa May Alcott's timeless tale of the March daughters—Amy (Florence Pugh), Beth (Eliza Scanlen), Meg (Emma Watson), and the irrepressible Jo (walking Oscar nomination Saoirse Ronan)—Marmee (Laura Dern), neighbor Laurie (Timothée Chalamet) gets a retelling by writer/director Greta Gerwig, and brings with it all of the Oscar buzz. ★★★★★ (PG • 2 hrs. 15 min.)

Spies in Disguise: A family-friendly buddy comedy in which Will Smith and Tom Holland voice animated characters who look a lot like Will Smith and Tom Holland, someone gets turned into a pigeon and the fate of the planet is at stake. ★★★ (PG • 1 hr. 42 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.)

Uncut Gems: Mark my words, Adam Sandler is going to get an Oscar nomination for his unhinged portrayal of a jeweler who only knows how to make monumentally bad decisions at breakneck speed and you heard it here first. Maybe not first, but definitely not last. ★★★★★ (R • 2 hrs. 15 min.)

Underwater: Research team goes seven miles deep to the ocean floor only to unleash a slightly different terrifying monster from every other terrifying monster who has ever been unleashed since "Alien" first did the unleashing back in 1979. Oh, and it stars Kristen Stewart, if you're into that. ★★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 35 min.)

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Make a statement with your wedding cake

Brides and grooms may pour over every detail of their weddings, but few components of the festivities may be as fun, especially for foodies, as deciding what the wedding cake will look like. Couples who want to deliver show-stopping visuals often express some measure of their creativity and personalities through statement wedding cakes.

Many couples now eschew the classic three-tiered white cake in favor of a dessert that garners instant attention. Whether the cake is brightly colored or hand-painted, a towering architectural marvel or shimmering in metallics, couples are opting to make a statement with their confections. Apart from clever cake-toppers, here are ways to stand apart when dessert is served.

- According to the Perfect Wedding Guide, a rising trend in cakes is to cover a white or naked cake with translucent glaze tinted in the couple's wedding colors. This artistic expression can be especially stunning in boho-chic weddings.
- Statement tiers also are popular. The cake may be traditional in nearly every way, but couples then set the cake apart by featuring an elaborate design or a different hue in one tier.
- Martha Stewart Weddings advises that more than just color can be used to make a statement. Lifelike sugar flowers can really set cakes apart. Guests may not be sure if they can consume all aspects of some cakes. But delicate sugar flowers taste as good as they look.
- Hand-painted tiles on a cake are another way to add panache. A bride and groom may be inspired by a European vacation or the stained-glass effects of religious windows and want to add that feel to the tiers of the cake.
- Sometimes a statement comes by way of texture. Even an all-white cake can be dressed up with interesting textural effects. Ruffles, lace, embossing, and 3-D rosettes are different textural components that can be incorporated in cake designs.
- Couples also may want to tell their unique stories with cake. Individual tiers designed to reflect various milestone moments from the couple's relationship can be quite engaging.
- Capitalizing on the trend of edgier weddings, couples may opt for darker hues on their cakes - even a black tier - or nontraditional geometric shapes to the cake itself or its design elements.

Statement cakes can really say something about the couple getting married. Much like other wedding elements, cakes provide a window into the minds of happy couples.

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Get to know the month of January

January may be best known for resolutions, new beginnings and snowy weather. But there's plenty of other trivia tidbits that make the first month of the year stand out.

1. January is named for the Roman god Janus. Janus was the protector of gates and doorways. Janus was always depicted with two faces and purportedly could see into the past and into the future simultaneously.
2. Anglo-Saxons once called January "Wulfmonath," as it was the month when hungry wolves came scavenging closer to people's doors.
3. The month of January marks the end of the Christmas season. Twelfth Night on January 5, an English folk custom, involved toasting one another from a wassail bowl. Twelfth Night precedes the Christian Epiphany, which occurs January 6, marking when the three Magi venerated and brought gifts to the infant Jesus, according to the New Testament gospels.
4. The first Monday in January is called Handsel Monday, according to Scottish custom. It was a time to give children and servants a small gift (handsel), with the intent of imparting good luck.
5. Many famous people were born during January, including famed statesman, inventor and scientist Benjamin Franklin, French heroine Joan of Arc, singer Elvis Presley, prized fighter Muhammad Ali, and *Whidbey Weekly* Publisher Eric Marshall.
6. January is a great time to get deep discounts on many different items, including garments and furniture, as stores traditionally start to reduce their winter inventories. January also is a time for linen "white" sales.
7. In the northern hemisphere, January tends to be the coldest month of the year. It should come as no surprise then that it is National Soup Month, as soup helps to chase away some of that chill.
8. People can view the Quadrantid Meteor Shower, which is a meteor shower that happens every January. The body responsible for producing the Quadrantids is an asteroid rather than comet fragments, which are the typical matter sources for meteor showers.
9. Each January, the United States honors Martin Luther King, Jr., who was a civil rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize recipient.
10. Garnet is the birthstone for January. The name comes from the Latin "garanatus," meaning "seed-like." It refers to the red seeds of the pomegranate.
11. January became the first month of the year (replacing March) when Roman king Numa Pompilius revised the Roman republican calendar during his reign from 715-673 BCE.

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Parkinson's Support Group

First Friday, 1:00PM

Oak Harbor Senior Center, 51 Jerome St.

First Tuesday, 10:00AM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 18341 SR 525, Freeland

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PASS - Post Abortion Stress Syndrome

Wednesday or Thursday, 10:00AM-4:00PM

Are you suffering from PASS-Post Abortion Stress Syndrome? Many women suffer from depression, flashbacks, suicidal thoughts, relational dysfunction, and more after an abortion. We offer free lay counseling, help with healing and restoration. Call Wednesday or Thursday for an appointment, 10:00AM to 4:00PM 360-221-2909.

South Whidbey Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Second Tuesday, 10:00AM-12:00PM

South Whidbey Senior Center, Langley

Expanded quarterly workshops TBA. The Caregiver Support Group, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, Western and Central Washington Chapter, provides emotional, educational, and social support for caregivers of those suffering from memory loss - in a confidential setting. For questions or additional information, contact Mel Watson at 360-321-1623 or mel@islandseniorservices.org.

South Whidbey Coupon Club

Every Wednesday, 12:00-4:00PM

Good Cheer Thrift Store, 114 Anthes Ave, Langley

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Classes, Seminars and Workshops

DUI/Underage Drinking Prevention Panel

Thursday, January 9, 7:00-9:00PM

Oak Harbor Library meeting room

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Volunteer Training

Monday, January 13, 10:00AM-12:00PM

Oak Harbor Library meeting room

If you have the heart to help the homeless, volunteers are needed to host overnight and to drive guests to and from the Oak Harbor Shelter. Call Mary Williford at 360-672-8172 or email maryw.whc@gmail.com for more information.

DUI/Underage Drinking Prevention Panel

Saturday, January 25, 1:00-3:00PM

Oak Harbor Library meeting room

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Crime Victims' Rights

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By Wesley Hallock

ARIES (March 21-April 19)



You may soon get the chance to complete something on that long list of things you insist on doing your own way and in your own time. Credit the completion to a compassionate intervention, made perhaps by a witness to your recent struggles for fulfillment. The identity of the secret benefactor working in your behalf is almost certainly someone well known to you. Identifying clues are a part of the 12th.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



Of the many ways to make your heart glad, one you might not have considered is slated to appear. It's the kind of week in which the surprises tend to be happy ones. The good outweighs the bad, and problems are easily paired with solutions. While you play an active role in what happens here, you are not the sole agent. Give credit where credit is due, and don't spoil the show by trying to run it on the 12th.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)



Feelings of being under someone's thumb add extra pressure to the week's activities. The sweet demeanor of people who rub you the wrong way makes protest difficult ("how dare you be so ungrateful!"). Little you can do at the moment to change anything, so bide your time and do your best to take all in stride. You may see that, annoyance factor aside, events on the 12th are moving in a desirable direction.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)



Savor the satisfaction of making the lives of others easier this week. Feelings that you've made a difference in the life of another can be the vehicle that carries your own life higher. It may become a question of who gains more, you or the one you help. If the answer becomes a toss-up, you are right where you want to be. The 12th presents the opportunity to view the question from numerous angles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



Whatever you attempt this week, it will feel as if you work against long odds. The purer your intentions, the greater the likelihood of a successful outcome. The more you think in terms of "we," and less of "I, me, mine," the better off you will be. Disciplined thinking can work in your favor, if it means sticking with a well-planned course of action. With the 12th comes a major test of your resolve and adaptability.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)



Everything that happens this week happens as if in slow motion. Impatience with the slow progression of events won't do anything to speed matters up. You will do well if you resign yourself to the fact that quick fixes and instant cures are probably not in the cards. Impatience puts you in competition with

the very people doing the most to aid your cause. Recognizing your true allies can be difficult on the 12th.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



You are under a bright star this week, financially, despite tensions over the people and activities involved. Where the situation demands teamwork, differences of style may keep you on edge. The maturity level of the players will decide how those tensions work out. The odds favor outcomes that are mutually beneficial. A tendency to act in secrecy creates problems on 12th. Clear communication eliminates them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)



Working independently this week is preferable to getting yourself involved in situations over which you have no control. Too many cooks in the kitchen is definitely to be avoided.

Whatever that means in your individual case, the decision making process should be clearly yours for best results. Justifying your actions logically may be difficult or impossible on the 12th. Trust yourself and let the results speak for themselves.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)



Your uncompromising stance on that matter of great personal importance may or may not be the way to go. Before you continue your hardliner approach, ask yourself, for whom are you really fighting? Goals whose benefits extend far beyond you, personally, are the ones that can truly be justified. Be wary if you're thinking only of yourself. Events on the 12th bring these issues into clearer focus.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



Everything you get this week will be earned. Even so, the price is not so high that you can't have fun while paying it. When it comes time to justify essential expenses, a live and let live outlook serves best. Whether the outlays be financial, or of time and perspiration, your payouts eventually come back. The growth phase you are in all but guarantees it. Factor this into your decisions on the 12th..

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



The rewards for perseverance are yours for the taking. To get them, however, you may have to discipline yourself mightily. Whatever your chosen arena, belief in yourself and the determination to keep moving forward all but guarantee that you will end the week better than you started it. If the situation on the 12th calls for you to share the wealth, you can afford to be generous. There is more than enough to go around.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



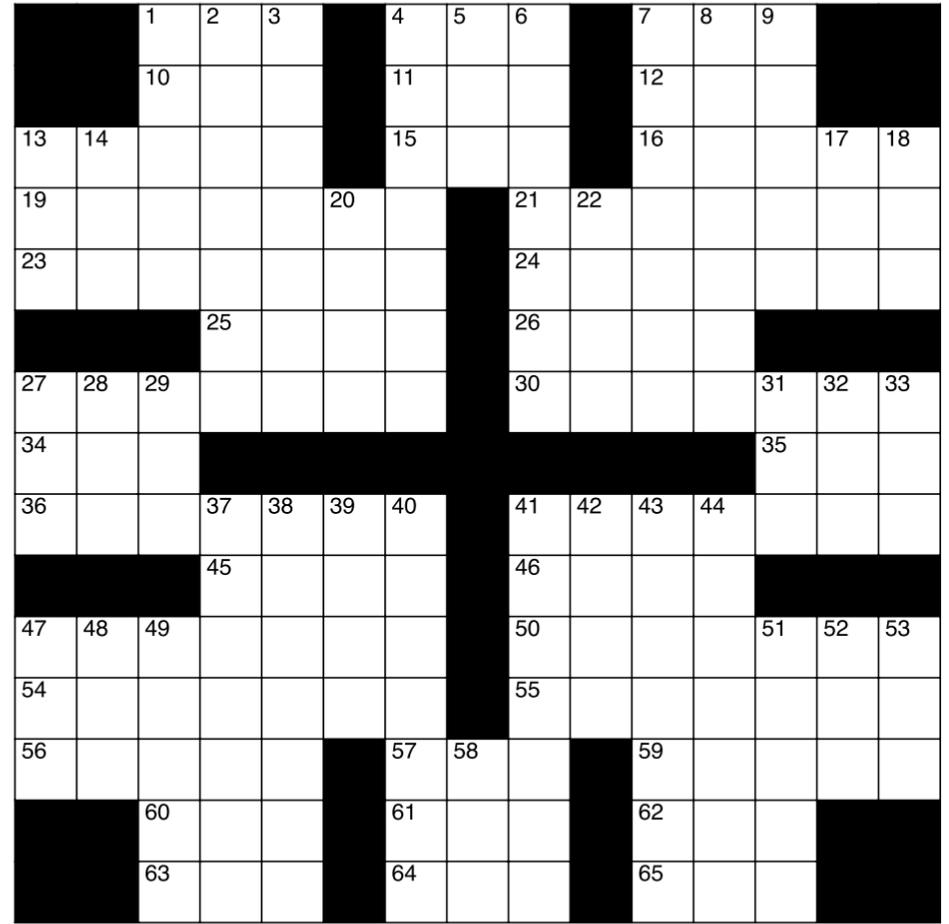
A new direction beckons this week. Your great emotional investment in change makes it that much more exciting. Your time of disciplined focus is not yet done, but the rewards for past toil are by now becoming more real and readily visible. The future is never fixed and must always remain uncertain. Even so, your eventual success is all but assured. The events of the 12th strengthen your position.

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Chicken Little's knock on the head meant to him that the sky was falling, silly bird. His horoscope showed other possibilities. Don't wait for a knock on the head to ask what's up in your life. Wesley Hallock, as Whidbey Weekly's professional astrologer and horoscope writer, keeps one eye on the sky and alerts us to the prospects each week. To read past columns of Chicken Little and the Astrologer in the Whidbey Weekly, see our Digital Library at www.whidbeyweekly.com.

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Public broadcaster
- 4. Hit lightly
- 7. Keyboard key
- 10. Grain
- 11. Make a mistake
- 12. To the __ degree
- 13. Endure without complaint
- 15. Chinese-American actress Ling
- 16. Edible stomach lining
- 19. Sunrooms
- 21. Feared
- 23. Most eager
- 24. Excessive chatting session
- 25. MLB ace
- 26. Major Central European river
- 27. Muscular weaknesses
- 30. Where seedlings germinate
- 34. Former monetary unit of the EU
- 35. Personal ads abbreviation
- 36. Mythical animal
- 41. Members of Orthodox Jewish sect
- 45. German city
- 46. Algerian coastal city
- 47. Military men
- 50. Salt of sulfuric acid

CLUES DOWN

- 54. Rhododendrons
- 55. Mixture
- 56. Recommended quantities
- 57. 007's creator
- 59. Men
- 60. Kids need it
- 61. Midway between east and east-north-east
- 62. OJ trial judge
- 63. Yes vote
- 64. USDA branch that manages the FCIC
- 65. Create with cloth
- 20. A small island
- 22. Abnormal rattling sound
- 27. Make lively
- 28. A team's best pitcher
- 29. It goes on the floor
- 31. Not good
- 32. Peyton's little brother
- 33. Barrier that holds back water
- 37. Move quickly
- 38. Deteriorate with age
- 39. Colorless crystalline compound
- 40. Cheekier
- 41. Expresses praise or joy
- 42. Famed boxing promoter
- 43. Cured sausages
- 44. Fill with air or gas
- 47. Angry
- 48. Chemistry prefix
- 49. Practitioner of Jamaican religion
- 51. Softly bright or radiant
- 52. Buffer solution used to separate nucleic acids
- 53. First responder group
- 58. Defensive nuclear weapon

Answers on page 15

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, Jan. 9	Fri, Jan. 10	Sat, Jan. 11	Sun, Jan. 12	Mon, Jan. 13	Tues, Jan. 14	Wed, Jan. 15
North Isle H-45°/L-39° Showers	North Isle H-47°/L-43° Windy and Rainy	North Isle H-48°/L-35° PM Showers	North Isle H-41°/L-32° Rainy and Chilly	North Isle H-43°/L-31° Snow Possible	North Isle H-37°/L-29° Chance of Rain and snow	North Isle H-37°/L-30° Snow and Ice Possible
South Isle H-42°/L-36° Showers	South Isle H-44°/L-41° Windy and Rainy	South Isle H-45°/L-34° Showers	South Isle H-39°/L-31° Snow and Chilly	South Isle H-41°/L-30° Rain and Snow Possible	South Isle H-38°/L-28° Rain and Snow Possible	South Isle H-38°/L-29° Snow and Ice Possible

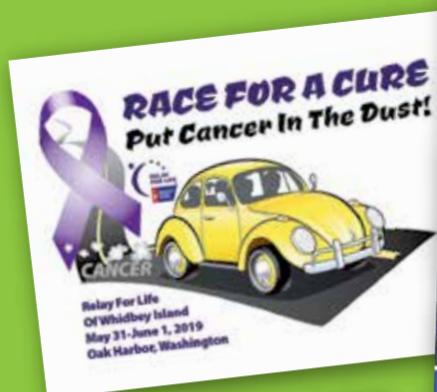


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Life Tributes



LESLIE B. HASSLER

October 24, 1921 – December 14, 2019



Our family has lost a true soldier and one strong man who fought until the end.

Les was born in Underwood, N.D., Oct. 24, 1921 to Joseph Hassler and Louisa Anna Johanna Jennerjohn. He had five brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his two brothers: Gilbert Hassler of Marysville, Wash.; and Joe Hassler of Clear Lake, Wash.; and his two sisters, Joyce Evans of Oak Harbor, Wash., and Goldie Krapf of Anacortes, Wash.

Les's family moved from North Dakota to a 40-acre farm in Oak Harbor in 1936, where he went to high school until the 9th grade. During his younger years he had many odd jobs: working on the family farm, cutting wood, working in the bulb fields, sawmill and logging with his brothers.

On his 21st birthday he was drafted into the military – enlisted by the Army. He attended boot camp in Fresno, Calif., and then cooking school in Denver, Colo. He went on to cook for two years on base in Dayton, Ohio before going to infantry training in Mississippi. After infantry training, he was shipped off to France in 1943 with the 65th division of the 259 Battalion Company E. As he would often say, he then walked all the way across France to Berlin, Germany where he got out of the Army in 1946 at the age of 24.

Les met his future wife, Jeanne Drake, in Anacortes when she was just 18. He wrote letters to her all the years he was away at war. After the war, they married. While they were never able to have any children of their own, they raised his nephew, Robbie Drake, through high school.

At the age of 25, he began to learn the art of auto body repair and rebuild. Les then went to work for his father-in-law at his body shop in Anacortes. Later he and his wife moved to Oak Harbor and built a home. Les went to work for Island Chevrolet and Hayward Chrysler. Eventually Les was hired to work with Chuck Hassler at his auto body shop. Les worked in the auto body field for over 34 years.

Les retired at the age of 61 and continued to reside in Oak Harbor, where he was the member of several local clubs: the Rebekahs, the Odd Fellows, the Eagles and the North Whidbey Sportsmen Association. In 2012, when he could no longer drive, he went to live with his brother, Gil, and niece, Regi, at their home in Marysville. He resided in Marysville until Oct., 2019 when he went to live in an adult family home in Lake Stevens, Wash., where he struggled with COPD.

Les loved fishing and made a few trips to Alaska. He enjoyed gardening and bird watching. For many years he had a pet cat and a pet raccoon.

Les was a fighter and loved to tease and joke with everyone to see if he could get a rise out of them for fun. His childish spirit will be dearly missed by all.

A short graveside service (standing) will be held for family and close friends Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020 at noon at the Maple Leaf Cemetery in Oak Harbor.

Family and friends are invited to gather together after the graveside for a time of fellowship and sharing at the DH Buffet banquet room in Oak Harbor.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Wallin Funeral Home, Oak Harbor. Share memories and condolences on the funeral home website at www.wallinfuneralhome.com.

ROBERT C. JOHNSON

January 18, 1955 - December 21, 2019



Robert C. Johnson (Bobby, Bob) passed peacefully at home Dec. 21, 2019, surrounded by his loving family. Bob was born Jan. 18, 1955 in Port Townsend, Wash., to Eleanor and Robert T. Johnson, and went on to become the oldest of three siblings.

After his father's passing in 1965, his mother married Arliss Christensen and moved to Oak Harbor. Arliss became his father in every sense of the word, and the Christensens became his family. He graduated from Oak Harbor High School in 1973, then went on to attend Bellingham Tech in 1974. He married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Lael Hansen, in 1974 and then moved to Mount Vernon.

Bob became a carpenter and continued in that profession until his retirement; he was excellent at it. With the skills he learned from his father, Arliss, Bob became an avid outdoorsman. He loved hunting, fishing, camping trips and taking long drives to explore areas. He also loved woodworking. In 1994 he started Soo Bahk Do, obtaining a black belt and achieving Master in 2007. Lori became a part of the family in 1992 and was a huge part of his life and he thought the world of her.

Bob is survived by his wife of 45 years, Lael (Hansen); daughter Lori (Jeremy); two precious granddaughters, Aubrey and Chloe. He also leaves behind his dad, Arliss; brother, Shawn (Amy); sister, Debbie; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his father, Robert, and mother, Eleanor Christensen. Huge thank you to Hospice of the Northwest for their loving care. A graveside service will be held Saturday, Jan. 11, at 10 a.m. at Maple Leaf Cemetery followed by a memorial service, 11 a.m. at Wallin Funeral Home, 1811 W. Cemetery Rd. Oak Harbor.

Please share your thoughts of Bob and sign the online guest register at www.hawthornefh.com. Arrangements are under the care of Hawthorne Funeral Home, Mount Vernon, Wash.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you have the heart to help the homeless, volunteers are needed to host overnight and to drive guests to and from the Oak Harbor Shelter. Next volunteer training is January 13, 10 a.m. - Noon in the Oak Harbor Library Meeting Room. Questions: call Mary Williford at 360-672-8172 or email maryw.whc@gmail.com (0) College student? Student of history? History buff? Opportunities are available to spend constructive volunteer hours at the PBY-Naval Air Museum. Go to www.pbymf.org and click on "Volunteer" or just stop by and introduce yourself. Imagine Oak Harbor's first Food Forest, Saturdays 11am-3pm, at 526 Bayshore Drive. Each week, we have volunteer opportunities available to help care for our community garden, share organic gardening tips, and learn Permaculture principles. All ages and skill levels welcome.

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